

restrain competition, and there was no counterbalancing claim. Such a contract for such a scheme was plainly unlawful, the Court said. The plaintiff had not given anything or secured anything that should be protected. Judge Thompson said the money paid to the defendants was not paid justly, and the plaintiff had the right to sue to recover it. The defendants, however, could not be molested in their business nor restrained from manufacturing anything they saw fit.

CARNEGIE STEEL COMPANY ADVANCE WAGES.—The wages of 15,000 employees of the Carnegie Steel Co. have been increased 10 per cent. This advance is to all except the men working under wage scales, and it is reported that they will also get more money. The lowest wages paid until to-day by the Carnegie Co. for common laborers was \$1.50 per day. The increase includes the laborers, machinists and engineers and many men earning as high as \$4 per day. This advance came as a surprise, it not having been announced until they had received the advance in their pay envelopes.

DOMINION FINANCES.—Full returns are not yet compiled for the fiscal year which ended with June 30, but a safe estimate places the customs revenue of the Dominion at \$3,000,000 greater than that of the previous year. Figures already available show a revenue of \$32,052,791 as compared with \$29,129,819 for the previous year, a gain of \$2,922,972. It is estimated that the receipts not yet in will aggregate \$100,000. The revenue for June, exclusive of outstanding receipts, was \$2,887,213 and the total returns for June, 1901, were \$2,787,031.

ELECTRIC LIGHT FEES.—The Dominion Government has passed an order-in-council establishing at once the following registration fees to be paid by electric

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EXTRUDED METALS.—A Connecticut brass manufacturing company has a new process of extruding metals by which they will manufacture bars of malleable brass, alloys, manganese bronze, Muntz metal, etc. The process consists of forcing the heated metal by hydraulic pres-

sure through a die of any desired shape. It is said that extruded bars can be made ranging from light sections to heavy round, square or hexagon bars. It is believed that extruded metal will be used in structural work in many places in place of steel, where a strong non-rustible metal is desired.

CHILE.—Official returns for the year 1901 show that the exports from Chile for that year were valued at \$62,385,922 American gold, as compared with \$59,270,203 for the preceding year. Imports for the past year aggregated \$49,724,299, as against \$46,916,422. The increased exports were due to greater quantities of copper exported and to a rise in the price of nitrate. The quantity of nitrate exported diminished by 173,978 tons, amounting to 1,291,957 tons in all. The value, on the other hand, of the total exports was greater than in 1900 by more

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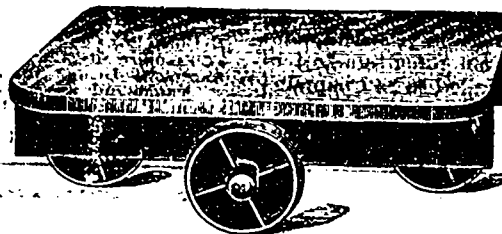
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