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pressing our satisfaction that we did not give this ingenious family the desired "puff," without the enquiry which has brought out these facts.

It is reported that the Royal Canadian Insurance Company have sent \$100,000 to St. John as a first instalment of their losses by the great fire. This sum is to be divided pro rata amongst their policyholders there.

THE Quebec & Levis Ferry Company, which has a monopoly of the carrying trade, has paid a half-yearly dividend of six per cent. The stock is now held at forty-five per cent. premium.

MESSRS. DEVANY & Co., the well known auctioneers of Montreal have been placed in insolvency by the issue of writs. A statement of the liabilities of the firm is not yet obtainable.

A WRIT of attachment has been served upon James R. Pollock, of Montreal, who for a number of years has done a comfortable little business as carver and gilder, but being too obliging, and unable to refuse a friend, put his name to paper beyond his means and now has to repent his folly. His debts and assets are supposed to be about equal and will amount to some \$3,000.

MAYOR EARLE, of St. John, New Brunswick says in a recent letter to the British consul at New York, "The press has by no means exaggerated our losses, but rather understated them, as the great majority of the safes of all makes have not stood the severe test to which they were put. Vaults, and even brick ovens, in several instances which have come to my knowledge, preserved their contents unharmed. The lesson will not be lost here, and should be heeded by business men generally."

MR. LUNT, a prominent steamboat owner of St. John, N. B., who for a year past has been threatening to run an opposition line of boats

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between Montreal and Quebec, fulfilled his promise last week, starting the steamer "Rothsay" as a tri-weekly boat at greatly reduced fare; but before the week was out he sold his boat to the Richelieu company for about \$36,000, and the long expected opposition came to a sudden and untimely end. The Richelieu company thus add another to the list of their numerous purchases of attempted opposition boats.

UNDER the heading of "554 beers for each inhabitant," the Philadelphia Record gives some statistics as to the amount of lager and other beer made there. These go to prove that the quantity brewed between July 1876 and July 1877 was enough to furnish the number of glasses we have mentioned, to each of the 800,000 residents of the Quaker city. The sum of \$336,462 was collected during the same period, by way or revenue of distilled spirits.

SOME instructive figures are given by the Chicago and Buffalo papers respecting the rates of freight by vessel on the lakes. The Commercial says that the rates for water freight last month were the cheapest on record—reaching 2.4 cent for wheat and 1.9 cent for corn, per bu., against 2.5 and 2.3 respectively last year, and 3.0 and 2.6 in 1875, to which they had tapered down gradually since the maximum of the decade in 1872, when the rates obtained were 8 3/4 and 7.8 cents. The rates per canal have also ruled extremely low, having gone down from 12.1 cents on wheat and 11.0 on corn in 1872, to 5.0 cents and 4.3 cents in 1877.

"ALL the productions of Canada, intended for export, should be labelled with the name of the grower or manufacturer." This suggestion has been repeatedly made by our Exhibition Commissioners, and in these columns by correspondents in Britain, and we are told that it is

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being followed to a noticeable degree. It has been reserved for the London Advertiser, however, to discover an amusing application of the plan, as described in the following item: "A beautiful Indian maiden from Munceytown, having curiously watched the marking of barrels at Hunt's flouring mills, entered unseen and marked her blanket 'Hunt's Choice.' She paraded the Market Square with this, greatly to the disgust of Mr. Hunt, who is a confirmed bachelor."

THE retail grocery firm in this city of Messrs. T. Griffith & Co. made an assignment on the 17th inst., owing, it is understood, some \$18,000. The wholesale firm of the same name obtained a settlement in 1873 at 67 3/4 c. in the dollar, and even this, it will be remembered, the insolvency of the securities in 1875 prevented being realized for the creditors. Not many weeks since, Mr. Griffith stated that he had a clear surplus of \$8,000 in business. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, if his creditors are now desirous of knowing where this surplus has gone. More than that, it is alleged that he has not been paying his obligations for nearly two months past. The money received during that period must be somewhere; and those who have not been paid express their determination to get it if they can.

OUR lower Province friends are warned against being victimized by an impostor who solicits their charity, who is thus described: "Andrew McGillivray is his name—P. E. Island is his nation, and his destination, the police station. He always comes out after a fire, with a certificate as long as your arm, testifying that he was burnt out. His latest document represents him to be a St. John sufferer. Any citizen upon whom he calls, and who can spare the time, will do the correct thing by handing Mr. McGillivray over to the nearest policeman."