

A BABY-CARRIAGE factory is nearly completed at Coaticook, Que.

THE telegraph cable between Amherst Island and Bath was finished last week.

C. H. BRUTON has removed from Napanee to Deseronto, where he has purchased a grocery and fruit shop.

An exhibition of the incandescent system of electric lighting was given last week at Mr. Alex. Gibson's cotton mill at Marysville, N. B.

THE Gananoque carriage works company is turning out eight hundred sleighs this season. The Company shipped a car load of twenty-nine to Winnipeg the other day.

ACCORDING to the *Economist* of the 31st ult., Grand Trunk stock shows a slight gain on the week, but the market is far from strong, nor is it likely to be until the traffic returns wear a more satisfactory appearance. Canadian Pacific shares have risen 2½ dols.

A WHALE was driven ashore at Sea Cow Pond, during the storm of last week, says the *Summerside Journal*, and was found by a lad named McInnis, who sold it to Mr. J. H. Myrick. It was about seventy feet long, and is valued at between \$400 and \$500.

"WILL you have a sample room? asked an hotel clerk of a guest who had just arrived. "No sir," was the pompous reply, "I am a lawyer, sir, not a drummer. I am not selling merchandise: I am selling brains." "Ah, I see!" said the clerk: "of course you don't want a sample room when you don't carry any samples."

COAL shipments from Pictou this season up to the 19th inst. amounted to 143,350 tons, shipped by the different companies as under:

Vale Co.	14,637 tons.
Intercolonial Co.	60,922 "
Acadia Co.	31,428 "
Halifax Co.	36,363 "

143,350

BRADLEY BROS., steam block and pump makers in St. John, N. B., have dissolved. John retire.—Mr. David Will continue under old style.—Mr. W. H. Payzant, well known as a business man in Canning, N. S., died a few days ago, at the age of 58.—Mr. Warren Oliver, of Harvey, Albert County, N. B., merchant and contractor for the Albert Southern R. R., is, according to the *Moncton Times*, in financial difficulties. He owes the men employed on the road a considerable sum.

WE learn from the *Pictou News* that the Board of Health of that county appointed by Government, has met and framed a by-law, (preceded by a "Whereas, smallpox is prevalent in Quebec, P. E. Island and Cape Breton.") prohibiting any one coming, entering polling sections 1, 2 and 7 from these infected places, unless able to prove his or her vaccination within seven years; penalty \$20 to \$80. Prohibiting the removal of goods from such provinces until fumigated and disinfected; penalty for transgression, \$80.

THE business of the well-known firm of Wm. Darling & Co., wholesale hardware dealers, is to be continued by the heirs of the deceased William Darling under the old style. We understand that it is the intention to gradually concentrate the business of the Montreal and Toronto houses at the former city, where Messrs. A. & T. J. Darling, of this city, as well as their brothers, will reside. They will be in no hurry to carrying out this necessary step, however, and orders will meantime be filled from here as usual. The firm hopes to retain its western connection, and expects to cover the ground effectually by energetic efforts of travellers.

WE learn from the *New York Times* that one feature of the sale of securities in Liberty street Real Estate Exchange, on the 11th inst. was the animated bidding on a lot of 20 shares of the stock of the *Chemical National Bank*, one of the most successful banks in the U. S. The par of the stock is \$100 a share. The price brought was \$2,710 per share. An equal amount of the stock of the *Marine National Bank*, the one with which the Fish & Ward troubles have made the public familiar, was sold immediately after, the entire 20 shares bringing just \$3. Among the sales were the following:—

\$40,000 United States 4 per cent. coupon bonds, due 1907, at 123 11-16.

\$13,000 United States 4 per cent. registered bonds, due 1907, at 123 11-16.

THE death, last week, of Horace B. Clafin, the head of the widely known dry goods house in New York which bears his name, has occasioned a very general expression of regret. The dry goods trade of New York city assembled to pay tribute to the memory of the dead, when very eulogistic speeches were delivered. "But after all," says the *N. Y. Bulletin*, "the most eloquent and enduring eulogy of the man must be the lofty character of the man himself. Mr. Clafin was something more than a great merchant. He was a man with a broad mind, a big heart and a warm, human sympathy. It is true that the building up of the immense business of his firm was due, in a great measure, to his sagacity, foresight and rare business capacity; but at the same time in private and social life he was one of the most genial and accessible of men."

