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San Salvador advices state that the newly established diet of the Central American unton has addressed a circular to all friendly nations. It is expected that Gustemala and Costa Rica will enter the union as soon as they see the satisfactory results which politicians say will assuredly head-to-ined. be obtained.

The Eastern Prince, which passed Gib-raltar on the 26th inst. has in her cargo 5,000 bbls. of Almeria grapes. This is the third shipment of the season and there are now on the way 9,900 bbls. The first ship ment of 2,000 bbls. on the Alsatia is expected in New York about the end of this week or the beginning of the next.

The Government directors of the Union Pacific Railroad have submitted their annual report. The earnings and expenses annual report. The earnings and expenses of the road for the past veur, as compared with those of 1895, were .—Gross earnings \$14,083,345, a decrease of \$151,189; operating expenses, \$8,765,942 a decrease of \$650-185; surplus earnings, \$1,735,675, an increase of \$77,045. The physical condition of the property is excellent in every

Thomas J. Quinn, Chairman of the Excutive Committee, announces that the protect both.

Huron township and Kincar dine were startled recently by the report to at Robert Thompson, reeve of Huron, hat I made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The report was confirmed when, at the meeting of Council at Ripely, Mar. Thompson handed in his resignation, and sorrowfully left the chair.

A meeting of the Canadian creditors of the Gates Lumber Company of Bay City, Mich., was held in the office of Mr. E. R. MICH., was held in 5the office of Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson. A statement was presented showing liabilities of \$500,000 and assets of \$500,000. The latter consists of timber limits and plant in the Georgian Bay district. Mr. Clarkson was instructed to wind the estate up in conjunction with the Union Trust Company of Detroit, which represents the American creditors. There are about a dozen Canadian firms interested in the failure, and only a small. interested in the failure, and only a small dividend is expected.

The Newfoundland fish buyers, for the first time in many years, are now giving a much better price for the staple article than the Halifax men. Fed a long time it used to be the boast of the Halifax lish buyers that they could come on the New foundland coast over-bid the local buyers. Excutive Committee, announces that the thirteenth annual convention of the Association of Booksellers, Newsdealers and Stationers will be held in Boston, Mass, on October 6 and 7. The questions to be considered by this convention are:—1, An alliance of publishers for mutual silvantage; 2, measures to meet the competition of the department store; 3, the organization of the trade in the United States and Canada; 4, methods to change the present unjust postal laws; 5, a plan to be pushed forward which will help the trade to deal direct with publishers and project both.

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The township rate of Malden is only three and one-half mills, and no statute labor, the road work being done by tender.

Men are engaged packing the grain, grasses, etc., collected by order of the Manitoba provincial government for exhibition purposes abroad. The collection embraces besides wheat, oats and barley, some fine samples of cultivated grasses, and also some ensilage corn, the stalks of which are from eleven to twelve feet in length.

The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia rendered a dicision in the case of Daniel Drawbaugh, who was refused patents for certain alleged improvements in telephone transmitters. The decision was written by Chief Justice Alvery and affirms the decree of the Commissioner of Patents. The Court of Appeals held that Mr. Drawbaugh never was the inventor of

Novelty weaves in plaids are considered Novelty weaves in plaids are considered very good by jobbets, particularly in poplin or corded weaves with bold silk plaid effects. Novelty effects are well maintained in price. Jobbets have well sustained ideas as regards values, and price concessions are less pronounced than usual at this stage of the season. The small quantities taken during the first round of purchases lead jobbers to believe that the follows. chases lead jobbers to believe that the fall season will result in an extended supplementary demand, and that they will find no difficulty in cleaning up their stocks at full prices. Stocks in all directions are far from burdensome, and a little effort on the Staples show better results, and in some quarters a good demand is reported for serges in heavy broad wale varieties. Henriettas and cashmeres are still quiet, however, and easy to buy.