

Mr. BIGGAR, engineer of the Great North-west Central railway, says that work on the road west of the Elbow, on the south side of the Saskatchewan, is progressing rapidly as nearly as possible along the survey of the original line of the C. P. R.

THE Clyde shipbuilders are discharging large numbers of their men and reducing the wages of those retained. This action is taken in consequence of the stagnation in business. The owners for some time past have carried a large force of employees for whom they had no work.

EXPORTS of cotton from the United States during May were 97,606 bales, against 210,279 bales for May, 1889. The value for same month this year was \$5,008,637, against \$10,263,187 last year. The exports during the past nine months were 4,802,236 bales, against 4,581,041 bales for the corresponding time in 1889.

COMMITTEES of the unions of cloak cutters, cloak makers, and contractors, have agreed to stand by each other in the lock-out of the employees of Meyer, Jonassen & Co., New York. Both the employers and employees are determined, and there is a strong probability of 10,000 hands being unemployed for some time.

ACCORDING to the Wheatley correspondent of the Windsor Daily Record, the business of that Essex village is done by "two dry goods stores, three groceries, two hotels, two drug stores, two carriage shops, two harness shops, two billiard parlors, three planing mills, one barber shop, two saw mills near by, but no grist mill at all, and yet we have as good farming country around us as can be found in Canada."

LETTERS patent have also issued incorporating Louis O. Ivey, New York merchant; Francis Gilbert, of Orange, N.J., U.S., manufacturer; Edward N. Heney, Arthur George Cunningham, and Robert Campbell Nelles, merchant, all of Montreal, Que., to make, buy, and sell, rope, binder twines, cordage, oakum, etc., under the name of "The Dominion Cordage Company," with a capital of \$1,000,000.

In the fall of 1884, D. D. Ross, grocer and hardware dealer at Woodville, Ont., succeeded Leece & McDonald, and in January last sold his business to Mrs. McNeill; since then he has been sued by certain creditors and now assigns. —J. B. Anderson, sole partner in the agency firm of Anderson & Harper, who removed from Hamilton to Toronto a couple of years ago, has assigned. —Other assignments are those

of M. Maraden, shoe dealer, who has been seven or eight years in business at McKellar, and W. C. Mowatt, builder, Peterboro.

At Trenton, Nova Scotia, near New Glasgow, the Humphrey Bottle Factory gives employment to a number of men, and the firm of Lamont Brothers is fitting up a factory for the making of colored glass. The Steel and Forge Company is, according to the Eastern Chronicle, getting ready for the usual yearly overhauling.

LETTERS have issued incorporating John F. Stairs and George Stairs, of Halifax, N.S.; Edward M. Fulton and Willard P. Whitlock, manufacturers, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, U.S., and Alexander W. Morris, of Montreal, Que., to carry on in all its branches the manufacturing, buying, selling, and dealing in rope, cordage, twines, etc., under the title of the Consumers' Cordage Company. Capital, \$1,000,000.

THE Halifax Herald says lobster fishing at the east side of P.E.I., from Boughton island to Murray harbor, is reported very good. Factories are taking 15,000 to 19,000 a day. The size is reported larger than last year. But the Chignecto Post Bayfield correspondence says the catch of lobsters is not as good as last year. The prevailing winds have been against successful fishing. There are twenty-eight lobster factories within twenty-four miles along the shores of Botsford.

BOOMING has not sufficed to save the Argentine Republic from the inevitable fate of over-boomed countries. That country paid immigrants to settle in it, and now some of the surplus immigrants are moving out. In one month over 3,000 left for the United States, and other thousands would follow if they had the means to buy tickets for transportation. The Argentine Republic is loaded with debt, and it must depend on far-away markets for the disposal of its produce.

THE old merchants of Canada are passing away, one by one, of late, with a sad frequency to those who knew them in the days of their greatest activity and enterprise. The latest death among them is that of Mr. Chas. J. Hope, who passed away at his home in Hamilton some days since. Mr. Hope was long associated with his brother Adam in the firm of Adam Hope & Co., wholesale merchants in London and Hamilton, who filled a large place in the commerce of Western Canada. After the death of the Hon. Adam Hope, Mr. Chas. Hope became head of the firm whose wholesale business is continued in Hamilton.

He was a man of conservative notions in business, very retiring in disposition, but amiable and true. At his funeral, which was largely attended, the pall-bearers were: Messrs. George Hope, R. K. Hope, A. H. Hope, Adam Hope, Henry Hope, T. H. Stinson, M.P.P., Hon. J. M. Gibson, and John Crerar.

A BUFFALO firm has made a contract for pipe with the Provincial Natural Gas and Fuel Company of Toronto, which proposes to begin at once the work of conveying the product of the Bertie natural gas wells to St. Catharines, Thorold, Merritton, Welland, Niagara Falls and villages of the Niagara district. The eight wells of the company have a producing power of 12,733,000 cubic feet daily. It is believed a company will be formed in Buffalo to secure a supply of gas from the Bertie fields although they are in Canadian territory.

ONE day last week an unusually large raft of rock elm timber, drawing fourteen feet of water, went forward to the Soo from Warton in tow of the tugs "Clarke," and "Jones." It was a Government contract just completed by Mr. Wm. Young—whose mill was unfortunately burned down a few weeks ago—and was made up of picked logs measuring in all some 150,000 feet. The timber will be used in the construction of a beacon. Mr. Young's mill is already in course of erection, thanks to the generous aid of the merchants, and his own enterprise.

ST. GEORGE, New Brunswick, is known of late years as "the granite town," from the growth within its borders of the industry of cutting the handsome red granite of its neighborhood into building decorations and monuments. Much of the out-put of this handsome material comes to Ontario. Indeed it is superseding, for architectural, as well, perhaps, as for other purposes, the Peterhead granite from Scotland. A correspondent of the St. Croix Courier describes the new factory at St. George of Epps, Dodds & Co. This is 115 feet long and 70 feet wide; the main building 40 feet wide and 25 feet high. On each side are two wings running its entire length, and 15 and 19 feet wide respectively. A main line of shafting carries to all parts of the building power obtained from a 100-horse-power water-wheel. This is probably used for polishing, the north wing being occupied by stonecutters. Upwards of fifty hands are employed, and the company pays an average of \$500 per week in wages. One-third of the work of this firm, we are told, is done with the United States, nearly all the remainder with Ontario.

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