

ment should make a distinction between Algoma and the rest of fishing places for the above reasons."

The winter meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association takes place on the 10th and 11th of February, at Stratford.

The lumber dealers of New York city are endeavoring to form a lumber exchange. It is said that the yearly trade of the port (in lumber we presume) reaches the large total of \$60,000,000.

A BAILIFF seized the goods of W. H. Brown, of Bayville, the other day, under a chattel mortgage held by Boyd Bros. & Co., and Mr. Brown consequently assigned last week to T. Goffatt, of Orillia.

CUBA advises that it is proposed that freight on molasses, now paid upon the gross gauge of cask delivered, shall in future be collected upon the net gauge of molasses delivered. This will be more favorable to shippers, but against the interest of vessels.

For some twenty years a drug store has been kept in Trenton by W. T. Barker, who had the name of being comfortably off, owning some real property and doing a snug living business. He sold his real estate recently under pressure, but that did not make him easy, and now he assigns to W. J. Gage.

DURING 1885 there were registered at the port of Charlottetown, P.E.I., 227 vessels with a tonnage of 36,040 tons. Of this number 11 were new vessels aggregating a tonnage of 1,707 tons. There were 1 ship, 28 barques, 8 barquentines, 3 brigs, 23 brigantines, 151 schooners, 1 sloop, and 12 steamers.

MANY Canadians will be glad to learn that Mr. Geo. Massey, for many years connected with the well-known firm of Lyman Bros. in this city, has been admitted to a partnership in the large drug establishment of Lanman & Kemp, New York. Mr. Massey is one of the many who worthily represent Canada in that city.

THERE is but a very slight difference in the amount of Customs receipts at Montreal for 1885 and those for the year 1884. The figures are: Twelve months last year, \$6,682,702; twelve months previous year, \$6,787,722. The collections of Inland Revenue at that city were last year \$1,609,950 as compared with \$1,359,083 in 1884.

T. EPSTEIN & Co., of this city, clothiers, &c., have called their creditors together for to-day. They are said to owe \$45,000, but it is impossible to state what their assets are. They have been in business here since early in 1882, when Mr. E. began as a manufacturer of overalls, &c. In May last he professed to be worth \$14,000. Where, oh where, has that \$14,000 gone?

COMMENTING on the appointment of Mr. Alfred Perry to an insurance position, the New York *Chronicle* says: "Canada fire underwriters have created the office of 'general inspector of schedule ratings in Montreal and the Province of Quebec.' This comprehensive title has a good sound and seems to signify that the Canadians are moving on the right line."

The eleventh annual meeting of the Oriental Insurance Company was held last week, in Yarmouth, N. S. The report of committee showed a balance due from shareholders of \$32,700, or \$109 per share, \$50 of which was called in at the last yearly meeting and paid by a majority of the shareholders. The net profit to the shareholders of the whole business of the Company since its organization has been \$49,880, or \$166.26 per share. An ad-

ditional call of \$59 per share was made to meet the liabilities of the office, which decided in 1884 to close its business.

A. MOSES, of Brockville, who is a tailor and clothier in a limited way, has called a meeting of creditors.

A BREEZE of dissension has arisen with respect to the affairs of Fisher & Hazelwood, a firm of hardware dealers at Gretna, Manitoba. The latter declined to continue as a partner, and the other locked him out of the premises and departed for Emerson. The store was closed, at last accounts, and the parties await the action of creditors.

THE wholesale millinery house of Brayley, McClung & Co., here, has suspended payment. It is understood that of late their business had been a losing one, and it was deemed best to suspend. It is just a year and a half since Mr. Brayley effected a compromise arrangement. His assets at that time were placed at \$90,000 and his liabilities \$60,000. To-day the firm owes \$70,000, and has assets \$80,000 to \$90,000.

It is stated that a Spanish firm having blast furnaces near Bilbao has sold a quantity of Bessemer iron for shipment to the United States. Future competition between British and Spanish Bessemer iron depends on whether it will be cheaper to ship coke from South Wales or the Tyne to Spain, or to ship ore from Spain to ports in South Wales and on the Tyne.

A MAKER of picture frames in this city, R. J. Licence, has called a meeting of creditors, showing liabilities of \$13,000 and assets less than \$9,000. The record of Mr. Licence appears to be that of a well-meaning man who did not always remember that he had private duties and obligations, and spent too much of his time in public labors. Whether the public gains or not, his creditors assuredly suffer.

