

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE value of exports from the United States last year increased more than \$93,000,000 over that of the previous year; and the value of exports from Canada during the first five months of the current fiscal year amounted to \$6,000,000. On the other hand, the value of the imports into the United States last year decreased about \$3,000,000, and from Canada in the five months named over \$660,000. In both these instances the balance of trade is in favor of the countries alluded to.

MANUFACTURERS who may be looking about to find a good location in which to conduct their operations would do well to investigate the factory building in Berlin, Ont., now being offered for sale by the Crompton Corset Company, Toronto. This factory was built specially for the manufacture of trunks, etc., and is well adapted for that or any similar business. In fact the arrangement of it is such that it could be used for several smaller industries. The property is large,—having a frontage of 100 feet and a depth of 150 feet. The building is of brick, four stories high and the equipment includes a 20 horse power Goldie & McCulloch steam engine and two 30 horse power steam boilers.

THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURER calls for the creation of a Department of Manufactures at Ottawa. Some years ago an act was passed giving authority for a new Department of Trade and Commerce; but the department was never organized, probably because Sir John Macdonald never found the right man to take charge of it. We do not think a department solely concerned with manufactures would be a necessity or altogether an unmixed good; but a Department of Statistics, which could include manufactures, would be of great service. Mr. Johnson, the Dominion Statistician, and Mr. Roper, compiler of the Statistical Record, are able men and do excellent work, but their scope is too limited. When special subjects are agitating the country we want to know more about them than can be got from the census returns, and a statistical department is needed to furnish the information.—*Canadian Journal of Fabrics*.

This journal is more interested in the establishment of some department of the Government which will supply the information desired than in the name of it. As our contemporary points out, the scope of both the Statistical Department, under Mr. Johnson, and the Statistical Record, under Mr. Roper, is too limited.

*Onward*, the young people's eight-page weekly, edited by Dr. Withrow, begun a year ago, reports very gratifying progress, with a circulation of nearly 27,000. It is emphatically the young people's organ of Canadian Methodism, and furnishes full reports from their many Young People's Societies. It is handsomely illustrated, gives special prominence to temperance and missions, has strong temperance stories, and is very cheap.

THE *Dominion Illustrated* announces an important departure, and one that will mark a new era in the high class journalism of Canada. The publishers of that splendid weekly have decided to convert it into a monthly with the beginning of the year. It will be a 64-page magazine, differing in shape from the present one, handsomely illustrated throughout, and its pages will be graced with the writings of the most gifted Canadian authors. It will be called the *Dominion Illustrated Monthly*, and the subscription, \$1.50 per annum, will place it within the reach of all. Address the Sabiston Litho. & Pub. Co., Montreal.

A new volume of *Good Housekeeping* begins with the January number, and begins grandly. Every paper within its generous compass is one that touches the vital interests of the people, and there are initial numbers of several new series which promise to be very valuable. Among the list, mention may be made of "The Expert Waitress," "The Household Mending Basket," "The Household Laundry," "The Food of the People," and "The Game of Whist." Not the least attractive, to a good many readers, will be the latter, now that the game has attained such a degree of well-nigh universal popularity. The magazine also appears in a fine "dress" of new type. Sample copies may be had of the publishers, Clark W. Bryan & Co., Springfield, Mass.

A unique experiment will be tried in the February issue of *The Ladies' Home Journal*. The entire number has been contributed in prose, fiction and verse by the daughters of famous parentage, as a proof that genius is often hereditary. The work of thirty of these "daughters" will be represented. These will comprise the daughters of Thackeray, Hawthorne, Dickens, James Fenimore Cooper, Horace Greeley, Mr. Gladstone, President Harrison, William Dean Howells, Senator Ingalls, Dean Bradley, of Westminster, Julia Ward Howe, General Sherman, Jefferson Davis and nearly a score of others. Each article, poem or story printed in this number has been especially written for it, and the whole promises to be a successful result of an idea never before attempted in a magazine.

THE opening article of the February *Popular Science Monthly* will be on "Personal Liberty," by Edward Atkinson and Edward T. Cabot. It bears chiefly on the labor question, giving the results of an exhaustive examination of the decisions of the courts concerning restrictions on hours and modes of labor, regulation of the method of payment, etc. The *Popular Science* articles in this magazine's industrial series will be followed by two on another attractive subject—"The Making of Musical Instruments," by Mr. Daniel Spillane. The first of these, to appear in February, is devoted to "The Piano-forte." It describes the precursors of this instrument, and recounts the steps of improvement by which the United States has reached its present high position in the piano manufacture. The article is copiously illustrated. President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford University, will have a delightful account of how the hot springs and lava-cliffs of the Yellowstone Park were formed, and what adventures have befallen the finny inhabitants of its lakes and streams. The article is called "The Story of a Strange Land," and it will be illustrated with several full-page and smaller views. "Urban Population" is the subject of the fourth of the *Lessons from the Census*, by Hon. Carroll D. Wright. It shows just how much ground there is for the current apprehension in regard to the increase of the slum population of cities.

THE *Illustrated American* for the week ending January 9, 1892, is one of the most interesting numbers yet published, and is rich in superb illustrations of events of the day. It is truly a great paper. Its leading article is on the present constitutional crisis of Quebec that may lead to the religious and social war in the Province, which many believe will sooner or later occur throughout Canada. A short account accompanied with a portrait of Stephen B. Elkins is published, and the Life of Lord Hartington, the present Duke of Devonshire, is also touched upon. One of the most interesting sketches in the paper is the account of the ball given on the eve of the Battle of Waterloo, by the Duchess of Richmond, in Brussels, made famous by Byron in "Child Harold." Accompanying the sketch is a picture showing an interior view of the coach house where the dance took place. An article which will interest many is that entitled "Our Merchant Marine," and another one is about Michael Davitt, the candidate for Parliament as the successor to the late Charles Stewart Parnell. Those who have followed the interesting series of sketches on "Beauties of Bygone Days" will undoubtedly regret that they have come to an end. The last sketch appears in the number for week ending January 9th, and is entitled "Marie Antoinette." These sketches will be followed in turn by a series of articles known as "Napoleon's Adversaries," which are virtually a continuation of the stories published a short time ago in the *Illustrated American*, called "Napoleon's Marshals." The frontispiece for this number is No. IV. of "Titled Americans," the Duchess of Marlborough. The gallery of players is represented by Stuart Robson in "The Henrietta," and the short story is called "Cecilia."

MESSERS. GEORGE E. TUCKETT & SON., the well known tobacco manufacturers of Hamilton, Ont., have merged their business into a stock company under the corporate name of the George E. Tuckett Company, with a capital stock of \$500,000.