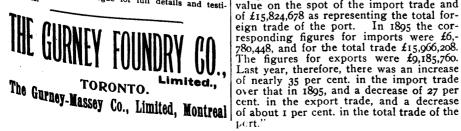




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Mercantile Summary.

THE inland revenue collected at the port of Montreal during the months of August, 1896-7, was:---

1897\$207,335 9 1896193,905 4	
Increase for August, 1897 \$13,430 4	3

BENNING & BARSALOU, Montreal, auctioneers, sold on Tuesday, for Kent & Turcotte, curators' the stocks belonging to the following estates :--I. Vineberg & Co., at 63c. : Vineberg & Co., a. 60c., for Henry Barber, trustee, of Toronto, The stock of A. E. Loney, of Maxwell, Ont., at 6½2.

FROM a recent report, it appears that the exports of Austria-Hungary during the past year amounted to \$327,350,000, and the imports to \$303,650,000, being in both cases an increase over the corresponding figures for the previous year. There has been a considerable increase in the exports of manufactured goods, especially of textiles; but, satisfactory as this is, the country has enormous agricultural interests and there seems just now to be but slight prospects of a profitable outlet for the products of her cattle breeding and husbandry. Last year the exports of live stock decreased largely in number and value. The egg trade has also shown a decline. The German agrarian agitation, a bad harvest, prohibitive measures against Austrian cattle, and Russian competition in the egg trade, are all suggested as causes of this state of things.

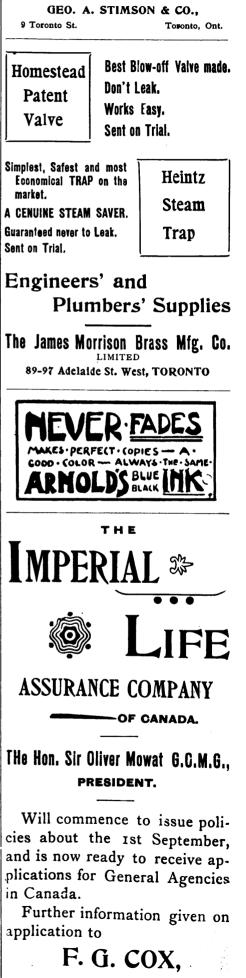
J. B. TYRRELL, one of the geologists of the Dominion Geological Department, is going to continue his work of exploration in the West. The immediate scene of his operations will be among the swamp lands in the north of Manitoba, that can be better worked in the fall, when the ground is frozen and before snow covers the ground.

THE president of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, D. W. Bole, had a conference with Mr. R. Kerr, traffic manager of the C.P.R., on Saturday last, in reference to freight rates to Kootenay points. It is said the conference was very satisfactory. Speaking of the existing tariff, Mr. Bole pointed out that the charges from Montreal to Winnipeg and from Winnipeg to the Kootenay were now the same as the through rate, plus a small charge for cartage, which was reasonable, and to that extent satisfactory.

--The British Consul's report on the trade of Yokohama during 1896, says: "The returns show the total trade of the port for the year to have been worth £14,-632,382, being £7,948,637 value of imports, $f_0,683,745$ value of exports. If there is added, as has been done in some previous reports, to the figures for imports deduced from the customs returns, a correction of 15 per cent. to cover approximately the amount of freight and other charges paid on those goods between the place of production and this port, we arrive at the sum of £9,140,933 as representing the actual value on the spot of the import trade and of £15,824,678 as representing the total forresponding figures for imports were £6,-780,448, and for the total trade £15,966,208. The figures for exports were £9,185,760. Last year, therefore, there was an increase of nearly 35 per cent. in the import trade over that in 1895, and a decrease of 27 per cent. in the export trade, and a decrease of about 1 per cent. in the total trade of the port."

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