

"But what is your name? Where have I seen you? Did I ever meet you?" persisted the householder.

"Why, you've seen me at the meeting—just a few nights ago. My name is Holpepper."

"You don't mean to say you're a member of Saint Simeon de Beaulieu Lodge, A.F. and A.M., are you?"

"Not much—they fellers is too rich for my blood. But I helped to initiate you into the Mysterious Order of Knights of the Holy Broom-Corn; yes, sir, and you shook hands with us all round, too; seemed to feel pretty good. Had some bad news since I seen you, though—lost a couple of our members by a fishin' accident, and that's a goin' to make the next 'sessment kinder heavy on the boys. But o' course rich folks like you don't mind that."

"Is this what you came to my house about? Why don't you come to a man's office if you want to talk about such things? Let your secretary write me if I owe him anything"—and Larue was striding angrily away, when Holpepper burst out:

"Hold on, Mist. Larue, I ain't no sich doggoned mule as fer to come roun' a dunnin' a gentleman. No, sir. I was only jest explainin' things a mite 'cause ye asked me to. Ye see, I was conversatin' with this here lady in your kitchen an' you come along and spoke to me fust. I'm a drivin' a bread wagon for Sloan & Frankox jist at present, but since I've been made the Superb Pompadour and Assistant Bombardier of our noble Order, I reckon maybe I'll get a job in the office, by-and-bye."

Mr. Larue did not hold on, to speak of, but moved away with some hauteur, leaving Mr. Pompadour Holpepper and the cook to finish their conversating. The impending assessments did not bother him, it may be presumed, as much as the free-and-easy style of the rencontre—especially free-and-easy on the part of the Assistant Bombardier.

#### PROPOSED NEW ACCIDENT COMPANY.

On Monday last there was held in Toronto a gathering of gentlemen interested in a new accident insurance company, which we have already mentioned. Dr. Larratt W. Smith, chairman of the provisional board, presided, and there were also present: W. H. Pearson; R. E. Gibson, R. Shaw Wood (London), L. J. Cosgrave, A. L. Eastmure, William Davies, Herbert Langlois, Robert H. Davies, Richard Brown, Col. R. E. C. Jarvis, F. J. Lightbourn, Malcolm Gibbs, G. H. Muntz, E. J. Lightbourn, T. J. Stewart (Hamilton), W. H. Cross, James Saulter.

The report of the provisional board, giving particulars of the work of organization, together with statements relating thereto, was submitted and approved unanimously. It was shown at the meeting that the 2,000 shares which it was proposed to allot had been taken up by about two hundred subscribers, in the various Provinces of the Dominion.

The election of directors was then proceeded with, and resulted as under: Dr. Larratt W. Smith, R. Shaw Wood (London), A. L. Eastmure, J. Herbert Mason, W. H. Pearson, J. N. Shenstone, Edward L. Bond (Montreal), J. H. Brack (Winnipeg), and Col. R. E. C. Jarvis.

At a later meeting of the board, Dr. Larratt W. Smith was elected president; A. L. Eastmure, vice-president; and F. J. Lightbourn, secretary.

#### TEXTILE NOTES.

The Sarnia woolen mills were visited by burglars recently.

The good effects of a bountiful harvest are already apparent in Toronto. A number of buyers have been in the city from Manitoba this week and have made liberal purchases.

The Manitoba Government estimates a yield of more than one and a quarter million bushels of flax in Manitoba this year. The fact that flax can be grown on the first breaking of the land, and although sown later is not so liable to injury by frost as wheat, makes it a peculiarly suitable crop for the Prairie Province of Canada. There is a flax mill in Winnipeg, another is being established in British Columbia, while the demand from Ontario is at present much greater than the supply.

The agreement that the manufacturers of Magog prints have been attempting to arrange with the wholesale trade as to uniform prices in all probability come into effect in September. The first circular, the contents of which we discussed several weeks ago, has been amended as follows: "To meet the wishes of the trade, we have decided to change the rate of prepayment on the above goods from 9 to 7 per cent. per annum. The item of terms in our circular letter of July 11th will thus read and form part of said agreement: Terms—Credit on which the goods will be sold not to exceed the following: Four months, first of the following on deliveries made after the 15th September, and prior to the 1st of December, and after 1st April, and prior to 1st June. Four months, 1st April on deliveries after 1st De-

cember and prior to 1st April. A discount of 4 per cent. may be given for cash in thirty days, or prepayment allowed at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum."

