

THE first export of apples from the United States to Europe was made in 1845, and they brought \$6 and \$8 a barrel. That country now receives 90,000 barrels of American apples per year.

Fruit to the value of \$2,937,025 was exported from the United States last year. The exports of canned fruit are increasing fast, it is taking the place of dried fruit to a perceptible extent.

MR. WILMOT, Fishery Inspector, is making arrangements to open a fish-hatchery in some part of the Eastern Townships.

THE miners at the Capleton Copper Mines have struck for more wages; and the manager sends for railway hands to replace the strikers.

THE illustrated magazine, *London Society*, is being reprinted in Canada by Messrs. Belford, Clark & Co., and arrangements have been made by Messrs. Clougher Bros., also of this city, to reprint *Cassels Family Magazine* another illustrated monthly.

HALF a cent per pound is the price of ice furnished by the Arctic Ice Company of Boston, who make (artificially), 10,000 to 12,000 lbs. per day. It only costs 85 cents per ton to manufacture it, so that the profit is \$9.15 per ton, or over 1100 per cent. profit.

THE Valleyfield Paper Works of Messrs. Buntin & Co., of Montreal, are getting machinery from Holyoke, Mass., to manufacture writing paper.

THERE have been shipped this season sixty eight cargoes of lumber of different kinds from Fredrickton, St. Andrews, and St. Stephen. We give a summary: 175,000 railway sleepers; 1,500,000 feet of sawn lumber; 600,000 shingles; 1,500,000 shingles; 75,000 clapboards. The sleepers have been shipped to Portland, Portsmouth and Boston. The other qualities are shipped to Boston.

THE Manitoba Section of the Canada Pacific Railway has been awarded to Mr. Hall, of Three Rivers, at \$553,000. Mr. John Ryan, of Brockville, is next lowest, at \$600,000.

THE Miramichi *Advance* reports that the branch at Campbellton, N. B., of the Molsons Bank, is to be closed in a few weeks.

MURDOCH's woollen factory at Paisley was sold a few weeks ago to Mr. Porteous, who will carry it on more largely than before.

THE Cedar Dale Works at Oshawa closed for their annual stock-taking and refitting last week.

A STEAM engine is about to be put into the South Oshawa mill to aid the water power.

FOURTEEN hundred and seventy Champion Reapers and Mowers were shipped this season by the Joseph Hall Works, Oshawa.

THE Teeswater creamery of Hettle & Inglis, shipped a car of butter last week for the Glasgow market. Messrs. Waldo & Midford of the same place, sold 100 pkgs each of choice dairy packed butter for the European market.

THE new telegraph wire across the Red River is to be strung upon poles sixty feet in height above the banks, which will surely not obstruct any craft which now navigate that stream.

THE erection of the first brick building in St. Boniface, Man., has been begun.

BORINGS and soundings for the Red River Bridge, were begun on the 6th instant at the foot of Broadway, Winnipeg.

PERMISSION has been given Mr. Chanteloup by the Harbor authorities of Montreal, to try the electric light there, and Messrs Berger and Beique will be allowed to lay pipes under the river bed.

A ST. THOMAS builder named Aaron Kleinknott, has been committed for trial at the Assize Court for having fraudulently and by false pretenses obtained lumber worth \$600 from Henry Lindop. He is out on bail meantime, having given two sureties of \$500 each and his own bond for \$1000.

WITH respect to the statement made last week about the striking work men at the Spring Hill Coal Mines, where 300 men and boys were employed, the *Truro Sun* says that the men have received, not 80 or 90 cents average per day but from \$1.25 to \$2.25 per day.

FROM the 1st January to July 21st there were shipped from Montreal 13,827 head of cattle, against 7,729 for the same period last year; 33,474 sheep against 7,312 last year 1,309 hogs, against 217 last year, and 163 horses against 428 last year.

