

can be had on the spot; this substitute for wood and brick is likely, therefore, says a despatch, to come into general use.

ALEXANDER McKAY, Colchester, N. S., has a contract for supplying R. I. Hart & Co., of Halifax with half a million feet of dimension deals for South America.

THE Customs returns at St. Stephens, N. B., show the value of goods imported during October last at that port to have been \$27,153 against \$26,865 in October previous. The collections were \$5,908.

MONCTON, N. B., show a Customs' revenue in October of \$26,984, which is \$6,288 more than in the like month of 1881. The value of imports was \$62,007; in October 1881, \$50,608.

AN enthusiastic meeting of the Winnipeg Stock, Grain, and Mining Exchange was held on Wednesday evening of last week. A committee was appointed to obtain a suitable site on which to commence operations at the earliest possible date.

AN industrious young man, G. B. Campbell a fruit dealer in Hamilton finds, after a year's experience that he is unable to pay his debts and now the sheriff is in possession. His expenses were entirely too heavy for his income. As Mr. Campbell is a minor, creditors may require to exercise patience.

A STATEMENT of passenger travel over the Canada Pacific from St. Vincent to Winnipeg for the nine months ending September 30th., shows the total number of passengers to have been 38,885. Of these, 26,587 are classed as immigrants and 5,898 as "first class." The largest arrivals of any one month were in April.

L. C. MARCOUX, who came from the States a year ago last spring, and started a grocery business at Three Rivers, has failed, with liabilities of \$2,500; nominal assets only \$800, but as there is \$200 or \$300 of law costs to be paid in full, creditors need not expect more than ten cents in the dollar of their claims.

J. B. McKERCHER, long in the boot and shoe business at Montreal, has suspended, and assigned to Messrs. G. Boivin, J. L. Peltier and E. H. Thurston, for general benefit. Liabilities are estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,000. He failed in 1875 through accommodation paper, and compromised then at 35 cents.

WINNIPEG Customs' collections for October amounted to \$161,389, against \$62,508 in October last year and \$25,209 in that month of 1882. The Inland Revenue returns at that port were \$17,389 as compared with \$12,901 in the previous October, a gain of \$4,488. Spirits represented \$11,562 of the amount, and tobacco \$5,420.

THE Washington Star says that the experiment of mounting letter carriers on bicycles in that city for the delivery and collection of mail matter seems to be a success. Out West it is already coming into use for newspaper delivery. A Cincinnati daily is served regularly to subscribers in the town of Greenville O., by carriers mounted on bicycles.

ISAAC LIGHTSTONE, formerly a pedlar, who started a small dry goods store in Cornwall last June, has failed. His creditors met last week, when he showed liabilities of \$1,600, and assets \$1,000. Creditors sent a man to investigate, but before he could do anything, execution was issued by a creditor to whom Lightstone has granted confession of judgment.

O. N. FRECHETTE, general store-keeper, of Batiscan, Que., who figured as an insolvent about a year ago, is now seeking an extension of 4, 8 and 12 months. He claims a surplus of some \$3,700, and says he can get a partner who

will put in \$1,500 cash capital if he gets time. Frechette was doing very fairly previous to failure, but engaged in wood and railway-tie operations, which swamped him.

ABOUT a year ago, Mr. James A. Orr, of Trenton, purchased the boot and shoe stock of J. B. Young, of that place, at a discount of ten per cent. Being formerly a publisher of a local paper, Mr. Orr knew nothing of the boot and shoe business, and found little difficulty in losing all he had invested. Being honest and attentive, he deserved better success.

THE Commercial Agent of the United States at Port Hope, Mr. J. C. Dutcher, sends us figures of the principal items of exports from the Consular District, which includes Cobourg and Port Hope. These are for the six months ended with September last, as under:

Lumber	\$886,837 72 in Value.
Barley	117,028 98 "
Eggs	48,221 26 "
Horses	35,455 50 "
Shingles	79,048 03 "
Wheat	74,637 40 "
Total Value ..	\$1,365,467 04

A NEW steamer for the Hudsons Bay Co. is to be built at Fort Chippewyan in the North-West. The heaviest timber for her frame will have to be procured from Peace River, which joins the Athabasca at or near Fort Chippewyan. The steamer will be used to transport H. B. Co.'s goods for the Athabasca and Mackenzie River districts. These goods come in by Carlton, Green Lake, and Long Portage to Ft. McMurray, by a mixed land and water route, on which carts and York boats are used alternately. She will have a run of about three hundred miles down the Athabasca and Great Slave Rivers, and about two hundred up the Peace River.

