

WOODEN PIPES for water-works are being laid down at Mansonville, Que.

THE by-law voting \$5,000 to the projected Drummond county railway was adopted by the ratepayers of Richmond, Que., last week by a majority of six.

THE by-law granting \$10,000 to the West Ontario Pacific Railway extension from Woodstock to London, was carried in Woodstock on Monday last by 547 majority.

THE customs' duties collected at the port of Victoria, B.C., during the month of August amounted to \$60,664. The inland revenue receipts for the same month were \$8,115.

ACCORDING to a press telegram from Quebec, the Coleraine Mining Company has just sold an asbestos mine to a Scotch company for \$70,000. The company still has 5,000 acres.

THE number of new houses in the course of erection at Farnham, Que., is also unusual. It is now a difficult thing to get a bricklayer or a carpenter, all being in full work.

BUILDING is brisk in Huntingdon, nine new brick residences being under construction. Two brick stores are also being put up, and Boyd & Co. are erecting a new moulding shop.

EXTENSIVE alterations, whereby increased accommodation will be obtained, are in progress at the William Hamilton Manufacturing Company's Works in Peterboro. The improvements will cost about \$5000.

THE Corn Exchange Association, of Montreal, lighten their labors by an occasional excursion. We observe they took one this week down the St. Lawrence, per steamer "Canada," and had dinner on board.

A CARLOAD of Northwest Territory butter was, last week, received by a baker in Victoria direct from the creameries at Stonewall, Manitoba. This is the first shipment made to Victoria from that quarter, and reached there in four days by the C. P. R.

THE following double-barrelled toast, which has been variously attributed to Smeaton, Erskine, and others, it is suggested might be used at convivial meetings of the National League, after the toast of the Queen had been drunk: "Dam the canals, sink the coal-pits, blast the minerals, consume the manufactures, and disperse the commerce of Great Britain and Ireland!"

THE annual meeting of the British American Bank Note Company was held in Montreal this week. A statement of the affairs of the company was considered most satisfactory. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President and manager, Mr. George B. Burland; vice-president, Mr. Henry Earle; treasurer, Mr. G. J. Bowles; secretary, Mr. Jeffrey H. Burland.

AS A TESTIMONY to his personal worth, and as marking their appreciation of his efforts in developing the cattle trade of this country, the numerous friends of Ald. Frankland in this city met together at the Queen's Hotel, on Tuesday evening last, and presented that gentleman with a handsome gold watch and chain. The address, accompanying the gift, bore the signatures of several well-known citizens.

SINCE the opening of the Emigration Bureau, at the Colonial Exhibition, 207 persons have applied with some intelligent idea of emigration to various parts of Canada. The applications relating to Australia and New Zealand

number 193, and those concerning the Cape, Natal, and other parts of the Empire 47. In many cases practical results have already followed, several having written for further information; while some have sailed, and others intend doing so in the spring.

THE St. John *Globe* declares that the Nova Scotia apple crop will be a big one this year. There will be over 300,000 barrels of apples in the orchards of the "Annapolis Valley" this season. There are fully 40,000 barrels of "Gravinstein" apples, the largest crop ever grown in Nova Scotia. The fruit dealers of that province, instead of shipping to the English markets this autumn, will ship to the United States markets, particularly to New York, in which State, it is said, the apple crop is a failure this season.

A STEEL steamship named the "Susquehanna," was launched at Buffalo, on Saturday last, for trading upon the Great Lakes. She is 296 feet long, 322 feet over all, 40 feet beam, 24 feet hold, and has seven water-tight bulkheads. Her engines are of the double expansion pattern. 36 and 48 inch cylinders; the boilers, four in number, 13 feet diameter and 11½ feet long; screw 14 feet diameter; steering gear controlled by steam; capacity, 2,800 tons freight, besides 250 tons fuel. She costs \$212,000, and is expected to average fifteen miles per hour.

THE present is recommended by the Chicago *Grocer* as a good time in which to put your old stock in good condition before putting in your new fall goods. That journal must have had a peep behind the scenes, for it says:—"There's a good deal of dust in behind those canned goods and the area underneath your counters hasn't been swept for weeks. Get at it right away—to-day, and to-morrow when you come in and see how much cleaner your store is you will feel so cheerful that when a customer calls for a pound of coffee you can sell him half a dozen other articles besides. Come, now, get up and dust."

