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## AFTEERNOON SALES.

Can. Pac.-50, 95. 100, 943 .
Mont. St. Ry.-200, 311.
Com. Cable-20, 183.
Tor. My--50, 1093. 100, 1093.
War Eagie-500, 250. 500, 294.

## THE YEAR BOOK OF CANADA. <br> George Johnson, Statistician

The statistical sear book of Cenada for 1898, sent out by Mr. George Johnson, F.S S., statistician, from the Statistic Division of the Agricultural Department, is a masterly presentation of the very heterogencous mass of important facts about the Dominlon. This ycar's book which is the fourteenth of the series, gires a needful quantifr cation of the Dominion's cxpansion in all lines, an expansion which, without the book trould be kinom inderinitely. Problems in thedirerse industries of Canada need not with this volume at band be discussed on gencral princjples but with dutailed treatment which always carrics a greater conviction. Under appropriate heads there is set forth with admirable clearness the facts about Agriculture, Fisheries, Mining, Finaneo, Education, Nurigation, ctra, subdivided and compareri ine fear with another. Practical men and cheorists, therefore, in these rarious subjects, bave in Mr. Johnson's jear book a copious rrell spring of reliable uata from which to draw materials for what thet belicre will be useful. Financiers will find intercsting figures under the head of Finence about banis and insurance compandes, philanthropists will turn the criminal statistics into lerers for raising the lapsed masses, mining agitators will get at page 110. that 1 tem of lead taration which the Exchange News has sereral times speicen of as injarious, and imperial. ists will view with satisfaction on page 74 a complete interchange of ratios in 15 years of agricultural cxports as to Great Britain and the United States. In 1867 thesc expuits were to Great Britain 20.24 per cent and to the United States 85.92 , while in 1892 these exports stood at 77.28 fer Britain and 10.04 for the States. Further, in 1898 these percentages were 87.33 and 6.67. Glimpses here and there into this paluable repository of statistics is all that is possible, and one glimpse at the railpay socldent columns shows that the docrease of passengers killed per million carried is one
from 2.11 to .37 in 23 years, while another, at page 103, astonishes by the small amouni of eren registered letters gone amissing. There in a valuablu resume of Canadian mining laws, and eloven pages that form a Canadian date book, beginning with its discarcry in 1497, and sndidg with the Plebescite of September 29, 1893.
The compllation of this 1808 scar book has required much cam in getting the fogures correct, the arrangement of these in so clear a form has needed the exercise of patience and abillty. Its facts are colorless, but tirey are capable of being used by all shades of politicians, and the whole bouk is to the Dominion trhat well kept books are to a private lusiness.

THE REPUBLIC LEDGE.
It Has Been Tapped at a Depth of 600 Fect.
(Possland Miner, Oct. 19.)
Republic, Wash., Oct. 18.-At a depth of 600 feet and at a distance of 2,200 fect from the mouth of the tunnel the Republic ledge has been crosseut 37 fect wide, assaying from $\$ 62$ to $\$ 184$ to the ton. The south winze and north drift abore are rery rich.

## THE NEIV ST. ELMO PLANT.

It Is Now Being Installed and Will Soon Ee in Motion.

The compressor plasit for the Nicw St. Elmo has been haulow, with the exoeption of the 50 -horse porrer motor, to the site and some of the parts hare alrcady been installed. It is thought by the management that tho plant will be ready for use within a month. The motor will be of the induc tion type. The compressor consists of the half of a 10 -drill plant. The ides in securing a plant of this type was that as soon as the exigencies of the property demand it the other hall could be added without an great inconveniense. The drift tunnel is in for 2 distance of 600 fect and a crosscut bas bicen run from this tunnel for a distance of 50 feet. The crosscut is being run for the parpose of cutting a ledge on the pioperty that lies south of the ledge which has been drifted on. The showing of ore in the property is rers fair and it is now thought that ultimately it will orore to be a producer of considerable pay ore.

