

"Move on" shoes are sold to policemen, postmen and others who are constantly walking. The principal features about the shoe are the exceedingly heavy sole and square toe. A Toronto manufacturer takes special pride in his make of "move on" footwear.

Young Wife (at telephone)—Is that the office of the telephone company? I want to talk with Cyrus Winterbottom. I'm his wife, and—

Telephone Girl—Number?

Young Wife—Number? I'm his first and only, you insulting creature!—*Chicago Tribune*.

Some of the doctors have discovered that high-heeled shoes cause blindness. This ought to be an eye-opener for women, but it is not likely to be one.—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Two of our large boot and shoe manufacturers, says the *Montreal Trade Bulletin*, report an increase in fall orders, while some of the smaller houses have had the same experience. A number of sorting orders have also been filled, so that altogether there is an improved feeling. Remittances have also shown some improvement, and our manufacturers are beginning to look forward for a good fall trade.

Messrs. Culverwell, Brooks & Co., London, Eng., in their last circular say of hides: The hide trade during June has been quiet, but there have been signs of a disposition to buy at the unprecedentedly low level of values now current. Only one series of public sales was held at the close, and the increased private sales were supplemented by a better trade at auction for some classes of raw goods. Salted hides have maintained their value, and in a few instances show a slight recovery. Dry hides have sold to a fair extent, and may be quoted rather higher. East India kips have not a few enquiries, but no business of any importance has transpired. In regard to leather they report as follows: The trade in English tannages has been extremely quiet, as usual at the close of the half-year, and prices have shown renewed weakness in face of the retail demand. East Indian tanned hides have been in small supply, but quite equal to the restricted enquiry. Values show little change, but close weak on all except the lowest qualities. Australian sides have been a very slow market, and quotations are again in buyers' favor.

ITEMS FOR DRUGGISTS.

Look out for counterfeit \$10 bills, and incidentally, for good ones, too.

The primary market for Florida sponges is ruling strong, with the new crop coming in slowly.

The foreign manufacturers of muriate of cocaine have advanced their prices 25c. per ounce.

The export duty upon vanilla beans from Mexico, beginning July 1st this year, is 45c. per kilo.

"We are discovered," exclaimed the hairpin. "Impossible," insisted the collar-button.—*Detroit Tribune*.

Cables from Messina report a decidedly stronger market for oil lemon, though no quotable change in the value has occurred here.

Mr. Fred James has disposed of his drug business in Port Stanley to the Port Stanley Drug Company, in which Dr. Mothersill is interested.

Old Gentleman—Do you think, sir, that you are able to support my daughter without continually hovering on the verge of bankruptcy? Suitor—Oh, yes, sir; I am sure I can. Old Gentleman—Well, that's more than I can do. Take her and be happy.—*New York Weekly*.

Phosphate mining in Canada is not very remunerative now, owing to the lowness of prices. In 1891-92 only 17,234 tons were worked, as compared with 25,257 tons in the previous year.

Cables have been received from Constantinople advising damage to the growing crop of opium by the earthquake. But the reports have apparently not been seriously entertained, as the situation here remains unchanged.

For new crop Angostura tonca beans \$1.75 is asked in instances, though bids a trifle less might be entertained if firmly submitted. The parcel recently to hand is understood as weighing about 40,000 lbs.—*N.Y. Journal and Bulletin of Commerce*.

During the month of May, 13,279 cwts. of alkali were shipped from the United Kingdom to Canada. This compares but poorly with shipments amounting to 29,519 tons in May, 1893.

Senega root continues to be marketed in considerable quantities in Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

American saffron is very unsettled. There are more small orders than usual in the market, and they are being filled at 22 to 25 cents as to quantity and seller. The recent arrivals of new crops have been sold, but to more than one dealer, and the stock will probably become more scattered than in former years, when the bulk of the stock was more or less concentrated.—*N. Y. Shipping and Commercial List*.

