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64 YATES ST., VICTORIA.**INVENTORS' RECORD.**

The following list of United States patents, granted to Canadian inventors, Oct. 10, 1893, is expressly reported for THE COMMERCIAL JOURNAL by James Sengster, solicitor of patents, Buffalo, N. Y.:
 Thomas H. Allen, Toronto, railway brake.

Christian H. Dorewend, Toronto, telephone attachment.

Francis Freeze, Lowell, Mass., assignor to the Goodyear Shoe Machinery Company of Canada, Montreal, sole-chaneling machine—two patents.

Hamilton A. Jukes, Winnipeg, dry closet or comode—reissue.

George S. Kurr, Toronto, saddle for velocipedes.

Malcolm E. Robb, Knowlton, vehicle spring.

Total issue, including patents, designs, trade marks and reissues, 483.

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Alfred E. Ahrens, Stratford, securing dental suction-valves to plates.

Jay S. Corbin, Prescott, hardening harrow disks.

Walter Greaves, Ottawa, fishing basket.

Robert W. King, Montreal, transferring mechanism for knitted work.

Saul Laporte, assignor of one-half to J. Courville, Ottawa, dial fastening for watches.

John D. McEachren, Galr, steam boiler cleaner.

Samuel Murray and Charles Epps, St. George, lard or butter cutter.

Asa Mutchenbacher, Rosseau Falls, boom chain.

Alfred J. Saunders, Port Arthur, bed for mortising machine.

John H. Smale, St. Thomas, wagon bolster spring.

Total issue, including designs, trade marks and reissues, 461.

TACOMA TRADE.

Business appears to be improving, for according to a recent issue of the *West Coast Trade*, it has shown good volume and includes many satisfactorily large orders from country surrounding dealers, both at near-by points and further away. From the western portion of the state collections, too, have universally improved, owing to the more satisfactory outlook for lumber products, coupled with eastern orders now coming to hand in sufficient numbers to start the idle works with flattering promises of a very



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active season. East of the Mountains, however, the situation is less encouraging, the continued rains have prevented farmers from securing a splendid wheat crop, and conservative estimates seem to point to losses of at least 75,000 tons. Taken altogether with the low price of the commodity and an inclination on the part of farmers not to sell, it is almost impossible for merchants to enforce collections, and the result is unfortunately retarding business prospects there materially. Returning visitors from all portions of the country are of the same opinion regarding the relative merits of Tacoma and her financial, commercial and industrial situation as compared with other places visited, and that opinion is favorable. Much suffering has been caused by the universal hard times, to be sure, but they are swiftly passing and the people are in a condition to take hold again with renewed energy, and by the exercise of zeal, tempered with the caution begot by experiences, the city will be steadily forced to the front, with her claims for supremacy based upon her commerce and manufacturing interests.

Oregon and Washington hop growers seem disposed to hold their crops for better prices. Thirty cents per pound is the goal aimed at by many.

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Fire in Horsey's block, Bowmanville, last week, caused damage to the extent of \$17,000. Mason & Dale's hardware store was considerably damaged by smoke and water.

The crop of Zante currants is now placed at 170,000 to 180,000 tons, but some English authorities assert that the very low prices will be likely to put the entire crop into consumption earlier than has occurred for lighter crops in previous seasons.