

AN Ottawa press despatch states that Messrs. Boyd Caldwell & Son, of Lanark, have sold their square timber. The prices range from 29 cents to 87½ cents per foot.

THE Quebec *Chronicle* learns that the mills of Messrs. Ross, Ritchie & Co., and Baptist, Fils & Co'y, Three Rivers, have stopped running, on account of the scarcity of logs.

THE 'long' existing difficulties of Messrs J. Neill & Son, founders in this city, have at length reached a crisis. In the interest of the creditors this should have occurred over a year ago. The firm has assigned. The liabilities are about \$10,000 and the assets \$8,500.

A. M. ORPEN, a liquor jobber and saloon keeper on Church Street, met his creditors yesterday. He claims to have lost heavily by the failure of Goodwill and of Mager & Co., who absconded. The creditors need not expect a large dividend.

AMONG the bequests of the late William P. West, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, are \$20,000 to Tufts College, Somerville, Mass; \$40,000 to the Church of the Redeemer, Halifax, and \$40,000 to be divided among local benevolent institutions in Halifax.

THE ST. ANDREWS WEIR Co. are building at Katy's Cove, N.B. says the *Ste Croix Courier*, a building 30x50 ft., to be fitted with presses for the manufacture of pumice. The company has been successful in their venture and the supply of sardine herring has been in excess of their contracts.

THE receipts of the Intercolonial Railway for August last amounted to \$157,822, against \$148,593 for the same month last year. Of these receipts this year was freight \$84,840 passengers etc., \$72,973. The traffic for the quarter ended with September shows an increase over the like three months 1880 of over \$30,000.

A WOODSTOCK, N. B. letter says that Mr Geo. Richardson, who removed from there three years ago, has returned, and will engage in the manufacture of boots and shoes somewhat extensively. Shaw & Tompkins are also manufacturing boots and shoes. This firm has built a new tannery, S. H. Shaw another, and Mr. John Dickenson has a tannery in operation.

IN the case of Robertson vs. Hochelaga Bank, noticed in a recent issue, being an action instituted to compel the directors to rescind a resolution confiscating a number of shares for non-payment of calls thereon, judgment has been rendered in favor of the plaintiff, and with costs against the bank.

FOLLOWING the example of Messrs. Thibaudeau Bros. & Co., several other Quebec houses are opening branches in Winnipeg, among them Messrs. Wurtale & Co., wholesale dry goods, Fyfe, Wright & Leitch, dry goods, and C. Bergevin & Co., clothing.

AMONG business changes that have taken place is the assignment of John Landerkin, a general dealer in Drayton, who was sold out by the Sheriff in March last. Mr. Jos. Stovel, of Meaford, has compromised with his creditors. His present liabilities, which are mostly in Montreal,

are to be settled in quarterly payments, amounting to 60 per cent., extending over one year. E. E. Hargraves, a lumber dealer in London, gets rid of about \$12,000 liabilities by making a cash payment of one-fifth of this amount, and a promise of ten per cent additional. John Mott, a hotel keeper in Scotland, Ont., who failed in April last, has recently been fined for an infraction of the liquor law. The constable is now in search of him, but thus far his search is vain.

A MILLINERY house encloses to us the following brief and expressive statement, forwarded by the trustee in London of the estate of a St. Mary's trader:

"June 29th, '81, To paid taxes and freight on goods, \$43.25, expenses trustee St. Mary's and return, \$4.09; paid man taking stock, postage, notices, etc., \$6.86; solicitor's fees drawing two assignments, \$9; total disbursements, \$63.20. Cr.—By Stock sold as per inventory, \$306, equal, at 20c on the \$ to \$61.20. Balance due the trustee, \$20.00."

Let us hope that this specimen estate is an exceptional one. Indeed, we must consider that it is, else the conclusion will be reached that importers of millinery are in different case, as regards payments, from the dry goods houses whose experience of passing events is indicated in the introduction to our market report in this issue.

