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MAKERS OFSteam Engines, Steam Boilers, Hoisting Engines,  
Steam Pumps, Circular Saw Mills, Bark Mills, Water  
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facturers of**Blake's Patent Stone and Ore Breaker,**  
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& CO.,***Wholesale Druggists,*

18 DE BROSSELS ST., MONTREAL.

Orders by Mail will receive careful and prompt  
attention.

— In 1857, Great Britain imported 17,200,000  
cwt. of wheat. In 1877—twenty years later—  
the importation had increased to 50,970,000  
cwt.; although the population during the same  
period had only increased one-fifth.

— The London *Times* says, that nothing but  
the large accumulated wealth of the country,  
and the great strength of its credit institutions,  
have saved England from the most serious  
pecuniary disasters.

— A company has been formed at Chipman,  
Queen's Co., N.B., to prospect for gold at Coal  
Creek Stream, in that county. Small gold de-  
posits are said to have been discovered in the  
gravel beds of that stream.

— The total production of pig-iron in the  
United States during last year was 2,314,585  
tons, (of two thousand dollars to the ton),  
against 2,095,236 tons during 1876. During  
1875, however, 2,854,558 tons were produced.

— During the first four months of this year  
Great Britain exported 1,003,400 lbs. of jute,  
and 7,872,100 yards of manufactures of jute,  
while in the corresponding period of 1877 the  
exportation of jute manufactures to the United  
States was 12,085,000 yards.

— The property belonging to the estate of  
Mr. Charles Alexander, of this city, which was  
recently sold by auction, fetched very good  
prices. That on St. Catherine street was sold  
for \$17,600; the residence on University-street,  
for \$18,500; and the store and premises on Notre  
Dame street, for \$34,150 and the usual expenses.

— The number of new vessels built in the  
Dominion of Canada during the last year and  
registered at the different ports of registry in  
the Dominion was 430, measuring 118,985 tons  
register, showing a decrease, as compared with  
1876, of 8,715 tons, but showing an increase of  
14 in the number of vessels.

— It is estimated that in Europe there are no  
fewer than 3,194,372 spindles engaged on flax,

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the coming **SPRING TRADE** at much lower prices than ever before.**WOOL HATS, FUR HATS, STRAW HATS,  
CLOTH CAPS, SCOTCH CAPS, SILK HATS,***Men's, Youth's, Children's, Ladies' and Girls.***LARGE ASSORTMENT.****GREENE & SONS CO.,**

517, 519, 521, 523, and 525 ST. PAUL STREET,

**MONTREAL.**

hemp and jute, of which Ireland has 918,182 ;  
France, 503,030 ; Austria and Hungary, 414,676 ;  
England, 291,735 ; Belgium, 289,000 ; Germany,  
230,150 ; Scotland, 275,119 ; Russia, 150,000 ;  
Italy, 55,000 ; Switzerland, 9,000 ; Holland,  
7,700 ; Sweden, 3,810.

— The *Ottawa Free Press* announces that  
Mr. Boyd has sold out his interest in the phos-  
phate lands in Hull Township for \$900, to his  
partner, Mr. L. McQuarrie, who is confident of  
making money out of the enterprise. Some  
forty tons are now ready for shipment from the  
mine opened.

— A Phosphate Miners' Association has been  
formed in Ottawa. The object of the Associa-  
tion is to be the promotion of the phosphate of  
lime trade by united action. All persons of  
recognized respectability who are directly en-  
gaged in mining, buying or selling phosphate of  
lime, or who own mining property, are eligible  
as members.

— We would call attention to the sale by  
auction of Perry's Island, situated at Sault au  
Recollet. It contains six arpents in superficies,  
and has on it carding, fulling and flour mills,  
and two dwelling-houses. The sale takes place  
at Sault au Recollet, on Thursday, the 25th  
inst., and, as the island is only five miles from  
Montreal, and admirably adapted for a site for  
summer residences, it ought to fetch a good  
price.

— The recent fire at the establishment of H.  
R. Ives & Co., founders and hardware manu-  
facturers in this city, has not interfered in any  
degree with their ability to fill orders as usual.  
The energetic proprietor is deserving of every  
encouragement. Had we a greater number of  
manufacturing establishments among us, our  
working population, and consequently the mercan-  
tile community, would be better off.

— Mr. Thomas M. Simons, formerly manager  
of the Gore Mutual and latterly identified prin-

cipally with the establishment of the Union Fire  
Insurance Co., of which he was appointed secre-  
tary, has been tendered the management of the  
Reliance Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Toronto.  
Mr. Simons is one of the oldest experienced  
underwriters in Ontario, and will doubtless  
make the Reliance a respectable exponent of  
the mutual system of underwriting.

— The Supreme Court of Indiana has decided,  
in a recent suit, that a verbal agreement,  
although made contemporaneous with a written  
contract, or promise, cannot be recognized in  
law. The suit arose on a promissory note, and  
the defence was, that although the note by its  
terms was payable absolutely and uncondition-  
ally, there was, nevertheless, a verbal under-  
standing between the parties thereto that it  
was never to be paid. The Court decided that  
such a defence was inadmissible.

— The accounts from the various fishing  
grounds received during the past week are all  
exceptionally favorable. From Newfoundland  
we hear that the present is expected to prove  
the best fishing season that has been for many  
years. The Labrador fisheries have turned out  
satisfactory, the catch being much earlier than  
usual. Reports from the Magdalen Islands, say  
that the fisheries continue good on the inshore  
banks, and that quantities of small mackerel  
were found in Pleasant Bay. The waters near  
Point des Monts are swarming with porpoises,  
and the salmon and cod-fishing are exception-  
ally good a little below the same Point.

— The total number of vessels remaining on  
the Register Books of the Dominion on the 31st  
day of December, 1877, including old and new  
vessels, sailing vessels, steamers and barges,  
was 7,362, measuring 1,310,468 tons register  
tonnage, showing an increase, as compared  
with 1876, of 170 vessels and 49,575 tons.  
Taking \$30 per ton as the average, it will give  
the value of the registered tonnage of the Do-