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**SHRINKAGE OF GRAIN.**—It is said that corn  
loses one-fifth by drying, and wheat one-four-  
teenth. From this the estimate is made that it  
is more profitable for the farmer to sell un-  
shelled corn in the fall at 75 cents than at  
\$1 a bushel in the following summer, and that  
wheat at \$1 25 in December is equal to \$1 50  
in the succeeding June. In the case of potatoes  
—taking those that rot and are otherwise lost—  
together with the shrinkage, there is little  
doubt that between October and June the loss  
to the owner who holds them is not less than  
33 per cent.

The foregoing paragraph which we clip from  
a Western American exchange, bears out very  
forcibly some statements made in an article  
entitled "A word in season" which appeared in  
our issue of October 15. In that article we  
referred to the hurtful practice of farmers hold-  
ing back their grain during the winter in  
anticipation of better prices, as a fruitful source  
of the renewals and extensions so generally  
asked for by country traders, and we would  
suggest to all storekeepers in the rural districts;  
that they should get the above paragraph, and  
any others of a like nature they may run across,  
printed in a bold faced type and conspicuously  
hung up in their stores, so that the sturdy in-  
dependent yeomen who deal across their  
counters may "read, mark, learn and inwardly  
digest" the same.

The Midland Railway will apply at the next  
session of the Legislature of Ontario for an Act  
to recall and cancel the present outstanding  
second mortgage bonds of the Company, and  
to issue in lieu thereof new bonds for an in-  
creased amount; for legalizing all by-laws  
made by towns and municipalities in aid of the  
said Railway, and for other purposes.

Mr. H. Neilson, superintendent of the Dominion  
Telegraph Company, is making an extended  
tour, through the Maritime Provinces for the  
purpose of advancing the preparations for the  
eastern extension of this line next spring and  
its connection with the Atlantic Cable. All  
Canadians will hail the completion of this enter-  
prise which will place us in more direct com-  
munication with the sister Provinces and  
cement more firmly the bonds which unite our  
mutual interests.

The promptitude with which some official  
Assignees get themselves appointed for wind-  
ing-up estates under the new Act, was aptly  
illustrated a few days ago in this city at the  
meeting of creditors of the Pariseau business  
for that purpose. It wanted just a minute of  
the time advertised for the meeting when the  
fourth visitor arrived and was astounded at be-  
ing informed that the appointment had just  
been made. The gentleman remonstrated  
against such unseemly haste in the absence of  
other creditors, and—but we shall refer to this  
matter more at length in our next issue.—Time  
is money, and it might be interesting meantime  
to know what is the value of our minute.  
People in this line have to move around lively  
nowadays to get their share of what is going—  
gone.

Assignments in Ontario last week are as  
follows:—McFate & Co., manufacturers, Am-  
herstburg; Bowmanville Furniture Company,  
Bowmanville; Edwin Parrott, tinsmith, Colling-  
wood; Thomas McCaffrey, grocer, Guelph;  
James A. Gouin & Co., hotel, Ottawa; John  
Markle, hotel, Owen Sound; A. E. McGow-

an, Port Perry; Daniel McGowan, grocer,  
Toronto.

Writs of Attachment vs. H. M. Campbell,  
general store, Athol; Wm. Angus, blacksmith,  
Billings Bridge; J. A. Beaver, grocer and liquors,  
Caledonia; James Doyle & Co., distillers,  
Goderich; Yates & Garson, contractors, Hamil-  
ton.

Assignments in Quebec:—François Gollins,  
trader, St. Thomas de Pierreville; Joseph  
Emond, hotel, Pointe aux Trembles; J. Bte.  
Depatie, lumber, Hochelaga; J. H. Marceau &  
Co., dry goods, Montreal; J. E. Leblanc, dry  
goods, Montreal; Narcisse Dion, sen., flour, &c.,  
Quebec; Joseph H. Prudhomme, grocer, Mon-  
treal; Wafer & Co., cabinetmakers, Montreal.

Writs of Attachment vs. Joseph Desormeau,  
contractor, Côte St. Antoine; Hall & Co.,  
lumber, Montreal.

The exports from Ottawa to the United States  
during the present year was \$965,962.62, against  
\$101,816.17 in 1872; \$2,102,693.76 in 1873; and  
\$1,431,379.33 in 1874. During the present year  
only 83,115,847 feet of lumber, valued at \$932,-  
750.14 was exported, as compared with 105,-  
654,501 feet, of the value of \$1,332,867.98  
last year; and 157,289,602 feet valued at \$2,-  
037,478.29 in 1872. It will thus be seen that the  
Ottawa lumber trade has fallen off \$1,113,722.36  
during the past two years.

Much abused grasshoppers! Nebraska and  
Kansas have so much corn that they are obliged  
to use it as fuel to get rid of it. The famine is  
a timber famine. Won't our wood destroyers  
take warning in time?