

PEACE of mind is one of the fruits that come of cultivating the cash system.

TWENTY-FIVE employees were laid off by the Cossett foundry, Brockville, last Saturday.

THE saw-log drive at Belleville was completed on Tuesday, when the last log was put through the boom.

THE estimated cost of the Springbank Electric Railway, London, is \$30,000. The work is proceeding very rapidly.

TORONTO bread drivers enjoyed a holiday on Thursday. On Wednesday the bakers of London held an excursion to Port Stanley.

THE Hudson's Bay Company's store and general mercantile business at Elphinstone has been bought out by Lauder & Co., and will be carried on by them. Mr. John A. Lauder was a merchant in Scotland, and has lived for several years in the Riding Mountain district.

A PARTY, 52 in number, belonging to the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia, visited Montreal last week. Their secretary, Mr. Frank Stockton, declares that the party is delighted with the city and will visit it another year.

THE Quebec Cigar and Tobacco Company has assigned, as a result of the Globe Cigar Company of Levis. The business was started just a year ago, as an ordinary partnership, by Messrs. Turgeon & Gauthier, who bought out the insolvent stock of Henault, beginning on very limited capital.

THE Muskoka District seems to have an unusual number of dwellers this summer, as indeed may be expected year by year when the restful and invigorating character of the region grows to be more widely known. A private letter from Windermere, Lake Joseph, says: "There are a great number of people up here about this year and many Americans. Fishing is about as fair as usual."

LAST year, L. S. Wright removed from Walkerville to Merlin, and opened a furniture store. Since then he has barely made a living; finally, an assignment became necessary.—Edwin Harrison, of Strathroy, another furniture dealer, has also assigned.—A compromise has been arranged at 65 per cent., by E. A. Gracey, of Deseronto, whose assignment we noted last week.—Five years ago Wm. Ruhl succeeded Thos. Young in the tailoring business, in Holland Centre. Having been unable to accumulate any capital he is now obliged to assign.

ST. JOHN shoe merchants will in the future close their stores at 7 p.m.

THE fruit crop in the vicinity of Port Stanley is reported to be the best in many years.

ST. THOMAS will light her streets entirely by electricity. Ninety lights will be required.

OTTAWA grocery clerks held an open meeting one evening last week in the interests of early closing.

LATEST mail advices say that the run of sockeyes in British Columbia is not as large as was expected.

THE rail laying on the Belleville street railway, with the exception of the sidings, was completed on the 23rd inst.

NOVA SCOTIA mackerel have been sold in Boston at \$12.50 to \$13 per barrel, and a few barrels of Prince Edward Island fish have also reached that market.

THE Hamilton Board of Trade will hold a special meeting to-morrow to express indignation at the superannuation of J. I. McKenzie, surveyor of the port.

INQUIRY amongst the farmers shows that the hay crop is much better than was anticipated, and that fall grain is a good crop, whilst barley is turning out well on light soils, but badly on clay.—*Belleville Intelligencer*.

THE firm of James Hope & Co., booksellers, Ottawa, has become James Hope & Sons, James, jr., John and William becoming partners previous to the senior partner leaving for England on a business and pleasure tour.

A NEW gas line has been surveyed from the South Essex fields to Windsor. The line will go up the rear Talbot road until it strikes the town line between Maidstone and Colchester. The line will be tapped, and a branch will convey the gas to Essex. It will be completed before fall.

THE report of Chief Swenie, of the Chicago fire department, states the equipment of that body as follows: Steam fire engines, 84; hose wagons, 39, and hose carriages, 23; chemical engines and hose carriages combined, 3; hand engines, 4; extension turn-table trucks, 9, and straight-frame trucks, 11; chemical engines, 12; trucks with chemical engines and hose reels, 3; fire boats, 4; serviceable hose, 142,243 feet. The total force of the department is 1,063 men. The fires during 1894 were 5,174, against 5,224 during the previous year. The fire loss of 1894 was \$3,254,140.

THE People's Bank of Halifax are about to open a branch in the city of Quebec, and Mr. P. O'Mullin, president, and Mr. McKnight, manager of the bank, are in Quebec making the necessary arrangements.

THE business men of Revelstoke, one of British Columbia's busy little towns, want a board of trade, and at a preliminary meeting 30 names were secured of men anxious to become members of such an organization.

THE New Westminster Board of Fire Underwriters held a meeting on July 17th, at which A. W. Ross, local agent of the Royal Insurance and Guardian Assurance Companies, was elected Insurance Inspector for the City of New Westminster, vice C. R. Townley resigned.

WORTHINGTON & SILL, Buffalo underwriters, write to the *Marine Review* as follows to inquiry regarding the advisability of lake vessels carrying buoys to be used in event of an accident: "While we consider a thing of this kind with much favor, our doubts arise as to vessels in general adopting it, particularly in its use to mark newly-found obstructions. We should think, however, that it would be practicable for vessels to carry some device that might be available, in case of sinking in deep water, to mark the locality, and we should be pleased to hear that vessels generally had adopted such a device."

AN assignment has been made by Andrew Newton, who has been in business as a tailor at Woodstock for nearly forty years, and at one time was in fair circumstances, but of late has been losing ground.—John Malloy has been carriage making in Hamilton many years, at one time with a partner under the style of Malloy & Malcolm. Seven years ago the firm dissolved, and last March Malloy claimed a surplus of \$5,000. But he purchased Cooper & Co.'s carriage factory, and it appears this step has brought about his assignment.—Notice of foreclosure proceedings have been served upon W. A. Wood & Co., incorporated with a capital of \$80,000, manufacturers of undertakers' supplies at Thorold. Their banker, who is secured, is the principal creditor.

IN Chicago a series of prizes amounting to five thousand dollars have been offered for a contest between horseless carriages, to Milwaukee and return. The first prize is \$2,000 and a gold medal, the second \$1,500, the third \$1,000, and the fourth \$500. The competition

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