

STRAWS.

The proposed charge in checks upon outside banks is being denounced by mercantile bodies.

Mr. Crombie, chairman of the Montreal Clearing House, visited Boston Clearing House on Monday.

Advancing price of iron will in 4 or 5 months become a powerful bear argument against traction stock.

Liquidation in high priced railway stock has been due to a belief that railway earnings reached their climax in July.

Threshing returns in north of Franco about Lisle are very disappointing. French deficit in wheat crop this year, 16,000,000.

Owing to Erie's cut rate, it is not improbable that a rate of \$5 from Detroit to New York may be the next development.

Increase of \$300,000,000 in U. S. Clearing House payments over the like week last year, shows general business active beyond precedent.

American tin plate workers, Elmwood, Ind., to the number of 990, are idle, 450 having struck because their president was discharged.

Formal notice of a special meeting for Sept. 27th, has been sent to the New York Central stockholders about approving a lease of Boston & Albany R. R.

The big building at the corner of York and Wellington streets, Toronto, and other large buildings are virtually at a standstill for want of iron materials. New smelters must be built if the iron famine is not to continue over a long period.

Amalgamated Copper in purchasing copper exclusively, also in operating copper mines, is supposed to be doing now what the Secretan syndicate did in 1887. British consumers can, by holding off, defeat now the amalgamated as they did then the Secretan.

What is called the largest gold nugget ever brought from Atlin is a Spruce Creek pro; duct owned by William West. It weighs 84 oz. and is worth \$809. As a curiosity its value stands higher, (as much as \$1500 having been offered for it and refused.

Dredging goes on vigorously in Cariboo, on the Quesnelle river. The Oleson dredge and the revolving screen are very successful. One dredge cost \$110,000. Another large one is being built at Lytton. The Newell dredge is 20 miles below Quesnelle Forks. On the Frazer above Quesnelle is the Pittsburg dredge.

Under direction of Hon. F. Hume, Minister of Mines, and Mr. Robertson, mineralogist, 3 carloads of mineral specimens from Nelson and Amsworth, East Kootenay and Rossland, have been forwarded to Ottawa. Representative blocks of coal from Vancouver, gold dust from Atlin, and the streams of Kootenay and Lillooet, black sand from Wreck Bay, quicksilver from the Cinnabar mine, have been or will be soon to hand. From twenty different properties have been received consignments of dust. Timber and agricultural specimens are being prepared also for transmission to the Paris Exhibition.

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