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—Several new warehouses are to be built on the Napoleon Wharf, Quebec, for the Chouinard estate.

—The Essex Standard Oil & Gas Co. has struck another gusher at Union, in south Essex. Its estimated capacity is 5,000,000 feet a day.

—Numerous are the people who have "bulted better than they knew." A small boy in one of the public schools was asked to define a demagogue. "A demagogue," he said, "is a vessel that holds wine, gin, whiskey, or any other liquor."—*Bangor News.*

—The London *Electrical Review* says that "the solution of the 'light railway' question in Great Britain would seem to lie in the construction of trolley lines similar in most points to American branch railways. Instances beyond number are already to be quoted of advantageous results obtained by the introduction of such lines running either along the highways, or on their own land. That steam cannot possibly compete on equal terms would seem to be fully demonstrated."—*Boston Journal of Commerce.*

—It may be well to sound a note of caution as to B.C. river dredging undertakings in quest of gold. None have yet proved successful, so difficult are the rapid, boulder-strewn rivers, and eastern investors will do well to keep clear of B.C. gold dredging companies as a rule, till some at least have proved the feasibility of their endeavors. One such company, the now notorious Fraser River Mining and Dredging Co., Ltd., has by its utterly discreditable management, cast grave doubt on other like ventures. Its stock, nominally over \$1,000,000, of which a large proportion was issued, never represented more than a twentieth part of that in cash, or cash expenditure.

A PECULIARITY OF THE LAKES.

It is a singular circumstance that while Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence are down to a level below anything hitherto recorded, and are still falling, Lake Huron and the St. Clair have been rising steadily for the last three months, and now stand six inches above the stage of July 1 this year, and sixteen and a half inches above low water mark. The *Canadian*, which probably reflects the views of experienced lake observers, finds in this a puzzle to the ordinary reasoner. It makes another to be added to the many unsolved mysteries of the lakes.—*London Free Press.*

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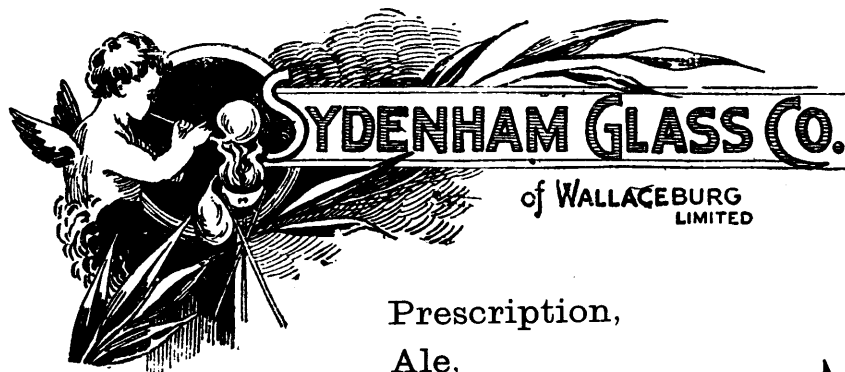
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