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THE first shipment of eggs direct from Tilsonburg to Liverpool, Eng., was made the other day by C. W. Riley, of Ingersoll.

THE municipal council of Berthier, Que., voted a bonus of \$5,000 to the Ralston Manufacturing Company.

SOME New York and Hamilton capitalists are seeking incorporation as the Hoffman Patent Caster Company, of Canada, with headquarters at Hamilton, and a capital of \$60,000.

THE authorities of the city of Victoria, British Columbia, ask for tenders for the purchase of \$185,000 worth of debentures bearing 5 per cent. and having twenty-five years to run.

It is proposed by the city council of Toronto to purchase a ten million gallon pumping engine of the rotatory or fly-wheel type, and the chairman of the water-works committee is inviting tenders to this end.

THE Owen Sound Portland Cement Company has received an order from Hugh Ryan & Co., contractors for the new canal on the Canadian side of the Sault, for all the cement the company can furnish between now and the close of navigation.

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THE exhibit to be made at the Chicago Fair by Krupp, the celebrated gun maker, will represent an expenditure of \$1,500,000. The largest cannon ever made, weighing 122 tons, will be in the exhibit, as will be also several hundred tons of war material.

THERE is an immense growth of grass and weeds on the streets of the town this year, says the *Whitby Chronicle*. Surely the merchants of that place do not want the impression to go abroad that they allow the grass to grow under their feet. What's a town council and a merchants' association good for?

It is stated by the *Amherstburg Leader* that Mr. A. H. Daugharty has withdrawn from the firm of Daugharty & Eede of the Leamington sash and door factory, with which he has been connected for the past eight years, and goes to assume a position with Robert Fair, formerly of Leamington, but now lumbering in a large way at Chicago.

THE *Peterboro' Examiner* of last Friday says that "a drive of logs consisting of 230,000 pieces, the property of the Rathbun Company of Deseronto, and the Gilmour Company of Trenton, is passing down the Trent river now. Over 100 men are employed on the drive, which is one of the largest that ever passed through these waters."

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A RECENT British Consular report on trade echoes a complaint which has been heard very frequently of late. Foreign traders, says the writer, are positively inundated with circulars and price lists, while parcels of similar things are loaded upon the consuls. Most of these, we are told, go straight into the waste-paper basket. "Trade papers, on the other hand, are," says the Consul, "read with avidity, and such advertisements as they contain receive a certain amount of attention."

A BUFFALO dispatch to the *New York World* says: William Watts, a well-known produce dealer in the market, who brings most of his goods from Canada, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of smuggling opium. He had been under suspicion some time and had been watched. The officials learned that he was in the habit of bringing over about \$3,000 worth of opium each trip. His scheme was ingenious. He lined the bottom of his wagon with eggs and in the centre put a quantity of opium. The bottom layer of the egg crates was usually filled with opium. Watts made about \$3 a can on the stuff. He bought it in Canada for \$5 a can and sold it for \$8. There are a dozen Chinamen implicated in the smuggling scheme.

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