

THE out-put of the Merchants Cotton M'fg. Co., of Montreal is over 24,000 yards per week.

MR. C. F. SMITH, manager of the Bank of British North America in Quebec, died somewhat suddenly on the evening of Monday last.

THE fruit crop of the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia, will be a failure this year, from various causes, among others the prevalence of the canker-worm, late frosts and blighting winds.

THE stock-in-trade of H. P. Cooke, of Gravenhurst, valued at \$6,687, was sold to Messrs. Crompton & Ryan, of Barrie, Ont., at 78 cents on the dollar. The stock consisted of dry goods, groceries, hardware, etc.

A SUGAR factory is nearly completed in Essex for manufacturing sugar from amber cane. Mr. Wright the proprietor, has thirty acres of land growing cane, and other farmers in the vicinity have smaller amounts.

AN engine and heavy machinery for pumping out the marsh lands in the county of Kent was shipped from Killey's Works at Hamilton a few days ago. The machinery is expected to discharge between 60,000,000 and 70,000,000 gallons out of the marsh every 24 hours and the object is to reclaim some 60,000 acres of land.

AN American barge the *Marquis of Lorne*, took the unusually large load of 240,000 feet of lumber last week from McClymont & Co.'s mill-yard, New Edinburgh, to New York, and the barge *James G. Blaine*, took a similar load from the same place to Whitehall, N. Y., at the same time.

IT was decided at Pittsburgh, on Friday last, by the Western Nail Association to order a general resumption by the mills for a period of four weeks. The suspension of the last four weeks has resulted in greatly reducing stocks. The trade is light, but the outlook for fall is encouraging. The card rate remains unchanged.

CARMODY BROS., a firm of furniture dealers in Montreal, which has been pressed and sued of late, have assigned to a leading creditor. They owe \$4,740, assets \$4,115, but they are anxious to pay in full, and propose paying 75 cents in 3, 6 and 9 months, and 25 cents in 12, 15, 18 and 21 months.

THE foundry business of Mr. Wm. Hamilton, Peterboro', is to be carried on by a limited liability company, known as the Wm. Hamilton Mfg. Company. Capital, \$300,000. The letters patent have issued to George A. Cox, William Hamilton, Geo. Munro, Andrew Macfarlane and Richard Hall, all of Peterboro'.

WHEN the Canadian Pacific Railway Company took over from Government the line from Prince Arthur's Landing to Winnipeg, they named their station at the former place "Port Arthur." The name commended itself to the townspeople, who held a meeting recently, and resolved to call the town Port Arthur.

THE two recent Customs seizures of jewelry stocks in Montreal have been settled at a pretty heavy cost to the parties implicated. In the case of Wm. Eaves, a fine of \$7,000 has been imposed, and E. & A. Eaves are mulcted in the sum of \$3,500. Two-thirds of these sums go to the officers through whose instrumentality the irregularities were exposed.

AMONG the Montreal firms who have entered for the St. John exhibition are Messrs. Lyman, Sons & Co., chemists and druggists; F. Gross, maker of surgical instruments; S. J. Lomer, Manufacturers' agent; Robin and Sadler, leather belt makers; G. R. Prowse, of stoves, ranges, &c.; C. H. Catelli, alimentary goods; Morrice & Co., general manufacturers; W. D. McLaren, The Cook's Friend baking powder; The Mount Royal Milling Company; The Williams Sewing Machine Company, &c., &c.

FOR the shortest business run on record the palm must be awarded to J. M. Prevost, a store-keeper of Hochelaga, Que. He opened about the 7th of May on \$100 of borrowed capital, bought about \$500 worth of millinery goods, on the sale of which he has lived, paying not one cent to any of his creditors. The trustee to his estate now advertises remaining assets of \$200 for sale.

A SPECIAL meeting of the shareholders of the Montreal Cotton Company, whose mills are at Valleyfield, Quebec, was held at Montreal on the 14th inst., and was influentially attended. The meeting was called to authorize the directors to raise a loan of \$800,000 for the purpose of paying off two certain mortgages of £20,000 and £10,500 respectively in favor of John Bullough, of England, and for other purposes. The meeting resulted in the necessary authority being granted to the board.

A. B. SHERATON, of St. John, N. B., a rather extensive dealer in carpets, &c., having the agency for Crossley's at that point, has suspended, and probably ere this assigned. His liabilities will probably reach \$80,000, and it is understood that local creditors are mostly secured. Mr. Sheraton's position has never been regarded as an easy one, and his speculative disposition has been so well known that he was not readily credited by conservative houses. He opened up a men's furnishings business this spring in addition to regular business, a move which was generally condemned as imprudent.

THE stockholders of the Caraquet Railway Company met at Bathurst, N. B., on the 6th inst., and adopted by-laws. After the general meeting, a meeting of the directors was convened. The secretary-treasurer reported that of the subscribed stock, viz., \$234,000, the whole percentage, \$11,100 or five per cent. had been paid up. K. F. Burns was appointed general manager of the road, and given power to make all arrangements for the survey and the speedy construction of the line. It is hoped that the survey will be begun not later than the first of September next.