THE first important contribution to this collection of papers, says Mr. Douglas Brymner, keeper of the Historical Archives of Canada, was made by the War Office, which consented to transfer the Canadian Military correspondence, going back nearly 100 years, which was packed up in Halifax ready for transmission to London. "These papers number upwards of 200,000 documents of various shapes, sizes, and contents, and no provision having been made for clerical assistance, I was obliged, unassisted, to classify, arrange and prepare them for binding. They are now on the shelves bound in one thousand and eighty-seven (1,087) volumes." This it seems to us, is a modest statement of the finish of a hard and tiresome task. But this was several years ago, and we are pleased to know that Mr. Brymner has now some assistance in his labors as Archivist.

THERE have been some changes among Canadian hotel keepers. At London, Edwin Lee has sold out.—John Pollock has purchased Chas. Newburn's hotel at Belhaven.—J. Miller at Benmiller has sold his business to Thos. E. Elliott.—A. J. Arnold has sold his hotel at Port Elgin to Sparling & Wilkie. G. T. Lundy of Nelson, Man. is removing to Morton.—Napoleon Picard, of Lachine, has assigned.—W. H. Risteen, of Halifax, has given a bill of sale for \$1000. Other changes are as under: Fortye & Elliott have purchased the grocery and liquor business of H. Rush, at Peterboro.—Thos. Carberry has succeeded Carberry & Collier in the grocery business at Erin.—Harvey & Co. hardware dealers in Harriston, have sold out to A. Laidley.—Abbott & Essery general storekeepers at Centuria have dissolved partnership. The former continues the business.

IN London, Alex. S. Murray, jeweller, has assigned after being in business a number of years. He invested some money in real estate and had one of the finest stores in the west. These appear to have been too much of a load

for him to carry. During the past two years he has been struggling under difficulties. His principal creditor is in Montreal.—In this city the lithographic firm of Eastwood & Barfoot have assigned a second time. When they failed a year ago the style then being Grant, Barfoot & Co., they owed about \$15,000 and were given eighteen months to pay this sum, but have been unable to do so.—Kirk Watson, a confectioner in a small way at Deseronto, has assigned.—About a year ago E. Overell & Co., who came from Brockville, began the book business in Hamilton. After they had carried on there for about six months they obtained an extension of time and now they want to compromise at 40 per cent. It is thought that this offer will be accepted.

THE *Windsor Record*, which gives token of improvement under its new proprietor, Mr. Wallace Graham, has been making enquiry into grape culture in Essex County. The result shows that the crop has been a plentiful one in each of the last two seasons. A favorite variety is the Concord, which is productive and well suited for wine-making. Five tons of grapes to the acre of vineyard is regarded as an average yield. As to the quantity of grapes sold or wine produced this year in Sandwich there has been made 15,000 gallons and upwards, besides a large quantity of grapes were sold in the market. Mr. Le Boeuf, near Walkerville, made between 4,000 and 5,000 gallons. Mr. C. Janisse and Mr. Grivier, of the same place, sold about ten tons. A list is given of some twenty vine-growers in Essex. "Much of the native wine is sent to various parts of Ontario and Quebec. Mostly private gentlemen, such as bankers, merchants and men of easy circumstances use it. Ministers and priests of various denominations obtain it for sacramental purposes."

WE plead guilty to having published the following item, which we found, if we remember rightly, in a Pictou paper:—

"Seventy-eight horses, valued at \$8,000 were shipped from Summerside to the United States during the three months ending September 30th."

The *Summerside Journal* and *Western Pioneer* of 12th instant finds great fault with us for complimenting Summerside to that extent and declares that there were not only "78 horses, valued at \$8,000," but one hundred and ninety-six horses valued at \$21,232. Very good, we make the correction with pleasure, being glad to find that what seemed to us, up here, a creditable item of export, and was so mentioned by us, came far within the truth. But we deny what the *Pioneer* goes on to state, that this journal, among others, "not only cannot honestly give Prince Edward Island credit for anything, but grasps every chance to misrepresent this Province and its trade." We also deny that it is our habit to "misstate exports, distort facts" and that we "persistently and always misrepresent" the affairs of Prince Edward Island. As this is our first introduction to the *Summerside Journal*, which is evidently too angry to be just, we shall not say more than to give warning to the *Pictou News*, the *Chignecto Post*, the *Moncton Times*, the *New Glasgow Eastern Chronicle*, the *Colonial Standard*, the *Charlottetown Patriot*, and the *St. John and Halifax dailies*, to which we are often indebted for items concerning P. E. Island, that they must really be careful and not understate the exports of that charming province. Else they may, if western papers copy from them, assist to arouse the jealous patriotism of the journal which has made the discovery that there is a league among journalists elsewhere to slander and misrepresent Prince Edward Island.