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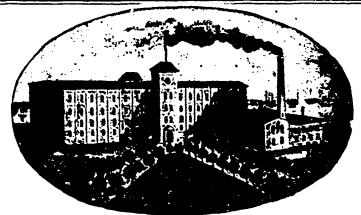
Thomas Cossey, formerly of St. Thomas, but now proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, Niagarn Falls, has purchased the Whithy House, opposite the Grand Trunk station at the Falls, for 10,000. Mr. Cossey will entirely remodel the place. He has sold the Department of the former proprietor at an Imperial to the former proprietor at an advance of \$200.

The troubles in Cuba have had no material effect as yet on the tabacco market, though the prospect of a limited future supply and scarcity in certain grades has had the effect of making the market firm. Indeed, the scarcity of some of these grades has already led to the closing of several factories in Havana, while the difficulty of obtaining labor would seem to render uncertain the outcome as to the Vuelta and Partidos crops.

The Liverpool & London & Globe has given a liberal extension of what is covered by its tourists policies, which will include wearing apparel, travelling equipments, and personal belongings, manuscripts, accounts, bills, currency deeds, money, securities, the property of the assured and members of the family accompanying the saured whenever they may panying the assured, whenever they may be in Europe, the States, Canada or Mexico, while travelling. A policy so wide in its provisions cannot fail to become popular.

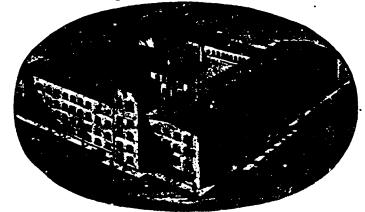
The traffic situation among Western trink lines in the freight department is in an unsatisfactory condition. The trouble is that there is not enough business to go around, and the bulk of what there is, is gained by wealthy lines, which are entitled only to a small portion. The Suo line and only to a small portion. The Soo line and the Gulf routes are credited with getting more than their share by cutting the rates, and if the latter will not agree to advance the rates, the trunk lines, which want the business to go through Chicago, will be forced to go into the cutting business.

Mr. Nat. W. Pratt, president of the Babcock and Wilcox Co. of New York died at his residence in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday, March 10th, at the age of 44 years, in the prime of life, after an active business experience, 25 years of it being spent with the Babcock & Wilcox Co. By his sagacity and sound business judgment the husiness that empressed his life. ment the business that emgressed his life from a very small beginning developed and grew enormously, and the best monu-ment that he leaves behind him is the Babcock & Wilcox Beiler. Mr. Pratt was noted not only for his sound business judgment and remarkable energy, but also for his generosity and kindness of heart. Even his business opponents admired him for his singular aggressiveness as applied to business, and by all with whom he came in contact, both at home and in trade, he was universally loved and admired.



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The Peterboro' Review announces that Mr. F. W. Taylor, who has, for about three and a half years, been acting Manager of the Bank of Montreal, at Peterboro', has been appointed Manager at Descronto. Mr. F. J. Rogers, of that place, succeeds him in Peterboro'. Mr. F. J. Lowis, who has for twenty one years been Manager of the Peterboro' Branch, owing to ill-health is to be transferred to a department in Montreal, where his duties will not be so onerous.

According to telegraphic advices, the holders in California of the balance of last season's production of prunes have, after numerous conferences, concluded to join issues with a view to cetablishing higher

prices. The report is to the effect that the larger holders on the Coast, having come to the conclusion that stocks throughout the country being much lighter than generally supposed, better prices should be obtained, especially in view of the fact that the California producers have little as no connection from ducers have little or no competition from abroad this year. They have therefore combined their interests and have agreed combined their interests and have agreed to fix a minimum price of 4c for the four sizes, f.o.b. California common shipping points. This is about a half cent above the parity of Eastern markets, and .' it is maintained will, it is believed, inevisably result in the establishment of a higher range of values here, provided the available supply has been reduced to the extent stated.