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THIS WEEK'S MOTTO:

Learn to do a thing well, then quickly.

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The measure to enforce early closing referred to last week has since been rejected by the Quebec Legislature.

A bill is before the House of Commons to amend the Winding-Up Act, empowering the court to dispose of books and papers when a company is being wound up and not to be dissolved; freeing the company and liquidators from responsibility at the end of five years; and providing for the discharge of the liquidator when winding up is early completed.

The Food Exposition to be held in New York next October is conceived and is being prepared for on a gigantic scale, as befits the occasion. It is in commemoration of the discovery of America, and will be the first national Food Exposition held in the United States. The way has been paved for its success by the satisfactory results of food expositions that have already been

held in various sections of the country. The experience of these exhibitions makes the scheme of a Food Exposition of national magnitude an easier undertaking than it would otherwise be, and probably is the main cause of such a project being ventured upon. The Food Expositions have done good, and are a healthy protest against a tendency that has been a growing one for some years, to adulterate goods.

The production of iron and steel, and the manufacture of products from that material has been wonderfully cheapened in the past decade. Invention and the development of mechanical processes have played their part in this change. One result of it that is very observable in grocery stores is the use of packages made of steel plate (tinned) and wire, in the place of wood and paste board, and frequently in place of glass. Canned goods and many table lines are now put up in tin plate packages, that could hardly have been sold if the price of tin plate had remained the same as it was several years ago. The latest application of wire is to egg-packing. Little wire holders are now used by some grocers for delivery of eggs instead of the paste-board cells.

Fidelity to the Guild is plainly a waning sentiment. Ever since that one link snapped which kept all the members of one mind upon the price of granulated sugar, the esprit de corps of the Guild seems to have lacked a mainspring. The remaining restraints appear to have grown irksome to some of the houses, and now accusations are made that allege the transgression of some of those rules whose force is still supposed to be binding. The terms of discount, it is charged, have been directly evaded, and allowances (for freight, etc.) beyond the tariff adopted have been conceded. It is said that some members are highly incensed

at these little midsummer lapses from the strict letter of the fragment, which, since the suspension of Clause 2, represents the agreement. If the regulations continue to be set at naught by the offenders at whose door recent violations are laid, there will be some secession before long.

It seems the price of brooms is likely to be pitched a note higher if present indications do not relax their tension. The stiff advance in broom corn last fall brought prices up then to a higher point than they had been for a long time, and they have not gone back any since. One of the leading broom manufacturers of Canada says that the prospects for cheap brooms in the near future are anything but encouraging. Owing to the heavy and continuous rains throughout the broom corn sections of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Illinois, planters have not been able to put down seed as early as customary, and they are now about six weeks behind with their seeding, and it is very questionable if they will be able to set out as much stock as was contemplated. In any event it is very conclusive that the new crop will not be ready to be put into the hands of manufacturers until October next, and as the supply on hand now is very limited (owing to short crop last season and the enormous and unprecedented advance in broom corn last season, and the consequent short purchases of manufacturers,) it is safe to prophesy that prices will retain their present high standing, and it is not altogether out of the possibilities of seeing a marked advance in prices after September or October next.

The world will be apt to ask what civic calamity has befallen Toronto, what bereavement is its trade suffering from, or what sin as an organization has its Grocers' Association committed, that is to be mourned