

Mitchell was asked to bonus a carpet factory and refused. Mitchell may never be filled with empty smoke stacks and vacant factories, but one thing is certain, if she continues in her wisdom the inhabitants of the town will always be able to pay their taxes.

At the beginning of the month another advance was recorded in the cotton goods market. A B shirting was advanced six per cent. by D. Morrice & Co., the manufacturer's agents. Following the advances previously noted, this must be taken as a sign of great strength.

A number of wool buyers are advising farmers, in view of the American market being open to Canadians, to market their wool unwashed. The question is a debatable one, and the interests of the merchant and the farmer may possibly not lie in the same direction.

The official estimate of the prospective Egyptian cotton crop places the present area at 1,075,000 acres, with a possible crop, under favoring conditions, of 1,050,000 bales American standard. Shipments of Egyptian long stapled cotton to the United States continue to increase, and for the commercial year 1894-95 will amount to 47,500, or equivalent to 71,000 bales of American standard. The shipments ten years ago were less than 4,000.

There appears, says a writer in the *Drapers' Record*, to be a perfect rage for crepons and kindred dress materials. Some are of silk, and others of pure mohair, with cross silk stripes, which give a bright silken appearance to the fabric. Many of the finest examples I have seen hail from Paris. These command a high price, and are necessarily scarce. Repeats are urgently required, but are very slow in coming to hand. Those who anticipated the demand, and who bought early, are now in an enviable position.

The *Drapers' Record*, May 25th, says: "The following buyers and travellers have sailed westwards: Mr. W. D. Michael (Messrs. Gordon, Mackay & Co., Toronto), Mr. Ernest Hamel (Messrs. Hamel Frères, Quebec), and Mr. J. Black (Messrs. R. Linton & Co., Montreal). Mr. Black sailed by the Dominion liner "Vancouver," which also conveyed Mr. J. C. McLimont and his bride to Canada. Mr. W. T. Minnes (Messrs. Macnee & Minnes) returned to Canada on Saturday by the "Campania." Mr. John Boyd (Messrs. Boyd, Bower & Brummel, Toronto), Mr. R. C. Struthers (Messrs. R. C. Struthers & Co., London, Ontario), Mr. A. B. Macpherson (Messrs. Lonsdale, Reid & Co., Halifax) and Mr. T. Brophy (Messrs. Brophy, Cains & Co., Montreal), have also sailed.

FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

Hull is to have new market premises.

The Fearman pork factory at Hamilton suffered from a \$15,000 fire on Sunday.

The Owen Sound evaporating factory will be conducted during the coming season by Mr. Geo. Wilcox.

Woodstock ratepayers will vote on June 24th on a by-law for the erection of market sheds to cost \$9,000.

The inevitable consequence of a rising wheat market, an advance in the price of bread, is making itself felt.

It is estimated that there are about 15,000 bushels of wheat in the farmers' hands within hauling distance of Forest.

The Eastern markets are being supplied with fish caught along the Atlantic coast, and until this supply is exhausted shipments of fresh salmon from British Columbia will cease.

The employees of Messrs. Rankin, biscuit manufacturers, St. John, recently struck for a Saturday half holiday, but soon decided that idleness does not pay, and are now back at work.

A Patron storekeeper near Kingston recently sent an order to a wholesale firm for 12 bbls. of nutmegs, or at least so the illegible writing of the farmer-merchant was interpreted. The order was probably intended for 12 lbs.

The shipments of fish on Saturday, says the *Yarmouth Times*, amounted in value to \$14,000, consisting of 1,002 barrels of mackerel, 827 crates of lobsters, 434 cases and 200 half cases of canned lobsters, 6 boxes of salmon, and 36 cases of halibut.

The cheese factories in Kings and the two adjoining counties, says the *St. John Sun*, are opening for the season under most favorable conditions. New factories will be opened this season in nearly every county in the Province of New Brunswick where dairying is carried on to any extent.

The Barnsdale Trading Co. of Stratford, Limited, has been incorporated to carry on, with a capital of \$20,000, the grocery business now conducted in Stratford by E. K. Barnsdale & Co.; the persons constituting the company are E. K. Barnsdale, F. W. Byatt, J. E. Barnsdale and Mrs. Barnsdale and Mrs. Byatt.

