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THE season in Prince Edward County up to within a few days ago has been wet, cold and unfavorable for barley and corn. Lately, however, things have begun to look better, and, if favorable weather continues, there will be a tolerably good harvest. Fruits, especially apples, appear to be doing well.

THE coal output of Nova Scotia for this year promises to exceed that of any former period. In the six months ending June 30th, the product was 642,511 tons, against 529,063 tons for the like period of 1882, an increase of 113,448 tons or about 21 per cent. The annual output has been increased during the past four years by about 700,000 tons.

THE Canada Pacific Railway is reported to be completed to Calgary, Man., and it is expected that the summit of the Rocky Mountains will be reached some time in November next.—The ground will be broken, and active operations commenced on the Canada and United States Railroad, which is to connect Fort Covington with the M. & C. I. R. R. next Thursday, 23rd inst.

VICTORY SYKES, of Bloomfield, Ont., who has carried on a tannery at that place for a number of years, recently made an assignment, showing liabilities, it is reported, of \$7,000 to \$8,000. The total of assets is not known, but supposed to be about \$5,000. It is thought by some that Sykes is able to pay in full. A number of writs have been issued and served, notwithstanding his assignment.

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**FALL TRADE, 1883.**

THE Montreal firm of Guenette & Nelson, furniture dealers, assigned in trust last week. They have only been in business some two years, and have been in doubtful circumstances for some time; recently a writ of *saisie arrêt* before judgment was issued against them for \$1,973, and they were compelled to assign. They showed a deficiency of about \$3,000, on liabilities amounting to \$9,000.

THE strike of 300 coal miners in the Wellington Colliery, at Departure Bay, B.C., will, it is said, necessitate the closing of the mine, thus throwing 900 men out of employment. The strikers demand a large increase of pay, which has been refused. The average monthly shipments of coal from the mine to Victoria, B.C., amount to 14,000 tons. Ships are unable to obtain cargoes, and have to go to Seattle to get coal.

A MEETING of the wholesale crockery firms from and between Montreal and London was held at the City Hotel, Kingston, on the 7th inst., to form an association of the crockery trade, which will be known as "The Crockery and Glassware Association of Canada." Mr. Adam Darling, of Montreal, was elected the first president; Mr. W. J. Reid, of Messrs. Reid & Co., of London, vice-president, and Mr. John Edgar, of Messrs. John Edgar & Son, Toronto, secretary-treasurer, with an excellent executive committee to manage the details of the association. The deliberations of the meeting were cordial and unanimous.

WE have learned, with deep regret the death of the Hon. James Cockburn, of the law firm of Cockburn & McIntyre, Ottawa, who was speaker of the House of Commons in the first and second Parliaments of the Dominion. Mr. Cockburn was born in Scotland in 1819, and was called to the Upper Canada bar in 1846. He entered public life in 1861, as member for West Northumberland, defeating the Hon.

Sidney Smith, and was, in 1864, Solicitor General in Sir John A. Macdonald's Government. He made an excellent speaker, and possessed the confidence and esteem of all who enjoyed his acquaintance.

MRS. DELANEY, of Kingston, fancy goods dealer, referred to last week, has made an assignment to Mr. John A. McMahon, of that city. Her stock in trade (nominal value \$1,500, real value \$500) constitutes the whole assets, and the liabilities, as far as ascertained, foot-up \$1,800. The offer, already made, of 35c on the dollar is said to be more than she can pay. The assignee attributes her failure to living under too heavy expenses, she having afforded a home for two near relatives and their families. It may be mentioned that her husband, also an unsuccessful merchant, some months ago opened a store at Perth, presumably with stock partly supplied by the Kingston store.

THE silk manufacturing industry in this city has grown to such proportions as to render necessary extensive enlargements to the factories in operation. Messrs. Belding, Paul & Co. are laying the foundations of a new building with double the capacity of the present one at St. Gabriel. It will be 150 feet long by 45 feet wide, and four storeys high, with basement. The firm at present employ about 300 persons, which number will be considerably increased when the new factory is completed.

FOLLOWING is a return of the Post Office Savings Banks of Canada, for the year ending 30th June, 1883, compared with the previous year:—

	1882.	1883.
Number deposits.....	97,380	109,489
Amount.....	\$6,435,989	\$6,826,266
Number withdrawals...	35,859	45,253
Amount.....	\$3,461,619	\$4,730,995
Number open accounts.	51,473	61,063
Balance due depositors.	\$9,473,661	\$11,976,237