THE direct trade of Montreal with the Continent of Europe is growing in a gratifying direction. In addition to the recent shipments of rye for Antwerp, there is now a vessel loading wheat for Rotterdam, and it is thought this shipment will be followed by others.

THE cargo steamers of the Allan Line have taken up to date this season to Liverpool and Glasgow 2,939 cattle and 10,535 sheep, and landed all in good order except 4 cattle and 110 sheep, which died on the passage. This percentage of loss is very small.

ONE half of the bonus of \$30,000 to be given by Hamilton to the Wellington & Georgian Bay R. R., is to be paid when the first train reaches Durham, and the remainder when the line is completed to Owen Sound.

HERE is a plan of 'persuading' delinquent debtors to pay their accounts, the result of which will be looked for with some interest. A merchant in Walkerton contemplates making a sale of his past due book debts. Due notice of the nature of his claims, and the day of their sale will be given, and any accounts not paid by that day will be sold to the highest bidder. Every debtor will thus have the chance to redeem his account before it is exposed to the public.

MANY in this city as well as in Montreal were startled by the news of the death last week of Thos. Symington, late manager of the Shedden Cartage Company, at the early age of forty two. Formerly in Mr. Shedden's employ in Toronto, he was removed to Montreal in 1863, and ten years later, upon the death of Mr. Shedden was made Managing Director of the Company. He was a man of good administrative ability, and of amiable personal qualities.

RAILS are laid on the Eastern Extension railway of Nova Scotia for about thirty miles east of New Glasgow, and track laying and ballasting will likely be completed to Antigonish by the end of August.

THE July marine disasters to vessels bound to or from United States ports number 25, of which 2 are steamers, the values of all the hulls being \$610,000; 12 were wrecked, 4 foundered, 3 abandoned, 1 burned, 1 sunk by collision, 4 missing. Among those lost are 3 Canadian vessels, the ship "St. Bernard's" of Yarmouth, brig "Annie Murchie," of St. John; schr., "Spring Bird," of Parrsboro. We observe besides, the total loss of a St. John built vessel the "Bechordass Ambaidoss" a barque of 1,376 tons, in Barclay Sound, July 30th.

THE novel applications of electricity appear to be endless. Edison is constantly making new discoveries in this direction. The Electric Telegraph, the Telephone, and a new and successful process of applying it to disease, and now what will interest the farmers is an electric method for churning butter. The milk is placed in a metallic churn, with a small quantity of butter, saltpetre, etc., and in a short time the butter is entirely extracted from the milk. Whether its quality is affected by the process we cannot state.

WHEN the reaping machine was introduced to the American farmer in 1850, there were in the twelve states in which it is now mostly used 1,301,863 farmers and field laborers. In 1870 their number was 5,641,830. In 1850, farm hands were paid \$8.00, and harvest hands 80c. to \$1.50 per day. In 1870 the latter men getting \$2.00 to 3.50 per day, and the former \$30 a month. It is tolerably plain that the laborer is not very badly 'ruined' in this case.

THE rapid growth of exports of horses from Canada to the United States is shown by the following table of comparative shipments of horses from Montreal to that country. The figures are furnished by the Consul General up to June 30th of each year:

	Horses.	Value.
1876	214	\$ 28,955
1877	2,073	215,331
1878	5,145	395,211
1879	6,632	491,235
Total	14,064	\$1,130,732

A CORRESPONDENT writes to remind us that the meeting of the Consolidated Bank shareholders is called for the 18th of September 1879; the suspension of the Bank of Upper Canada took place on the 18th of September 1866; and he does not derive much comfort from the coincidence.

WRITS of attachment have been issued against Malvina Lunonaille, druggist, W. F. Mewhort, rubber goods; Daniel Ford, trader; Cyrille Pare, trader; J. C. Becket, printer, W. H. Riley, lumber merchant, J. A. Dupuis, painter, and Hector Demers, tinware, all of Montreal.

EIGHT of the New York Savings Banks show a marked increase in their business; the number