

THE total number of cars of green fruit shipped from California by rail to date of August 17, was about 1,500. The average daily shipments for the past 80 days is 18 car-loads.

ACCORDING to an official of the Fisheries Department, the salmon pack on the Skeena River in British Columbia will amount to 90,750 cases, which is considerably less than would have been put up had not the eight canning factories entered into an agreement to restrict their pack.

THE following suggestive item appears in the California *Fruit Grower* of August 20th: "The hot weather, low price for fresh fruit in this market and lack of cars for overland shipment, will cause growers to turn their attention to drying. These causes will increase the output of dried peaches, pears, grapes, etc. Apricots are about done, and have been largely shipped."

THE sheriff is in possession of the premises of Wm. A. Peirce, dealer in harness, etc., at Winnipeg. This looks odd after the surplus of \$10,000 he claimed to have three months ago. At present there are executions of \$1,700 against his property. It appears as though the restaurant he started a short time ago has drawn upon his resources and proved unprofitable.

AGAIN we hear of the "biggest ship ever built." Of course this was in the United States. It refers to the four-masted wooden ship "Roanoke," launched ten days ago at Bath, Maine. Her dimensions are 311 feet long and 49 feet wide, and her net tonnage is 3,400 tons. The masts of this vessel are of Oregon pine, each lower mast 3 feet diameter and about 90 feet long, while her bowsprit is of steel and 68 feet in length. Her anchors weigh 6,000 pounds each. The planking is of yellow pine five inches thick.

"REALIZING the rapid growth of Ottawa, as evidenced by the many public improvements recently accomplished, and appreciating the importance the city is assuming as a commercial centre, we have opened an office at No. 25 Central Chambers, Elgin street." Such is the introduction of a circular just issued to the business public by Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co., announcing the opening of their eleventh Canadian office. The Ottawa branch will be in charge of Mr. R. H. Crum, who has had a long agency experience in Toronto, Sioux City, Montreal and elsewhere.

OTTAWA letters patent have issued incorporating the Street Railway Construction Co., limited, capital \$80,000. The parties are: Marshall D. Barr, of Toronto, electrician; Henry W. Darling, of Toronto, electrician; Robt. Bickerdike, of Montreal, merchant; John Torrance, shipping agent, Chas. Morton, merchant, Herbert M. Linnell, electrician, of Montreal; Alex. J. B. Close, of Toronto, real estate agent; Sam. Insall, of New York, and John Muir, of New York, electricians; Albert W. Atwater, of Montreal, advocate.

THE posters issued by the Montreal Exhibition authorities are most strikingly adapted for their purpose. Their main feature is a view of Montreal as if from a balloon above the river, showing with great clearness the two mountains and fair grounds beyond, the La-choine Canal, the wharves and shipping, the parks and principal buildings of that handsome city. As the ordinary views of the city are taken from the mountain, this new departure is a pleasing novelty.

AN Ottawa shoe dealer, named Didier Gauthier, has approached his creditors with a request that they will accept twenty cents on the dollar. Liabilities are \$2,895, with assets in stock of about \$1,800.—R. J. Fraser, of Newington, Que., was employed in a saw mill up to about a year and a half ago, but marrying a wife with a little money, he thought he would try his "prentice hand" at storekeeping. The flattering experiment was tried with the result that he now finds himself in the hands of the assignees. Liabilities are estimated at \$2,000 to \$3,000.

NEXT week a meeting of creditors will be held to consider the position of Wm. Donnelly, hotel keeper at Appin. The property is in his wife's name, and although there is apparently a surplus of assets, it is not unlikely that creditors will have to submit to considerable reduction in their claims. He is said to owe something less than \$1,000.—The bailiff is in possession of the premises of H. E. Wimperly & Co., after they had been about one year in business in Belleville. Their stock of pianos, etc., has been seized to pay rent.

A CONSIDERABLE amount of real property is owned by L. J. Coryell, seedsman at Oshawa. Not having confined himself to his seed business, his affairs are not in a desirable shape; indeed, his property is offered for sale by auction.—It is more than twenty years since John Cloy began general store-keeping in Thorold. He now has several steam tugs be-

side his store property, but it appears nearly everything is mortgaged, and he makes an assignment. At one time, with his push and energy, he succeeded in securing a considerable surplus, but it appears to have been dwindling away.

LAST week we noted the failure of R. D. Abell, dealer in hats, caps, etc., in Toronto. Since then his stock has been sold to G. D. Braddick at 50 per cent. reduction.—In the same line of trade D. H. Bastedo has bought the stock of Bastedo & Co.—Charles Grist, who was for a long time in the hardware business at Strathroy, has sold to Mason & Marshall, who get possession of stock and premises on the 15th prox.—E. Cox, grocer at Essex, is anxious to sell out.—J. H. Pyper, who was in the dry goods business at Seaford, bought the stock of McNair & Hamilton at Stratford, and has been doing business there for some time. We now learn that he is removing to his old town.

WHEN the claim is made for the heavy band saw-mill turned out by the Waterous Company that it will cut 15 per cent. more lumber from the same logs than a circular saw, one's attention is aroused. But when we are told that it will cut 75,000 to 100,000 feet of pine lumber in a day, we look for proof. We get it from the Messrs. Conroy, of Deschene's Mills, Que., who have had one for several months. They say of it: "We are more than pleased with the mill; it runs as true and steady as could be desired, cuts perfect lumber and does it rapidly. We have cut from unpicked logs 27,300 feet in five hours. The average daily cut is 45,000 feet, as the water-power which drives it is light." With steady and sufficient power its performance would manifestly be much greater.

AN offer of compromise is made to the creditors of John Radigan, tinsmith at Hamilton, who has been in business seven years. While he conducted his trade principally upon the cash basis, he made solid progress. However, within a year or so he changed his mode, and has since lost over \$2,000 in bad debts.—In March, 1891, the firm of Collins & Judge succeeded Kennedy & Co. as tailors at Berlin. One year afterwards Collins left without advertising a dissolution, and the business was continued by John W. Judge. When beginning his mother let him have \$1,150. He has assigned within the week, and should his mother rank as a creditor the dividend will be a small one.—A dealer in dry goods at Niagara Falls South, Mrs. Charles Griffin, is in financial trouble. Twelve years ago her hus-

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