Recent arrivals in England, as chronicled by the *Draper's Record*, include the following: Mr. George B. Fraser (Messrs. Greenshields, Son & Co., Montreal), Mr. John Wilson (Montreal), Mr. R. C. Scott (Messrs. Alexander & Anderson, Toronto), Mr. E. A. Reid (Ottawa), Mr. Fred Walker (Messrs. R. Walker & Sons, Toronto), Mr. J. Robertson (Montreal), Mr. John Jackson (St. John's, N.F.), Mr. David Morrice (Messrs. Morrice & Sons, Montreal), Mr. Wm. Ross (Port Perry, Ont.), Mr. J. F. Ross (Toronto), Mr. King Houston (Manchester—arrived from Canada on Monday), Mr. Frank Walker (Montreal), Mr. Hugh Baird (Mr. James Baird, St. John's, N.F.), Mr. Barron (Messrs. Goodfellow & Co., St. John's, N.F.), Mr. H. Robertson (of the firm of the late Mr. Moses Monroe, St. John's, N.F.), Mr. G. H. Marshall (Messrs. Marshall & Rodger, St. John's, N.F.), Mr. J. Sanderson (Messrs. John Macdonald & Co., Toronto), Mr. W. P. Slessor (of Messrs. James Johnston & Co., Montreal) is expected next month. Mr. J. Slessor, his father, has hitherto principally visited the European markets on behalf of the firm. Mr. R. L. Davidson (of Messrs. John Macdonald & Co., Toronto) is also expected shortly. Other arrivals include those of Mr. J. Robertson (Messrs. Munro & Robertson, Hamilton, Ont.), Mr. Henry Smythe (London and Montreal), Mr. W. H. Muldrew (Toronto).

#### FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

The Bajus brewery, Kingston, was established in 1798.

Sugars are moving slowly, but refiners are maintaining prices.

Messrs. Boswell & Co., Quebec brewers, are constructing cold storage vaults.

Large shipments of tea are expected in Toronto within a few days ex "Empress of India."

Fielding & McLaren have sold out their grocery business on Upper Wyndham street, Guelph, to Scott & Milman.

Manitoba cheese factories are said to have a daily output of 20,200 lbs. cheese, and the creameries of 8,300 lbs. butter.

Two carloads of new salmon, comprising 1,000 cases, arrived in Toronto from New Westminster, B.C., the other day.

A gentleman interested in the St. Malo, Man., creamery has gone to France for capital to increase the capacity of the industry.

The Chilliwack Valley, B.C., Fruit Growers' Association is shipping plums, apples and crab-apples in considerable quantities to Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

The first shipment of new Manitoba wheat was made on the 23rd inst., by the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, from Gretna to Keewatin, the consignment consisting of one car load. The wheat was delivered by Alex. Smith, a Gretna farmer, and graded No. 1 Hard.

The New Westminster, B.C., Cold Storage Company are preparing a shipment of 50 tons of frozen salmon for Honolulu, Sydney, N.S.W., Paris and London. This is the largest shipment ever made by the company, and will go forward by the "Warrimoo."—*Columbian*.

Hamilton butchers have elected the following officers to look after the celebrations they propose to make on Labor Day:—Geo. Green, chairman; Charles Vosper, secretary; H. Lawry, T. Porteous, J. Dingle, W. H. Nicholls, W. Stroud, E. Anderson, W. St. John, W. Tait, S. Williams, J. Gordon.

For the current year the actual number, says the *Vancouver Statistical News-Advertiser*, in a review of the salmon pack, is not yet ascertained, but a careful estimate places the total of the Fraser River pack for the season, to date, at between 280,000 and 300,000 cases, and allows a margin of from 25,000 to 50,000 cases as the additional pack to the close of the season. That is to say, the 1895 pack of the Fraser River canneries will be between 325,000 and 350,000 cases, but the figures cannot be verified until the returns, showing the actual number, are received by the Fisheries Department.

Barbadoes advices to August 10 (Clairmonte, Man & Co.), as follows: Sales of sugar, \$1.70 per 100 lbs., and \$5 for package\* in hhds.; \$1.80 in bags. Molasses.—Season over. We have had some showers during the past fortnight, but heavy rains are badly needed. The following is a comparative statement of the shipments of produce to date:

|                        | Sugar.         |                | Molasses.      |                |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                        | 1894.<br>Hhds. | 1895.<br>Hhds. | 1894.<br>Puns. | 1895.<br>Puns. |
| United Kingdom ....    | 9,784          | 6,617          | 1,418          | 361            |
| United States. ....    | 47,301         | 25,693         | 8,006          | 1,449          |
| British Provinces .... | 4,615          | 795            | 33,765         | 25,264         |
| Totals .....           | 61,700         | 31,105         | 43,243         | 27,074         |

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