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manufacture of their goods. The buildings will be of stone and brick, 266 feet long, 40 feet wide, and two stories high. Power will be supplied by two steel boilers fourteen feet long, by five feet in diameter, and an engine of 125 horse power.

RECENT scientific investigations sustain the belief, held by experienced lumbermen, that timber cut in the spring was not durable for building purposes. It is shown that the richer the wood is in phosphoric acid and potassium the more likely it is to rot and mold; wood cut in the spring contains eight times as much of the former and five times as much of the latter as when cut in the winter.

J. S. BEAUDETTE, a respectable merchant of Timewick, Que., has obtained an extension of 4, 8 and 12 months, compelled thereto by endorsing for a brother who was unable to meet his demands at the Hochelaga Bank, and also for Achille Gagnon, tanner, Arthabaska station, whose troubles were recently noted. Mr. Beaudette shows a nominal surplus of \$10,000 over liabilities of \$6,000.

C. C. SMITH, general storekeeper, East Selkirk, Man., has been sold out by the sheriff. He is reported as an honest well-meaning man, but lacking the necessary business qualifications.—C. C. Montgomery who maintained a struggling business at the carriage and blacksmithing business in Winnipeg for a few years past, has at length been compelled to make an assignment.

The following is a statement of the live stock exported from Montreal to Great Britain during the week ending June 20, 1885:—Cattle 1,191

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and sheep 649. Totals from Boston, same period; 737 cattle and 415 sheep. The following steamers carrying cattle are advertised to sail this week from Montreal:—*Finbury, Lake Nepigon, Brooklyn, Concordia, Carthaginian, and Quebec.*

A STRANGE story comes from Paris, France. It is said that the city is cleared of rats by her municipal council offering a premium for their skins. Two years ago the premium was \$3 per 1,000, but it has recently been raised to \$10 per 1,000, in order to get the city cleared of the pests. The kid glove makers utilize the skins, buying them from the city.

PROSPECTS for a good hay crop in the Eastern Townships are improving. The Eastern Townships Agricultural Association is being organized. The Act of Incorporation passed at the last session of the Quebec Legislature provides that the capital shall be \$25,000, divided into 2,500 shares of \$10 each. Mr. R. H. Taylor, of Ascott, as provisional trustee, has called a meeting of subscribers at Sherbrooke on the 30th inst. Over \$6,000 in stock has already been taken.

The grading on the railway from Fort Covington to Potsdam Junction will soon be completed to Bombay. The passenger traffic on the road is already greater than was anticipated. The shipments of cheese from the depot average at present two carloads a week and of cattle one car. Building operations are proceeding on an extensive scale for Huntingdon, though

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hindered somewhat from the difficulty of obtaining brick. Wm. Fortune has begun the erection of a three story block, which will contain a public hall with a seating capacity for 500.

MESSRS. MAHAFFY & Ulmskill, of Battleford, held a meeting of their creditors recently, and intimated that, owing to the destruction and looting of their premises by the Indians, they would be unable to meet their engagements for some time. They are allowed to continue, and are paying as far as their means will permit. Should their claim on the Government be allowed, they will be again in good shape; if not, it will go hard with them. The liabilities are about \$20,000.

THE London Advertiser learns that the negotiations are in progress for the construction of a road from London going west and joining the Canada Southern Railway west of St. Thomas, where the Mooretown branch intersects that road, and from London going east crossing the Credit Valley Railroad and joining the Canada Southern in the South Dorchester. The whole length of the road will be 32 miles. This road, when constructed will bring into London the Canadian Pacific and Canada Southern, and will give another road west and also another line east to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

WE regret to learn that the Hamilton Webbing Co., makers of lamp-wicks, etc., carried on by Mr. Oliver Sweet for a few years past, is reported to be in possession of the bailiff.—J. H. Johnston, of the same city, furniture dealer in a small way, has assigned in trust.—Geo. Jenkins, a second-hand furniture man, also of