

EDITORIAL NOTES.

One noticeable feature of the newspapers and periodicals, and especially of the trade journals of Great Britain, is the number of advertisements of American manufacturers and their wares. Our Canadian manufacturers might do worse than take a hint from this.

Economy in trade is a reduction of the ratio between the expenses of a business and the profits accruing from it. It will pay better to pay a man more than two ordinary men, if he does more work than two ordinary men. And frequently when you cast about for means of retrenchment close examination will show that to increase your expense must be the very best possible economy. It pays an employer of labor to study his employes, so that he will have a thorough understanding of the capability of every man for work, or for development into competence to do good work.

General Nelson A. Miles, the greatest military figure in the United States, advocates the fortification of the Federal Governments building, in Chicago with Gatling guns. He was in Constantinople during the attack in the Turkish Bank, and that reminded him of the "necessity for some means of defence of the public institutions of the United States." Verily, Mr. General Miles must have a high opinion of the character of his fellow-citizens.

The regulations under section 22 of the Joint Stock Companies' Act require that the word "Ltd." be spelled out in full, "limited," after the title of such companies. This has been held to be true in all cases, and has put manufacturers to a good deal of bother and expense. At the next session of the Ontario Legislature it will likely be made clear, by statute, that this applies only to advertisements, and not in the case of the word being stamped on manufactured goods. Manufacturers will do well to see that this important step is taken.

It may surprise some to learn that the Japanese can yearly send out 2,500,000,000 boxes of matches to the foreign market. They have already driven European and American matches out of India and China, and when we consider that the thousands of children employed in the business get but six-pence per week each, we may realize that here is another dangerous rival; at least, in this field. There is but one way to keep Japanese matches out of Canada even. We must have protection, not only to keep up our industries, but to maintain the standard of wages.

Board of Trade returns of the British export trade show a decline from last year of seven and one-half per cent. for September. It is admitted, in Great Britain, that this is caused largely by the Dingley tariff. Strange commentary on the doctrines of would-be free traders. American manufacturers will supply what British manufacturers did last year, and yet Great Britain allows the United States to sell its manufactures in the home market of Great Britain.

A new system of laying sub-marine cables has been devised by Mr. C. Scott Snell who recently read a paper on it before the Royal United Service Institution at London, Eng. His system provides for laying a cable as fast as the fastest cruiser can steam, and bids fair to become a valuable feature of naval warfare.

John Bull laughs now, but Uncle Sam's turn will come when Congress passes a law for the protection of American Shipping.—American Economist.

Our funny old friend, The Economist, is in high glee over this move. It seems impossible for the inflated self esteem of Uncle Sam's people to realize that their nation is not capable of supplying itself with ships. It's a plain case of utilizing British ships or else keeping their produce at home.

American machine tools, by hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth, are sent, freight paid, for thousands of miles across the ocean to England, Germany, France, Russia, Japan and China, and it is difficult to resist the contention that this simply means the success of free and intelligent labor well paid.—London Times.

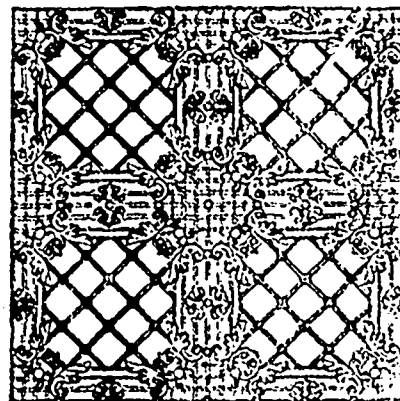
What is the world coming to when the greatest free trade journal in the world writes thus? And yet we are told that Great Britain will successfully continue a free trade policy.

Let every person, farmer or other, who thinks that this industry will prove as important as those who have had some experience with it confidently believe, understand, that as a nation we consume more sugar than any other in the world; that we import three-fourths of all the sugar we consume; that it takes nearly our entire exports of wheat and corn to pay for this imported sugar, which we could just as well raise at home.

Canada is not the greatest sugar consuming country in the world, but the above remarks of R. M. Allen, President of the American Sugar Growers' Society, are worth reading and noting, and applying to Canada.

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