

Loading Wholesale Trade of Montreal. S. GREENSHIELDS, SON & CO., WHOLESALE DRY GOODS MERCHANTS, 17, 19 & 21 Victoria Square, -AND-730, 732, 734, 736 Graig St., MONTREAL. Mercantile Summary. We understand that Mr. W. B. Dean, late

manager of the Stadacona bank, has been appointed inspector of the Quebec Bank. A BRIGANTINE is being built at Dorchestor,

which, when completed is to be loaded with lumber and general cargo and sent to the Fiji Islands. This is a new venture, says the Moncton *Transcript*.

A HALIFAX daily states that the saw mill of Messrs. Davison & Sons, at Bridgewater, the most extensive lumbermen in Nova Scotia, will be actively employed this season in cutting lumber for foreign markets.

R. V. BARKEB & Co., druggists of St. John N. B-, have assigned owing some \$17,000, some preferences existing. They claimed a surplus at last stock taking of \$4,000 to \$5,000. They obtained a partial extension several years ago.

THE production of petroleum in the United States was about one fifth, or say 6,000,000 gallons, less last year than in the year preceding, and stocks on hand were not increased at the rate they had been. On 1st February last, the net stocks in tank were 35.766,000 barrels.

HON. JOHN STEVENSON died in Napanee last week at the age of 72. A Baldwin Reformer in politics. the deceased was Speaker of the Ontario Legislature in John Sandfield Macdonald's time, and was afterwards interested in business in this city. Latterly he had been engaged in the Brush Works and other enterprises.

An Ottawa despatch states that the large mill of the Messrs. Caldwell at Carleton Place will commence operations shortly. This mill would be idle had it not been for the decision given in the famous case of Caldwell vs. McLaren. Over 60,000 logs that have been held above Mr. Peter McLaren's improvements for two or three years will now be brought down. The same authority declares that Mr. J. R. Booth, lumberman, is building a five mile railway for himself between Lake Nipissing and Lake Nosbonsig, to cost \$100,000.

THE people of Montreal are moving in the important matter of providing an asylum for the Protestant insane of that city and neighborhood who have heretofore been sent, perforce, to the asylum of the Religious Ladies of La Providence, Longe Pointe. A public meeting was held to consider the subject, and the committee appointed thereat met on Tuesday last, Rev. Dr. Potts in the chair. The city members, Messrs. White and Gault, several elergymen and a number of influential citizens—smong them Mr. Alfred Perry, who has done much to call attention to the need for this asylum—are members of this committee.