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"drudgery, they supplied a want which the labor market could not have met. They thus contributed to the general prosperity. They were a part of that human element over which the Government professes to throw its aegis. In what manner have they forfeited their right to this protection?" There is considerable truth in the quotation given above, and it will also apply with some force to the Canadian Pacific coast. There certainly may be many strong objections to the Chinese, on the ground of immorality, filthy habits, etc., but it seems a strange commentary on the boasted freedom of this continent, that such prohibitory laws should be put into force. It is perhaps worthy of note that the anti Chinese agitation is not owing to the immoral habits of the Celestials. It is rather a labor question. The Chinese, by their industrious and frugal habits, are able to thrive where our people would be scarcely able to subsist. The moral aspect of the case is usually put forward by the anti-Chinese agitator, but the labor question is really at the bottom of the matter. Thus it is that the labor organizations are the prime movers in the agitation against the Chinese.



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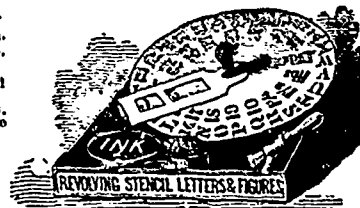
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**Insurance Briefs.**

The Prescott Insurance Company, of Boston, has reinsured its entire business.

The Insurance Company of North America has appointed an agent for Germany, Holland and Belgium.

Benjamin Durham, Inspector of the Mutual Fire Insurance company, of New York, with H. O'Connor, C. P. R. fire inspector, visited the Lake Superior elevators recently with a view to insurance.

The New Orleans Underwriters' Association has authorized its members to write "exceptional policies" in competition with non-board companies - that is, to cut rates to take risks from non-boarders. That is a boomerang, and the "exceptional policies" will astonish the Association. That sort of action has been tried so often and failed so often that we wonder at any intelligent body of men repeating it.

At a late meeting of the Calgary council a letter was read from the underwriters in Winnipeg asking what had been done in the matter of meeting certain requirements in the fire department, demanded by the underwriters. Councillor Douglas replied that the require-

ments had been met, with the exception of perhaps the providing of a team of horses, stabled at the fire hall, for the exclusive use of the firemen. The tanks are all in good shape, the chemical engine is in working order, a paid engineer is continually on duty and ten volunteer firemen are rooming at the fire hall.

The Chronicle says:—"The time was when the underwriting business was looked upon as little better than gambling." There never was a time when the underwriting business was conducted upon a principle of gambling more than the present. Rates are not, as a rule, fixed upon an intelligent estimate of cost, but are fixed at what parties are willing or compelled to pay. In the Chronicle's own city nothing is more common, according to the Chronicle's reports at various times, than to charge twice as much on one risk as another of the same hazard, or twice as much one year as another on the same risk. That is not insurance, but the most contemptible character of chuck-a-luck.—Cincinnati Price Current.

THE American market for canned tomatoes is weakening under the influence of increasing supplies and a moderate demand.