

LISTOWEL'S grain elevator has been burned. BORING has been resumed at the Hamilton gas well.

THE first oil well at Thedford, Lambton county, proved a dry hole. Another is being put down about two miles from the first.

IN Paris, when a local shopkeeper advertises to sell at cost he must keep his word, or the Government will compel him to tell why.

A BY-LAW will be submitted to the citizens of Aylmer, Que., to authorize the borrowing of \$33,000, with a view of placing a waterworks system in the village.

FOUR additional crews have recently been placed on the Michigan Central Railway, and there are now the largest number of crews on the road since last winter.

GORDEN & IRONSIDES, of Pilot Mound, have secured 6,000 head of cattle in the West, and commence next week shipping them to the English markets.—*Manitoba Liberal*.

BANK bills raised from \$5 to \$50 have been discovered at Point St. Charles and Hochelaga, Montreal. The Bank of Montreal and the Merchants' Bank of Canada were the banks whose bills were so treated.

RECEIPTS of Customs duties at the port of Montreal, for last month, were \$542,155, which is \$92,672 less than in July 1893. The Inland Revenue, at Montreal, was \$162,789, where in the previous July it was \$188,228.

THE harness stock of John Heppler, who failed a short time ago at Poole, will be sold on the 20th inst.—The Toronto Fringe and Tassel Co.'s stock, Toronto, was sold the other day to F. Youngblutt at 26½ per cent.

AN offer is made to his creditors by Wm. McElroy, general dealer, Richmond, Ont., of 40 cents in the dollar, and he intends going out of business. As one of the firm of W. & J. McElroy, he was unsuccessful in years gone by.

THE Dominion Blanket and Fibre Co., of Montreal and Beauharnois, whose embarrassment we noted in a late issue, have decided to ask an extension at six and twelve months, and if successful in obtaining the same, will re-organize.

THE general store business of J. A. Stewart has been sold, shop and all, to Mr. Andrew, of Osborne, and Mr. Stewart goes to live in Egmondville. Also, the *Expositor* says, Mr. D. D. Wilson has sold the oatmeal mill in that town to Mr. Walter Thompson, the former proprietor.

THE Provincial Exhibition of Nova Scotia will open in Halifax on the 25th September and be continued the three following days. New horse sheds and a carriage building are being erected and the grounds being otherwise improved.

AT Northport, Nova Scotia, Spencer & Tucker, a small lobster-canning concern, are reported to have assigned. Their plant has been under chattel mortgage to the Portland Packing Co. for advances.—W. Gustafson, peddler, etc., Halifax, is reported insolvent.

FROM St. John, N.B., the failure is reported of W. N. Flewelling, who began as a grocer in 1891, on a capital of a few hundred dollars.—At Moncton, in the same Province, H. G. Wadham, who has been doing a tea and crockery business, has assigned.

LAST year the Western Telephone Company imported from Germany a cable half a mile long, and stretched it across the Fraser River at Brownsville. The great freshet of the present summer broke one end loose, and in trying to haul it in the end was lost. It is found to be embedded in sand and clay and doubtful of recovery.

THE Ontario Forge and Bolt Co., limited, has gone into voluntary liquidation. It was incorporated in 1885 as the Ontario Bolt Co. In 1891 the nominal capital was increased to \$200,000 and the name changed as above. Of this sum \$115,000 was paid. The company show a surplus and it is expected that creditors will be paid in full.

THE Masonic Mutual Benefit Association of Ontario is to be wound up. It is an assessment institution which had a fair success for some years. As the members grew in age, however, the assessments increased in number, and membership ceased to be a profitable investment. The story has been heard before, and is likely to be heard again. Its moral is that cheap insurance is very apt to be unreliable insurance.—*Montreal Gazette*.

A FIRM of cigar manufacturers in a small way at Ottawa, Goldstein & Goldstein, who began business only two years ago, and who assigned in July, are now offering 20 per cent. cash, on liabilities of \$3,400; this is an amendment to a former offer of 15 per cent.—R. A. Starrs & Co., wine and liquor jobbers, of the same city, are in the hands of the sheriff. The firm was in trouble in 1891, and the stock has been pretty well chattel-mortgaged for some time past.

AN improvement in the activity of building is perceptible in Toronto of late. The building permits issued by the city commissioner during July aggregated \$201,875, as against \$88,805 for the corresponding period of last year. Still, for the seven months of the present year the value of permits granted amounted to less than for the same time for 1893.

QUEENSLAND has shot ahead tremendously with her sugar production, which in the past season is estimated at 80,000 tons—of the value of £1,000,000 sterling. This bountiful crop has virtually saved the colony from the disastrous effects of the floods and bank failures which threatened to give Queensland a blow from which she might not recover for a very long time.

As a result of United States tariff regulations American sugar buyers have searched all parts of the world for sugar supplies, and from Alexandria, Egypt, the steamer "Monkseaton" brought 37,000 bags of crystallized sugar for a New York firm. This is the first arrival of Egyptian sugar in the United States within a year. London is the chief market for supplies from that source.

THE Industrial Fair at Winnipeg in the third week of July was creditable to the progress of Manitoba and the enterprise of Winnipeg. And the attendance, ranging as it did from 3,000 to 5,000 per day, was a tribute to the efforts of the managers. The dairy exhibit, the cattle, the poultry, all had their admirers, but in the section representing the domestic arts and ladies' work there does not appear to have been the display which was reasonably to be expected.

THE G. H. Harper Milling Company, Dundas, purchased the Webster Mills for \$16,000 in September, 1891. Since then, as every one in the trade knows, flour milling business has been generally unsatisfactory, and it is not surprising to hear that the company named has not made any money. They now assign, and the business will be wound up. Their banker is the chief creditor.—About a year ago Kelly Bros., dealers in dry goods, etc., in Ontario, dissolved partnership, J. J. continuing the business. His methods of managing business have not been calculated to inspire confidence, still he obtained credit for \$2,000, and now assigns.—Daniel Hicks, who keeps the Brunswick House at Brighton, surprised his creditors the other day by making an assignment. He owes \$3,500; of this sum \$1,000 is preferred claims. It is thought his assets may realize about \$2,000.

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