THE mineral exhibits arouse inquiry among visitors generally to the Canadian section. The specimens of iron ores, manganese ores, asbestos, soap-stone, graphites, and granites have attracted attention. One gentleman who has carefully examined the iron ores recently, is about to leave for British Columbia to erect works for smelting purposes. Mr. Sugg, of the Vincent Works, Westminster, has also written to the miners of soap-stone in the Eastern Townships of Canada. Large quantities of this mineral are at present imported by Messrs. Sugg from Germany for use in their works, and it is hoped that an article of as good, if not better, quality may be obtained from Canada at favourable prices, says the *Canadian Gasette*.

IN the apple regions of New York the prospects of a crop this season are poorer, so the *Commercial Bulletin* learns, than for twenty years. The best apple counties—Orleans, Monroe, Wayne, Niagara and Wyoming—promise scarcely 50 per cent. of the average yield. Many towns in this section which usually ship large quantities will have few or none for export this year. In New England, although this is the apple-bearing year, and there is a large yield of fall fruit, reports indicate but about 70 per cent. of the usual even year crop. Connecticut has but half a crop and Massachusetts but 80 per cent. of a crop. A large crop is reported from Nova Scotia—Pennsylvania has 85 per cent. of a full apple crop and there is a good yield in Ohio, but the outlook further west is discouraging.

THE development of silk manufacture in the United States has been rapid and wonderful. The first attempts at silk manufacturing were made in 1810. Two years later the first silk mill was built at Mansfield, Conn. From that time on for a quarter of a century the business grew but slowly, and it was only after the advent of the sewing machine that it became an assured success. It is only about twenty years since the manufacture of spool silk has risen to a place in the front rank of American industries. An example of this growth is afforded by the well known house of Belding Bros. & Co., which commenced manufacturing in 1863. Their output for the first year was about \$75,000; but they have gradually increased their capacity and volume of sales until they now do a business of over \$2,500,000 per annum. Large mills, employing hundreds of operatives, are conducted by them at Rockville, Conn., Northampton, Mass., San Francisco, Cal., Montreal, Can. Throughout the United States their goods are recognized as having reached perfection and as possessing uniform merit.

WE have been taken to task by the Windsor *Record* for saying that in Canada we have not at present a single factory for the manufacture of Canadian tobacco. We have no recollection of making any such statement, nor does a cursory examination of our files refresh our memory. Nevertheless we are glad to make note of the fact that the *Record* man can take us to a Windsor factory which uses nothing but Canadian tobacco and is producing some very fine brand of cigars. He could also conduct us to tobaccoists' stores and show us plug tobacco manufactured in Hamilton from tobacco grown in Essex county, pronounced by those who use it to be very little inferior to the tobacco made from the finest imported leaf. Then if we should care to see how the plant is cultivated he would show us fields of tobacco of from 20 to 50 acres in extent and numerous tobacco barns, where curing is carried on after the most approved methods. It is therefore not hard to believe the statement made by the *Record* that the tobacco industry in Essex county promises well, and the question of its successful manufacture has gone entirely beyond the experimental stage.

THE following are some of the changes which have recently taken place in Ontario business circles. The grist mill firm of Wheeler Bros. & Brown, at Cataract, has been dissolved by the retirement of W. Brown. The others continue.—Miss Rose, a fancy goods dealer at Hagersville, is selling out, and Ithamar Smuck, a grocer in the same place, has disposed of his business to Elgin Smuck.—At Lucknow, W. H. Millar, a furniture dealer, has sold out to Glasgow & Cliff.—The trustee has advertised for sale the stock of shoes belonging to John Cooke, at Sarnia.—From Tilsonburg, Gray & Glass, pottery manufacturers, will go to London.—In Toronto, Jas. Leaman is selling off his stock of boots and shoes.—S. E. Roberts, the picture frame dealer, has admitted his son Percy as partner, and the style is now Roberts & Son.—The grocery firm of Deacon & Suffel, at Aylmer, has sold out.—A. Haines has bought the drug business of R. Barker at Brighton.—McLeod & Cameron, saw mill men at Midland, have sold out.—Geo. B. Thompson, a jeweller, at Port Arthur, is giving up business.—The drug firm of Ansley & Tibbitts, at Port Dover, will be dissolved by the withdrawal of the last named.—A. M. Hutchinson, a general dealer at St. Williams, intends removing to Port Rowan.