

### Lake Superior to Liverpool.

The completion of the Soulages canal now makes it possible for vessels of 14 feet draught to load at Liverpool. The Chicago Record of Saturday last referred to the opening of the canal and stated it was now in order for some one to establish a line of steamships between these two points. Whatever the Chicagoans may do in this respect, the Canadian government should lose no time in chartering the largest ocean vessel that the canal will accommodate, dispatching it to Port Arthur and then loading it with a cargo of wheat for Liverpool. The arrival in Liverpool of a steamship with 2,500 tons of wheat laden in the heart of North America, would call immediate attention to our new canal system and would advertise its merits as nothing else would do. There is time to have this proposal carried out this fall. During winter the shipping firms of two continents would have time to sleep over the possibilities of Canada's great canal system.—Toronto World.

### Olive Oil Prospects.

Discussing the outlook for olive oil, the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter says that the output of Spanish oil will not be up to the average, that the new crop in Italy will be very small and unworthy of consideration, and the Italians may have to buy in other markets for home consumption, but the Levant production will probably be normal. While the stocks in foreign markets are undoubtedly larger, especially in Messina, than at this time last year, the same cannot be said as to local supplies, the recent trouble with the appraiser's office in regard to the distinction between edible and manufacturing oil have tended to discourage the importation of the latter. It is also reasonable to assume that consumer's stocks are not very heavy, owing to the provisions that importers have been compelled to insist upon when making sales. It is interesting to observe in this connection that, should the foreign markets on olive oil for manufacturing purposes advance above the parity of 60 cents per gallon, the fact that such oil would then be dutiable at 40 cents per gallon, would practically prohibit its importation into this country, unless soap makers and others were willing to pay the advanced figure, including duty.

### Furniture Combine.

Montreal, Oct. 4.—The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Lake of the Woods Milling company was held here to-day. A dividend of eight per cent on the capital stock of the company was declared for the year ending August 31, 1899. The company is increasing their capital by one million of dollars. The output of the present mills is to be largely increased or new mills will be erected at other points. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Robert Melghen, Montreal, W. C. Hastings, Montreal; R. B. Angus, Montreal; L. John Turnbull, Montreal; John Mather, Ottawa. At a subsequent meeting of directors, Robert Melghen, was elected president and managing director; W. A. Hastings, vice-president and general manager G. V. Hastings, manager at Winnipeg and general superintendent; F. E. Bray, secretary; Frank S. Melghen, treasurer.

The Dominion Cigar Manufacturers' Association wants the duty on cigars increased \$1.50 per thousand.

### Wheat at Fort William.

Wheat receipts at Fort William last week were very heavy. Grain Inspector Gibb furnishes the following statistics:

Grade.	Cars for week ending Sept. 30, 1899.	Total cars to Sep. 30, crop 1899.
No. 1 ... ..	1,016	1,554
No. 2 hard ... ..	116	198
No. 3 hard ... ..	32	35
No. 1 northern ... ..	34	54
No. 2 northern ... ..	2	2
No. 1 W. Fife ... ..	7	8
No. 2 W. Fife ... ..	1	1
Rejected No. 1 ... ..	14	17
Rejected No. 2 ... ..	3	5
No. Grade ... ..	6	5
No. 1 frosted ... ..	8	9
No. grade ... ..	6	18
No. 2 frosted ... ..	1	1
No. 3 frosted ... ..	1	1
Total wheat for week—1,235 cars.		
Total wheat on crop of 1899 to 30th Sept.—1,903 cars.		

The total of 1,235 cars for the week ending 30th September, 1899, compares well with 451 cars total, for the corresponding week in 1898 and 1,371 cars for the same week in 1897.

For the present year there have been a total of 1,903 cars as against 993 cars inspected for the crop of 1898 and 2,366 cars, total inspected for the crop of 1897 up to the same week in each year.

The other figures for the week, with comparisons, are: Total shipped during 30th Sept., 1899, 502,477 bushels; total shipped during week, Sept. 30, 1898, 122,302.50 bushels; total shipped during week, Sept. 30, 1897, 117,569.40 bushels; stocks of wheat in store at Fort William and Port Arthur on 29 Sept. were 1,162,856 bushels. Mr. Gibb says that fully 82 per cent. of the wheat so far inspected for this year has been No. 1 hard.

