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THE Quebec City Council have resolved to make no further payments to the North Shore Railway, owing to the inability of the Company to continue the work on the line. When the construction of the road is proceeded with the city agrees to pay the balance of the subscribed stock, if no interest be charged until the railway is completed.

A GROCERY firm doing business in the central portion of Canada, after a recent fire claimed from the insurance companies 80 per cent. damage by smoke on liquors contained in casks. The claim being considered somewhat novel, it was put to a practical test outside of the cellar, and it was admitted that no damage had been done.

ADVICES from the south shore of Nova Scotia are unfavorable as to fishing interests. From Margaret's Bay comes word that fish continue scarce, and settlers are struggling with the army worm and the potato rot. At other settlements the damp weather has interfered with fish-trading, and the prospect for fall and winter is depressing.

THE Northern Colonization Railway sent a deputation to Quebec last week to solicit the Local Government to complete the work. Ministers promised their "consideration," and have since it is said agreed to carry on the project. There is no question that the suspension of operations along the line occasions embarrassment to numerous store-keepers and others who have furnished supplies, and are obliged to wait for their pay. It is also stated that the Quebec Government will continue the works upon the North Shore R. R. as far as Three Rivers.

THERE is every prospect of a short supply in coffee during the coming season according to latest reports from Rio, Santos, Java, and Ceylon. Circulars from Rio, estimate the crop

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of last season at 4,200,000 bags, while the prospective supplies of 1875-6 are not beyond 3,000,000, but the quality promises to be much better than that of the old yield.

THE New Brunswick Manufacturers & Mechanic's Exhibition, opens on the 7th September at St John. The Provincial Government have given a grant to the enterprise and the Dominion authorities have made it a depot for the receipt and selection of New Brunswick goods for the International Exposition next year. Steam power is being supplied to drive such machinery as may be brought, and the Car Shed as well as the Skating Rink have been secured for the purpose of the Exhibition. The customary enterprize of St. John has been brought to bear in this matter, and we hope the results will be as favourable as the preparations deserve.

QUEBEC and Montreal merchants say that remittances are backward to a degree seldom known before. There seems to be no money in the country; nearly every trader asks for delay in his payments, and looks forward to September to enable him to get in money. Purchases made in those cities are mainly for present wants, and neither in person nor through travellers are any buying heavily.

THE Hon. David A. Wells says: "The practical results of the excessive American duties on the article of steel may be shown by the fact that in 1872 the Michigan Central R. R. relaid its track near Detroit with steel rails costing \$97 gold per ton, while across the river, a few miles away, the Canada Southern R. R. was laying down the same kind of rails at a cost of \$70 gold per ton.

ST. CATHARINES is known to be one of the largest Canadian towns. It is suggested to make it the largest, by incorporating with it the adjacent villages of Thorold and Merriton, both

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manufacturing points. The population of these if united would reach about fifteen thousand.

A "COUNTRY merchant," in a letter too lengthy for publication, complains of the inconvenience and loss suffered by retailers in their not insisting on a more frequent settlement of accounts with farmers, who in many parts still cling to the old system of paying their bills every December. In his opinion, no account should be allowed, under ordinary circumstances, to extend beyond six months, and to effect prompt payment both on the part of the farmer and the retailer, the wholesale trade should get their customers in the country to combine for that purpose. There is no excuse for farmers delaying the adoption of the cash system, as most of them are within convenient distances of railways, where they can at all times receive cash for their products, and besides this, the benefit arising from short accounts is well known to all.

MR. KERR, of the firm of Kerr & Wilson, wholesale grocers, who assigned a short time ago in this city, has been arrested on a charge of misrepresenting the state of his affairs, and secreting his effects with intent to defraud his creditors. His business seems to have been conducted in the most reprehensible manner. In January, 1874, stock was taken, and the firm concluded they had from ten to fifteen thousand dollars invested in the trade. At the beginning of the present year they came to a similar conclusion; after having only partially taken stock. During the spring, and up to the latter part of July, the business was represented as perfectly solvent, and on the strength of such representation goods were obtained as late as the 26th of July. Within a few days afterwards they became bankrupt, and Mr. Kerr has since stated, under examination, that early in the