THE apparent success in Chatham of the Ontario Investment Association of London, which opened a branch office in the former place some months ago, has convinced some of the townspeople and others that Chatham is a good locality for such a company. And in order that all the profits should not leave the town, a local company has been organized. We understand that about 2,000 shares have been placed, and the greater portion of the stock was taken by a few of London's leading citizens. The business will be managed by Mr. S. F. Gardiner and a local board composed of the following gentlemen: Judge Bell, President; T. H. Taylor, Vice-President; Thomas Stone, S. Barfoot, Jas. Gardiner Chatham; Edward Harris and Joseph Jeffery, London. The solicitors of the Chatham Co. will be Messrs. Harris, McGee & Clark, of London, the last mentioned member of the firm locating there in a few days.

"THE GREAT NOR-WEST" is the name of what the promoters intend shall ultimately become one of the largest loan and savings companies in Canada. We have no doubt that this, at least, is the opinion of Col. Atwood, who undertakes the management at Winnipeg, its head office. A blooming prospectus has been issued, setting forth the great success of Canadian companies, or more properly Ontario institutions of the kind, and what a profitable field the almost boundless prairie will ultimately become for investments. The capital is one million dollars, and Messrs. Bannatyne and Conklin, the Mayor of Winnipeg, are President and Vice-President respectively. Whilst we wish the company may realize the anticipation of its chief promoter, we cannot reasonably hope so much, even though we know that the Colonel has had considerable experience in Ontario, some of which ought to

have been profitable to him. For example, we were told years ago that the Royal Standard Loan Company was organized largely for his benefit, and that some years afterward the Empire was promoted for a similar purpose. If the statement of some of those who were members is to be believed, he retired from at least one of these societies for its benefit. Therefore, with a knowledge of much that has transpired, it need not be surprising that we should be a little sceptical about the great success of the company under its present management.

"Love on Snowshoes"—"A child tobogganing"—"Young Canada sleighing." These phrases are intelligible enough to residents of the Dominion, however obscure they may be to those who do not understand our Winter sports. We take them from a list, some thirty in extent, of titles borne by the handsome series of Christmas cards now passing through the lithographic press of Rolph, Smith & Co., of this city, and for which the Toronto News Co., are the sole agents. The half dozen designs which won the prizes offered by this firm have already been referred to in our columns, and their tastefulness is admitted. But the series of cards includes many more scenes and subjects, into which the maple leaf, the spruce and the hemlock are artistically woven, and where Canadian emblems and arms are prettily mingled with landscapes showing our Autumn foliage and our Winter amusements. What a pity that "Curling at the Granite Rink, Toronto," could not have been added to the "Ice-boating on Burlington Bay" and "Crossing the St. Lawrence at Quebec," which have already been illustrated! But, *en attendant plus*, these cards are creditable to Canada in execution as well as in design, and we expect to see them widely sold.

One of the important industries of this city, which has felt the impulse given to manufactures in the last year or two, is the Toronto Bridge Company. It was at first at great disadvantage owing to undervaluation of American made bridges, but since that practice has been stopped by the Government, business has so increased and grown that this summer it was absolutely necessary to increase the room and facilities. This has just been done; another railway switch was put in, two large shops built and new machinery added, altogether doubling the former capacity, the Company has orders in for months ahead of which the following are instances, making in the aggregate 2,500 feet railway bridging; one span for the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, and two for the South Eastern, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa & Occidental R.R., ten spans, Toronto, Grey & Bruce seventeen spans; Canadian Pacific Railway, six spans. These spans range from 70 to 230 feet each. In addition to this there are a number of highway bridges in various places, making over 1,500 lineal feet altogether of highway bridging. The principal ones of these are two trestle bridges in Rosedale, the picturesque suburb north-east of Toronto; one is 80 feet high, 365 feet long, and the other, over the Don ravine 120 feet high and 600 feet long. Iron roofing, railway turntables, bridge