

THE contracts for the immediate erection of engine sheds and workshops for the Grand Junction Railroad Company has been let to Messrs. Northcott & Alford, of Belleville.

THE traffic receipts on seventeen principal railways of the United Kingdom, amounted for the week ending July 25th to £1,103,033, being an increase of £41,070 on the corresponding week last year.

THE Intercolonial Railway returns for the first three weeks of July, show an increase in the traffic receipts of over \$31,000, compared with last year.

THE Midland Railway Co. has completed track-laying to Franklin, and is pushing on energetically beyond that point. Steel rails are being laid between Franklin and Lindsay.

BURRARD Inlet, B.C., says an American exchange, exported during the months of May and June, over 4,000,000 feet of rough and 3,000,000 feet dressed lumber, also 20,000 laths and 280,000 shingles.

THREE hundred and fifty tons of ice were exported to New York from St. John, N. B., last week by a single shipper. In New York, that article commands \$15 per ton while in St. John it is only worth \$4. A perishable but very profitable article of export.

EIGHT carloads of hematite ore for Buffalo were shipped from the Madoc mines on Tuesday last and two cars of magnetic ore were despatched by vessel from Belleville.

THE Allan Linesteamships which have arrived at the ports of Liverpool and Glasgow up to 3rd inst., this season, took out 5,314 oxen, 18 horses, and 3,770 sheep, which were all landed alive and in good order with the exception of fifteen oxen and one sheep.

THE creditors of Mr. Wm. Wilson, a general storekeeper at Carleton Place, have closed the establishment of that gentleman. He attaches the blame of his want of success to his son, who, he says, squandered a good deal of money. The business has been conducted by the son, it would appear.

A LUMBER dealer at Verona, named G. W. Playfair, came from the neighborhood of Perth to that place, where he built a splendid mill. He was in good credit, and supposed to be worth some money. He surprised his friends, lately, however, by leaving the country, and his business affairs turned out to be badly involved.

THE following is an official statement of approximate earnings of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway for the week ending July 31, 1880, \$87,173.42; 1879, \$75,598.77; increase, \$11,574.65. Total for four weeks ending July 31, 1880, \$272,089.05; 1879, \$241,339.17; increase, \$30,749.88.

MR. W. T. JONES, a furniture dealer in St. Mary's, and a hard-working man, appears to think that he has been badly treated by his principal creditors, Messrs. Burr & Skinner, of Guelph, to whom a chattel mortgage for \$400 was given. They shortly afterwards seized all his goods, in order to make sure of satisfaction of their claim.

DURING July last, 35 vessels of 17,501 tons cleared at Chatham, N.B., with 15,224,000 feet deals, etc., against 30 vessels of 13,771 tons, taking 12,280,000 feet in July 1859. The wood exports also included 413 tons of timber and 52,100 palings. The fish exports consisted of 97,104 pounds of lobsters and 51,666 pounds of salmon.

A DEPOSIT of \$5,000 has been placed by the South Shore Railway and Tunnel Company in the hands of the Quebec Government, as a first payment on the cost of making preliminary surveys and locating the Hochelaga tunnel. Mr. Shanly is in charge of the surveys, the estimated cost of which is now roughly placed at \$10,000.

THE property of the Sherbrooke Meat & Produce Company, a concern which was at one time an important one, from which much was expected, was brought to the hammer some days ago. The factory was bought by the corporation for \$14,000—the amount of the city's claim. The balance of the lease of the tenement houses was sold for \$1,055.

THERE is some life in gold mining in Nova Scotia, for Mr. Rose, manager of the Rose Gold Mining Company, Montague, brought to Halifax on Wednesday a bar of gold weighing 800 oz., and valued at over \$16,000. It is the product of the labor of fourteen men for six weeks. The profits to the Company as the result of this crushing are stated at \$14,500.

