

HAMILTON firemen have removed about 1,300 tin signs from the telegraph and telephone poles. The appearance of the principal streets has thus been improved so much that people wonder how much more it would improve them to remove the poles too.

If the statement made in a New York paper be correct, the profit on the Leary raft will be from \$40,000 to \$50,000 clear of all expenses. At this rate Mr. Leary will soon overtake the large losses made on his initial shipments by this novel means of transport, which are dangerous things after all.

A PARAGRAPH in the *Miner*, of Nelson, B.C., says that actual work is proving that there is mineral wealth in British Columbia—a large percentage of it being lead silver. The problem of what is to be done with it must be solved at no distant day. Is there a market in Canada for the lead, or can one be created?

F. C. WADE, of Kingston, who started in the tobacco business a little more than a year ago, has assigned owing to a lack of means and ability. Liabilities, \$1,450.—J. McIntosh & Son, a firm of machinists, at Montreal, have assigned on demand of La Banque Nationale. The senior partner died about three years ago, leaving an estate considerably involved.

CHARLES HENDERSON, of Titusville, Pa., has made an important discovery, which he claims will reduce the cost of steel for steel tools from 40 cents to 4 and 5 cents a pound. This process makes it possible to use the ordinary soft machine-steel for all kinds of tools, rendering them equal to high-grade silver-steel for all kinds of work. There is no breaking or flaw in the tempering.

ACCORDING to the *Windsor Record*, the grain crop in Essex this season will undoubtedly be the largest for many years. The wheat is all in, and both in quality and quantity far surpasses anticipations. The barley harvest will be a splendid yield. Those who have been through the county say that corn is looking better than for years before. Verily Essex should be thankful.

From the far west comes word that W. E. Ross, dealer in boots and shoes at Canmore, is in trouble, the sheriff having taken possession at the instance of a Winnipeg creditor.—The stock of E. Smith, grocer, Winnipeg, has been sold at 50c. on the dollar.—In the same city 60 cents on the dollar was obtained for the lumber business of A. H. Van Etton.—J. J. Golden, an auctioneer, also of Winnipeg, has assigned.

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THE new steam pump that has been put in for flooding Walker & Co.'s cranberry marsh at Marshfield, has a capacity of fifteen thousand gallons per minute. The whole marsh of two hundred acres can be completely inundated to the depth of six inches in forty-eight hours. The cranberry vines are all planted for this season, making one hundred and four acres now set out.

In the Province of New Brunswick, C. A. Harmon & Co., grocers, at Peel, are asking an extension.—Three assignments are noted in St. John: J. A. Cunningham, grocer; McGovern Bros., grocers; and W. T. McLeod, shoes. The latter owes \$12,282, and proposes to settle at 25c. on the dollar. The business will be closed out.—M. L. Killam, lumber, Scotch Settlement, has failed.

THE failure of Quevillon & Lamoureux, of Coaticooke, noted by us last week, is likely to prove a pretty disastrous one, and besides their merchandise creditors, a considerable number of local dealers are reported as likely to be sufferers by Lamoureux's peculiar paper transactions. The liabilities already foot up to \$18,000, and may prove larger. Lamoureux has been traced to Butte City.

FOR sixteen or eighteen years Wm. H. Bower had been employed as chief agent, at Point St. Peter, on the Gaspé Coast, for the Jersey fishing firm of J. & E. Collas. He began in the store business on his own account just three years ago. Though highly spoken of as to character, &c., and having some moderate capital, he has apparently not been able to command success, and he has been obliged to assign.

DR. GATLING, the inventor of the famous machine-gun, is still engaged in mechanical research. His gun is supposed to have given origin to the destructive French mitrailleuse. From a capacity of 300 shots per minute, the Gatling gun, as perfected, has now a capacity of 1,200 shots per minute, worked by man power. Recent experiments in the United States Navy developed the fact that there is no limit to its capacity except that of endurance of the parts.

Few sales, says the *Hamilton Spectator*, were made at the auction sale of stock, etc., at J. M. Williams & Co.'s foundry, on Tuesday last. The unfinished stoves, castings, patterns, flasks and furnaces were withdrawn. For some lots bids of 40 or 50 cents on the dollar were made. The stoves sold were part of a lot hypothecated by the bank. They were

valued at \$15,126.92, and those sold realized about \$4,000. The prices paid ranged from 60 to 70 cents on the dollar. The creditors will not realize much out of the estate.

AN Owen Sound exchange says manufacturers and shippers of lumber in that section report the bottom tumbled clean out of the trade. Lumbermen along the North Shore are selling their logs rather than go to the expense of sawing and shipping. At Tobermory, hardly a day passes but a large raft of logs can be seen in tow of a couple of tugs for American saw mills. The tug "Seagull" has a contract for towing fifty million feet, while the "Gladiator" and "Avery" have sixty million feet to tow to American mills.

RUSSELL ALLISON, blacksmith, Belmont, brother of the missing banker of that name, and who was absent for a few days, has returned to the village. On being urged to make an assignment, he refused, but finally proposed to divide what stuff he had amongst his creditors, who were all in Belmont. He therefore gathered them together, when they duly received their dividends in furniture, &c., the whole being accomplished in an hour and a half, which, says the *St. Thomas Times*, is the shortest winding-up of an estate on record.

AMONG the curiosities characteristic of the Far West, which formed the exhibit of the Seattle delegation to the National Educational Association meeting in Toronto, is a photograph of a plateful of strawberries, 17 of which filled a quart measure. They are known as "Washington berries," for they grow such monsters out there. Another photograph illustrated a fir log 212 feet long, 51 feet diameter, weighing 97,000 pounds, and "without a knot in it," so it was said. This huge stick was cut in the forests of Washington, and sent to Chicago to be on view at the World's Fair.

THIS from the *Essex Free Press*: There have been so many instances of farmers defrauded that too much care cannot be taken when dealing with strangers who try to represent that they are selling goods below what they may be obtained at from our own dealers. A case has recently been brought to our notice of a firm claiming to do business in Toronto, and having agents canvassing the farmers. There is no such firm shown in the last issue of one of the most authentic mercantile agencies. Farmers should trade with their old dealers, then they may rely on the quality and quantity of the goods they are purchasing.

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