

LETTERS patent have been issued to the Producers' Oil Refining Company, of Petrolia; capital \$50,000.

THE New Brunswick Granite Works at Carleton are being repaired, and are to resume operations about the middle of the month.

MR. C. J. R. KERR, manager of the bank of Nova Scotia agency in Fredericton, has been transferred to St. John. Mr. D. R. Forgan, of the head office, goes to Fredericton.

WEDNESDAY, 25th inst., is named as the day for the annual shareholders' meeting of the Cornwall Manufacturing Co. It will be held in the offices of H. & A. Allan in Montreal.

THE Graham Manufacturing Company, makers of twist drills, bits, chucks, &c., have removed their machinery from London to Galt, and propose extending the business.

TENDERS asked last month for clearing, grading and bridging 20 miles of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway from Esquimalt northward, are to be opened this week, at Victoria.

"YES," said the grocer, "they make sugar out of beets now;" and then, looking sadly at a list of bad accounts on his books, he added, "and a good deal of my sugar goes back to beets again."

MR. TREMENT has resigned his position as manager of the Molsons Bank, Woodstock, and will be succeeded in the management of the branch by Mr. C. M. McQuaig, accountant at London.

BUSINESS connected with the mills at Burrard Inlet is quite brisk, says the *Guardian* of 25th ult. There are seven vessels at Hastings Mill, loading sawn lumber or spars for different parts of the world, and one at Moodyville.

IRON mining in the township of Bristol is going on vigorously. About thirty teams are engaged in drawing the ore to Braeside, whence it is conveyed by railway car to Renfrew, thence on the Kingston Railway to Kingston.

"WHY don't you trade with me?" said a close fist-ed tradesman to a publisher, the other day. "Because," was the characteristic reply, "you have never asked me, sir. I have looked all through the papers for an invitation in the shape of an advertisement."

MR. GEORGE STEPHEN tells Mr. Norquay, in a telegram from Montreal some days ago, that "I think you may safely assure inquirers that Manitoba Southwestern line will be extended to Whitewater Lake in ample time to move next crop."

"MR. F. W. FEARMAN," says the *Hamilton Spectator*, "some time ago offered a series of cash prizes for the best dressed load of hogs, owned and fed by their exhibitors. The competition came off satisfactorily and the show was probably the best of its kind ever seen in Canada."

VICTORIA'S Board of Trade has sent a memorial to the Postmaster General at Ottawa, protesting against the name of "Vancouver" being applied to the terminal city of the C. P. R. on the Pacific, and stating that no application for the change of name from Hastings to Vancouver had been received.

ON the 4th instant, the annual meeting of the Joggins Coal Mining Association was held in St. John. The directors' report showed that about 25,000 tons of coal were raised and sold in the year 1894. All the plant and machinery are in first-class condition and the out-put for the ensuing year will likely be increased to 80,000 tons. Financially the business of the association for the year is declared successful. The old board of directors was re-elected. Mr. James Kennedy was re-elected president and manager, Henry Duffell secretary, and P. W. McNaughton manager at the mines.

THE newly elected officers of the Burland Lithographic Co. do not differ from the old ones. Here is the list:—G. B. Burland, president and general manager; W. D. McLaren, vice-president; Jos. Lafrechain, Chas. Garth, Geo. Ross, M. D., Robt. Miller, Jeffrey H. Burland; J. Arthur Davis, secretary-treasurer.

THE annual meeting of the St. Anne's Spinning company was held on the 6th instant, at their offices in Hochelaga. The following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. A. F. Gault, W. J. Whitehead, J. O. Villeneuve, Andrew Robertson, D. Morrice, A. F. Ewing and Jacques Grenier. Mr. A. F. Gault was chosen president, Mr. W. J. Whitehead vice-president, and Mr. A. Cinq Mars secretary.

HERE is what the *Edmonton Bulletin* has to say about iron &c. in the North-West: "J. Haney is steadily working at his mine up the river, and has taken out several tons of almost pure iron ore, besides what he supposes to be precious metals. It is supposed by some that the iron ore deposit is of meteoric origin similar to a large meteorite found a number of years ago near Battle River, which was so pure that nails were made from part of it at the Hudson's Bay post."

THE British Columbian Legislature will be asked this session to incorporate a company to build and maintain water works to supply the town of Esquimalt, the Royal Naval Dock Yard, the Royal Naval Hospital and the residents of the Peninsula bounded by Victoria Arm and Harbor, the straits of Fuca and Esquimalt Harbor, and to give the privilege of taking water from Thetis Lake and Deadman's river, with power to the said company to build flumes, aqueducts, lay pipes, erect dams, acquire lands, &c., &c.

THE shareholders of the Canada Cotton Company held their annual general meeting last week at the company's offices, John street, Montreal. The manager's annual report was submitted, and adopted unanimously, unanimity and good feeling being shown by the shareholders. The following were made directors for the ensuing year:—Gilbert Scott, James P. Dawes, John McDonald, Hon. D. McInnes, E. Kerwin, A. Prevost, Wm. Ramsay, Hugh McLennan.

