

THE Supplementary estimates for 1882-83 brought down on Thursday, will increase the expenditure for that year to \$27,672,000.

THE annual meeting of La Banque Nationale was held in Quebec on Saturday the 6th inst. We have not room in to-day's issue for a digest of the report and proceedings.

MESSRS. OGILVY & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants of this city, have secured the roomy warehouse south-east corner of Front & Bay streets and will shortly remove a part of their present stock thither.

THERE are 145 lads in the News Boys' Home in this city. For the year ending Saturday last they contributed \$669.73 towards the expenses of the Home, and deposited \$224.52 as savings.

ARREARS of taxes in Brooklyn amount to more than \$12,000,000. But under the recent decision of the Court of Appeals, it is doubtful if the sum can be collected, because the Board of Assessors have neglected to view the property as the law requires.

AN advertisement reads; "Wanted—A young man to be partly out-door and partly behind the counter;" and the *Cleveland Leader* asks, "What will be the result when the door slams?"

THE arbitrators on the properties in Montreal expropriated for the extension of the Q., M., O. & O. Railway to the Quebec Gate Barracks, have awarded Mr. J. H. R. Molson \$25,000 and the Canadian Rubber Company \$9,000.

THE Scranton (Penn) *Republican* relates that as a Wilkesbarre man took his seat in the barber's chair he asked the barber if he had the same razor he had used two days before. Being answered affirmatively, the patient man said: "Then give me chloroform."

MR. WILLIAM GOWEN, of Lawrence, Mass., whose creditors four years ago accepted his offer to settle an indebtedness of \$50,000 for 40 per cent., has informed them that he is prepared and willing to pay the remaining \$30,000 with interest.

THE steamer *Alaska*, of the Guion line has just made the passage from Sandy Hook to the Fastnet Light in six days twenty-one hours and forty-five minutes,—which is the quickest passage ever made across the Atlantic.

WE learn that Mr. James Lindsay, many years in business in Collingwood, and lately of the firm of Lindsay, Hunter & McDonald, has sold out his interest in the store business of that firm to Mr. W. J. Frame, and that the style of the firm is now, Frame, Hunter & McDonald.

THE wholesale dry goods and small wares firm of Messrs. Boyd, Watson & Co., of London has undergone a change of style. Mr. Watson, who has been the resident and managing partner for years, now becomes the senior in the new firm of Watson, Young & Co., Mr. Young having been for these three years past connected with the house as buyer &c.

COLCHESTER reef, Lake Erie, is to have a lighthouse, at last. Fred. C. Thomas C. E. of Ottawa has taken the contract at \$15,500. It

has need to be well-built. A recommendation is made in the American House to have a beacon light on the American side of the mouth of the Detroit River. The construction of a steam fog signal in connection therewith is also proposed, the total cost of both to be \$60,000.

THE *Perth Expositor* states that the Sheriffs of Lanark, Leeds and Carlton have seized the rolling stock of the Canada Pacific within their jurisdictions to satisfy the judgments of the plaintiff in the case McLaren vs Canada Central for \$100,000 and costs. We understand that the C. P. R. claims that the rolling stock does not belong to the Canada Central Railway.

THE removal of the C. P. R. round house at Brockville has been begun; a portion of the bricks are being used for building the forges in the car works at Perth. By the 1st of June the Perth Car Works will be turning out three cars per week, and by the first of July probably nine cars per week. The Carlton Place repair shops are to be used solely for the repairs of engines, all wood work and repairing of cars will be carried on at Perth.

THE officers and directors of the Quebec Steamship Company were incorrectly given in our last issue. The result of the election at last annual meeting was as follows: President, W. Withall, of Quebec; Vice-President, Weston Hunt, of Quebec; Directors at Quebec Messrs. D. C. Thomson, Jno. C. Thompson, Abraham Joseph, H. S. Scott, Hon. P. Garneau; Directors at Montreal, Messrs. W. J. Buchanan, and Alexr. Buntin.

AMONG recent important business changes in Montreal we note the dissolution of Messrs. Thompson, Murray & Co., ship agents, &c. The business will be continued by Mr. Thompson under the old style. Messrs. R. C. Adams & Co., in the same line of business, have also dissolved, the business being continued by Messrs. Kingman & Brown, who were juniors in the old firm. In Quebec, Messrs. Leclerc & Letellier, grocers, and Messrs. Fyfe, Wright & Leitch, leading dry-goods retailers, are also dissolving.

ANOTHER well-known business man of Hamilton passed away during the week. Mr. W. H. Kittson, late collector of the port, and who had been connected with the Customs Department there since the year 1860. The deceased gentleman was held in high esteem by a large circle of relatives and friends. The pall-bearers at his funeral were Hon. Isaac Buchanan, T. C. Mewburn, Inspector of Customs; Messrs. John Calder, Geo. A. Young, Edward Martin, Q. C., Dr. Ridley, Geo. A. Taylor, and A. F. Forbes.

THE Canada Iron Works Company, which has been organizing in a quiet way for some time past, seems now to have matters well in hand, and at a meeting held on the 3rd inst. decided upon the erection of works at Hochelaga, where the manufacturing of locomotives, cars and machinery generally will be carried on. It is stated that there is a probability of an amalgamation being effected with the Ontario Car Works, which would result in the creation of a very extensive manufacturing interest.

WE regret to learn that some unfavorable rumours affecting one of the oldest established dry-goods firms in the city of Brockville have more foundation than was at first supposed. The announcement is now made that R. Blyth & Co., the firm in question, are endeavoring to arrange a composition at the rate of 60 cents on the dollar. They have had a poor winter's business, owing to the unusually open season, and have been obliged to carry over a very large stock, which has largely conduced to the present position. Liabilities are principally due in Montreal.

A VERY interesting judgment has just been rendered at Montreal in the case of Lighthall vs. Chretien, being an action to recover possession of a property which had been paid for in Silver Plume Mining stock, represented as worth 72½. The plaintiff, endeavoring to realize on said stock, found it had no market value whatever, and took action to set aside the sale, alleging fraud and false representation. Defendant had meantime sold to a third party, but the judgment sets aside both sales with costs against defendant, besides ordering him to account for all rents or pay \$1,000 damages.

IT is announced that the well-known firm of Chas. Page & Sons on Yonge Street, whose senior has been in the retail dry goods business in this city since 1856, will shortly relinquish their trade. The senior partner is anxious to retire; and it is a singular commentary upon the popular view of the profitable character of dry goods retailing, that his sons do not appear disposed to embrace the opportunity of continuing the concern, which has now reached such large proportions.

BY the death of Mr. J. M. Meakins, on Friday last Hamilton loses one of her oldest and most respected citizens. Engrossed with the care of a large business, he still found time to devote attention to civic and educational matters; being at one time an alderman of the city, and for eleven years a member of the board of Education. Mr. Meakins was an energetic business man, and had he lived, he would have shortly witnessed the completion of his fine new brush factory on King St. Out of respect for his memory, the public schools were closed for a day, and on most of the public buildings flags were hoisted at half mast.

THOSE who know how large and brisk a general business was done at Galt by the late John Fleming a dozen or more years ago, when there was probably a good surplus in the business, may be surprised to learn that an assignment of the estate has just been made by his son, who has been carrying on the business since his father's death. The liabilities are \$34,000, and the assets are hard to estimate; at any rate they are insufficient, and judgment has been taken by a Montreal creditor. The estate has obligations, we believe, in each of the leading Ontario cities, and some in Britain. At the date of creditors' gathering last Tuesday, stock had not been taken. It looks as if the large assets claimed of late years—and largely made