

HUSBAND—"How did you get along with your shopping to-day?" Wife—"Splendidly! Called at fifteen places and didn't buy a thing."—*Cloak Review*.

THE Sherbrooke by-law authorizing the issue of debentures by the amount of \$50,000 for permanent improvements, has been sanctioned by the Lieutenant-Governor.

THE Lehigh Valley propeller "Saranac" brought down the great lakes 152,000 bushels of oats. This almost equals the record for carrying the biggest load which has for seven years been held by the "Onoko."

THE output from the mines of the Alberta Railway and Coal Company is now over 1,000 tons per day, says the *Winnipeg Free Press*, about 400 tons of which is consumed in Canada, the balance going to the various business centres in Montana.

THE barge "Hecla," of the Kingston and Montreal Forwarding Company, has been chartered to transport corn from Chicago to Montreal, via Ogdensburg, at 4½ cents per bushel, the lowest rate of this low season, if not of any season.

"THE greatest piece of luck I ever had," said Peter Cooper, "was investing the first surplus money I earned in a lottery ticket. I lost, but I gained this experience: that the wheel of fortune is only turned by common sense applied to common events."

THREE launches of wooden vessels were announced on Saturday last in New Brunswick: A three-masted schooner from Sayrs' shipyard, St. John; also a three-masted schooner at Merritt's shipyard, near St. John. These vessels make four launches near St. John within a few weeks.

CHAUNCEY VIBBARD, of New York, in his day the foremost railroad man in America, and who is regarded to-day as "the father of railroads," died on Saturday last at Macon, Ga., in the eightieth year of his age. Death was the result of a general breaking down of his system consequent upon old age.

A RETIRED sea captain, named J. S. Wilson, who was one of the first settlers in the Lake Megantic district, starting a small general store business, has been asked to assign by the Merchants Bank. He is a very respectable old gentleman, who has been postmaster at Agnes ever since the post-office was established there, but lacking in business experience, etc. He invested the most of his savings in wild lands, which have not appreciated to the extent expected.—Joseph Julien, general dealer,

hotel keeper, etc., at Pont Rouge, Que., has made his creditors an offer of 50c. in the dollar, which has not been accepted, and a demand of assignment has been made on him. Liabilities direct, \$6,000; indirect, \$5,200. He has been in business here many years, but compromised once before at 40c., and is said to have had to get other indulgences at different times.

THE annual meeting of the shareholders of the Parry Sound Colonization Railway was held at Parry Sound, last week. The head engineer reported that 25 miles of line was chopped and logged out, 14 miles graded and all trestle and bridge work completed. Ties for 20 miles were on hand, and rails for 11 miles. Nine miles of track had been laid and five miles ballasted. The first section of 10 miles will be completed 15th June, and the second section, of 10 miles more, completed by Sept. 1st.

MACAULAY'S New Zealander will have to wait some time yet before he sketches St. Paul's ruins from a broken arch of London Bridge. The good old city is still doing business. On Wednesday, May 20th, between ten and four o'clock, probably the largest number of vessels ever known to arrive in the port of London in one day were entered at the Custom House, when 96 vessels reported their cargoes, in addition to a large number from coasting ports. The docks have never been so busy since the great strike two years ago.

THE most succulent and refreshing viand, tripe, so little known on the table of the upper ten thousand, has been put to a new use. Some ingenious person, when it was proposed to put a duty on hides, experimented with tripe as raw material, and succeeded in producing a very unique article of leather, in which the honeycomb effect is admirably preserved. Tripe thus tanned is soft and yielding, yet strong and durable, and especially fitted for the manufacture of slippers and other light footwear.—*Shoe and Leather Review*.

FEW towns in Ontario have made more substantial progress than the city of Stratford. The new stores, hotels, dwellings and other buildings are to be counted by hundreds. Especially worthy of mention is the new county court building and the post office. These would be ornaments in any city. Amongst the improvements, too, are the fine offices of the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Commerce. The latter used to be the old stand of James Corcoran, one of Stratford's most respected merchants, on the corner of

Market and Ontario Sts.—the business centre of the city. Both Mr. Plummer, the manager of the Bank of Montreal, and Mr. Maynard, of the Bank of Commerce, have evinced good taste in the arrangements of their offices and the light and handsome appearance they present.

LAST week, the "Colby" and three whale-back barges passed down, loaded with wheat. The "Colby" had on a cargo of 67,000 bushels, and each of the three barges carried 82,000 bushels, making a total of 313,000 bushels. With this enormous quantity of grain on board the draft of water was only fourteen feet.

A VERY striking example of what can be accomplished by the engraver and the printing press of to-day may be seen between the covers of the *Engraver and Printer* for April. The reproductions in half-tone of well known pictures are most delicately done, while the clear-cut type makes it a pleasure to read the various articles in a journal devoted to all that is artistic in book-work. What with the *Inland Printer* for the compositor, and the *Engraver and Printer* for the draughtsman and the pressman, the craft has at least two magazines which set its members a high standard of taste.

THE value of lands in the Red River valley has not been depressed by the general financial stringency which affects almost all values in the Western States. So says the *Free Press*, of Winnipeg. Last week there were sold in Grand Forks, at auction, in five counties bordering on the Red River, 30,126 acres. This was bought by farmers living adjacent to the lands, and the prices which they paid may be taken as the *bona fide* value. The total amount for which the lands were sold was \$592,869.29, or an average of \$19.67 per acre.

MR. MULDOON, of Thornhill, is not the famous wrestler of that name, although he has wrestled with trade for a number of years. He is in the coal and wood business, and has now been compelled to ask for a settlement of his liabilities at 30 cents on the dollar, an offer which it is thought will be accepted.—Bucolism, Business, and Bankruptcy are the three evolutionary stages which many farmers are compelled to go through ere they are convinced that storekeeping is not their forte. T. S. Kennedy, of Kintail, is one of that number.—W. M. McMillan, gents' furnishings, and Jno. O'Leary, plumber, are two minor failures that have recently occurred in this city.

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