

A vessel arriving in Halifax from Newfoundland reports that there are about twenty-five sail of vessels at Bay of Islands waiting for herring. Up to the hour of leaving no herring had made their appearance, which is something unusual for this place. No cause can be assigned why the fish have not struck in as usual.

The Wholesale Grocers' Guild of Montreal has elected the following officers: President, Mr. George Childs; vice-president, Mr. C. P. Hebert; treasurer, Mr. W. W. Lockerby; directors, Messrs. C. Chabot, H. H. F. Hughes, W. Kinloch; committee of arbitration, Messrs. H. Laporte, G. E. Forbes, J. E. Quintal, F. Birks and D. C. Brosseau.

The officers of the Hamilton Retail Grocers' Association for 1894 are: President, Adam Ballantyne; 1st vice-president, James Main; 2nd vice-president, E. Hazell; secretary, W. R. Harvey; treasurer, C. Bremner; auditors, Messrs. C. Holt and G. Powell; executive committee, Messrs. John D. Carpenter, Chas. H. Peebles, T. Hazell, John Ronan and J. C. Bolligan.

The following will serve as officers of the Toronto Retail Grocers' Association for the ensuing year: President, R. Donald; vice-president, F. S. Roberts; secretary, R. M. Corrie; treasurer, M. McMillan; inner guard, J. Marshall; directors, J. Bond, H. Tolchard, R. Mills, W. H. McCulloch; trustees, Messrs. Mills, Roberts and Williamson.

The railroad company has issued a bulletin of the fruit shipments overland from San Jose for the present season to December 2nd. It is as follows, in pounds:

Green Fruit—Cherries 2,279,205, peaches 1,763,135, plums 2,791,185, apricots 39,810, apple 3,273,685, pears 7,927,570, grapes 2,509,065, prunes 385,100, quinces 235,385; total, 21,004,080. Canned fruits 9,687,355, dried prunes 28,639,520, dried peaches 2,235,435, dried apricots 3,453,520, other dried fruits 312,720; grand total 65,432,700. The local shipments by rail amount to about 10,000,000 pounds.—*San Francisco Grocer.*

The Cowan Cocoa and Chocolate Co. are now comfortably settled in their new building on King street, near Spadina avenue. They have increased their capacity by the addition of new machinery, and have also added new lines to the already extensive list of goods which they make. It would appear that domestic prepared cocoas are gradually replacing those of foreign production.

SHOE AND LEATHER NOTES.

The Montreal tannery of W. D. Spooner was somewhat seriously damaged by fire on the 14th inst.

John Mullen, a shoe dealer in Montreal, has declared his intention of giving up business. He will go into wholesale provisions.

Morden, Man., is to have a tannery. It will be operated by Messrs. Burrows & Bradford.

The harness business formerly carried on by Uriel Lobey, at Picton, has been taken over by Messrs. Hooper & Welsh.

The Ames-Holden Company, Ltd., of Montreal, are applying for incorporation with a capital of \$600,000. The names of the applicants are as follows:—James Clement Holden, Evan Fisher Ames, Rufus Clement Holden, William Ackers Matley, Woodin Gilman Norris, Arthur Ramsay Holden, John Hammond, William Louson, all of the city of Montreal. The two first named and Mr. Matley are to be the provisional directors of the company.

At the last London sales 1,850,000 goatskins and 800,000 sheepskins, nearly the entire quantity offered, were sold. The next sale occurs toward the last of January.

Stocks of tallow, in Toronto, are somewhat scarce, and a little better quotation, 5½ to 6c. per lb., is offered. The demands of the market, however, are by no means considerable.

Toronto leather and hide and skin merchants report the amount of actual business being done as very limited. Preparations are being made for stock-taking.

Some Montreal merchants, remarks an eastern exchange, say that the cancellation of orders in the 'shoe trade' is "being brought about by rival houses allowing the travelers of other firms to precede them and take their orders, when the former follow on their heels, and offer the same class of goods at a cut figure. This unsettles the buyers, and they are induced to give fresh orders and cancel the ones they had previously given."

The Canadian Rubber Company has for weeks past been running its factory in Montreal till eleven o'clock every night, and turning out on an average 10,000 pairs of rubber shoes per day. One Toronto house claims to have sold \$25,000 worth of rubber foot-wear thus far in December.

