

THE shipments of plaster from Windsor, N.S., during May amounted to 14,160 tons.

THE woodwork in the railway suspension bridge across Niagara river, is to be replaced, with the exception of the flooring and the railway ties, by steel, at a cost of \$60,000. The change will lessen the weight of the bridge by some 200 tons.

AN exchange states that two young men named Steinhardt, from Toronto, appeared in Chatham a few weeks ago, and got the gullible town council to prepare a by law granting them \$20,000 as a bonus in aid of establishing a silk factory. Fortunately some enquiries were made before submitting the by-law to a vote of the people, and the unsubstantial nature of the brothers' resources was made known, and the gentlemen were not "bonussed." The same paper says, elsewhere, that Mr. Steinhardt of Toronto wants the people of Listowel to give him a bonus of \$15,000 to start a silk manufactory in that town, and a committee has been appointed to confer about the matter.

MIRAMICHI shipments of deals, scantling, timber, &c., for May were 10,526,000 feet in 23 vessels, five of which went to France, the rest to Britain. This is an increase over the quantity shipped in the previous May from Chatham. 19,585 lbs. fresh salmon were shipped to the United States during that month.

A TROY lumber merchant, who has been trying to buy 2,000,000 feet of lumber in Peterboro, informs the *Review* that although trade in the States has somewhat revived and a better feeling exists, yet the profits are smaller than in times past. Freights were very low, and lumber was now shipped from Michigan to the Hudson River for \$2, thus making it difficult to handle Canadian lumber profitably.

THE North West Transportation Company is doing an active trade, carrying merchandise, live stock, settlers' effects and settlers themselves from Windsor and Sarnia to Lake Superior ports, many of these being en route for Manitoba. The steamer "Asia" is having good success in opening up trade with ports on the Manitoulin Island and elsewhere on the route.

STRATFORD's population is this year 8,885 an increase of 200, and her assessment \$2,422, 565 a slight decrease; Lindsay's number 5,478 persons. Chatham's, 7,182, a falling off of 143 which the Lindsay *Post* declares is because Rufus Stephenson is elected again for Kent. Dundas has 3,648 inhabitants, 144 less than last year.

THERE are four factories being built on the Madawaska New Brunswick, to make starch from potatoes, which are being planted in unusual quantity at these settlements some farmers having put in 200 bushels each.

It is reported that the New Brunswick Railway purpose widening the gauge of that old road so that the cars may run to Portland and Boston. Had this been done last year says a letter, the freight over that road outward might have been doubled 10,000,000 shingles for instance sent by water might have gone by rail.

A BOAT has been placed on the Assiniboine River, Manitoba, to enable emigrants to get the more readily out to the Little Saskatchewan Country and to Fort Ellice. This, it is believed, will enable the journey from Winnipeg to be made in three days instead of eight.

THE Kirby Mower Reaper Works at Brantford, claim to have shipped 311 "Harvesters" up the 1st May this year, 412 during May, and 151 up to 10th June, in all 904 machines this spring, a lively three months work.

A LARGER area has been sown this year on Prince Edward Island than ever before, and indications so far are that a bountiful crop will be harvested.

THE "discovery" by which Signor Rotura was to have been able to suspend the animation of beeves and sheep so as to enable their carcasses to be transported from America, or even Australia, to Europe, dead apparently, but resuscitated upon their arrival, turns out to be the hoax it seemed.

A POOLING arrangement having been concluded between the Midland and the Whitby, Port Perry and Lindsay railways, Mr G. A. Cox is chosen chairman of the joint committee of management.

SHIPPING is active on the Miramichi.

FIFTEEN large loaded vessels left the port of Chatham in one day last week.

ADVICES from Rio Janeiro of May 14th, by way of New York, June 9th, state that the coffee crop around Poro Novo de Acunha has suffered severely from rains and variable weather, and in some localities the crop is a failure.

A LETTER from Mr. D. Lorn Macdougall of Montreal, to the *Mail* re-affirms the position of the Londonderry Iron Works. That gentleman says that the most important concession which they asked of the Government was, that their coal (150 tons per day) should be carried from Stellarton to Londonderry at the same rate per ton per mile as is charged on coal through to Riviere du Loup. They have been paying 65c per ton between the first-named points, or \$97.50 per day, while only 20 cents per ton would be the through rate, so that a saving of \$405 a week is decidedly worth making.

MR. JAMES DOUGALL, of the well known Windsor Nurseries, has made a shipment, for the first time, to the Maritime Provinces of his fruit trees and ornamental shrubs.

THE West Zorra Council prepare a by-law giving as bonus to the St. Mary's, Credit Valley and Huron Railway, \$60,000.

HUNTING canoes to the number of thirty or forty, are being shipped from Peterboro to England.

A BRANCH four dry is being erected in the village of Campbellford by a Peterboro firm, Messrs. White & Co.

A MAN of means at Shediac offers to put \$5000 or even \$10,000 into a furniture factory at that place, if some one will build it.

THE Dominion Organ Company have been voted by Bowmanville a bonus of \$5,000.

LISTOWELL has passed a by-law to raise \$7,000, part of which is needed to pay off a debt on the Town Hall, and another to raise \$6,000 for the erection of a school house.

Mr. Parry President of the North Wales Quarrymen's Union, is in America to investigate and report upon the slate trade on this continent, and select a site for a Welsh settlement. We trust he will visit Melbourne P. Q.

IMPORTS into Canada of tea from 15th May to 30th April, from countries other than the U. S. were \$166,062 in value.

SILK imports in that period amounted to \$150,999; woollens, \$368,181; cotton, \$547,984; iron and steel manufactures, \$406,138.

THE Montreal brokers have petitioned the Council of that city to have the business tax of \$50 imposed upon them repealed. The Finance Committee have decided to frame a bye-law under which \$15 only shall be paid as license by all resident brokers. A penalty is to be imposed upon all who do business without a license.

A NUMBER of residents of Maidstone township in the county of Essex have called a meeting and invited farmers to attend, for the purpose of organizing a Farmers Mutual Insurance Company for that district.

It is reported that the silk crop in France and in Italy has failed, and the American consul at Lyons confirms the report. Raw silks are stated to have advanced 25 per cent., and there is much speculation in the silk markets of Lyons and Milan.

IN the province of Quebec, the assignments for the week include those of Ulysse J. Robillard, long a general trader at Beauharnois, and in former years of prominent standing; also of A. Marchand, general dealer at that place. Attachments have been issued against H. & C. Osgood, of Eaton, who were harness makers, and J. D. Lewis, general store at Templeton. In the Maritime Provinces, Conway & Martin, grocers of St. John, and D. Thompson of Carleton have failed; D. G. Farrell, General store, Dartmouth N. S., has been attached, Corbett & McQueen, general dealers, Sydney Mines, have dissolved.

WORK is being actively prosecuted on the extension of the Lake Champlain & St. Lawrence narrow-gauge railway, between Farnham and Stanbridge.

THE Pharmaceutical Association of the province of Quebec met in Montreal on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when Mr. Manson, 1st Vice-President delivered an address, and announced that the next examination of candidates would be held in Laval University, Quebec, this week. To replace the eight retiring members, the following gentlemen were elected members of Council viz: Messrs. Henry R. Gray, J. D. L. Ambrose, Nathan Mercer, Alex. Manson, F. Jackson, Edmond Giroux, Roderick McLeod and E. Muir—who with the following who remain in office form the council for the coming year: John Kerry, W. E. Brunet, T. J. Tuck and Henry Lyman.