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-Pictou shipped last week 5,630 tons of coal.

-Ottawa advices say the last rafts of the season passed Des Joachims Wednesday.

—Sixty miles of timber limits on the Kippeya, formerly known as "Barron's," were disposed of in Quebec on Wednesday for \$2,500

- Visitors to Toronto who have seen the recently issued pictorial representations of the Rossin House are not a little surprised when, after having crossed the street to observe the elegant "Mansard," that 'tis only "a castle in the air." It is to be hoped that the other improvements claimed by the latest lessee of this once popular hotel, have something more substantial and reliable than a mere existence on paper.
- A subscriber writes that he is the holder of \$4,500 Lawrence Townley Estate bonds, which he says he is very desirous of selling, and wishes to know what they are worth. After a series of inquiries, the best offer we heard of was on the part of a broker, who said he would give ten cents for a \$100 hond, just as a curiosity.
- Oshawa has been very unfortunate in the number of its business failures during the past two years. A local contemporary remarks—"It is to be regretted that the natural fear on the part of the public is increased by the rumors which are circulated respecting solvent business men. Reports of failures will sometimes bring

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down a man who would otherwise be able to weather the storm. We do not suppose that these rumors are made wantonly, or from malicious motives, but they do much harm both to the individuals spoken of and the town generally and we hope that all good men will discountenance them."

— Says the United States Economist:—While the second quarter of 1877, like the first, shows a slight increase in the number of failures throughout the United States, it continues the decrease in the amounts failed for. In 1876, if the failures for the year had followed the ratio of the whole of 1875 to the first half of the last-named year, they would have aggregated \$283,000,000, while in fact they reached but \$191,000,000—\$82,000,000 less. Should the second half of 1877 follow the ratio of 1876 the total for the year will be \$175,000,000—\$16,000,000 less than in 1876.

- The Chicago Tribune of Wednesday says: "The rise in grain freights is having the effect of stimulating vessel owners to get out laid up craft, and some of the schooners that have been out of commission the whole season are being put in ship-shape in anticipation of charters. A number of grain vessels lately in the lumber trade have gone back to their old business, and if the present rate is continued and the demand for vessels fair, others now carrying lumber. iron ore, etc., will follow. Vessel owners and masters are hopeful, and are gratified to know that a little relief has been experienced. A few are holding off in anticipation of still better rates, and it looks as if they would get them."

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The great American grasshopper has been having his own way for a very considerable space of time. After devastating the fields of his friends and countrymen to the best of his ability, he has now gone over to Europe where he has found a rival, and a formidable one, in the Australian bug. This bug is a white, fluffy looking insect about a third of an inch in length. His principal weakness is fruit trees, and his abilities in destroying the same are said to be unequalled. Potato bug, Australian bug, and American grasshopper in one grand alliance are sufficiently startling, and have already accomplished their share in depressing the commerce of both continents.

-The threatened strike on the Great Western Railway appears to have been settled by a compromise with the men. An incipient disruption has occurred among the Canada Southern Railway employees, and a strike on Wednesday seemed certain, later advices are, however, reassuring and say all remains quiet. The employees are organizing two committees to go to Buffalo to wait upon Mr. Tillinghast, the President of the road. Mr. W. K. Muir, General Manager, was expected to arrive home Thursday, and hopes were entertained that he would succeed in pacifying the men, and get everything running smoothly in a day or two; there are no indications of a strike on the Air Line, and it is now considered probable that they will not attempt to do so.

— Monday the Dominion arbitrators for the Lachine and Carillon canal improvements, or, more concisely, for the adjustment of damages to property-holders growing out of such improvements, held a preliminary sitting in Montreal. The Board consists of Messrs. James Cowan, Galt, Ont.; I. Hurteau, Longueuil, Charles Taylor, Sarnia, Ont., and Henry Elliott, Halifax. Four cases were presented, three for the Lachine and one for the Carillon canal. In one case the land taken for canal purposes was 54,533 feet, for which Government had offered the claimant \$24,500, he, however,