

The first two C. P. R. steamers of the season, the "Athabasca" and "Alberta," carried upwards of 70,000 bushels of wheat.

The canning of herrings at Chatham, N.B., will, says the *World*, probably become one of the great fishing industries of the North Shore.

The Bank of Nova Scotia branch at Amherst has moved into its new office in that place, a stone building which does credit to its builders, Rhodes, Curry & Co.

PIPE for the Montreal water-works is being manufactured at Acadia Mines, says the *Acadian Recorder*. Eight carloads of twelve long tons each had already been sent forward last week, and others are ready to follow.

THE Chignecto *Post* understands that an American company will shortly re-open and work the Couch copper mine at Dorchester, N.B., which has been "hung up" by litigation for some years.

A MAN rarely makes a success in business who endeavors to build himself up by circulating ill reports of others. The average man has about as much as he can attend to in establishing and maintaining his own position. —*San Francisco Grocer*.

THE scarcity of Gaspereaux at St. John, N. B., is causing the merchants a good deal of trouble. One had orders on hand for 13,000 barrels of alewives, while the total catch thereabout will not reach 1,000 barrels. So says the *Globe* of that city.

CAMPBELL, STEVENS & Co. are remodelling their St. Thomas mill. They are changing it to the short, three-break system of grinding. Several new roller machines, centrifugal reels, cyclone dust collectors, will be added, as well as other improvements. Its capacity is to be 450 barrels flour per 24 hours.

LUMBERING operations in the Miramichi district are over for the season. The *Moncton Times* learns that the past winter was a most favorable one, and that a much larger quantity has been got out than in the previous year. About 13,000,000 feet was cut down, we are told, on the N. W. Miramichi.

At Parrsboro, a week ago, there were ten barques taking in cargoes at West Bay, and more are expected soon. "The deal boom has now commenced, and for the next four or five months Parrsboro will be a lively place for shipping."

ANOTHER instance of the unsatisfactory results of the bonus system is furnished in the case of Kilgour Bros., founders at Mount Forest. Three years ago the town assisted them to the extent of \$5,000, taking a chattel mortgage on the stock and machinery. The corporation is now in possession and the business will be wound up.

BEWARE how you use "bad debt" envelopes, is the advice tendered by the St. Louis *Grocer*. The criminal libel case of A. G. Armstrong, of Mexico, the man who employed the Sprague Collection Agency, of Chicago, to collect a debt, came to an end recently in the Court of Criminal Correction. The libel consisted in the sending of "dead-beat" letters, and the jury fixed the fine at \$500.

APPLICATION has been made for the incorporation of the Chatham Navigation Company, with a capital stock of \$40,000; the object being to carry on shipping between Chatham and Detroit. Last week its new screw steamer "City of Chatham" was successfully launched. She was built by the Polson Iron Works Co. of this city, at a total cost of \$25,000. Her extreme length is 125 feet, breadth of beam 28 feet, with accommodation for 400 passengers.

She is well designed for the Chatham and Detroit route, is roomy, safe, and the workmanship on her is most creditable to the builders.

MUCH annoyance is felt at Victoria, B. C., at the withdrawal of the steamship subsidy between that port and San Francisco. Last week the city council, at a special meeting, censured the Dominion Government for it, and demanded the restoration of the mail service. According to the *News-Advertiser's* telegram, the people of Victoria are very angry.

FOLLOWING our announcement, in last issue, of the embarrassment of W. McEdwards & Co., hardware dealers at Sarnia, comes the notice of their assignment to Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson. The liabilities are placed at about \$15,000 and assets \$13,000.—J. O. McConnell, a shoe dealer at Midland, whose assignment was last week referred to as probable, has now abandoned his estate for the benefit of creditors.

THE Brooklyn Retail Grocers' Association will hold an exhibition of pure-food exhibits at Coney Island, from July 26 to Aug. 4. The national pure-food movement originated among the grocers of New York and Brooklyn to drive out the fraudulent sale of butter substitutes and other counterfeits. It has now ead sprall over the country, and includes the organized butchers and grocers of the United States.

