

THERE is a good export demand in the maritime ports for dry fish which is being sent in large quantities to the West Indies and South America.

MESSRS. Reford & Dillon wholesale grocers and tea importers in Montreal have dissolved. Mr. Dillon retires. The remaining partners will, we understand, continue the business in that city.

THE harbour of Port Burwell is to be dredged, at a cost of \$10.000, by an Ogdensburg contractor. This is a work of considerable importance, as the harbour a place of refuge from storms on that shore of Lake Erie.

Some two or or three years ago the Dominion Government officials seized, at Halifax, a steam dredge which belonged to a contractor who had failed in an agreement to dredge the Cape Breton harbour. After passing the case through all the courts in Nova Scotia an appeal was made to the Privy Council, which has decided against the contractor and in favor of the Government.

THE machinery agency, established in Montreal by Mr. Albert B. Savage, which was to introduce to Canadian manufacturers all the latest novelties in labor-saving machines and patents, fell, at Mr. Savage's removal from the scene, into the hands of Messrs, Buchanan, Ware & Co. This firm has not been succesful, however, and a demand in insolvency was made upon them on Tuesday last.

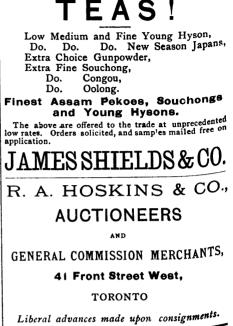
LATEST advices from the Magdalen Islands report sixty Nova Scotia and American schooners there, and as herring are very plentiful, a full catch is expected. A good beginning to the fishing season will brighten business matters wonderfully, and accomplish for the Lower Provinces what a promising harvest does for Ontario.

A FIRST dividend sheet of twenty cents for the estate of Messrs. T. Fraser & Co., the car spring firm, of Halifax, has been issued to the creditors. There are no less than 125 creditors with amounts varying from that of a banking institution of \$52,438 down to a tradesman's account for \$1.00; nearly \$70,000 out of the \$00,000 of liability is due to banks, which have been bled by this firm in a peculiar manner.

THE large tea house of Messrs. Thomson Abbott & Co., of Halifax, has made an assignment, not under the Act, to three trustees, for the benefit of their creditors. It is not improbable, before the estate is released, that recourse will be had to the Insolvent Act. The dividend to creditors will be very small, as all their tea is pledged for advances, and the conduct of the members of the firm, in carrying on their business so long when thoroughly rotten, is severely commented on. Baring Bros. of London, are the principal creditors.

IT turns out that from mistaken views of economy the Humane Establishment at Sable Island has been kept on short allowance of provisions, and the passengers and crew of the American ship Neptune after having escaped with their lives from the perils of waters, were in imminent danger of starvation. An American fishing schooner actually had to part with her stores to feed the look out men on the Island who were meditating a recourse to the flesh of those tough animals called Sable Island ponies. Under the administration of Nova Scotia a year's supply of provisions was always kept on hand. now the Island on the hand to mouth principle.

THE Fredericton Board of Trade at a full meeting discussed the Central R. R. of New Brunswick, and the Mirimachi Valley line, with reference to the \$5,000 per mile Provincial sub- doubt that this game has gone on for years.



sidy, being angled for by the rival lines. The following resolution carried with but two votes against it : "Resolved, That in the opinion of this board the construction of the Miramichi Valley Railway would not only prove beneficial to the interests of the ports on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, but would also add very materially to the trade of this city and county ; and further resolved, that this board urge upon our representatives to use their best efforts to forward its construction at as early a day as possible.

BENJAMIN KILLAMS, of Yarmouth, Vice-President of the Exchange Bank, is missing, and with him the funds of Messrs. Young, Kinney & Corning's estate, of which he was assignee. These funds amounted to \$25,000, and, together with valuable township bonds of which he was commissioner, it would seem that the culprit has escaped with \$50,000 worth of property. As his bondsmen are rich the estate will not suffer, but the affair has given a great shock to the community, where his character and reputation stood very high. He was a member of one of Yarmouth's largest shipping houses.

MARITIME Province smugglers are ingenious in their attempts to defraud the revenue. Several casks of vinegar and water were shipped on board the St. Pierre steamer from one of the seaboard ports, and purported to come from the bonded warehouse as brandy and rum; at the same time entries were made in the customs house for the real articles. The game was to ship the bogus casks to St. Pierre and take the real casks to the shop of the shippen and thus save the amount of the duty. Forged marks were of course on the "frauds" making the customs authorities all right, but the whole thing was discovered in time. There is no