

THE Ontario Car Works at London have an order for seventy cars for the Canada Pacific, and the Goderich Foundry Co., an order for eighty sets car wheels for use on section fifteen.

RESIDENTS of Prince Arthur's Landing took excursion per steamer on Christmas day, to Silver Islet, visiting the 2A, 3A and Beck mines. A ploughing match was held on the same day at Kaministiquia, but by the middle of January ice boats were running on the harbor.

WE take the following statistics, of commercial interest, from the report for 1877 of the Chief of Police of this city. 323 stores were found insecure by the police, as against a total of 207 in 1876. Thus it would seem that dullness in trade is making people less careful rather than the reverse, as to the security of their premises and property. Only 401 distress warrants were issued, against 614 last year. There were 14 cases of burglary; 4 of embezzlement; 7 of forgery; 67 of fraud, 7 of them by females; 32 of gambling; 737 of larceny; 6 of perjury; 22 of receiving stolen property; 1 case of suspected arson.

Value of imports entered at Fort William in 1877, was \$31,478, partly occasioned by the landing there of C. P. R., supplies. At Prince Arthur, \$101,008. The cash receipts of Marks & Brothers large stores for that year, says the *Sentinel*, were \$220,221.

THE Grand Trunk traffic receipts for last week were \$174,785, being over \$12,000 more than same week last year; while the increase of the previous week's traffic was \$19,275 over 1877. The Midland shows an increase at 7th March, of \$1,703, or 30 per cent on the week, and \$3,763, or 10 per cent, thus far on the year. The Toronto, Grey & Bruce is somewhat behind in its traffic relatively with last year, but the Toronto & Nipissing shows an increase for the week ending 14th inst. of \$160, and of \$2,307 on a total traffic of \$145,887 thus far in the year.

The Admiralty Court, at Quebec, Judge Stuart presiding, has decided that the steamer 'Enmore' was responsible for the collision with the 'Belle Hooper,' in the Plate river in February, 1876, and adjudged its owner to pay damages and costs.

THE present season is uncommonly favourable for making maple sugar, and large quantities of sap which is running very freely and contains a very large quantity of saccharine matter is being boiled down in various parts of the Eastern Townships.

It is proposed to open a branch of the Molsons Bank in the village of Trenton.—An agency of Johnstons Bank (of Strathroy and London) has been opened in Amherstburg.

MESSRS. JOHN RENNIE & Co., wholesale fancy goods dealers in this city, assigned on Monday last with liabilities of over \$50,000. At a meeting of creditors held yesterday, the insolvent asked an extension of four, eight and twelve months, secured, payable with interest. This offer is under consideration. Meantime the business will be continued under supervision.

THE assessed value of real property in Seaforth, 1877, was \$434,090; for 1878 it is \$59,000 more.

Personalty was \$64,300 in 1877, and is \$68,975 in 1878. Taxable income shows, however, an expressive decrease of nearly forty per cent.

THE schooner "Prince Alfred" is taking in a cargo of ice at Wolf Island; the "Rooney" has loaded with ice at Portsmouth, and the "Bullock" is completing her load at Garden Island. The quality of ice obtained at these points is good, and it is likely to command high prices at western ports.

MR. CHAS. PERCY, late Treasurer of the Great Western Railway, has been appointed to succeed Mr. F. Whitehead, as Sec.-Treas. of the Midland Railway. The latter gentleman takes a different position on the road.

THE largest amount of inland revenue collected in Ontario is in Toronto. The revenue gathered from malt, from malt liquors, and from cigars, is larger in this city than in any other, London stands next in amount of revenue from these articles.

OUT of a total of crude petroleum and distillate used in the Dominion in 1876-7, of 15,964,647 gallons; London used 8,475,968. The total refined oil made in the Dominion was 7,913,754, of which the quantity made in London was 58.6 per cent. London exported 54 per cent. of the whole exported viz., 3,923,119 gallons. That city also collected about three fourths of the \$235,000 obtained from the petroleum duty.

