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. Sydney, C.B., is making strenuous offors to become a general nort of call for ocean TOTEOLE.

. The shipments of coal from Nova Scotia for 1879 are somewhat less than for 1878, but those by the St. Laws nce route have increased about 40 per cent. The falling off in shipments to the United States is due to the large production in that country during the year, while the lessened shipments to St. John, N.B., are due to the circumstance that nearly all the new buildings are suited to the burning of anthracite coal.

"." The Oanada Company of Toronte, who still own considerable tracts of land throughout Western Ontario, have recently been outwitted by a young farmer in Wentworth county. A few years ago he bought from the company a lot of land which, although swampy, was thickly wooded with valuable cedar and other timber, paying a small percentage down, the balance to bear interest until paid up. The young farmer, who had as yet no property in his own name, began carnestly to remove and market the timber, realizing handsomely, and when all the valuable portion had been stripped off, he allowed the land to revert to the Canada Company.

"." It is reported in official circles that President Hayes is strongly in favor of an immediate declaration of the Monroe doctrine on the part of the United States Congress, with a definition of its application to M. de Lesseps Panama canal project, but that Secretary Evarts thinks the time not ripe for such action, and approves a temporizing policy. Rumor further states that the President has concluded to bring the matter before Congress by a special message. Those personally hostile to the Secretary, and they are not a few, hope for his retirement from office as one outcome of the affair.

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. Messrs. John Crilly & Co., paper manufacturers of this city and Joliette, have arranged with their unsecured creditors to pay 25 per cent. of their liabilities in 6, 12 and 18 months, secured except the interest. The difficulties of the firm were brought about in some measure by the failure of Richard Jellyman last April, and by certain reports damaging to their credit, Mr. Jellyman being a special partner in the business. The total liabilities are about S111.-000, of which \$56,000 are direct. The assets are about \$70,000, consisting of the paper mill valued at \$50,000 stock, etc. Among the liabilities is the sum of \$31,000 secured by mortgage. The mill will resume operations in a few days, and it is to be hoped it will never again have similar cause for stoppage.

. One of the simplest and most useful inventions of the day is Walker's Patent Butter Worker, manufactured and for sale by Messrs. Hughes, Innes & Co., of Toronto. Nearly all country storekeepers lose money every season in disposing of their butter; it lacks uniformity of color, grain or flavor either through imperfect washing to remove the butter-milk or through careless handling. With the aid of one of these Butter Workers, costing, laid down, about \$12 to \$15, upwards of 1,000 lbs. of irregular or inferior butter can be converted into a palatable, fine-grained, marketable article. Instructions for renovating strong butter, coloring, &c., are sent with each machine.

. Mr. J. A. I. Craig of this city, furniture manufacturer, against whom a writ of attachment issued a fortnight ago, is now negotiating for the purchase of the estate, for which he may probably pay about 12] cents in the dollar. He has been carrying on the factory in his own name since last June, when he obtained his discharge. The well-furnished warehouse on Notre Dame street is the property of one of the largest creditors. Mr. Craig's indefatigability is worthy of better success : the writ had scarcely been issued when he began to arrange for manufacturing meantime at Point St. Charles m his son's name. Perhaps a little closer personal attention to the details of his factory would not be amiss with Mr. Craig, who,



whatever *colat* he may have obtained from his wonderful electric lamp, has certainly not made money thereby.

, John Embree of Allanford, Ont., when on a visit to Toronto last fall represented to his creditors that he was all right; now he is all wrong. Having been summoned recently to meet his creditors in that city he refused, and a writ of attachment was issued accordingly. A statement of his affairs shows liabilities of S8.-200 due principally to Messrs. Bryce, McMurrich & Co., Ogilvy & Co., Geo. Michie & Co., and W. B. Hamilton, of Toronto ; to Wm. Ewan & Sou, of Montreal ; and Lucas, Park & Co., of Hamilton; the McPherson estate, Markham, ranks for a loan of S1.445 ; while Dr. Taylor and D. N. Embree, relatives at Allanford, claim respectively \$600 and \$1,467. The latter two claims will probably come in for some investigation. The assets of the attached storekeeper consist of bills receivable \$171, book accounts \$1,432, both worth very little, stock in upper store S1.975, and in the lower store S1.043.

. The latest method of swindling the farmers, says an exchange, is as follows :-- "A gentlemanly fellow drives up with blanks for statistics on the farm-bushels of wheat, number of cattle raised, acres under cultivation, etc. Between the tables and the foot of the page, where the farmer signs his name attesting the statement, is a blank space whose existence is accounted for as affording room for miscellaneous information. In a month more the farmer receives notice from a neighboring bank that his note for \$150 is due. He knows nothing of the note, but investigation shows that the " censustaker" has filled in the blank with a promise to pay, which, being now in the hands of an innocent holder, must be paid by the unlucky dupe," The difficulty with this story is that the farmer would not have to pay a note so obtained. "Fraud vitiates every contract" is a fundamental principle of common law, too often lost sight of by ingenious narrators of interesting swindles.

* * T. Sallivan, contractor and lumber dealer, St. Cathurines, Ont., was compelled to make an assignment on the Sth ult., under lia-