PRINT cloths to the number of 7,380,000 pieces was manufactured at Fall River, Mass., last year. This is a decrease of 175,000 pieces as compared with 1884. The normal production of the year just closed should have been, says the N. Y. *Bulletin*, a little over 9,000,000 pieces, but has fallen much short of this figure owing to the mills running half time during a portion of both spring and summer. The highest price obtained was 3½c. in August, and the lowest 2½c. in July.

The well-known firm of Fitch & Davidson, wholesale grocers, of this city, dissolved at the close of the year. Mr. J. C. Fitch retiring, after many years of active and successful connection with the wholesale business in Toronto. Mr. John I. Davidson, the senior member of the new firm of Davidson & Hay, who succeeded to the business, is one of the most competent and enterprising of our wholesale merchants. His partner is Mr. J. D. Hay, son of Robert Hay, the well-known furniture manufacturer of former years. It is only reasonable to predict for them a large measure of success.

It is perhaps natural for shop-keepers to be pleased and grateful when credit customers pay their bills, but it does not answer to reward them for doing so, after the fashion of Mr. John Jones, a grocer at Hamilton. This person has been fined \$20 and costs at the Police Court for supplying liquor to be drunk on his premises, on a Saturday night in December. A rumpus followed this ill-timed generosity. A fight also took place in Jones' kitchen. He said that he generally "set up the beer" whenever his customers paid their grocery bills and the Magistrate advised him to give up this practice or it would cost him many more \$20 bills.

W. H. SMITH, in the liquor business at Sutton has admitted D. Farquharson and will trade under the style of Farquharson & Smith. —After a short experience in the Eastern part of Toronto, Geo. H. Shee gives up his boot and shoe store. —One of Toronto's best known lumber dealers, J. B. Smith, has admitted as partners his two sons John M. and W. J. The firm will be known hereafter as J. B. Smith & Sons. —The Union Wire Mattress Co. has been dissolved by the retirement of A. R. Hosier. The remaining partner, Jno. McGregor will continue under the old style. —At Wroxeter, Albert Welch has sold out to Rutherford & Weiler.

MANITOBA is to have a Trust Company, with similar functions to the Toronto General Trusts Co. Notice has been given in the *Manitoba Gazette* of application to incorporate The Winnipeg General Trust Company. The functions of such companies are similar to those of trustees or executors of estates; the company may execute important trust duties of various descriptions for any person, such as administering estates, looking after complications arising out of marriage settlements, holding money in trust, &c.. Among the incorporators of this projected company are Messrs. Duncan MacArthur, G. J. Maulson, J. McKilligan, Sheriff Inkster, Alex. Logan and others.

THE members of the Toronto Syrup Company met yesterday, to discuss the prospect and to choose directors and officers. The result of the election is that the following gentlemen will be Directors for the current year: George Gooderham, W. H. Beatty, Alex. T. Fulton, W. Y. Selleck, T. G. Blackstock, John Leys, Alfred Gooderham. The last named gentleman was elected President. Mr. John Leys, of Rice, Lewis & Son, Vice-President, and Mr. R. W. Sutherland, Secretary-Treasurer. Great progress has been made with the building, and the company expects to show samples of its new product between 15th February and 1st March.

WE find in a Halifax paper an interesting statement of the exports of fish from Lunenburg, N. S. during the past five years, from January 1, 1881, to December 31, 1885. The quantities and values are as under:

	Value.
Codfish, dry (qtls.)	533,931 \$2,299,879
" wet (lbs.)	49,500 11,400
Mackerel (bbbs.)	20,708 115,797
Herring (bbbs.)	29,131 115,492
All other kinds	6,580
Fish oil (gals.)	31,483 15,080

Total value ..... \$2,554,228

The countries to which these products of the fisheries were sent are as under: B. & F. West Indies, \$2,329,481; United States, \$205,420; Madeira and other countries, \$19,227.

It was reported in Chicago on Friday that the Knights of Labor had decided to boycott the Fairbanks Canning Company's beef because that company has given a contract for the making of packing boxes to Soper & Co., boxmakers, who employ ten non-Union men. The boxes in question are to hold the cans containing the 2,200,000 pounds of beef which the French Government recently ordered of the Fairbanks Company. The latter advertised for bids for supplying the packing boxes, and Soper & Co., the lowest bidders, secured the contract. A committee of the Knights of Labor demanded that the contract be withdrawn from Soper & Co., and given to another shop. They were told that the contract would stay where it was, and so a boycott was ordered on all the company's beef.