HAMILTON also has a District Telegraph Company, whose system, it is claimed, is an improvement upon that in use in this city and Montreal. The lines are being constructed all over that city, and the messengers are radiant in light blue uniforms.

THE proprietor of the Waterford foundry is rejoicing in a wholesale order received from the Grange in that vicinity for one hundred gang-ploughs. These grangers are better employed in giving this kind of orders than in keeping variety stores or ordering nutmegs by the barrel.

A SOMEWHAT disquieting event to the vicinity of Lindsay, is the failure of Mr. C. L. Baker, who has been a merchant in that town for eighteen years, and so far as his store business went, was regarded as a "cash man." Mr. Baker bought well and made money. He was not equally prudent in the investment of it however; putting \$75,000 into real estate and buildings, which, although the handsomest property in the vicinity, has now no value, above its mortgage of \$35,000, to pay debts to creditors. Then, in 1873 and subsequent years, Mr. Baker went largely into grain-buying, which netted him loss, and what he now holds is covered by warehouse receipts to the Ontario Bank. Outside the Trust and Loan Company and the bank, who are not likely to lose much, Mr. Baker owes \$4,000 locally and \$26,000 in Montreal, and his assets to meet this are disappointingly small.

WE notice amongst the names of insolvents in Halifax, that of J. R. Foster. This young man was the principal in the firm of Foster Bros., who failed so disreputably in 1873. A good, able-bodied farmer was probably spoiled when he was paternally established in trade.

AN old and respectively Halifax dealer in lumber, Mr. W. H. Tully, has been put into insolvency. Depreciation in real estate, in which most of his means had been invested, is the cause of his failure.

SANBORN BROTHERS, small grocers in London, who failed and compromised in February, 1877, are again attached.—Mr. Joseph Hunt, a Guelph grocer, who began in an unfavorable time last year, has obtained an extension of nine months.—Mr. F. J. Daniels, the well-known hotel keeper in Prescott, is in financial trouble; An attachment has been issued against him, and his creditors are to meet on the 28th inst.—Mr. D. McIntyre, shoemaker and dealer in Mitchell, being unable to meet his bills, has been granted a year's time upon them.

MESSRS. Fred Williams & Co., flour and provision dealers, of Truro, N.S., have failed, and the estate it is said will make a poor exhibit. This firm, though belived to be doing too much business for their means, were supposed to be at least making expenses, and the fact of a large deficiency existing looks strangely. Their failure will probably bring down at least one other firm in the town.

THE Truro Boot & Shoe Company held its annual meeting recently, and we understand that the statement of the past year's business has not been satisfactory to shareholders. It was decided to sell the business and premises if possible—failing that, to close it as speedily as practicable. There is a fair opening here, we should think, for a practical man with some capital.

MR. A. N. WHITMAN, of Cape Canso, N. S., has failed, with a liability of over \$30,000. Mr. Whitman has been long established at this out of the way place and was supposed to have made a competence. He certainly had established for himself a good reputation as an upright man. A settlement will probably be effected by compromise.

CHAS. BARNSTEAD & SON, of Halifax and St. Johns, Newfoundland, have dissolved. The son (Charles) will continue the St. John business hereafter, and the father that at Halifax Messrs. Avery, Brown & Co., for some 25 years wholesale druggists in Halifax, have dissolved. Mr. C. E. Brown retiring. Messrs. Brown & Webb continue and will remove to new premises.

MR. ADAM MCKAY, founder and machinist, of Halifax, has assigned. He had made arrangements with creditors for an extension of time with interest, and was obliged to have recourse to the court to compel a dissentient creditor to accept terms. The failure of E.C. Davies & Co., was the more immediate cause of Mr. McKay's troubles.

MR. L. A. COTE, Quebec, a jobber in dry goods, has succeeded in compromising with his creditors at forty-five cents in the dollar, payable in 4, 8 and 12 months, the last payment secured. His liabilities are about \$20,000. Jos. Lepage, a grocer, and dealer in fish, oil, &c., who has been in business for many years in Quebec, has suspended payment and is wait-