

OUR MANUFACTURING INTERESTS

There is no matter of such vital importance to the future prosperity of Quebec as the steady growth and increase of our factories, and it is the duty of every journalist in the city to educate the people to this belief. Entertaining this view, we shall make it our special business to keep the subject prominently before the public. We have all the elements necessary to enable us to prosecute manufacturing enterprises with success, if we only make up our minds to do two things—invest the required capital, and push the work with energy, skill and economy. It is cheering to know, and we take a pleasure in stating it, that nearly every factory that has been so far started in Quebec has succeeded. This circumstance should undoubtedly encourage others to make the attempt. There is room here for a good cotton factory, for a manufactory of iron, as well as for many other articles of domestic use. A sugar refinery could also be made to pay, if managed with skill and care. The establishment of these alone would create a demand for labour, and give employment to our surplus population, who are leaving us for want of work. Something must be done. The building of the North Shore Railway, and the extension of the Gosford Railway, would open up the country, increase our population, and give an impetus to the manufacturing interests; but unless our minded men are prepared to furnish the capital and set the mill and the workshops going, Quebec must go on retrograding. The English-speaking population of Quebec have not been altogether inactive, but they can do a great deal more; and our French-Canadian fellow-citizens must put their shoulder to the wheel, open the purse-strings and subscribe more liberally than they have been doing. Money employed in the production of manufactures is capital well invested. It creates an industrial interest in our midst, directly benefiting the artisan and the laborer, and indirectly enriching and improving the entire community. One factory employing two hundred hands actually feeds and supports one thousand persons, while indirectly the shop-keeper, tradesman and merchant derives considerable advantage. So long as the labouring class is employed at fair wages, trade will be healthy, commerce active, and comfort, happiness and good order prevail. This, however, cannot be accomplished without an effort, and a strong effort too. The public look to our capitalists and leading men for the development of our resources, and the creation of a means to that end. If there is any spirit of enterprise amongst us, any feeling of patriotism, any regard for the welfare of our citizens, any love for old Stadacona,—let these prompt the people to take some earnest action towards building up here a permanent industrial interest that will bring wealth and prosperity in its train. We see at present no other hope for Quebec.

PARLIAMENTARY SUMMARY

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 9, 1870.

The House opened on the 3rd instant, and the speech from the throne contained the points upon which principally legislation during the coming session will turn. It is not likely to be characterized by any opposition to the Government programme, as upon all the topics adverted to in the speech there is identity of sentiment among all parties. Upon questions of mere detail there may be divergence of opinion, but none, we believe, upon the general policy. The Municipal Code, regarded as the crowning work of the session, has been introduced by the Hon. Mr. Ouimet, and will, no doubt, become law. This desirable code will lead to much good, because it has simplified the old law, which, besides being complicated, was contradictory in its provisions. The division of the present system into three books, the better under separate titles to classify the subjects related to and provided for, will facilitate researches, besides leading to a fair comprehension of the subjects to which the Municipal Code applies. In one series number of 1077 sections the law relating to the erection

of Municipalities, their powers, &c., the building of roads, bridges, &c., the duties of Secretary-Treasurers, &c., and the proceedings under the Municipal law is set forth in such a way as to operate good in the future.

The financial statement reveals a prosperous state of things, and shows that the Government, by judicious statesmanship, have, besides the monies spent by them in public works, colonization, roads and immigration, a large sum on hand which, no doubt, will be equally as judiciously managed, and turn to the benefit of the whole community. Up to the present the Committees have confined themselves to purely preliminary work, but will shortly enter into more serious duties. Except, however, what may fall to the share of a few committees—such as that on agriculture and private bills—they will not be encumbered with work.

THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT POLICE FORCE have just received their new winter clothing. They are neat and comfortable, and give general satisfaction. The contractor for the coats was Mr. James Byrne, Merchant Tailor, Bunde street, for the pants, Messrs. Hamel and Frere.

TRADE SALES.

The following is a list of prices of the principal articles disposed of at the wholesale grocery auction of Wm. Boston, Esq., at his store, Notre Dame Street, City of Quebec, on Thursday, Nov. 2. Auctioneer: Owen Murphy, Esq.:

- 190 Beams 6lb paper, 1s. to 1s. 2d.; 10 cases matches, 2s. 2d.; 30 boxes popper 4s. 6d.; 200 boxes soap 18s. to 18s. 2d.; 5 bris. sio 5s.; Playing Cards 4s. to 10s. 6d.; 96 bris. muscovado sugar 4s. 6d.; 46 green cases gin 12s. 9d. 16 do red 8s. 9d.; 10 cases chateau brandy, 6s; 2s; 30 do do (to arrive) 57 2s; 25 octa. and qr. casks do do (to arrive) 11s. to 11s. 3d.; 5 cases Julep Robin 5s. 7s; 5 qr. casks do 9s. 9d.; 5 bris. DeKuyper gin 7s.; 11 puncheons Dow's whiskey 7s. 6d. to 7s. 9d.; 20 casks Gooderham toddy 4s. 4d. to 4s. 6d.; Cases scotch whiskey 25s. 6d. Casks do 5s. 6d.; Cut tobacco 1s. 1d. to 1s. 2d.; Prince Wales do 1s. 9d.; 12 bales matting 1s. to 1s. 3d.; Rice 21s. per cwt.; 30 bris. coporas 4s. 6d.; Washing suds 7s. 2d.; 17 bris. alum 11s. 6d.; 16 kegs bi-carb. soda 15s 6d.; 40 cases Jar salt 6s. 6d per doz; 100 boxes biscuit (various styles) 4d. to 7d.; Cases pickles (outside brands) 2s. 6d. to 10s.; Puncheons (c-m-n-o-t) molasses 1s. 2d.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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**UNION BANK
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THE undersigned, Directors of the Union Bank of Lower Canada, hereby summon a Special General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank, to be held at the Banking House, in the City of Quebec,

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 11 o'clock

In the forenoon, to consider the expediency of authorising, and, if deemed expedient, to authorize the Directors to apply to the Governor General for an extension and modification and continuance of the Charter of the Bank, with such amendments as shall embody and apply to the Bank the provisions contained in the last eighteen of the twenty subsection of section number one of the Act of the Parliament of Canada, passed in the thirty-third year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act respecting Banks and Banking," and to notify the Minister of Finance of their intention to make such application.

Quebec, 17th October, 1870.

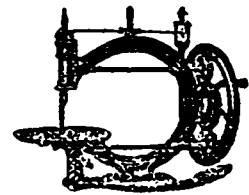
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