

"HALF a loaf is better [than 'none,' as the young man remarked when he was recalled to business when his vacation was but partly gone.—*Philadelphia Record*.

"I suppose Bliggins' stenographer saves him a great deal of time." "Yes. He doesn't have to look in the dictionary now to see how the words are spelled."—*Washington Star*.

A NANAIMO, B.C., telegram of 3rd inst., says that the New V. C. Company's coal mines were closed and would be closed for four days owing to the absence of vessels to carry the coal away.

THE *Rio News* of July 12, in its coffee report, says: "Receipts show an increase, owing to a 'spurt' in the barra dentro supply; the railway continues to drbble in about 4,000 bags per day, against nearly twice the quantity last year."

In their Baltimore circular, dated 6th inst., Thomas G. Cranwell & Co., Baltimore, remark that canned oysters "are attracting a great deal of attention. It is very evident that the packing of oysters this fall and winter will be light, comparatively speaking, owing to the depleted condition of the oyster beds."

THE Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, or part of it, at any rate, has a bonanza in strawberries. From the three stations of Berwick, Kingston and Waterville there was shipped during July 5,253 crates, or 168,096 quarts of strawberries. These would bring between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

WE understand that the Trusts Corporation of Ontario are making an issue of \$200,000 stock, thus bringing its subscribed capital up to \$800,000. The step has become a necessity, we understand, by reason of the largely increased business of the corporation. This evidence of progress must be gratifying to the friends of the Company.

WE find in a recent issue of the *St. John Telegraph* the following: "In chambers, on Saturday, before Judge Palmer, in the matter of the S.S. 'Avona,' fined before Justice Olive for dumping out ballast in the Bay of Fundy, a rule nisi for a writ of prohibition was made. Mr. H. H. McLean appeared for the captain, and Dr. Barker, Q.C., for the Dominion Government. The former took the ground that the Bay of Fundy is part of an open sea, and that the Dominion Government has no jurisdiction outside of the three-mile limit. Dr. Barker did not oppose the rule being made, but rather intimated that the Minister of Marine would abandon the case."

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A CUSTOMS' officer has seized some twenty-eight cases of smuggled brandy found hidden on Isle aux Coudres, near Quebec, and the Inland Revenue officers seized three trunks in St. Rochs. Each trunk contained two five-gallon kegs of whiskey, packed in straw. Flour barrels, ostensibly containing oats, were seized at Levis. In one barrel was packed a thirty-gallon barrel of smuggled whiskey.

THE *Richmond Guardian* defends the rights of Mr. W. H. Jeffery as the real founder of the asbestos industry at Shipton, Que., against the claim to that title of some Philadelphia capitalists "whose connection with that industry is scarcely two years old." Mr. Jeffery, we are assured, opened the mine some twelve years ago, is the pioneer of the industry, and has done more to attract interest and foreign money to it than any man or company.

AN interesting occasion was the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the business of J. B. Rolland & Fils, at St. Jerome, near Montreal. Some sixty guests were taken for a drive and then shown over the mills, containing the latest paper-making machinery. The villagers and their band welcomed the Montreal visitors, and some 200 persons, employes and others, sat down to dinner, after which games and dancing were indulged in.

THERE is not a long list of changes to note this week, nor are there very prominent events among them. We observe the dissolution of the publishing firm of Patullo & Co., publishers of the *Sentinel-Review* at Woodstock; Mr. A. Laidlaw retires. In Waterloo we note that A. W. Sheffield sells his dry goods stock to Jacob Uffelman, who removes from Elmira.—W. J. Falconer has evidently been tired of school teaching, and invests his \$2,000 earnings in the hardware stock of L. A. Batty at Palmerston.

AFTER being in the wagon-making business eighteen months, H. Van Norman, Mono Road, has assigned.—F. J. Warner has been dealing in men's furnishing goods in Newmarket for the last three years. Now he too assigns.—A chattel mortgage has been the instrument which closed the tailoring business of W. T. Bell, at Watford. In January last he had some financial trouble, and at that time made over his stock to his wife. In June last another mortgage was given to J. A. McLeay for \$3,900. Now he makes an assignment.

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IMPORTS of manufactured silk at the port of New York for the fiscal year ended with June last were of the value of \$28,785,700 as compared with \$34,419,815 in the previous twelve months. Of this there were in value:

	1891-92	1890-91
Silk piece goods....	\$12,359,294	\$12,933,802
Velvets.....	2,283,256	3,212,819
Ribbons.....	1,722,384	1,904,150
Silk and cotton....	4,112,352	7,433,403
Braids and bindings	1,085,795	1,148,903
Laces.....	3,542,454	2,566,960

The remainder consisted of hose, shawls, gloves, cravats, plushes, pongees, crapes, as well as threads and yarns, and goods made of mixed silk and linen.

THE Canada Western Central is the name of a railway which the Vancouver daily *News* of the 27th ultimo says is "an assured thing." Mr. Frank Bakeman, a San Francisco capitalist, has agreed with the provisional directors, Messrs. R. P. Rithet, E. G. Prior, M.P., Thos. Earle, M. P., and Frank Barnard, M.P., of British Columbia, to organize construction company and assume the financial arrangements for building the road. Mr. Bakeman says that the line will be built virtually over what was known as the northern route when the C. P. R. was proposed. That was the one favored by Marcus Smith. This road will extend from Victoria to Seymour Narrows, on Vancouver Island, crossing to the mainland by a bridge or ferry. Surveys have been made for the C. P. R. by way of Bute Inlet to the eastern boundary of the province, at Yellow Head Pass, Rooky Mountains, there to connect with the line now being built through the Canadian Northwest. The Government has already subsidized the road with 20,000 acres a mile.

WE recorded in June last the assignment of A. C. Bishop, who had been some years in the furniture business at Elmvale. Creditors are now offered 20 per cent. His liabilities are \$1,000, with nominal assets of \$600—Zelensky & Brownstein, dealers in tinware at Hamilton, have assigned. They had a branch store there, also one in Woodstock, and did a jobbing trade. Too liberal credit has been the chief cause of their trouble. In April they had unpaid accounts due them amounting to \$6,000, with stock on hand valued at \$5,000. Their liabilities are over \$6,500. Considering the nature of their assets, creditors will scarcely expect a large dividend.—It looks as though Joseph Lea, manufacturer of iron fences at St. Thomas, has been selling too

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