Vermont stands at the head of all States in the amount of maple sugar produced yearly—9,000,000 pounds—and with the sugar 100,000

gallons of molasses. Following Vermont come New York with 6,000,000 pounds, Ohio with 2,500,000, New Hampshire with 2,000,000, Pennsylvania with 1,800,000, Indiana with 1,500,000, and Massachusetts, Virginia, Kentucky, and West Virginia high on the list. —*New England Grocer*.

The following is a statement of shipments of black Singapore and Penang pepper from the Straits, January 1st to June 1st:

	1895.	1894.
America, tons	3,571	1,120
Continent, "	4,135	3,615
England, "	3,465	3,355
Total	11,175	8,090

PATENT RECORD.

The following list of United States patents, granted to Canadian inventors, April 30th, May 7th, 14th and 21st, 1895, is reported by James Sangster, patent attorney, Buffalo, N.Y.:

William Chandler, North Bend, lamp-wick trimmer.

James Houlehan, assignor of part to R. Laird, Chicago, Ill., C. J. B. MacIvor and W. H. Laird, Toronto, and J. R. Barclay, Montreal, magnetic ore separator.

John L. Jones, Toronto, cinder-sifter.

John A. Sinclair, Kingston, book-holder.

Henry Ievers, Quebec, toothache remedy and surgical dressing. (Trademark.)

David T. Baxter, Hamilton, combined carbon-roll holder, and temporary binder for manifolding tablets.

Charles W. Lutes, assignor to R. Muir, Winnipeg, tea chest.

Joseph H. Hantion, Hull, match-splint coiling machine.

Henry E. Moffatt, Galt, oil-extractor for exhaust steam.

Edna W. Troop, Windsor, bouquet holder.

Selden S. Casey, London, metal fabric.

Jules Colas, Montreal, draining well.

Silas Fader, Vancouver, car for transporting coal, etc.

George McKinney, Hamilton, instrument for laying out stair-strings.

James Morrison, Toronto, valve.

Joseph E. Porter, Ottawa, Ill., scraping machine for streets, etc.

Daniel D. Wilson, assignor to W. B. Close, Toronto; hand-fire extinguisher.

William H. Rodger, Ottawa, medicinal tonic for nervous weakness. (Trademark.)

INSURANCE NOTES.

An eastern exchange tells us that the home office of the *Ætna Life*, of Hartford, has recently been undergoing a renovation to make room for its rapidly growing accident department.

The directors of the *Guardian Fire and Life Assurance Company*, Limited, recommend a dividend of 5s. per £10 share, making with the interim dividend, 7s. 6d. per £10 share, or 7½ per cent., for the year.

In the Montreal city council the other day, at the urgent request of the chief of the fire brigade, who said he had an insufficient supply of hose for a large fire, it was decided to invite tenders for 10,000 feet of new hose.

The death is announced of Mr. F. J. Roan, who for many years acted as cashier at the London office of the *Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company*. Mr. Roan was in the 72nd year of his age, and had been in the service of the company nearly fifty years.

Consequent on the retirement of Mr. A. H. Bailey, the directors of the *London Assurance Corporation* have extended the duties of their fire manager, Mr. James Clunes, to those of principal officer in the life department. In this he will have the co-operation of Mr. Robert Cross, F.I.A., who for the past four years has been assistant actuary.

The directors of the *Northern Assurance Company* recommended to the general meeting of shareholders to be held on the 14th proximo:—"That the sum of £50,000 be added to the fire Reserve Fund; that a further dividend of £1 5s. per share, and a bonus of 5s. per share, be paid on account of the year 1894, making the total distribution for the year £2 10s. per share."

We understand that D. M. Telford, for many years connected with the *Canadian Pacific Railway*, has been appointed manager at *Winnipeg* of the *Provident Savings Life Association Company*, of New York, which position was filled by Mr. J. G. Moore, who resigned in December last. Mr. Telford being well and favorably known in *Winnipeg*, the appointment is looked upon as very satisfactory.

The *Insurance Record* of London says:—"We regret to record the death, at the age of 67, of Mr. James Robb, who for many years occupied the position of fire manager of the *Northern Assurance Com-*