THE Canada Gazette of fourth instant publishes an Order-in-Council, declaring the disallowance, by the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, of the following Acts of the Legislature of Manitoba, viz: "An Act to incorporate the Manitoba Tramway Company;" "An Act to incorporate the Emerson & North-Western Railway Company;" "An Act to encourage the building of railways in Manitoba." Such disallowance is in accordance with the alleged determination of the Government to oppose railway building and subsidizing by Provincial Government in future, which, it is claimed, are by the constitution the exclusive prerogatives of the Federal authorities.

THE Sheriff is in possession of the effects of John Shaw, a dealer in musical instruments in Orangeville.—James C. Garner, a small confectioner in London, is reported to have left the country. The landlord and the holder of a chattel mortgage will absorb all his candies.—In the same city the millinery stock of Mrs. E. Gale has been sold by her landlord. She also is said to have cleared from Canada.—Lancaster Bros., of Hamilton, stationers, have been levied upon for rent.—G. W. Hawkins, for years a shoe dealer in Colborne, has assigned to Chas. Parsons, in this city.—R. B. Keeler, of Exeter, had his stock of shoes, etc., removed by a creditor, which leaves little for the others.

APPLICATION has been made to incorporate a joint stock company with a capital of \$60,000 to purchase the "good will" and plant of the London Advertiser and to carry on the printing and publishing business in connection with that journal. That lively newspaper is now in its twentieth year; it has always been conducted with conspicuous energy and shows decided signs of prosperity. The advertising columns would indicate that it is well patronized, and its weekly we believe has a large circulation. The management will continue as in the past. John Cameron, William Cameron, C. Blackett

Robinson, of Toronto; George M. Gunn, of London, insurance agent; and John McClary, are to be the first directors.

THE Customs' authorities recently issued a circular warning parties that if any package addressed or consigned to them is found to contain any goods not mentioned in the invoice such goods shall be absolutely forfeited; and if any goods are found which do not correspond with the description thereof in the invoice, and such omission or non-correspondence appears to have been made for the purpose of avoiding payment of the duty or of any part of the duty on such goods, or in any invoice or entry any goods have been undervalued with such intent as aforesaid, or if the oath made with regard to any such invoice or entry is wilfully false in any particular—then, in any of the cases aforesaid, all the packages and goods included or pretended to be included, or which ought to have been included in such invoice or entry, shall be forfeited.

THE failure of Messrs. D. Arnott & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers in this city, has not been altogether unexpected. They are thought to have been losing ground for a considerable time, their business methods not being popular. For many years the sole partner, Mr. D. Arnott, successfully conducted a retail dry goods business in Oakville. He began the wholesale trade in this city in the spring of 1868. For a few years his progress was difficult, but in 1877 he claimed to have a capital of \$56,000. This, he stated, had been increased by 1881 to over \$60,000. These estimates have always been considered too high. The firm was assisted by one of our financial institutions quite as long as it was thought desirable. At the time of the recent failure of Wm. Bull & Co., that firm's paper was held by Arnott & Co. to the amount of some \$5,000, also that of Horsley & Co. for about half this sum. Several country retail dealers will be embarrassed by this stoppage.

WE have a letter from Mr. A. Rinskopf of Emerson, giving a different version of the position of Rinskopf & Baker's affairs from that published in our issue of 27th ult. The letter states that Mr. Baker only invested \$500 and gave me \$1000 as a bonus. We took stock together, made a correct inventory together, and the business only, not counting some very valuable property I own here and in the surrounding country, showed a surplus of \$7,344, Baker was to give his second note for half that sum besides the \$1,500 to secure a half interest in the business. I owed and do not owe to-day anything outside the ordinary liabilities of business, although, through the roads being bad and the season very late, I experienced like every one else, some difficulty in meeting my payments in full. I always was and am to-day perfectly solvent and able to pay 200 cents for every dollar I owe. Last, my stock was never levied upon by any creditor, nor is it likely nor liable to be. A month ago Baker filed a bill in chancery for the prevention of the sale of my stock, but up to date I have never been served with any document."

A WHOLESALE house sends us the following literary and commercial curiosity, saying, with reference to it: "The enterprising writer of this is two days ahead on the date, for while he dates it 3rd Nov. he wrote it on the 1st, and we received it on the 2nd. As to the orthography, Josh Billings is eclipsed." The following is the letter:

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DEAR SIR I am thinking about giving a Pedlar this in the grosey line and I thought I would rite to you to See if I Coot Doe Busines with— you I am agent for the Maas grove Nursery Waterloo &, N. Y. and I dont like it very much