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mals and their produce of about four and a half millions; while an increase of twelve million dollars in agriculture was shown. The value of manufactures increased by over one million dollars, and the output of the mine and forest wealth remained about the same as in the year previous.

J. Willard Smith, wholesale shipping merchant on Ward Street, St. John, N.B., suffered considerable loss by a fire on Monday night. It destroyed his office and did damage in his ware-

Messrs. Abraham & Coleman Fine, carrying on a general dry goods business at Hartland, Carleton county, have assigned to J. King. Kelley, barrister, of St. John. They show liabilities of \$8,000 and assets about \$4,500.

The Rockland mill, at the mouth of the Cold Stream, in Carleton county, N.B., was destroyed by fire a few days ago. It was a new industry, owned by B. Frank Smith, of East Florenceville, and had been in operation only a month. The mill was a combination rotary and lath, with a grist mill.

The warm winter, up to the end of January, had given rise to much apprehension among lumbermen and pulpwood men. An Ottawa despatch of 1st February declared that reports from every section of the country, along the Ottawa and all its tributaries, show that there will be a shortage of pulp-wood. The same thing was said on both sides of the St. Lawrence. According to the speaker, the mild weather is responsible for these conditions. The lack of snow in the bush thus late must be a serious handicap to getting out all kinds of

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timber. The situation cannot but have an influence on the price of paper, even though snow should come in February.

The annual meeting of the Canada Horse Nail Company, Montreal, was held on Tuesday, 30th January, at which, we are told, satisfactory reports were presented regarding the business and condition of the company. In face of increased opposition and the low prices of others, an increase in the sales of the company over the preceding year was reported, and the usual dividend

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