THE estate of W. H. Choquette, Coaticook, Que., whose short career and recent failure we have noted, is to be wound up and will not likely realize more than 25 cents to creditors. Liabilities are slightly over \$4,000.—A. L. Deseve, of Acton Vale, Que., recently failed, has settled his liabilities of nearly \$10,000 by a compromise at the rate of 40 cents on the dollar, in three payments spread over a year.—A meeting of the creditors of Guenette & Nelson, furniture dealers, Montreal, was held last week, but no settlement was arrived at as no close estimate could be got of their position, no regular books having been kept.

A retail dry goods concern, Dodd, Cairns & Co., in business at Halifax only since the spring of 1881, has called a meeting of its creditors. They owe about \$18,000, while the stock amounts to \$11,700, and book debts \$2,300; nominal surplus thus \$1,000, which would easily disappear in realization. They got into cramped shape last February, and then arranged with R. P. Bliss to guarantee 65 per cent. of their indebtedness, but Mr. Bliss subsequently refused to carry out the arrangement, and a suit resulted which is still unsettled. Cairns was unsuccessful in business once before, having failed in 1876.

THE promoters of the Erie & Huron Railway scheme ask from Sarnia town a bonus of \$50,000, where some months ago they only sought \$30,000. For the former sum, if voted by the municipality the company promises to extend its line to Sarnia within twelve months, and to open and run it for a week before asking for any of the bonus. More than that, it will produce proof that the E. & H. road will be run as part

of the Canada Southern Railway system for twenty years. The *Observer* thinks the 'jump' from \$30,000 to the larger figure is too vigorous, and questions if the sum asked will be voted.

SURVEYS are now in progress with the view to straightening the line of railway between Waterloo, Que., and Magog, which latter place gives signs of developing into an important manufacturing centre, possessing as it does good waterpower on the outlet of Lake Memphremagog. The line, as it exists, is marked by numerous curves and some sharp grades, and it is expected that the new line will shorten the distance by some three miles, besides being more easily worked. In this connection we also note that the long projected link of twenty miles between Magog and Sherbrooke, now stands a fair chance of being built, a considerable force of men being at work now thereon. This latter line, besides affording a new route from Sherbrooke to Montreal, will tend to develop mining operations, the country between Magog and Waterloo being rich in copper, iron and other ores.

THE Canadian fruit packers and vegetable packers held a meeting in Hamilton the other day, changing by-laws and revising prices. Present thereat were Mr. Boulter, of Picton, President; T. M. Nairn, M.P.P., East Elgin, Vice-President; B. Fenton, of Buffalo, and C. M. Fenton, of St. Catharines, both of the Erie Preserving Company; B. R. Nelles, of Grimsby; D. W. Parsons and Jacob Sovereign, of Delhi; Henry Snider, of Toronto; T. T. Turnbull, representing J. L. Johnson and W. C. Clark, of Montreal; A. E. Carpenter and J. N. Waddell, represented the Ontario Canning Company. Reports of the state of the fruit and root crops from various sections of the country were unfavorable. Advices from Quebec, the Secretary says, were even more gloomy than those of Ontario. Tomatoes will not be half a crop, and corn will be little better. Apples and plums will also be a very poor yield. Smaller fruits generally promise poorly, and at all events very small quantities will be put up.

DURING the month of July, 27 vessels, of an aggregate tonnage of 28,866 tons were launched by the various shipbuilding firms on the Clyde. These figures, though considerably below those for the preceding month, are in excess of the returns for the corresponding period in previous years. They indicate great activity, from the fact that the yards in the upper reaches were closed for ten days during the Fair holidays. On account of the holidays the returns for July are usually small, as will be seen from the following figures;—In July, 1882, the returns amounted to 25,480 tons; in July, 1880, to 26,078 tons; in July, 1880, to 21,760 tons; in July, 1878, to 8,100 tons. Several important contracts were booked during the month. Two new Cunarders and two large sailing ships were ordered, and these make a total of over 20,000 tons of new shipping.

IT seems, after all, that the sparrow may have to go. The opinion that he does more harm than good, is growing both in Canada and the United States. Major Lydecker, one of the three Commissioners of the District of Columbia, desires to exterminate sparrows, and the well-known ornithologist, Prof. Elliott Coues, is convinced that these little birds are a nuisance. He advises that a part of the game law that forbids the killing of any sparrow shall be repealed; that the killing of sparrows within the city limits, except by the use of firearms, shall be permitted; that a price shall be set upon their heads; that it shall be the duty of those who care for the public streets and parks to destroy sparrows' nests, young sparrows, and sparrows' eggs. Professor Coues says that he does not know of "a single ornithologist, entomologist,