

A CHEESE and butter factory is in course of erection at L'Orignal, by Mr. James Murray, Jr.

MR. C. J. BRENT, formerly agent of the Consolidated Bank, Berlin, has been appointed manager of the bank at New Hamburg, in room of Mr. Denison, who resigned.

THE timber-drive just closed on the Moira, at Belleville, is said to be the most successful ever known there. 150,000 pieces have been brought to Belleville harbor.

THE death is announced at Belfast, Ireland, of Mr. Samuel Barbour, founder of the thread manufacturing house of Barbour Brothers. The deceased gentleman had lived for a number of years in the United States.

A COUNTERFEIT Dominion Note, of the denomination of one dollar, has been seen in Guelph and in Rockwood. The paper is greasy and dark, and the workmanship poor.

COAL Shipments at Pictou, for the week ending June 10th:—Halifax Co., 1834; Acadia, 1500; Intercolonial, 1608; Vale, 72; Nova Scotia, 1004; total, 6018. Total to date, 19,767 tons.

WE learn from Pictou, N.S., that a firm of tanners there are making a shipment to England of Upper and other leathers to the value of \$7000, to be followed next month by another consignment of like value. These are, we understand, experimental shipments on the part of Messrs. Campbell.

THE guarantee by the N.Y. Central and Hudson R.R. Company of the Canada Southern Railway bonds, under the Arrangement Act of 1878 of the latter road, is declared by E. D. Worcester, secretary of the Central, to have been approved by this road at a special general meeting of shareholders.

The Nova Scotia Forge Company are shortly to remove their works outside of the Municipality of New Glasgow, their water supply being unsatisfactory, because salt. They are putting up fresh buildings at Smelt Brook.

The importations of foreign dry goods at the port of New York, in May, were of the value of \$3,320,000, being nearly half a million less than in May 1877. Contracts for delivery of cotton at the Cotton Exchange of that city, for the year ending 27th May, reached 12,670,500 bales, against 9,986,800 bales the previous year.

THE number of failures in Boston during May was 54, with liabilities aggregating \$1,254,019. The number in Chicago only 8, with total liabilities of \$157,128.

FORTY thousand pounds of oleomargarine "butter" is reported to be daily bought and consumed in New York city.

FOUR hundred and ninety-two thousand bushels of grain have been unloaded from vessels at Port Colborne this season so far, and the shortage on this large quantity was only 118 bushels.

As an illustration of dullness of trade abroad, we learn from a cable despatch, that there were on Monday last in the port of Calcutta, India, eighty vessels unfreighted, whose total capacity was 10,788 tons.

MESSRS J. G. JOSEPH & Co., have commenced proceedings against Messrs. S. H. & J. Moss, of Montreal, for damages for the alleged wrongful attempt of the latter firm to force the former into insolvency. Damages are laid at \$25,000.

THE name of the schooner "Annie L. Craig," owned by Messrs. Smith & Keighley, of this city, has been changed, we learn from the *Canada Gazette*, to that of "City of Winnipeg." The report that Mr. Matthews' steam barge "Niagara" was to be withdrawn from the Collingwood line, is denied by that gentleman.

It is announced by the Governor and Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company, that the result of the Company's business for the year ending 31st May last will not justify the recommendation of a dividend at the coming meeting.

WORK is being pushed forward upon the Hamilton & Dundas street railway. Most of the line on Main Street in Hamilton is ready to receive the rails. The York Street line has cars now running upon it.

AMONG other crop reports, we find in the *Bruce Reporter*, and in another western exchange the unwelcome information that "Canada thistles never looked better," and we heartily agree in the recommendation that stricter attention should be paid by municipalities in enforcing the statute in regard to destroying this noxious weed. A communication was sent to the Toronto City Council a day or two ago, stating that thistles were becoming thick in some of our city streets.

THE Stream of emigration to Manitoba, and the West appears unabated, the *Winnipeg Standard* says that every boat deposits a squad of immigrants on the bank. Nearly all the empty houses have been engaged and are already occupied by families. The hotels are taxed to their utmost to provide for those arriving.

AN accident of a disquieting character happened a fortnight ago in the pumping house of the Hamilton Water Works, at Burlington Beach. The bed plate bearing the main shaft broke down and destroyed cogs in the wheels in the machinery below. The Chief Engineer, enjoined strict secrecy in regard to the accident, lest some incendiary might take advantage of the predicament. The lesser engine was kept pumping night and day, but was insufficient to keep up the supply. The water was economized in every way; the street watering lessened, and fountains stopped in their play. The plate was recast and on this day week it was fitted and work was resumed greatly to the relief of the department.

It is stated in a Chicago journal that the American Express Companies thus far this year has been in excess of that done in the corresponding months of last year, by one fifth. This, if correct, is an indication of reviving activity, as showing that not only do people there want goods, but that they are in a hurry for them.

THE sons of Erebus. (not of Neptune) who filch for purposes of ballast, from the slopes of Negrotown Point, St. John, the stone with

which the government at no slight expense constructed a breakwater, deserve to have some such task set them as Pluto gave to a certain party whom he condemned to roll up hill a stone which for ever rolled down again.

MESSRS. Goldie & McCulloch, of Galt, have shipped to Manitoba within a few days a steam grist mill complete, an automatic cut-off engine, a lot of wood-working machinery and two car loads of steam boilers.

THE much talked-of Women's Hotel, built in New York with the money of the late A. T. Stewart, after three months trial has not paid with the patronage of women alone, the receipts reaching only hundreds of dollars per week, while the expenses were thousands. Judge Hilton, who manages Stewart's estate, has therefore opened it as the "Park Avenue," a general hotel, at \$3 per day, under the management of Mr. Clair, who also conducts those other mammoth hotels, the Grand Union at Saratoga and the Metropolitan, which were also Mr. Stewart's. The three buildings can accommodate 4,000 guests.

THE City Council will submit to the ratepayers in July another by-law replacing the \$75,000 one prepared for exhibition and other purposes. The latter, it was discovered by the Property-Owners' Association, was defective, in that it did not provide an adequate sum for sinking-fund.

WE have to acknowledge the receipt of complimentary tickets for "Le Premier Grand Concours Musical," open to all bands of music in the Dominion, which is being held this week at the Victoria Skating Rink in Montreal.

At a special meeting of shareholders of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, held a few days ago in Montreal, the directors were given power to amalgamate with any opposition steamboat line.

THE N. W. *Lumberman* is informed that a Canadian schooner has just sailed from Marquette, Mich., with a cargo of square timber amounting to 20,000 cubic feet; destination, England via Quebec.

THE Vice-President of the Great Western Railway, Col. F. D. Grey, is on a visit to this country inspecting the company's property. He lunched at London on Tuesday last with Mr. Broughton and a number of London gentlemen.

MR. J. S. LOUDON, for a number of years accountant in the Standard Bank of this city, has been appointed to the management of the agency at Harriston of that bank, *vice* Mr. R. B. Somerville, resigned. Mr. Loudon will assume the duties of his new position, about the middle of next month.

It appears that there is still a good deal of destitution existing in St. John, N. B. in consequence of the great fire that devastated that city just a year ago. The Relief Society of that city received during the year which has just elapsed, \$372,402, of which \$204,804 has been expended on the destitute. Besides this \$50,000 sent from England has been distributed, and it is computed that other contributions of money and goods increase the amount of expen-