

A NUMBER of carloads of ore for the British Columbia Smelting Company have been delivered, and more are on the way. The company expects to start work about the first week in January.

THE heavy decline of \$4 per ton in the price of coal in San Francisco should affect the price at Westminster, says the *Columbian*, to the extent of \$2 per ton at least. But we do not hear of the reduction.

THE Moodyville saw mill is to be rebuilt. New machinery is to be put in, says the *World*, and the main buildings will all be renovated so as to make it practically a new mill and by far the largest in the province.

THE bankrupt general stock of William Calvin, of Glenmorris, which was invoiced at \$2,356.54, was sold by Auctioneer William Moore yesterday afternoon to Mrs. Calvin, at 56 cents on the dollar.

THE Halifax Banking Co. now redeem at all its branches, at par, the notes of the Molsons Bank and the Molsons Bank returns the compliment by redeeming at all its agencies the Halifax Banking Company's notes.

A TAILOR in Valleyfield, named J. A. Brunet, has assigned. He arranged an extension in 1884, but was supposed to be doing fairly well since. A short time ago he built a house, which was probably more than his limited means would stand.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made with the Bank of British Columbia to accept of the bills of the Imperial Bank of Canada at their several branches free of the commission which it is customary to charge upon the bills of Eastern banks.

DURING the past season 124,500 tons of plaster was shipped from Windsor, N.S., the largest shipment since 1883. During the past six years, according to the *Hants Journal*, Mr. Dimock has shipped nearly 700,000 tons from his quarries at Wentworth.

EDOUARD GAGNON, a general dealer at Baie St. Paul, Que., who has only been in business about eighteen months, has assigned to the Prothonotary. Liabilities estimated at \$2,000 to \$3,000.—G. Caron, general dealer, Cap St. Ignace, has also assigned to the Prothonotary of his district.

THE *London Free Press* understands that the arbitrators appointed to value the losses at the McClary Company's fire in that city found that the building was injured to the extent of \$12,400, the machinery to \$13,000, and the stock to \$29,000, or a total in round numbers of

\$54,000; on this there was \$48,000 insurance. Besides the losses mentioned, about \$25,000 worth of dies, etc., were destroyed which are not included in the arbitrators' estimate.

THE *Halifax Chronicle* of the 20th instant reports P. E. Island cured pork gone up 50 cents a barrel. Dressed hogs are a half cent a pound higher. Island potatoes are selling for from 35 to 38 cents a bushel in place of 32 and 35 cents last week. Refined sugars, says the same journal, have been reduced half a cent a pound.

THE wholesale drygoods firm of Messrs. Charles Morton & Co., Montreal, has decided to go into voluntary liquidation, owing, it is believed, to lack of harmony between the partners. Mr. Morton will immediately resume his old position with the firm of Messrs. McLachlan Bros. & Co., with whom he was so long associated before establishing a business for himself.

MESSRS. J. & C. NOBLE, of Killarney, Georgian Bay, tell us that "The catch of fish has been very fair this year, and prices likewise. Our catch has run a little over the 500 tons fresh this year, and there were shipped altogether from Squaw Island and Killarney at least 900 tons. Of this quantity probably 800 tons went to Buffalo."

THE New England mackerel fleet have had the worst catch on record, says the *St. John Telegraph*, only 40,769 barrels, as against 78,478 last year, 80,315 in 1886, and 330,033 barrels in 1885. In 1884 the catch was still larger than that. "The privilege of our in-shore waters terminated with the season of 1885, since which time the quantity of mackerel landed by the New England fleet has not reached one-fourth of what it was before. This year it has fallen to one-eighth of the catch of 1885."

THE annual turkey train of the C. P. R. for Boston, consisting of twenty refrigerator carloads, left Smith's Falls on the 20th, arriving in Boston Saturday—450 miles in 52 hours. It contained 200 tons of turkeys, entered at Customs at \$45,000 value. The turkeys were purchased by American shippers at the fairs held this month at Smith's Falls, Carleton Place, Perth, Irish Creek, Bellamys, Augusta, Farmersville, and Toledo, and the average price paid was 11c. per lb.

THE shareholders in the Temiscouata railway met on the 21st, at Riviere du Loup, when directors were elected. Mr. A. K. McDonald is president, Mr. Hector Cameron vice-president, John J. McDonald managing

director. The road was taken off the hands of the contractors, and will be operated by the company from the 1st of January. It is now running from Rivier du Loup to Edmundston, New Brunswick, where it connects with the New Brunswick railway to St. John and points in New Brunswick, and at Rivier du Loup with the Intercolonial railway to Quebec and there with the Grand Trunk to the west.

IN Atwood, the firm of Ballantyne & Boyd, tailors, has assigned.—Donald McNab, a general dealer at Beaverton, succeeded to the business of D. McNab & Sons in 1879, since which time he appears to have done a fair trade. But a creditor becoming impatient sued him and got judgment. He has now assigned.—Having failed to obtain his expected compromise, Thos. Menzies, the well-known Peterborough stationer, has now assigned. So has Geo. Buck, a dealer in boots and shoes at Whitby.

MANITOULIN ISLAND trade prospects for the winter are not of the liveliest description it appears. The untoward features are the stagnation of the cedar business, the partial failure of the crops, and the insolvent condition of the Michael's Bay Lumber Company. Even the failure mentioned may, however, prove "of some benefit to our own merchants," says the *Algoma Gossip*, "provided they have the necessary energy to rise to the occasion, and attract to our village (Little Current) those farmers on the south side of the island who have hitherto been accustomed to sell their produce on the spot."

A DEMAND of assignment has been made upon M. H. Fauteux, dry goods dealer, Montreal, whose liabilities are estimated at about \$10,000. Mr. E. Fauteux, who has been doing business of late years under the above style, has had a rather checkered career. He failed in 1878 under peculiar circumstances, but settled and resumed. In 1883 he again called his creditors together, and was granted an extension, which he was unable to complete, and asked a compromise at 65 cents, which was refused, and he was sold out. He subsequently started in his daughter's name, with the result as above set forth.

IF all the inhabitants of Enterprise were like R. H. Peters, who keeps a general store there, the place would be misnamed. In 1884 he failed and obtained a settlement, but notwithstanding that he has the reputation of being a poor business man, and poor pay, he managed to continue until his second assignment, just announced.—A harness maker at

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