

—It is said that Cape Breton and Nova Scotian fishermen are beginning to feel the evil effects of the competition which the French fish dealers of St. Pierre have created in our own markets. The prosecution of the fisheries by the French on the Newfoundland coast is bolstered up by bounties paid by the French Government. In an article on the Bait Act which is now agitating the people of Newfoundland, the Harbor Grace *Standard* says that the assistance of the Dominion Government is required to prevent supplies of bait reaching St. Pierre from Cape Breton and the Magdalen Islands.

—On the subject of paper bottles, the second concern to turn them out in the States professes that it can make a paper bottle for about one-half the cost of glass bottles, and they will be found perfectly water-tight as well as air-tight. After experimenting, "we found that while it was comparatively easy to make papier machie air-tight around wine, it was not so easy to do so in the case of beer. Why this is so the brewers may explain. But we have overcome that difficulty too."

—Why was the Credit River so called? asks R. V. in the *Montreal Gazette*, and answers thus: I find the following explanation of the name in Mrs. Jameson's "Winter Studies and Summer Rambles in Canada." The River Credit is so called because in ancient times (*i. e.*, forty or fifty years ago) the fur traders met the Indians on its banks, and delivered to them on credit the goods for which, the following year, they received the value, or rather ten times the value, in skins.

—Bolckow, Vaughan & Co., of Middlesbrough, enjoy the distinction of being the largest firm in England. There are employed in the various departments 13,075 workmen, receiving over £900,000 annually in wages. The chief products of the works last year were 1,877,694 tons of coal, 597,056 tons of coke, pig-iron, and 194,077 tons of finished steel.

—After two years' negotiations the Ayr Lumber Company, of Michigan, has purchased from Canfield, of Manistee, the 10,000 acre tract of pine in Missaukee county, Michigan. The price is about \$1,200,000. The tract contains 300,000,000 feet of pine, and is the largest block of standing pine left in the State. The logs are to be taken to Muskegon by rail to be sawed.

—The treasury receipts of France for 1896 show an increase of nearly \$5,000,000 in the revenue derived from tobacco, which indicates that the practice of smoking and snuff-taking is on the increase.

—Stratford city council intend to purchase a steam road roller this year instead of laying granolithic walks. The machine is to cost \$3,500.

—The Quebec Steamship Company has purchased for its West India line the steamer "Pretoria," 3,303 tons, and 350 feet long, formerly in the East African service.

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TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 11th, 1897.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—The bad condition of the roads has restricted the offerings of dairy butter at country points. Choice dairy butter is scarce, although there is an abundant supply of low grade butter on the market. At various dairy conventions, speakers have insisted that the day for dairy butter is past; and in part this is true. The best results to the farmer and merchant are realized under ordinary circumstances from creamery butter. But there is also a good market for choice dairy butter if it be properly marketed. As we have repeated over and over again, prompt shipments alone will give a margin of profit to all the interested parties. Competition with creamery butter has made it imperative that the best methods should be used in making and marketing dairy butter. We quote: Dairy pound prints, 14 to 15c.; large rolls, 12½ to 14c.; tubs, 9 to 12c.; creamery rolls, 20 to 21c.; creamery tubs, 18 to 19c. per lb. The local cheese market is quiet and steady at previous quotations. A considerable quantity of new cheese is being offered on the market. The offerings of new laid eggs are very large for the season of the year, and prices are low at 11 to

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The *Rossland Miner*, Feb. 11th, says:

"We do not hear a great deal about the Cariboo Mine in Camp McKinney up in Rossland. About the only time it finds a mention in our columns is when it declares a dividend of \$16,000, and this happens at regular intervals of about a month."

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