

A demand of assignment was made at the close of last week, upon D. Butters & Co., grain shippers, of Montreal, but proceedings appear to have gone no further, and it is now reported that matters have been arranged.

WRITS of attachment have been taken out against A. St. Charles & Co., butchers. Chas. Reeves, trader, and Gideon Bourdeau, both of Montreal; liabilities small.

MR. S. H. EWING, of the firm of S. H. & A. S. Ewing, Montreal, has been elected to the Directorate of the Molsons Bank, Vice, Mr. T. J. Claxton, resigned.

F. W. RIMER, the alleged forger, has been committed for trial by the Police Magistrate in this city, on the charges of forging a note of \$98.07, and raising another from \$200 to \$2,200 and uttering the same.

A PRESS telegram says that stock to the amount of \$200,000 has been subscribed to the Halifax Sugar Refining Company.

DETECTIVE Reburn denies having intercepted any letters addressed to J. A. Montgomery, who absconded from Port Hope and was arrested by him at St. Louis, Mo. The knowledge of his whereabouts was obtained in an entirely different way and not through any letters.

UPWARDS of eight million feet of logs were sold at Indiantown, N. B., at prices ranging from \$4.70 to \$5.50 per thousand. Other sales are intimated, indicating a speculative feeling arising out of the belief that, in view of the scarcity, the price of logs must advance.

MR. W. K. Muir is at present acting as valuator on the Northern of Canada and Hamilton & Northwestern Railways.

SINCE the first of July, the cattle and sheep shipments from Montreal have been very large. The total from the first of July to the 14th amounts to 1,401 cattle and 12,914 sheep, altogether nearly 15,000.

ON Saturday last 1,615 boxes of cheese were sold in London, Ont. at average of about 5½ cts.

A GOOD deal of complaint comes from Nova Scotia ship owners about the difficulty of getting anything like remunerative employment for their vessels. Mr. Doull, M. P., is reported to have laid up two ships in Baltimore, owing to the unprofitable character of the business.

MR. MARTIN G. BLACK, a very unobtrusive man, and one of the founders of the Halifax Banking Company, which was established in 1825, has died suddenly. Mr. Black was born in Halifax, and was respected and esteemed by a very wide circle of acquaintances for his sterling upright qualities.

THEY don't do things by halves in Manitoba. When Messrs Nelson of Nelsonville determined to move their saw and grist mill to Pembina Mountain, the owner of the town-site of Mountain City (Mr. Bradley of the Customs, Emerson) gave them five acres of land and 25 town lots, as a bonus, while a dozen others donated timber, cordwood, wheat & money.

FIFTY million (50,000,000,) of bushels of

wheat is the fond estimate made of the yield of Minnesota, by the St. Paul press; "the biggest wheat crop—if we raise it, that ever burdened granaries of any state in the Union."

THE receipts of corn at the port of Boston for six months past have been 6,662,000 bushels, against 5,129,000 bushels against first six months of 1878, and her flour trade is also growing. THE N. Y. *Bulletin* thinks that Boston's hold on the export trade in this article to the Maritime Provinces of Canada is as decided as ever.

CHICAGO appears to be death on not only hogs but cattle too; although the packing season does not commence until September, from 1,500 to 2,000 are reported to be now daily slaughtered. The average number killed per month is estimated at not less than 50,000.

THE imports at the port of Belleville, for the year ending 30th June 1879, exceeded in value that of 1878 \$1,476, and the amount of duty was \$12,831 greater. There was also an increase of \$316,353 in the value of the exports.

CUSTOMS collections at Winnipeg are as follows:—June 1879, import duties, \$54,377; June 1878, 48,976; year ending with June 1879, import duties, 274,225; other revenues, 1,271; total, 275,506. Year ending June 1878, import duties, \$223,530; other revenue, \$863; total, \$224,394.

