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- Work is to be commenced at once on the St. Lawrence and Champlain Railway.

- The branch of the Molson's Bank at Windsor, Ont., will be closed on the 23rd inst. - The creditors of M. G. Mountain, Quebec,

have accepted his offer of 45 cents on the dollar, in 3, 6, 9 and 12 months.

- Alfred Benn & Co, of Lachute are endeavoring to effect a settlement with their creditors at  $62\frac{1}{2}$ c, in the dollar. Their linbilities foot up to about \$10,000.

- An agitation is on foot in Toronto to give a bonus of \$150,000 to the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway Company, to enable them to widen their gauge.

- The *Iceland* has arrived at St. John's with 16,000 scals, and the *Commodore* with 15,000. The scal fishers have been very successful this scason.

-- The creditors of Messrs. Dufresne & McGarity have instructed the assignce to sell the balance of their stock, amounting to over \$100,000, for the benefit of the estate.

- It is said that the contract for the building of the railway between Waterloo and Acton is about to be let to responsible parties, who will have it completed next fall.

- Defalcations and forgeries are again the order of the day, and reports of quite a number have reached us within the last week. The more important are referred to in detail elsewhere.

- The joint liabilities of the two grocery establishments carried on by A. Dion & Co. Quebec, reach close on to \$50,000, among which there is some \$4,000 of accommodation. A meeting of creditors will be held to-day.

- The whole of the plant, material and effects, including a sailing yacht, of the ship-building establishment of the insolvent estate of Henry Dinning, of Quebec, are advertised to be sold by auction for the benefit of the creditors.



— If the increase in telegraphing is an index of the increase of business in general, things must be looking up. The Western Union shows an increase at the test offices of \$1,000 for the past three weeks.

- The Canadian section at Paris has made more progress than almost any other, and French authorities say that its exhibition of woods, as displayed in the show cases, will be a remarkable feature of the show.

- Some of the Quebec ship-builders, who have vessels in course of construction, being unable to charter or sell, are said to be contemplating the discharge of their men, and leaving their vessels in an unfinished condition.

- Two of the men who defrauded some of the banks here and in Quebec last fall, by means of raised choques, have been arrested in the United States for complicity in the Young robbery of bonds in New York, last January.

- A statement recently made shows that the railways have saved a large amount in labour, delay and expense by the past open winter, all snow blockades having been avoided. This will go far to compensate them for a falling-off in traffic.

- The Toronto Leader claims that it is acknowledged by Americans familiar with the progress of their own cities, that no city in the Eastern, Middle or Southern States has shown during the last few years such signs of growth and material prosperity as Toron to.

- The Quebec Government having secured from the Dominion Government the use of the Palais wood yard in Quebec for the construction of railway workshops will proceed with their erection at once. This will be good news for Quebec.

- Wm. Manley, tailor, of Brockville, is an applicant for a compromise at the rate of 35cts. on the dollar. Mr. Manley is an old and respected citizen, and this is the first occasion he has ever been before his creditors in this position. His liabilities are between \$3000 and \$4000, some \$1,700 being secured by mortgage.

-Messrs. J. Sternburg & Co., manufacturers of caps, & c., whose failure we have previously noticed, have made their creditors an offer of 25 cents, in 6, 0 and 12 months, the last payment secured. To this offer they have secured the consent of the majority of their creditors, and it is expected they will shortly resume operations.

- After a long period of depression the village of Oil Springs is beginning to look up again. Several wells that were abandoned years ago, because they did not pump as much as ten barrels per day, are being cleaned out, even less than ten barrels being considered worth having now.

- Charles W. Elliott, a watchmaker, of Ailsa Graig, is reported missing. He was a dead beat, and has been regarded as without means and unreliable. He has probably gone to the land of the free. His estate has been attached at the instance of Reid & Co. of London.

- The Central Vermont Railway has taken an injunction against the town of St. Johns to restrain it from levying a tax on their property. The town claims the right to tax the railway bridge to the centre of the river, while the company hold that the town limits only extend a limited distance from the shore.

- The merchants of Bremen are shown by the report of the Bremen Chamber of Commerce to be strongly in favor of Free Trade. They oppose high customs duties, deny that they can resuscitate depressed industries, and point for proof, to the condition of the iron industry of the United States under a high tariff.

- The city of Ottawa will carry the question of its right to tax the incomes of civil service employees before the Privy Council. The city council has also resolved to petition the Gov-