THE Bank of Nova Scotia has established a branch at Woodstock, N. B., and a correspondent writes thus to a New Brunswick paper on the subject:—A bank could have been established here ere this, were it not owing to the obstacles placed in the way by some who have loaned money at a high rate of interest. In fact, the needy farmers of Carleton County are completely robbed by a few money-lenders here, who exact from them ten to twelve, and in some cases as high as fifteen to twenty per cent.

FISH is a scarce delicacy in Kingston just now. This is owing, it is said, to the fact that five American tugs from Cape Vincent, N. Y., make a tour of the waters in the neighborhood of Kingston daily, and buy up every member of the finny tribe they come across, paying from 10 to 12½¢ for bass and pickerel. The *News* of that city is much exercised over the matter, and even calls upon the district fishery inspector to restrain fishermen from disposing of their catch to the Americans, as if fishermen, like other people, will not sell in the readiest market.

A RAFT 400 by 208 feet, containing 600,000 feet walnut and cypress timber, which had been cut by a band of 200 Canadian lumbermen on the White and St. Francis rivers, in the State of Arkansas, was last month towed from Arkansas River to New Orleans. The raft contained 2,000 walnut and 500 cypress logs, the latter being used to buoy up the heavier walnut logs. Some of the latter were six feet in diameter. The raft is part of an order for ten million feet from a Bridgeport, Conn., sewing machine factory. From New Orleans the logs go by rail to New England, this transportation being found to be just \$2.00 per 1,000 less than by steamship.

THERE is, in the opinion of the *Hamilton Spectator*, a lack of energy on the part of the managers of the Ontario Exhibition, to be held in that city next month. A prominent wholesale firm in that city has been informed by the traveller that posters of the Toronto fair are to be found displayed everywhere, while those of the Hamilton exhibition are conspicuous by their absence. We have found this to be the case here; wishing to ascertain the dates at which it is to be held, we were compelled to scour the dead walls for several blocks before finding their poster, while on various contiguous bill boards were to be seen the announcements of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition. We hope those who have the matter in hand will rouse themselves.

IN consequence of the death of Mr. Charles Barlow, the style of the Mercantile Agency's head office in New York, formerly Dun, Barlow & Co., became, on the 4th inst., Dun, Wiman & Co., which is now the name of the firm at head quarters, as well as throughout its Canadian branches. To those who are aware of the energy and life with which Mr. Wiman has for the last twenty years infused the business to which he devoted himself, the position to which he has attained in it will appear fully earned. There are numbers in the Dominion who will be glad to hear of the continued success of a Canadian whose ability and industry have brought him so influential a position.

IT is always pleasing to hear of successful enterprises in connection with our hidden mineral wealth, and among the latest mining items is the strike made on the Snowdon property of Messrs. A. S. Irving, Ledyard and others. In a high bluff on this lot, alongside the Pusey mine, iron ore has been found in abundant quantity, which yields, according to a twelve ton sample lot sent to the Cleveland, Ohio, Rolling Mills Co., sufficient to make \$ worth \$8.00 per ton. The ore is taken out within 2½ miles of the rail, and is pronounced remarkably free from impurities, and of a kind well adapted for the production of Bessemer steel. It is now proposed to erect a charcoal furnace to reduce the ore on the spot. Meantime there are parties in Ohio willing to contract for 25,000 tons a year for the next twenty years.

A St. John despatch states that the stockholders of the Maritime Bank met on the 10th inst., to consider, among other matters, the propriety of bringing the business of the bank to a close, and to distribute the assets among the shareholders. Mr. Barbeau was present in the interest of Montreal shareholders. A motion was passed removing the present Board of Directors, doubts having been raised as to their being legally elected, and the meeting then proceeded to the election of a new Board. The following gentlemen were chosen: Hon. John Boyd, Judge Palmer, George McKean, R. T. Clinch, Jas. L. Dunn, W. W. Turnbull, and Thos. McLellan. Should an investigation of the bank's affairs show that its continuance is worth while, however, it may be carried on longer.