"Our wares are as staple as anything in the country," said Mr. Walker of the Canadian Rubber Company yesterday. "We make for the most part what you might call the necessities of life. For instance, what is more staple in our climate than rubber shoes? He is a poor man indeed who does not get them for his wife and children. Then a necessity of manufacturing business is belting, whether for a saw mill or any other kind of mill. Again you must admit that every steam engine in the land needs material for packing, and also that every fire brigade looks for hose. So you see the rubber business is a great business for staple goods."

A Canadian made skating boot in good demand is of Russia calf, with a good thick sole, square edge and square heel. The boots are laced, the buttons not having proved firm enough to hold the ankle. These are made for both men and ladies' wear, but the latter meet with the best request.

An article which has been found to supply a need in our cold, snowy, Canadian winter is the legging. They are for ladies, and misses, and children's wear, made of beaver in blacks and drabs, in the misses' and children's coming above the knee, and in the ladies' just under it; they are not unattractive, and are exceedingly comfortable.

By the way, the ladies would appear to be bent on having comfort this year. A long knitted overstocking which comes up over the knee has found good sale. The heel is out out and this has resulted in its taking the place, to a large extent, of the Cardigan over, which has the rubbers attached to it. The idea is that ordinary rubbers may be worn over the stocking. They range in value from 40 to 70c. a pair. One firm who handles them this season for the first time reports having sold 100 dozen.

PATENT RECORD.

The following list of United States patents granted to Canadian inventors, December 5, 1893, is reported expressly for THE MONETARY TIMES:—

Samuel S. Arnold, Toronto, Box for Wheel Hubs.

Albert Bradford, Morden, Windmill.

John H. Cairncross, assignor to G. F. Barton, Toronto, Advertising Device.

Samuel G. Curry, Toronto, Ventilation of Cars.

William King, Ottawa, Diaphragm for Boilers.

Charles F. Lavender, assignor of one-half to T. Fane, Toronto, Axle-bearing for Wheels.

George W. Mallory, Guilds, Gate Latch.

William H. Nichols, Chatham, Cartridge Shell Grimper.

Charles Ward, Toronto, Reversing Gear.

George M. Weaver, J. Adams and J. A. Hamilton, Neepawa, Thill-coupling for Vehicles.

Total issue, including Patents, Designs, Trade-Marks and Reissues, 578.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

POOR'S DIRECTORY.—This book of 500 pages is a directory of railway officials and a manual of American street railways. As may be expected from the reputation of the compilers, who have the best railway information in Poor's Manual, it is an accurate and complete record of master mechanics, chief engineers, purchasing agents, general managers, master builders and master painters of United States and Canadian railways. Then it contains much about private American railways, tramways, electric roads. It tells also about Mexican and South American roads. The book is very conveniently arranged and indexed.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO: Report of Committee Appointed by the Board of Trustees to confer with the Bursar as to the Capital and Income Accounts.—This pamphlet, though its title is forbidding, or at least uninteresting, possesses both interest and value. The literary man may learn from it what a substantial and lasting service has been rendered to our proud Ontario seat of learning during the past two years by the conscientious labors of a few men having commercial as well as other instincts; while the student of business may get in these pages an object lesson upon the vast importance to even a great university of attention to the elementary principles of account keeping; he may gather, as well, suggestions of the perplexity and trouble which arise for the want of these. The income of the University, which was \$68,288 in the year 1881, has gone up to \$81,702 in 1888, and to \$110,765 actually received in the present fiscal year. There is, however, an additional considerable sum earned or accrued in 1893, but not yet paid. While the expenditure has risen in nearly equal ratio during the twelve years, the cost of maintenance per student has been wonderfully reduced. Where there were only 347 students in 1881, the number was brought up in 1888, by the addition of the medicos, to 618, and this year it is 1,132, of whom 852 are arts and 280 medical students. It must be a great comfort to the board to have the financial affairs of the University put upon a broader and more modern footing. Mr. B. E. Walker and Dr. John Hoskin, the sub-committee of the trustees, have done their work well—none the less difficult because it was a labor of love. They appear to have succeeded in establishing a proper basis of endowment, and they wisely called in the technical skill of Mr. Cross in arranging a proper system of accounts.

The Samuel Rogers Oil Company were the first to ship freight to Eganville over the Parry Sound Railway, a car load of oil.