

SEVERAL gentleman of Montreal, who are interested in the trade of Newfoundland, are petitioning the Government to have the mail matter from Newfoundland forwarded to that city by the same express which carries the English mail. Should their efforts meet with success the arrangement will be beneficial to other points than Montreal.

FASHIONABLE amusement of "society" in England at present, is described by a London letter thus: "One day this week, having occasion to go to Victoria Station, I saw a long line of carriages 'setting down and taking up.' I counted fifty-three different equipages—pair-horse broughams, barouches, victorias, and family carriages, single-horse coupe-broughams, and private cabs. The occupants were chiefly ladies, but here and there a venerable aristocratic graybeard got in and out. All the drivers wore cockades. One might almost think that the Queen was holding a drawing room. Who were these carriage swells, with cockaded footmen and armorial bearings on their chariot panels? Customers at the Army and Navy Co-operative stores in Victoria street.

NEW YORK'S receipts of eggs in a year are 530,000 barrels, equal to 41,870,000 dozens. Those of Boston for 1878 were 78,000,000 dozens; 24 per cent. of these were from Maine; 17 per cent. from P. E. Island; 37 per cent. from Canada and New York State; the remainder from Western and Southern States.

A WORD upon the utility of amusements. There is propriety in selecting those that afford the seeker the most relaxation. Each man must choose the one adopted to overcome the weakness caused by his business. It would be absurd for a letter carrier after his day's work to take a long "constitutional." What he wants is company, cheerfulness, pleasant surroundings, while he rests. It would be equally absurd for a man engaged all day upon some abstruse problem, to engage at night in a game of chess, taxing his mental faculties still more. For him should be the oar, the walk, the dance. Men ought to choose their exercises, their amusements, as they do their food. What disagrees with them must be avoided.

MCGONIGLE, who swindled the Glen Tay cheese factory in the way we have described, was found in the States by Mr. J. F. Thompson, who induced him to give up, without contest, \$1,000 which he had in the bank, upon the terms that Thompson's and P. Brady's claims should be paid in full. These, with the expenses of the trip, absorbed all of the sum but \$200, which amount is distributed among the "\$7,000 worth of creditors." The announcement to a meeting of creditors of this result made them so indignant that furious was a mild word. Some were for putting McGonigle into insolvency, others are disposed to bear the loss of one summer's milk and have done with it.

THE Georgian Bay Transportation Company intend to run a daily steamer between Collingwood and Parry Sound. Obstructions, consisting of large boulders, are being removed from the Penetanguishene channel, so as to render

it navigable, and thereby shorten the distance between Collingwood and Parry Sound. The *Waubuno* is to be the daily boat.

THE revenue of Toronto from licenses during February, 1879, amounted to \$922, as under:—2 auctioneers, licenses, \$80; 5 billiards, \$170; 4 butchers, \$4; 62 cabs, \$368; 15 dogs, \$6; 3 express, \$12; 4 miscellaneous, \$130; 30 cars of street railway, \$130; 1 transfer, \$2.

THE firm of Beveridge & Helliwell, importers of tweeds and woollen goods, Montreal, has been attached in insolvency. The firm failed in January, 1878, at which time they effected a settlement at 50c. in the dollar, payable in 3, 6, 9 & 12 months. This arrangement they had nearly completed, but the dull times have so affected their trade that they have been unable to continue. The liabilities amount to about \$45,000, of which about \$30,000 is direct, with assets of nearly a like amount.

AT a recent meeting of the creditors of Messrs. Mullarky & Co., and Stafford & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, it was decided to offer both these Montreal estates for sale by auction and wind up the business of both firms. This resolve is in the direction to which the feeling of the trade has for some time been pointing. Not only have there been too many houses in that trade for the wants of the country, but the prices at which these two houses sold goods have been long complained of as leaving no margin of profit to themselves or their competitors.

SEVERAL irate creditors in St. Thomas, becoming impatient at the backwardness displayed by parties indebted to them, took a novel but illegal mode of enforcing payment. They drew up bogus Division Court summons and circulated them amongst their debtors, but the fraud was detected and they will appear before the Police Magistrate on Monday next to answer for their indiscretion. The names of the offenders are, J. J. Hanratty, dry goods merchant; D. Drake, the proprietor of a livery stable, and Norsworthy & Lindop, foundrymen.

AMONG recent changes in Montreal commercial circles we notice the dissolution of the well known wholesale drug firm of Kerry, Watson & Co., Mr. W. S. King retiring; the business will be continued under the same name. The old established firm of John Henderson & Co., hatters and furriers, has also undergone a change, Mr. J. H. Potterell retiring. Messrs. Scott and Fraser, carvers and gilders, have likewise dissolved.

AT a meeting of the Belleville and North Hastings Railway Company, held some days ago, Mr. Richardson, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, Belleville, was appointed a debenture trustee in place of Mr. J. P. Pearce, Warden resigned. The whole road was accepted, and the contractors released. Hon. Mr. Bowell's resignation as President and Director, was accepted, and Mr. John McDougall, of Montreal, replaces him. Mr. E. O. Bickford, was appointed General Manager.

FROM an elaborate paper read by Secretary Gilbert at the New York State Dairyman's

Association on this subject, it appears the cost of production of cheese per cwt. in 1878 was \$39.70, while the gross money product was \$47.25—not a very encouraging exhibit it is true, but as the cost came mostly out of his own labor and farm, the farmer is able to stand it. How does it stand with our local cheese factories asks an exchange.

MESSRS. Papineau & Archambault, a young firm of retail dry goods merchants in Montreal, have failed within a year of their starting. They were surrounded on all sides by keen opposition, had only a limited amount of capital at starting. No wonder that they were unable long to stand. Their indebtedness is entirely to local houses.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL and H. R. H. the Marchioness of Lorne have presented the sum of \$500 to McGill University, Montreal, in aid of the Faculty of Applied Science connected with that institution.

A DECISION has been given by Mr. Justice Johnson, in the Montreal Circuit Court, that the goods of Indians residing on an Indian Reserve are exempt from seizure.

THE value of imports at the port of Toronto during February of 1879 was \$1,938,880; there were taken from bond goods to the value of \$2,225,975. The corresponding amounts for February 1878 were \$1,304,321 and \$1,401,222 respectively. The exports from this city are given at \$161,759 during last month, and \$268,746 during the February preceding.

REFERRING to the statements often made that America can supply Spain and other Mediterranean countries with coal, the *Coal Trade Journal* reminds those who speak and write in this strain that Spain alone contains coal deposits enough to supply the world with coal for many years. These deposits are likely soon to be made available to various countries by capitalists.

Goods valued at \$680,910 were imported at St. Catharines during February last; the imports for the corresponding month last year were of the value of \$299,131.

AN offer has been made by the Midland Railway Company, concerning whose affairs a condensed statement is given elsewhere, to pay in cash 22½c. in the dollar in settlement of all claims against the company up to March of last year, or in the bonds of the Company at par, which bonds were issued under the Act of March 1878, and constitute a first mortgage on the road. This is considered by the *Port Hope Times* as being the best offer under the circumstances; a number of creditors have already accepted it and been paid off, and several legal gentlemen present at the meeting and representing creditors, were willing to agree to it.

AMONGST failures in the Maritime Provinces, is that of Donald Smith, general dealer, of Campbellton, N. B., with liabilities of some \$4,200, and assets less than \$3,000. Mr. Albert S. Crawford, of St. Marys, York County N. B., is missing from his home, near Fredericton, for a week, he owes some \$8,000.

THE creditors of Mr. Thomas McLean of Brantford, dry goods dealer, have agreed, we understand, to settle with that gentleman at