ONE of the local ice dealers was around a few days since, calling upon his old customers, and one woman informed him very tartly that she shouldn't take ice of him any longer. "Why not?" was asked. "Because I can get it off some one else cheaper," was the rejoinder. "I don't see how that can be," was the cool reply of the ice man, "for I have supplied you thirteen years and you haven't paid me a cent yet."—*Westfield (Mass.) Times*.

THE latest edict of the American Sugar Trust cuts down commissions on refined goods. Heretofore, says the *N. Y. Bulletin*, buyers of 1,000 bbls. or more in one invoice have been allowed 1½ per cent. 30 days, but it is now the intention to allow simply one per cent. 30 days on purchases of not less than 100 bbls., and make no additional concession to more extensive investors, no matter how large an invoice they may take.

THE largest dry goods auction sale ever held in the States came off this week at the sales-rooms of Wilmerding, Hoguet & Co., in New York. It was held for account of Faulkner, Page & Co., and consisted of 10,000 packages of plain and twilled flannels. About 1,200 buyers from all the representative dry goods houses in the United States attended the sale. The bidding was extremely brisk and very good prices obtained. The sum total of the sale footed up nearly \$2,000,000.

SINCE February last, John G. Anderson, a grocer at Embro, has been struggling under a financial load which has now compelled an assignment. This is a rather discouraging ending to a business career of ten years.—C. E. Cochrane, at Omeme, was at once a physician, druggist, and jeweller. Which of these callings he blames for bringing about his present difficulty is not stated, but he has been forced to assign.—Two years ago Arch. Campbell, a dealer in boots and shoes at Paris, compromised his then existing liabilities at 55c. in the \$. This was probably necessary as he had suffered considerable loss by fire. He is again before his creditors with a similar offer, and in the meantime has made an assignment.—The Toronto Meat Packing Co., until quite recently, was composed of T. D.

Lawson and Mrs. F. A. Despard. The latter withdrew a week previous to the assignment just announced.—Ever since his failure in 1880, Arch. Campbell, a founder at Woodville, has been in financial deep water, and now seeks relief in an assignment.

No less a quantity than 11,000,000 ft. of deals has been shipped at Halifax since February last, and the resources of the Intercolonial Railway and Richmond wharves have been tested to their utmost capacity to accommodate the shippers of wood goods. Most of the vessels engaged in the carriage of deals from Halifax this year are of a larger size than usual, because, owing to the low rates of freight at New York and southern ports, the big Nova Scotia ships have been obliged to go home for deal cargoes.

NEGOTIATIONS are in progress towards the uniting of St. John and Portland, N. B., into one city. They are practically one now, and no one outside can tell where one city begins and the other leaves off. When the union is effected the combined city of St. John, Portland, and Carleton will have a population of upwards of 40,000, making it the largest city east of Quebec. Halifax is beginning to be alarmed at being relegated to second place, but consoles itself with the reflection that it is richer, has the handsomest gardens and parks, and the best harbour.

WHAT a Manitoba newspaper calls a jubilee steam fire engine was "broken in" at Winnipeg on the Queen's birthday, last week. J. D. Ronald, of Brussels, Ont., was the maker, and the test of its capabilities completely satisfied, it seems, the aldermen and the Fire Chief. In 7 min. and 30 secs. steam was made to 20 lbs., water cold at start; with 100 lbs. steam, a vertical stream 137 feet high was thrown through 1 inch nozzle, and two horizontal streams thrown 147 feet; with 200 feet hose out, four streams were sent 148 feet each through inch nozzles; then, through 1½ inch nozzles upon a Y, 2,500 feet of hose intervening, two streams were sent 125 feet.

It is now asserted that a very large portion of the Gloucester fishing fleet is owned by Nova Scotians, as well as manned by the people of the Provinces, and some of the American newspapers are "taking back water" on the fishery question, as they do not feel that confidence they formerly had in the fishing fleet being a nursery for the American navy. The fishermen of the western counties of Nova Scotia are reported as being intensely British in their sympathies, while the Scotch Highland Catholics of Cape Breton, who to a great extent man the Gloucester fleet, return to their own homes as soon as the season is over. So our American cousins are in doubt which way their interests lie.

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