### Lake of the Woods Milling Co.

Montreal, Oct. 4.—A deputation, composed of W. R. Hobbs, vice-president of the Canadian Consolidated Plato Glass company; R. M. Jeffery, Chicago, and G. R. Shaw, a Toronto lawyer, have been in the city some time negotiating for the formation of a new company under the name of the Canadian Export Furniture Co., with a capital of \$3,000,000. The necessary capital has been secured, it is understood, through R. Wilson Smith and Melorum & Co. As a result of the operations twenty-two of the largest furniture factories in the country will be brought under one management. The representatives met this morning at the Windsor and practically decided to build a monster factory in Montreal. Montreal has been chosen as the site of the new factory because of its being the shipping port of the country. Details of the scheme have not yet been elaborated, but the necessary capital for the enterprise has been secured. The principal firms interested in the new company are: Krutchoi Furniture Co., of Hanover; Thos. Bell & Sons, Limited, of Wingham; Snyder, Roos & Co., of Waterloo; The Antlers Manufacturing Co., of Berlin, Ont.; Messrs. Geo. McLennaghan & Co., of Stratford; Messrs. Burr Bros. & Co., of Guelph, and the American Rattan Co., of Walkerton.

A new pulp and paper manufacturing concern is projected in Eastern Canada to be known as the Sissiboo Pulp and Paper Company, Limited. Its factory will be located at Sissiboo Falls, Nova Scotia.

### October Canadian Magazine.

A feature of the October Canadian Magazine is a series of three articles on the West Indies. There has been some talk about the possibility of annexing Jamaica, Bermuda and the Bahamas to Canada, which gives interest to these articles. Professor Shortt has the leading place in the issue with an article entitled "In Defence of Millenaires." The sporting season brings forth an article on Ruffed Grouse, and a promise of six articles on the Big Game of Canada. Charles Lewis Shaw, Joanna E. Wood, and Erle Cromer give the closing instalments of their contributions. The next number of the magazine will likely appear with an entirely new cast of characters. The November number, by the way, will open the fourteenth volume. Only one other Canadian magazine ever attained this age.

### Opening of the Atbara Bridge.

The famous Atbara bridge, spanning the river of that name in the Soudan, the contract for which was secured by a Philadelphia firm, is now open. In the course of his remarks at the opening the Sirdar, Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum said: "The construction of this magnificent bridge, I think, may fairly be considered a record achievement. So far as the failure of the efforts to place the construction order in England is concerned, I think it demonstrates that the relations between labor and capital there are not sufficient to give confidence to the capitalist, and to induce him to take the risk of establishing up-to-date workshops that would enable Great Britain to maintain her position as the first construction nation of the world. But, as Englishmen failed, I am delighted that our cousins across the Atlantic stepped in. The bridge is due to their energy, ability and power to turn out works of magnitude in less time than anybody else. I congratulate the Americans on their success in the erection of a bridge in the heart of Africa. They have shown real grit far from home, in the hottest month of the year, and depending upon the labor of foreigners."

A long standing grievance of the post office clerks and carriers at Winnipeg on the question of compensation has been laid before the postmaster-general and is in a fair way to be settled.

An Ontario trade paper asks for the address of any Canadian concern selling evaporated egg food. The Mercury Mfg. Co., Winnipeg, made this article in large quantities, and are prepared to handle all orders. They have also a factory at Stratford, Ontario.

A meeting of the Canadian Handle association was held in Tilbury, Ont., on the 19th inst., whereat it was decided to advance prices on all lines in ash handles, whiffletrees and neck-yokes, owing to the scarcity of ash, and the very high price the manufacturers of handles are obliged at present to pay for this timber. The new discount to the retail trade on second growth and extra ash goods is 30 per cent., and on all other goods 40 per cent. Only a slight change was made in prices for hickory goods, but the opinion was freely expressed that in the very near future makers would be compelled to make a material advance in the price of these goods. The present discount to the retail trade on all lines of hickory goods is 40 per cent.