

BUSINESS DEPRESSION IN THE STATES.

Our neighbors in the United States are finding out how business depression reduces imports and lessens the revenue of the Government. The *California Country Merchant* says, in its last issue:

"The reason for our depleted national treasury, and a measure of the business depression that has prevailed, are set forth in these figures, showing the imports for eight months ended February, 1894, as compared with a similar period in the previous fiscal year:

"Fruits and nuts (free), \$4,775,249; last year, \$5,738,603. Spices, \$1,222,840; last year, \$1,877,426. Eggs \$195,690, against \$350,063 last year. Fruits and nuts (dutiable) last year, \$9,306,484; this year, \$6,719,554. Rice takes this year 69,668,800 pounds, valued at \$1,080,919; against 91,485,832 pounds, valued at \$1,648,781 last year. Last year we imported 9,958,196 pounds of leaf tobacco; this year but 6,163,809 pounds.

"The list all through, with very rare exceptions, discloses the same falling off."

LUMBERING ON THE TOBIQUE.

The lumbering on the Tobique River, N.B., during the winter has been most successful, according to the *Gleaner*. The cut was about one-third larger than last year, and the 2,000,000 feet of lumber that was hung up last spring will be got out this year. The driving is getting along nicely, the water being at a right height for the operations. Mr. Frank Whitehead estimates the amount of lumber to be handled as follows:—Mr. Fred. Hale, operating on the left-hand branch of the Tobique river, 3,500,000. James McNair, on the right-hand branch, 2,500,000. Mr. R. Estey, on Two Brooks and Sisson branch, 2,500,000. Mr. Donald Fraser, on the Odell river, 3,000,000. Crawford Bros., on Trout Brook, 700,000. The following lumbermen are operating in several locations: Mr. A. J. Beverly, 2,500,000; Mr. George T. Baird, 2,000,000.

—A recent California paper describes the British ship "Somali," of Liverpool, which arrived at San Francisco with a crew of forty-one hands, of which twenty-four were able seamen, and remarks that no device of man's brain has yet reduced in a material sense the physical requirements of the crews of sailing ships. Characteristic figures in the dimensions of the big vessel are: Registered tonnage, 3,336; carrying capacity, 5,500 tons; length on keel, 330 feet; beam, 47.8 feet; depth, 42 feet; draught on load line, 25 feet; height of mainmast from main deck, 185 feet; length of mainyard, 92 feet.

—The public entertainments given by the city of Montreal last year cost the citizens, it seems, about \$10,000. Among the items of municipal expenditure are reception of the Duke of Connaught's flag, \$1,155; Earl of Derby, \$684; mayors of municipalities, \$329; Spanish caravels, \$888; celebrating the foundation of Montreal, \$1,785; Christian Endeavor Convention, \$314; Italian warships, \$870; Labor Congress, \$366; H. M. ship "Mohawk," \$750.

—The 600 cases of fruit saved in good condition from the wrecked steamer "Bamboro" were sold by Wm. Law & Co. last Friday for \$2 a box for the lemons and \$2.60 for the oranges. A small lot which had been wet brought 80 cents a half box. The "Bamboro" was 3,000 tons, from Palermo to Boston, with a full cargo of fruit, and went ashore off Blanche in a fog.

—Pedler—I've got some signs that I'm selling to storekeepers right along. Everybody buys 'em. Here's one, "If You Don't See What You Want, Ask For It!" Country Storekeeper—Think I want to be bothered with people askin' fer things I ain't got? Give me one readin': "Ef Yeh Don't See What Yeh Want, Ask Fer Something Else!" —Puck.

WOMEN IN LOAN SOCIETIES.

Dr. Amelia Johnston of Toronto, general agent of the Birkbeck Loan & Savings Company of London, Ont., is in the city endeavoring to organize a woman's local board here in connection with the company which she represents. A board was recently organized in Toronto, one of the officers being Mrs. McDonnell, vice-president of the National Council of Women of Canada. Dr. Johnston is the widow of the late Alex. Johnston, who was president of the Liberal-Conservative Association of West Middlesex. She will be pleased to meet anyone who wishes to confer with her at the Russell House.—*Ottawa Journal*.

—At the last meeting of the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, the Belt Line Railway bill for that city, to which we elsewhere refer, was the subject of consideration. It was decided by the council to remonstrate against some of its provisions, the action in the matter being delegated to the Provincial Legislation Committee.

—Norman Murray writes as under to the *Montreal Gazette* on the subject of exemptions: "One of the largest, if not the largest, Protestant churches in the city, held a concert recently run on purely business principles, reserved seats 50 cents and general admission 25 cents, the plan of the seating and tickets for sale at the same establishments where theatre tickets are for sale. This large church pays no taxes. Is this fair to the Windsor Hotel Company, the Armory Hall, or any others who have halls to rent and who pay taxes whether the halls are rented or not?"

—The steamship "Arawa" of the Canadian Australian line, on her last trip from British Columbia, carried 500 tons of cargo, distributed as follows: Honolulu, 162 tons, consisting of machinery, lumber, flour and middlings; Suva, 32 tons, lumber and flour; Sydney, 176 tons, lumber and general merchandise; Brisbane, 3 tons, merchandise; Melbourne and Adelaide, 160 tons, machinery; New Zealand, 7 tons, salmon from New Westminster.

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MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, May 2nd, 1894.

ASHES.—The first downwards river boats brought some fair supplies, including one lot of 73 brls. from Picton, Ont., which in these days is considered a very big lot. Some moderate lots are being shipped by first outgoing vessels—25 brls. to Liverpool, like quantity to Glasgow, and some other parcels are being got ready. Values have made no gain in strength, and we quote first quality of pots \$4.10 to 4.15; seconds, \$3.70; pearls, \$5.40 to 5.50 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—No new stocks of cement have arrived yet, there having been no London or Newcastle steamers come in so far. There is a pretty steady outgo from store at easy prices, English selling at \$2 to 2.10, and

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DAIRY PRODUCTS.—New made butter is in better supply, but the demand is good, and prices rule pretty steady. We quote new creamery 22 to 25c.; Townships dairy, 21 to 22c.; Western, 17 to 19c. per lb. Prices for new cheese are not established yet. Eggs are in good supply at 11½ to 12c. per doz., and a pretty steady demand exists.

DAY GOODS.—We cannot discover much of interest in this line. The warm, in fact almost hot, weather of the last few days has stimulated retail business in spring and summer stuffs—gloves, sunshades—and city dealers are purchasing some fair sorting parcels. There have also been quite a few buyers in town

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