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**WHOLESALE****BRITISH AND FOREIGN****Dry Goods Importers.****FANCY WORK  
DEPARTMENT.**

A very choice selection of goods for Ladies' Fancy Work has been received and put to stock, including

**Fancy Drops in every variety,****Gold Crescents,****Chenille and Tinsel Cords,****Tinsel Thread,****Chenille Flowers,****Arrascene in every possible colour.**

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Sole Agents for Canada:

**GEO. D. ROSS & CO.,**

648 Craig Street, Montreal.

Selling Agents for the West:

**E. A. TOSHACK & CO., TORONTO****Mercantile Summary.**

THE Customs collections at Victoria, B. C., for March, amounted to \$73,154.

A SIXTY-FIVE ounce bar of gold, the result of three weeks' work of twelve men, was on exhibition in the store of J. D. B. Fraser & Sons, last week. Value, \$1,300.00.—*New Glasgow.*

A MINNEDOSA miller proposes to build a flume to connect the Assiniboine and Red Rivers, between which there is a fall of 24 feet, which would give abundant power to run mills.

THE annual meeting of the Kingston &amp; Montreal forwarding Co. (limited), was held on the 8th, in Montreal. The following elections were made: A. Gunn, M. P., president; Hon. J. G. Ross, vice-president; Wm. Stewart, managing director; James Swift and John Torrance, jr., directors.

THE wholesale grocery business of Alexander, Harvey &amp; Co., Hamilton, the head of which died so recently, is continued under the same style by the eldest son of the late senior partner and Mr. Robt. N. Sterling, the surviving member of the late firm who have entered into partnership for the purpose. Both these gentlemen have been connected with the business for years.

EXPORTS to the United State from the consular district of St. Thomas and Port Stanley, were \$37,465 greater last quarter than for like period 1885. The principal items were: apples, \$1,792; barley, \$28,537; wheat, \$3,702; horses, \$9,705; breeding animals, \$8,333; hides, \$7,630; oil, \$3,187; lumber, hoops and staves, \$34,409; sheep and lambs, \$13,338; scrap iron, \$8,437.

It is enough to make a fellow swear in the language of the college song, "O tempora! O mores!" to see the way storekeepers 'rag-out' their goods in all weathers. "On Dundas street in London," a correspondent tells us, "during all the storm of that early April Tuesday, there were the clerks hanging out boots, shoes and slippers to be swayed by the wind and wet through by the soft snow. There were the piles and rolls and bundles of drygoods, put out at the door by rote. Do people still believe that this sort of thing pays?"

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BOOTS & SHOES  
WHOLESALE.**Cor. Craig & St. Francois Xavier Sts  
**MONTREAL, Que****HODGSON, SUMNER & CO**

IMPORTERS OF

**DRY GOODS, SMALLWARES  
and FANCY GOODS**347 & 349 St. Paul Street, MONTREAL  
and 25 & 27 Princess St., WINNIPEG.**H. A. NELSON & SONS**

DIRECT IMPORTERS OF

**Fancy Goods, Dolls, Toys, Christmas Cards  
&c., &c.**

MANUFACTURERS OF

**Brooms, Brushes, Woodenware, Matches,  
and General Grocers' Sundries.**56 & 58 Front St. W.,  
**TORONTO.**59 to 63 St. Peter St.  
**MONTREAL.****Mercantile Summary.**

THE fruit shipments to the United States from the Mediterranean ports are reported to be less this year than ever known in the history of the fruit business.

THE committee of the Toronto City Council to whom was referred the matter of the fire alarm, have reported in favor appropriating \$19,000 to secure a complete system, as recommended by Mr. Dwight.

FOR the first time the imports of Indian wheat into Great Britain were larger, during January and February of this year, than the imports from the United States. The amount received from India was 2,249,867 cwts., and from the United States 1,312,153 cwts.

THE number of telephones now in the United States is 325,574, while in Great Britain there are only 13,000. In other words there are over twenty-five telephones in the United States for every one in England. In no other prominent commercial country where telephonic facilities exist are they so limited as in Great Britain.

A DRY GOODS house purchased a certain grade of shoes at \$1.50 a pair and sold them at \$1.49. It was an effective advertisement, says the *Shoe and Leather Reporter*, but the proprietors took pains to limit the sale of them as much as they could; they gave a gratuity of five cents to the clerk who succeeded in persuading a shopper to take something instead that paid a profit.THE Richelieu and Ontario Company has bought the steamers "St. Lawrence" and "Union" from the St. Lawrence Navigation Co. together with the wharves, offices and goodwill of the latter Co. Thus the Richelieu Co. will now control an inland line of steamers from Hamilton Bay to the Saguenay River. The *Montreal Herald* understands that the price paid for this purchase was \$50,000 cash, 1,500 shares of the Richelieu Company's stock, and the shareholders of the St. Lawrence Company are to receive 25 per cent. of all profits on the Saguenay line exceeding \$20,000. Hon. Mr. McGreevy is to represent the Company on the Richelieu Board of Directors.