THE latest reports from all parts of the cotton manufacturing districts show that about one-fourth of the looms and spindles are idle, and a large proportion of the others are running on short time. Many firms have suspended operations entirely. In the Bury district both the woollen and the cotton trades are very depressed. The average time of working in the woollen manufactories is said to be four days per week.

HALIFAX exported to the West Indies to date; dry fish, 25,274 tierces, 26,178 drms., 15,979 boxes, 12,525 half boxes, and 4,731 barrels, and 1,575 half barrels packed fish. Her imports of molasses for the same period were 517 punch-eons, 654 tierces, and 538 barrels, 5,705 hhds.; 163 tierces, 806 brls., and 171 bags of sugar.

EVIDENTLY encouraged by the duty of 40 cts. imposed on the imported article, the Napanee Cement works opened this month with a rapid crusher and a Waterous engine. It uses limestone quarried and burnt at Napanee mills. The new establishment crushes this, and the result is the hydraulic cement known to commerce. About one ton of limestone makes eight barrels of cement. Sixty barrels a day equals the present capacity, but 150 barrels will be made when full capacity is reached: 27 men are employed. We understand that the Thorold Cement Works are employing an increased number of hands.

EVEN in the ordinarily smiling and prosperous Prince Edward Island, there are such things as sheriff's sales, and a recent one is thus cited by the *Examiner* of Charlottetown as being a sign of the times:—On July 3rd, a farm of 100 acres good land, being lot 67 Queens, about five miles from Crapaud, was sold for \$40, and another 100

acres near the Tryon road for \$50. It is possible that through sympathy with the mortgagor, the residents there declined to bid. In any case, 40 cents an acre for tillable land is a starvation price.

CHEAP transit is usually appreciated by everybody except the owners of the vehicle. But the storekeepers in Gananoque appear to be an exception. They are very much annoyed at the owners of steamers running in opposition between there and Kingston, who have cut the fare down to 13c. for the return trip, and it is found that many of the Gananoquians go up to Kingston for the trip, and purchase goods in the city, to the loss of the storekeepers in that town. They have held a public meeting to see what can be done, so that Kingston shall not be enriched at the cost of Gananoque by reason of those low steamboat fares.

THE St. John, N. B., fish market continues almost unchanged. Salmon are sold at from 12 to 14 cents. A few Bay shad sold at 8 to 10 cents each. Gaspereaux were sold at from 10 to 12 cents per dozen; haddock at from 10 to 12 cents per pound; codfish at about 3½ cents; and halibut at from 8 to 10 cents. For mackerel 5 cents each was the price demanded. Lobsters, which are diminishing in quantity, were disposed of at from 4 to 10 cents each.

THE lobster catch along the Straits of Northumberland has never been so great as the present season. At Barachois last week 400 lbs. of lobster meat was thrown away, as it was more than the factory could put up. At Richibucto fishing is reported poor. The terrific slaughter that has been kept up for some few years past is beginning to tell on their numbers. Mr. Noble's canning establishment on the South Beach has put up 70,000 and is now putting up about 4,000 lobsters each day. On the other hand, the cod fishery along the New Brunswick shore, from Shippegan to Caraquet, has been unexceptionally good this year, the boats averaging 2,000 or 2,500 and some even taking as high as 4,000 fish each trip. Such luck has not been known for some years past.

MR. A. G. BANNATYNE is president, and Mr. Thos. Howard secretary, of the Winnipeg Board of Trade. The Board recently met, ten or twelve members being present, and decided to take no action towards licensing commercial travellers at present. Perhaps the experience of Quebec and St. John in this direction did not seem to them encouraging. The Council of the Board proposed to confer with the Minister of Customs on his visit thither; a number of matters and things being wanting to the efficient conduct of that department there.

AT the quarterly meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade, held on Wednesday, a committee consisting of Messrs. John Morrison, Lee, and Rose were appointed to wait upon the managers of the different railway companies on the subject of discriminating rates against Toronto. The President, Mr. R. W. Elliot, expressed the opinion that the insolvency act, in some shape, should be continued, and that it would be a national