steamers are British. The total for the year to date is now 1637, as compared with 1507 last year, the "black list" for this year exceeding 1886 by 128. The destruction to vessels and tonnage in October (excepting those ships lost in the recent gale) was: destroyed, 57; tonnage lost, 16,209; and the number of lives lost, 88.

The New York Board of Fire Underwriters adopted last week the important recommendations of a special committee, as follows: A protective committee of 12 has been appointed consisting of Messrs. L. Broughton, George M. Colt, H. W. Eaton, Charles Sewall, James A. Silvey, W. M. St. John, E. A. Walton, Jno. H. Washburn, and James Yereance. Its duty is to prescribe requirements for the proper construction or improvement and effectual protection of any mercantile or manufacturing risk, including provisions for automatic sprinklers and like approved appliances. When a property has complied with the requirements of the committee in the construction and protection of any building it will be classed as "protected," and the committee is authorized to fix a reduced rate of insurance. The committee is also empowered to modify or cancel all such contracts if deemed necessary or advisable. In the event of a claim for loss or damage to a protected risk issued under this plan, the committee will adjust the claim and apportion the amount for which each company is liable. The amount of insurance to be placed on any risk is to be distributed among all the insurance companies entering the agreement.

The lumber firm of McCraney & McCool, of this city, has admitted Mr. Robt. S. Wilson as partner, and opened a branch at Ottawa, where Mr. Wilson will be resident manager. The firm has mills at Oakville, Burlington, Bronte, and Huntsville and makes a specialty of long bill stuff and dressing and the higher grades of pine. The style of the firm is now McCraney, McCool & Wilson.

A FISHERIES QUESTION.—ANOTHER PHASE.

A matter connected with the Canadian fisheries, and one which deserves attention and rectification at the hands of competent authorities is referred to by a well informed correspondent of a Maritime Province newspaper. He directs attention to the ruinous effect of the use of the purse seine. It is stated as the opinion of old fishermen that unless the use of the "death dealing purse seines" is prohibited there will soon be no fisheries to protect or fight over. Of course, out to sea, outside the limits, there can be no control, but it is suggested that if the outcome of the convention shall be a joint use of British waters, the purse seine can be prohibited in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and wherever Canadian laws can be enforced. The subject is one of vital importance to the fisheries of the Dominion, for, contends the writer mentioned, the Americans having killed their own fishery by the use of illegal methods will do the same for ours unless prevented by the strong arm of the law.

Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto.

DRY GOODS TRADE.

Our Travellers are on their respective Routes with Full Ranges of

AUTUMN PATTERNS.

Styles and Values Unsurpassed. We invite a careful inspection.

BRYCE, McMURRICH & CO.

Wholesale Dry Goods Merchants,
61 BAY STREET, TORONTO.

New Fruits in Store

AND ARRIVING:

Vostizza Currants in Cases.
Patras " in Brls., Hf-Brls. & Cases.
Provincial " " " "
Finest Ondaro Valencia Layers.
Finest Selected Valencias.
Fine Off-Stalk "
Finest Vega, Dehesa, Blue Basket, Black Basket, London Layers, Loose Muscatel and Sultana Raisins.
Eleme Figs, 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.
Leghorn Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel.

Eby, Blain & Co.

WHOLESALE GROCERS,
Cor. Front and Scott Sts., Toronto.

TO THE TRADE

We have just received and stored our stock of new season's Broom Corn, comprising over one hundred tons (about 225,000 pounds), of choice fine green Brush, personally selected in the best growing districts of the West, and we are prepared to supply the trade with a line of Brooms of superior quality and finish, and at values that cannot be equalled.

We manufacture wholly by steam power, and, with our present capacity of over three hundred dozen Brooms per week, are in a position to fill all orders promptly.

See our samples before ordering elsewhere.
Correspondence solicited.

CHAS. BOECKH & SONS,
80 York Street, Toronto.

Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto.

WYLD, GRASETT & DARLING,

WHOLESALE

Dry Goods

AND WOOLLENS.

NEW WAREHOUSE,
Cor. Bay & Wellington Streets.

Every Merchant should see our NEW STOCK.

WYLD, GRASETT & DARLING.

Eckardt, Kyle & Co.,

WHOLESALE GROCERS.

FULL LINE OF

Gordon & Dilworth's Preserves.

Crosse & Blackwell's Table Luxuries

Fancy Fruits of every description, suitable for Xmas trade.

We invite the trade to call and examine our Complete Stock.

3 Front St. E., Toronto.

Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto.

S. F. McKINNON & CO.

IMPORTERS OF

Millinery Goods,
Fancy Dry Goods,
Mantles, Silks, etc.

Cor. Wellington and Jordan Sts.
TORONTO.
2 Fountain Court, Aldermanbury, London, Eng

MOLASSES.

JUST TO HAND,
(Ex "Americus")

100 Hhds. Fine Porto Rico.

J. W. LANG & CO.
33 Front St. East,
TORONTO.

BERTRAM & CO.,
Iron, Steel,
AND
HARDWARE MERCHANTS
76 Wellington St. W., Toronto.

HEADQUARTERS FOR
Disston's Hand Saws,
Disston's Files and Horse Rasps,
Table and Pocket Cutlery.
CUT NAILS, HORSE NAILS, HORSE SHOES

SPECIAL PRICES ON APPLICATION.