

The Dominion Government Savings Bank transactions at Winnipeg for the month ending 31st October were :

Deposits.....	\$20,098 00
Withdrawals.....	24,254 86
Withdrawals exceed deposits by	\$ 4,156 86

The *Brandon Sun* says it has been decided to establish a woollen mill in Brandon. The stock has been placed at \$100,000. Only \$50,000 is being asked for now, and by this time it has almost all been subscribed. Those who have witnessed the enterprise of Brandon's business men will not need to be told that the business will be taken hold of in a way that will ensure its decided success.

A new and important industry has been undertaken in Vancouver. A company has been formed under the style of the British Columbia Cooperage and Jute Co. for the purpose of manufacturing barrels, kegs and gunny sacks of all kinds. The company has taken over the cooperage business of Watson Eastman, whose factory is near the Sugar Refinery, and they will shortly erect a two storey building with a wharf on the site. They will import the gunny cloth from Calcutta direct, and will make it into sacks and bags here, using machinery to cut out and sew the sacks. In the cooperage department all kinds of barrels and kegs will be made. At the present time the wood for the barrels used in the Sugar Refinery is imported, but in the future the company will only use British Columbia timber. The capital stock of the Company is \$50,000 in 5,000 shares of \$10 each. B. T. Rogers, manager of the Sugar Refinery, is president of the Company; Wm. Prentice, secretary, and Watson Eastman, managing director.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

It is announced that the Mahone Bay Agency of the People's Bank of Halifax has been closed.

It is stated by the *Chignecto Post* as a settled thing that the Harris car works will go to Amherst. A sufficiency of stock has been subscribed, and it is said the transfer will be shortly made.

The Annapolis Valley Orchard Company is being organized, its object being the growing, canning and preserving of fruit. The capital will be \$125,000, in shares of \$50 each.

The Directors' room of the Merchants Bank of Prince Edward Island was the scene, the other day, of the burning of \$63,000 of the old \$1 and \$2 notes. These notes are no longer current by the Bank Act, and had to be destroyed. It took the furnace of the Bank and another large fire three hours to destroy them.

The first English mail from China and Japan via Vancouver arrived at the post office here on the night of the 29th November, and was despatched