

which, while comparatively small, are nevertheless important, as they concern the communities in which they are located, or may be located, to a very large extent, and besides they may lead to larger things. One of these is the possible removal of the Nova Scotia carriage works from Kentville to Truro. This factory is one that has been in operation for three or four years, producing excellent goods and paying good dividends, at the same time employing a number of hands that meant much to the business life of Kentville. A number of Truro men, however, have recently absorbed the stock of the concern, and propose to enlarge the capital, remove the works to Truro and produce on a larger scale. Nova Scotia is a good market and Truro a splendid distributing centre for such goods. It is said that \$750,000 worth of carriages and sleighs are sold in this province annually.

Among other industrial developments, it is worthy of note that the Truro Condensed Milk Co. has decided to establish a branch of its industry at Huntingdon, Que. The company has a large sale for its products in the United States, and it is to produce for that market particularly that it opens this branch. Reindeer brand of condensed milks and coffees are known all over Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific and up in the Klondyke.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

THE DELINEATOR, Christmas Number.—This well-known fashion publication, whose ordinary monthly issue consists of 160 pages, besides advertisements, has published a Christmas Number, which is a thing of beauty, and contains 200 pages of interesting matter. The color printing it presents is remarkable, exemplified as it is in twenty full page illustrations. These are quite apart from the scores of pictures of the female form clothed or at least stayed, according to the modern fashionable tradition, which makes a woman's figure all shoulders and breast and no hips. The motto appears to be "nothing below the waist," now-a-days. The children, thank heaven, are represented in more natural guise. We congratulate the Editor, Mr. Dwyer, on a very attractive number.

Mr. Th. de Schryver, of Auckland, New Zealand, has sent us copies of the New Zealand Graphic, and the Auckland Weekly News Christmas Numbers, a present any Canadian might envy. The colored covers of both of which are exceedingly pretty, indicating great progress in the lithographic art. As to the contents—the illustrations are bewildering in variety and attractiveness, and one cannot wonder after seeing them, at the fascination this colony has for her residents. It was of Auckland that Kipling sang, in *The Seven Seas*:

"Last, loneliest, loveliest, exquisite, apart—
On us, on us, the unswerving season smiles,
Who wonder 'mid our fern that men depart
To seek the Happy Isles."

We have pictures of Dunedin, Wellington, and of Auckland's beautiful harbor, of the Southern Alps, as they are called, and of many forests, sheep ranches, homesteads, mining or sporting scenes. The quality that seems to distinguish every scene in New Zealand is picturesqueness, whether of lake or mountain, river or harbor, falls or geysers. And the Maoris are an interesting race; rarely does one find a more interesting picture, for example, than the full page one the Graphic gives of the native mother and daughter by the banks of one of their sylvan streams.

REPORT OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIA Department of Mines for 1901.—This voluminous work, 230 pages, cap folio, contains, in addition to reports of the the output of minerals such as gold and coal, the wages of men, etc., description of the leasing system, and a resumé of existing mining legislation, diagrams illustrating the mineral production, well executed maps of the state and of Coolgardie gold field, and photograph reproductions of views in the mines. The subjects of these last are: Ground sluicing, hydraulic sluicing, stamp mills for quartz, surface condensing plants, cyanide

tailings, filter presses, puddling machines, etc. The maps we have mentioned indicate the vast extent of that westernmost province of the Australian Federation. A diagram of the gross weight and fine contents of gold exported and received at Perth Mint shows that 1893 was the first year that the figure reached 100,000 ounces; by 1897 it had reached 600,000 ounces; by 1899, it was 1,500,000 ounces, and last year the gross weight exceeded 1,800,000 ounces, the fine contents 1,700,000 ounces. This, at \$17 per ounce, means over \$27,000,000. West Australia much exceeds in gold production any other state of the Australian Union. Among her other mineral products are copper ore, coal, black tin and silver, but their relative value is very small to that of gold.

SOME FINANCIAL NOTES FROM HALIFAX.

While the Bank of Nova Scotia is devoting considerable attention to the housing of its branches, as for instance in the cases of Toronto and Sydney, it is not neglecting the home office. The interior of the Halifax building of the bank is to be remodelled next spring, and it is said that when this work is finished the result will be a very handsome as well as enlarged and more convenient banking rooms and head office.

Mr. C. N. S. Strickland, inspector of the Union Bank of Halifax, is at this writing in Arichat, C.B., where, it is said, the bank is opening a branch. It is reported that the Union has in contemplation the opening of several other agencies in the near future.

The stock of the Royal Bank of Canada has shown considerable depreciation in value during the past few months. The bank has done such a good business and has gained so much ground that the price has advanced until the quotation is now upwards of 186. It is a good stock and people seem to have full confidence in it.

Much interest is displayed in this province in the recent change in the Montreal branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Mr. Pitblado is a Nova Scotian by birth and his countrymen are naturally pleased that he has been so successful in the banking world, and hope good things for him in his new departure. Mr. Hunt is also well known in the province, and in succeeding Mr. Pitblado as manager of the Montreal branch has the good wishes of many Nova Scotian friends. For about ten years Mr. Hunt has been manager of the bank's business in Jamaica, a very important charge.

Halifax is a city that for its size seems more than ordinarily well equipped for "dabbling in stocks." There are not less than ten houses engaged in the stock brokerage business. Two very recent arrivals in the field are Heath & Co., an outside house, represented by A. W. Purcell, and Simmonds & Co., the latter firm having just opened an office in the Herald building.

An important deal has been reported recently from New Brunswick, in which Halifax men are largely interested. Mr. John F. Stairs, president of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., seems to have been largely instrumental in bringing it about. We refer to the consolidation of all the Gibson interests by a company to be capitalized at \$6,000,000. The properties in question include the Canada Eastern Railway, the Gibson cotton mill at Marysville, together with the whole village of Marysville, 250,000 acres of lumber lands, with three mills, a grist mill and a brick yard. These properties are all important. Both the Intercolonial and the C.P.R. are said to have considered the question of purchasing the Canada Eastern Railway, which runs from Chatham to Fredericton. The cotton mill mentioned above is said to be the largest single establishment of the kind in Canada, having been built and equipped at a cost of \$1,000,000. The timber areas cut from 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 feet of lumber each year.

TRADE OPPORTUNITIES.

Canadian Government Offices, London, Nov. 21.—Proprietors of boot blackings, harness preparations, embrocations and horse powders in England contemplate appointing a representative in the Dominion. Spinners of carpet, hosiery and coating yarns wish to get into touch with Cana-