THE annual meeting of the Adams Tobacco Company, was held on the 3rd inst. at its offices, Notre Dame street, Montreal. The reports submitted are understood to have been of a satisfactory nature. The following gentlemen were then elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Andrew Allan; Vice-President, Mr. Jackson Rae; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. A. McKeand; Directors, Messrs. E. H. Botteril, H. Montagu Allan and Thomas Logan.

ABOUT as instructive a showing in a small way as any we have seen of late, is that just made by Mr. L. A. Champagne, a small general dealer of St. Clothilde, Que. Mr. Champagne has only been in business about a year, and he owes \$1,321, while he has apparent assets of \$266, so that Mr. C. has not only dissipated whatever capital of his own he may have had to start on, but has also sunk over \$1,000 of his creditors money as well. What has become of it, is the interesting question for the creditors to solve.

THE Nova Scotia Sugar Refinery was the scene of an animated meeting on Tuesday, 3rd instant, in Halifax. We have referred elsewhere to the tenor of the annual report. Mr. Allison Smith presided, and said that the stock on hand, both raw and manufactured, had materially increased in value since the first of the year, and thus the position of the refinery was really much better than shown in the report. The new board elected is as follows:—T. E. Kenny, Allison Smith, Robert Boak, S. M. Brookfield, James

Thompson, J. F. Stairs and T. A. Ritchie, the two latter replacing M. Dwyer and J. J. Bremner, resigned. The refinery is now working about two-thirds of its capacity, and is just now filling an order for 2,000 barrels.

THE first meeting of the shareholders of the Quebec and Levis Electric Light Co., was held on the 2nd inst., when directors were chosen as under: Hon. P. Garneau, Messrs. H. T. Machin, A. Thomson, E. J. Price and Col. J. B. Forsyth. A. Thomson, Esq., was elected President, and Hon. P. Garneau Vice-President, Mr. Mohr is Manager and Mr. Brocklesby, Secretary-treasurer. The subscribed capital of \$50,000 being deemed sufficient for the present requirements of the company the list is closed. The new engine and dynamos received will enable the company to supply an increase in number of lights.

THEY are making progress in Selkirk with the project of smelting works. A by-law for a bonus has been formally passed by the town council of East Selkirk, payable in twenty years, and conditional upon the building and maintaining of a forty-ton blast furnace and a staff sufficient. Private capitalists have also secured to the company 50 acres of land free of charge. The company has at this time a gang of men working at their docks and other buildings near to the mines on Big Island in Lake Winnipeg preparatory to the commencement of work in East Selkirk in the spring.

THE meeting of the creditors of P. Lagarde, grocer, Montreal, recently failed, was rather a lively and interesting one for all concerned. The statement submitted showed liabilities of about \$16,000, while the assets are about \$5,700 in stock, and book debts said to be about \$2,000. Mr. Lagarde's affairs are in a very "mixed" shape, and he does not seem disposed to afford creditors much satisfaction of books of account; he can show next to none, the bulk of his transactions being jotted down on odd scraps of paper, &c. There is a very strong feeling that he should not be allowed to resume business.

WE have lately described several Canadian salt works, notably those of Mr. Joseph Kidd, at Dublin, and those of Mr. F. C. Rogers, at Brussels. We now find published the analysis, by Mr. Wm. Saunders, of London, of the product of the well lately sunk at Bothwell: "At 60 feet, pure salt, 88.17; moisture, 6.83; insoluble residue (sand, etc.) 4.00; total, 100.00. At 100 feet pure salt, 92.65; moisture, 3.55; insoluble residue, 3.80; total 100.00." Mr. Saunders says the samples are totally free from iodides and bromides, and showed a very slight trace of chloride of magnesium.

L. P. BILODEAU, who came from Dechambault, and started a fancy and dry goods business in Quebec in 1882, has failed and assigned. He owes \$8,700, assets \$7,000 about.—G. E. Robitaille, in the same line of business at Sherbrooke, has assigned to H. A. Bedard of Quebec, in which city his main indebtedness lies.—The arrangement proposed by J. Trepannier. Three Rivers, dry goods merchant, has fallen through owing to the failure of Mr. Trepannier to furnish the security expected, and an assignment has been made.—W. F. Beck, crockery dealer, Montreal, has offered his creditors 25 cents in the dollar, cash, which has been refused; he owes about \$4,200, assets apparent \$3,100.—McCubbin & Co., dry goods men, of Sherbrooke, are offering their creditors 50 cents on the dollar; their liabilities are considerable, aggregating some \$19,000, assets nominally \$14,000.—Moise Surprenant, a small grocer at West Farnham, and Madame Lagace, in the millinery business at Montreal, have both assigned.—P. F. Jobin, another Quebec dry goods man, has failed owing \$9,000, assets nominally of the same amount.