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*. The Toronto *Globe* informs us of a Watford firm, engaged in exporting apples to England, who paste on each barrel a printed slip containing statistics of Canada of use to those who will be benefited by migrating to this country, and well says, "other shippers of goods from Canada might follow so good an example."

*. Waterloo farmers have adopted a novel but very effective way of threshing peas. The peas are threshed by being run through a cutting box, by which the straw is cut very fine, making tolerably good feed, while the grain remains whole. The peas bring a better price than those threshed otherwise, as they are not broken up as in other modes of threshing.

*. The Canada Cotton Spinning Company of Cornwall, unable to meet its matured bonds, is about to issue new ones in the sum of \$250,000, the holders of the old bonds agreeing to take \$200,000; leaving \$50,000 for general subscription. The company claims to be in a healthy condition and to have made \$20,000 the past year.

*. D. K. McNaughton & Co., of Chatham, Ont., have purchased the past season throughout the counties of Kent and Essex, over a quarter of a million dozen of eggs for the American markets. This enterprising firm also do a large trade during the winter season in clover seed and dressed hogs, these three lines being specialties with them.

*. The American Union Telegraph Company complains of unfair opposition on the part of the Western Union Company through concerted efforts to retard, hinder and injure them in the establishment of their business, and it is said the matter is to be brought before the Courts, papers already having been drawn up.

*. There has been a strong upward movement in cotton on the New York Cotton Exchange, partly attributed to decreased estimates of the crop and more largely to pure specula-

tion. The business reported is enormous, and on one day of last week sales reached the unprecedented volume of 250,000 bales, or a value of about \$14,000,000.

*. The English tenant farmers, whose tour of investigation through the provinces, and especially to Manitoba, has been noticed in the papers from time to time, sailed on Saturday last from Quebec on the *Peruvian*. Their impressions of Canada as a field for emigration are to be given full publicity upon reaching England, and are very well understood to be highly favorable.

*. A Chatham, Ont., correspondent informs us that receipts at that point of merchandise freight per Great Western Railway for the month of October was over 1000 tons, against 700 tons for the corresponding month last year, and adds, this is "an evidence that trade is reviving in the west. Whether this is owing to the N. P. or N. C. (natural causes), can't say."

*. The New York and Oswego Railroad, costing in bonds and stock some \$23,000,000, was sold last week under foreclosure to the representative of a syndicate of capitalists for \$4,600,000. This sale finally wipes out all interests after the first mortgage bonds, and many of the towns and counties through which the line passes are heavy losers through aiding the road by the donation of corporation bonds in exchange for stock now worthless.

*. The matter of establishing an ocean route for trade purposes from Fort Nelson, in the North-West Territories, to Europe via the Hudson Straits and bay, is likely to receive the consideration of the Government in view of the favorable and voluminous reports in this connection from Professor Bell. It is understood the matter will be placed in the hands of Prof. Selwyn to carry out such steps as may be necessary to finally determine the practicability of such a route.

*. The Nicaragua route is again attracting

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influential advocacy in the United States as a counter movement to the Darien Ship Canal project, the latter meeting with anything but favor in political and official circles. Improbable stories are afloat to the effect that the Rothschilds have already agreed to make enormous advances to a proposed Nicaragua Canal Company, and that General Grant has consented to accept the presidency. Ordinarily speaking such an enterprise would needs take a more definite and practical shape before commitments of the kind could be obtained.

*. The changes in the statistical position of sugar at the four principal Atlantic ports for the week ending November 13th, 1879, as compared with the previous week, are as follows: stocks decreased 6794 tons; receipts, 1034 tons less; distribution, 10,410 tons less. Notwithstanding the continued decrease in stocks, which are down to 32,691 tons, against 68,897 tons a year ago, this showing is not wholly unfavorable to the consumer in that distribution had so largely decreased relatively with receipts. The changes for the year to the date above given are as follows: stock decreased, 34,203 tons; receipts, 39,365 tons more; distribution, 76,111 tons more.

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