Weary Watkins—"Kind sir, I am penniless. Will you give me 10 cents for a bed?" Mr. Rosenstein (seeing a bargain)—"Yes; vere is de bed?"

AMERICAN PATENTS TO CANADIAN INVENTORS.

The following list of United States patents granted to Canadian inventors, July 3rd and 10th, 1894, is reported for this paper:—

John Forbes, Halifax, Nova Scotia, skate.

Eugene Guay, St. Henry of Montreal, Quebec, machine for waxing leather.

Whitmore Irving, assignor to C. A. Sleeves, Moncton, Canada, support for vehicle shafts.

Thomas Talbot, assignor of one-third to B. Charron, Mattawa, Ontario, hand car.

William S. Wilson, assignor of one third to D. S. Henderson, Ontario, manufacturing rivets, studs, etc.

William Cavers, Owen Sound, Ontario, combined shaft support and anti-rattler.

Angus Fougere, assignor to R. H. Cushing and J. A. Harris, Moncton, Canada, nut lock.

John D. Le Bel, London, Ontario, composition for fire kindlers.

Alexander S. McBean, Montreal, Quebec, trolley-pole.

Arthur K. Evans, Toronto, Ontario, rope-grip.

CLEARING-HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures of the Canadian clearing-houses for the week ended with Thursday, July 19th, compared with those of the previous week:

CLEARINGS.	July 19.	July 12.
Montreal	\$12,252,665	\$10,797,436
Toronto	6,120,531	6,543,262
Halifax	1,281,815	1,649,731
Winnipeg	779,047	869,692
Hamilton	632,029	663,245

Total.....\$21,066,087 \$20,523,366

Aggregate balances this week, \$4,360,957; last week, \$3,077,786.

—The Peoples' Bank of Halifax has opened two new branches, one at Canso, N.S., and the other at Levis, P.Q.

—Mr. S. L. Forrest, formerly with the Winchester branch of the Union Bank of Canada, has been removed to Norwood, Ont., at which place he has taken the managership of the new agency for that bank opened this week.

—We are informed that Mr. John Hood, accountant of the Bank of Ottawa in Arnprior for several years, has been appointed manager at Hawkesbury. We learn further, with respect to the same bank, that Mr. James Martin, manager at Hawkesbury, has been appointed manager at Kemptville.

—There is to be an exhibition in the city of Quebec in September. For a time the fact looked doubtful because the Mayor of the city had imposed conditions which the Exhibition Company would not agree to. But, as we learn from *Le Quotidien*, Hon. L. P. Pelletier, Provincial Secretary, has acted as mediator. Meeting the Mayor at a public dinner he set himself to smooth the differences. The result was that the two gentlemen agreed on Thursday last upon an advisory committee of ten members, which has already held a meeting and accepted the offer of the Mayor to recommend to the City Council a grant of \$8,000 to the exhibition unconditionally. In case there shall prove to be a deficit in the finances of the exhibition, the city will contribute \$2,000 towards it, or the city will itself expend these \$2,000 in fireworks, sports or the like. The Exposition Company passed a resolution agreeing to go on with the preparations whenever the Council had ratified the Mayor's offer.

—Very decided interest continues to be taken in the Maritime Provinces in the subject of dairying, and energetic measures have been taken in the right direction since the visits of the Dominion Dairy Commissioner. For example, we hear that the cheese factory at Grand River West was opened on the 10th inst., and received 3,600 lbs. of milk on that day. Again, the Crapaud creamery and Tryon creamery make about 400 lbs. of butter per day. Owing to too great pressure, the boiler of the former collapsed and a new boiler and engine are being placed. The butter thus far produced has been very satisfactory. Indeed, the *Guardian* tells us, "The happiest man of all is Manager Olguire—who says that this is the 'dandiest' butter factory he has yet seen. This creamery is under the management of the Dominion Government, and the outlook gives promise of great success."