

Says The Moncton Times: A proposed improvement consists of a glass jar to hold about the same quantity as the ordinary pound can. There can be no room for doubt as to the superiority of such a package over that of metal, which is brought into such close contact with the acids, and animal and chemical ferments present in the cooked fish. The chief difficulty hitherto has been the problem of how to exhaust the air from a receptacle and secure a hermetically sealed package. This has been overcome by means of an attachment of rubber.

IN THE DRY GOODS STORE.

The wholesale dry goods houses in Toronto have been filled with retailers this week, and all visitors have been given a royal welcome. It is Fair Time.

In two days recently, W. F. Forrest, of Atwood, paid out \$1,700 to farmers in that vicinity for flax. Apparently the flax business is not dead yet.

At Victoria last week the steamer "Empress of China" arrived one night with what is stated to be the largest and most valuable cargo of raw silk ever brought to America, the value being placed at upwards of a million dollars.

McKenzie & Stevenson have received the contract for the erection of the new addition to the St. Croix cotton mill at Milltown. This building will be 60 x 160 feet, three stories high, of brick. The building will be connected with the main mill by a large tunnel, and will be used as a stock hall and warehouse.

F. H. Hale, M.P., Grafton; G. A. White, A. B. Connell, Wm. Knox and J. S. Creighton, Woodstock, are asking for incorporation as the Carleton Woolen Company, for the purpose of operating a mill in Woodstock, the capital to be \$10,000 in \$50 shares.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

RAILWAYS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1898.—The advance figures from the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission have been issued at Washington in pamphlet form. We quote from them elsewhere.

THE HISTORIC METHOD IN ECONOMICS.—An address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at the Boston meeting, 1898, by Archibald Blue, of Toronto, vice-president and chairman of Section 1, Section of Social and Economical Science.

IDYLLS OF THE SEA.—This story, or series of stories, is by F. T. Bullen, F.R.G.S., whose descriptions of sea life, especially a whaler's life, have been so highly praised by Rudyard Kipling. Although the writing is very graphic, and the stories often weird and "creepy," we confess to have been rather more taken with the section of this book devoted to Studies in Marine Natural History. The Canadian publisher is the Toronto News Co.

THROUGH THE TURF SMOKE.—Any one who had read the story of Peter's First and Last Duel, with its rollicking Irish fun, in the August number of Harper's Magazine, will wish to read this book when he learns that it is by the same author, Seumas MacManus, the Donegal writer. Messrs. G. N. Morang & Co. have issued it as one of their florin series. "Jack and the Lord High Mayor" is the most entertaining story of the dozen.

—Among the observations made by "Observer" in a recent issue of The Maritime Merchant, is one to the effect that a good place for a shrewd and energetic young Nova Scotian to go to, if there is no room for him where he is, is Sydney, which in a year or two will be a great producer of iron and its products. The company which is erecting these great works at Sydney does not intend, we are told, to go any farther at present than the production of pig iron and steel billets. And this gives point to a suggestion of observers which had already occurred to us. Why not other factories of iron and steel goods at Sydney? The Montreal Rolling Mills Company is about to establish itself there, we are told, and The Merchant

correspondent remarks the fact that there is no large manufactory of agricultural implements in Nova Scotia, but quite a number of foundries which manufacture stoves. The manufacture of agricultural implements is an industry which requires a much greater genius, and is much more profitable in every way than the manufacturing of stoves. Moreover, Nova Scotia ought to be a good field for such a concern.

—A close reader of The Monetary Times writes from Peterboro to ask whether any exhibition will be held at St. John this year. We thought we had already mentioned the date of both the St. John and the Halifax Exhibitions, but it will do no harm to repeat that the St. John fair will open on September 11th, which will be Monday next, and that the Halifax fair will open on September 23rd, which is a Saturday, and will remain open till the end of the following week.

—We are advised from head office that a branch of the Peoples' Bank of Halifax was opened at Grand Falls, N.B., on the 1st inst., under the management of Mr. E. P. McKay, formerly accountant of the bank at Edmundston, N.B.

THE ONTARIO CHEESE BOARDS.

The offerings of cheese this week have been fairly large, amounting to 27,329 boxes at nineteen meetings, while at the same number of boards a year ago, 31,039 boxes were offered. As will be seen from the appended table, buyers and sellers at many of the meetings have failed to agree as to prices. Although the offerings this year have been considerably less than in 1898, dealers are of the opinion that the falling off in the supply of cheese is not sufficient to warrant the high prices asked by the makers, and as a consequence the sales made have been largely for immediate consumption. Prices this week ranged from 11½ to 12¼c., an advance of nearly four cents on the prices paid at this time last year.

Boards and Date of meeting.	No. of facto- ries.	Cheese boarded. Boxes.	Cheese sold. Boxes.	Price Per lb. Cts.
Brockville, Aug. 31	..	3,685	3,685	12
Kingston, Aug. 31.....	..	1,023	..	11 11-16
Madoc, Aug. 31.....	13	800	800	12½
Brighton, Sept. 1	11	850	..	11½
Iroquois, Sept. 1	..	832	..	11½
Kemptville, Sept. 1	..	1,000	1,000	12
Perth, Sept. 1	..	1,160	1,160	12
Shelburne, Sept. 1 .. .	6	1,083	330	11½
South Finch, Sept. 1 ..	..	978	..	11½
Belleville, Sept. 2	..	1,050	103	12
Cornwall, Sept. 2	..	1,412	1,412	11½-12
London, Sept. 2	..	2,221	150	11½
Campbellford, Sept. 5 ..	..	1,125	440	11 13-16
Ingersoll, Sept. 5	..	1,050	..	11½
Napanee, Sept. 6	..	975	..	11½
Peterboro, Sept. 6....	..	4,000	2,758	11 15 16/12
Picton, Sept. 6	16	885	..	11½
Stirling, Sept. 6	..	985	925	11½
Woodstock, Sept. 6 .. .	11	2,215	..	11½

CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.*

The following are the figures of Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday, August 31, 1899, compared with those of the previous week :

CLEARINGS.	September 7, 1899.	August 31, 1899
Montreal.....	\$11,855,972	\$11,750,198
Toronto.....	7,044,890	7,872,128
Winnipeg	1,546,746	1,612,787
Halifax	1,293,744	2,353,987
Hamilton	844,655	665,654
St. John	675,853	683,230
Victoria	459,528	590,890
Vancouver	1,006,790	1,061,897

\$24,727,678 \$26,640,716

Aggregate balances, this week, \$3,858,661; last week, \$4,592,975

*Labor Day Holiday.