

of arresting Frechette on a *capias*, found the store and house regularly garrisoned, and a mine ready to be sprung in case of the door being forced, so that he beat a precipitate retreat. It is charged that this factious opposition has been instigated by a creditor in Three Rivers, and what the outcome may be is hard to say. The liabilities are placed in the neighbourhood of \$12,000.

ANOTHER of the best-known business men in Montreal, Mr. Horatio A. Nelson, has passed away. Born in New Hampshire in 1816, Mr. Nelson went to Montreal in the year 1840 where he began business in the firm of Nelson & Butters. In 1861 the firm became Nelson & Wood, and in 1874, the four sons of the deceased being admitted partners, the firm became H. A. Nelson & Sons. A prudent and methodical man, Mr. Nelson built up an extensive business, and what is more, earned an enduring name for fair dealing, which his sons and successors in two cities well maintain. In the City Council of Montreal the deceased gentleman served his fellow-citizens faithfully and well, holding for years the position of chairman of the Finance committee. In the Quebec Legislature he spent three or four years; as president of the Montreal Loan & Investment Association, director in Molsons Bank and other corporations his judgment was valued; while in works of temperance, charity and morality his influence was strong on the side of right. It was not alone in church circles that he received and merited the affectionate title of "Father Nelson"; he has been father, helper, counsellor, to many. In his death the city of Montreal loses a diligent, conscientious and public-spirited citizen.

#### MANUFACTURERS' NOTES.

The Meriden Britannia Company, of Meriden Connecticut, and Hamilton, Ont., have a branch establishment in London England, and their goods are becoming very popular. The tea and coffee sets are so very different in style from those made there, that their novelty commands a large sale.

A new industry springing up in the Southern States is the manufacture of sulphuric acid from iron pyrites. The American now import sulphur from Sicily for the manufacture of the acid, and also import large quantities of the acid itself from England. It can be made from the immense deposits of pyrites in the south cheaper, it is said, than it can be imported. This is an industry which must have large development in Canada too, in the near future.

In the safe and vault works of Messrs. J. & J. Taylor, in this city, there are now employed 127 hands, where two years ago but sixty-five were at work. The firm have all the orders they can comfortably take.

Five carloads of cotton have been received by the Windsor Cotton Company from the Southern States, which came all the way by rail. It is stated that it can be brought by rail cheaper than by vessel, and the cost by rail is nearly \$500 per carload. One car went to Windsor, Que. the other day, by mistake.

The New Brunswick Merino Company is fitting up its machinery on Union Street, St John, for making underclothing, under the direction of Mr. A. L. Kerr, to employ some 30 hands. The out-put at the start will be about thirty dozen of shirts and drawers and eighty dozen of socks a week. The president of the company is Mr. J. DeWolf Spurr. The other directors are Captain J. Lane, and Messrs. W. Walker Clark, Josiah Fowler and John Connor. Mr. Watson Allen is secretary.

On Monday of last week, operations were

commenced at Hazelhurst & Co's, foundry at Coldbrook, which has a moulding shop 90x60 feet, machine shop, two stories, 70x35, pattern shop 70x25 feet. The intention is to manufacture all manner of heavy castings, including car wheels, of which they will make a speciality. "Coldbrook is now, exclaims the *Telegraph*, a manufacturing centre. The rolling mills and nail factory, so long silent, are now once more in operation, and these, with the foundry, will furnish employment for a large number of workmen.

#### WHAT CONSTITUTES A "DRINKING MAN?"

The trial of the action of Mrs. Regina Hesselberger against the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company for the recovery of \$10,000 on a policy of insurance assigned to her by her husband, was begun last week in the United States Circuit Court, New York, the company opposing payment of the policy on the ground that Hyman was an habitual drinker and died of *delirium tremens*. Among the witnesses called by the plaintiff was ex-Judge Dittenhoefer, who said that he had known Felix Hyman for some months and that he was a drinking man.

What is a drinking man?

A man who drinks.

Was he an average drinker?

If you will give me the standard I will tell you whether he was an average drinker.

How much must a man drink to be a drinking man?

In the city of New York that's a conundrum.

What kind of a drinker, in your judgment, is a man who has *delirium tremens*?

He is an extreme, unconscionable drinker.

By the court—Was he intoxicated?

He may have been, but I never saw him intoxicated. He was a nervous, excitable man, much depressed by his misfortunes in business.

Several other witnesses, among them Mrs. Hesselberger, testified that they had seen Mr. Hyman take a glass of beer, but never saw him under the influence of liquor.

"If I only had capital," we heard a young man say a few days ago as he puffed away at a ten cent cigar, "I would do something."

"If I only had capital," says another, as he walked away from a bar-room where he had just paid fifteen cents for a drink of spirits, "I would go into business."

A similar remark might have been heard from the young man loafing on the street corner.

Young man with the cigar, you are smoking away your capital. You from the dram shop are drinking your capital and destroying your body at the same time; and you on the street corner are wasting your capital in idleness and forming bad habits. Dimes makes dollars—time is money. Don't wait for a fortune to begin with. If you had \$10,000 a year and spent it all you would still be poor. Our men of power and influence did not start with fortunes. You, too, can make your mark if you will; but must stop spending money for what you don't need, and stop squandering your time in idleness.

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