

All communications, advertisements, etc., intended for insertion in "The Trade Review" should reach this office by Wednesday morning.

There were more quotations from the **TRADE REVIEW** last year in Canadian, American and English papers than from all the other journals of its class combined, that are issued in the Dominion.

General Summary.

The Viceroy of India cables that there has been no rain in the famine districts, and that extensive relief works have been opened.

Canadian grown grapes shipped in cold storage have reached England in splendid condition, with bloom and flavor unimpaired.

Peru has sent an agent to England who will negotiate for the supply of artillery and machine guns and the latest improvements in small arms.

Commander Spain reports to the Fisheries Department that the United States mackerel fleet is now beginning to move homeward. They have had a very poor catch off our coast.

What promises to be an important discovery of gold ore has been made beyond the height of land north of Jack Fish Bay, Lake Superior. It is a few miles distant from the Emevas mine.

An estimate of the cut of lumber in the Ottawa district this year places the season's sawing at 550,000,000 feet. This is about the same figure as last year, although the cut at the Chaudiere mills is smaller.

Sr Mackenzie Howell, John Wyatt, Jonathan Charles James Howell, John Frankin Wills, Mackenzie Howell Jamieson, have applied for incorporation as the Intelligent Printing and Publishing House, Belleville.

Twenty-three barrels of contraband whiskey in St. Pierre, N.Y., have been seized at Fairmount. The casks of liquor had been fitted in oyster barrels and were being hauled along the coast with shell oysters for western ports.

The sentence of Mrs. Castle, the wife of a San Francisco millionaire, to three months in a London jail for shoplifting is evidence that the English law has not yet discovered the subtle distinction between kleptomania as it affects the rich and theft as it is practiced by the poor.

The creditors of J. Haun and Son, of Port St. Louis, who assigned recently to J. H. Kupper, of the Perry Sound Lumber Co., met recently in the Walker House. The statement shows liabilities of \$2,000, with assets nominally the same. The creditors will not realize more than 20 or, perhaps, 30 per cent.

A member of the Board of Trade has received a letter from a friend at Rat Portage, Ont., who speaks in glowing terms as to the gold mines in that district. The interest in that section, he says, is fully as great as in British Columbia, and adds that at the Sultana mine there are \$1,000,000 in sight. At present there are no less than ten stamp mills in operation in that particular district.

Advices received from California report a very firm market for all descriptions of dried fruits, based on an active demand from the West and Northwest.

In the Provincial competition for the best kept school grounds, Stansfeld College has been awarded the first prize of \$100. Valleyfield won second, and Freysburg third.

Mr. George Johnston, the Dominion Statistician, is compiling figures in regard to the pork packing industry of Canada, which were desired by the Pork Packers Association at Toronto.

Ernest Kempt, oyster expert for the fisheries department, has completed his season's work in Prince Edward Island, where several new beds have been planted, and he is now in Nova Scotia to report on certain worked out beds, which it is thought can be easily replanted.

The Department of Agriculture for Ontario despatched a consignment of honey to the exhibition at the Imperial Institute, London, England. The exhibit, which weighed about 100 pounds, was procured from the Gould, Shapley & Muir Company, Brantford, and was sent as a Canadian exhibit.

The new management of the St. Johns Stone Chinaware Company give notice of application to the legislature for a special act of incorporation. Mr. Aulsebrook, the new manager, sailed from New York for France on Friday last to engage skilled potters, and to make other arrangements to work the potteries on a large scale.

The new crop of New Orleans molasses is appearing in a little firmer volume, but most buyers await materially increased supplies; thus far the offerings have done very well on the primary market, and if the reports which are coming to hand at the close that the crop will not be as large as had been expected prove correct, the dealers think that the market cannot settle materially further upon its low point.

The State Board of Agriculture of Ohio reports wheat area sown for next year 6 per cent less than in the fall of 1885, though total acres are more than those actually harvested this fall, much having been ploughed up in the spring of 1886. Conditions of soil good at seeding. Harvesting in some places on early sown wheat. Late sown a little backward, but general conditions favorable for winter preparations.

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The Canadian publishing houses, and more particularly the Toronto publishers, are incensed at the action of the committee of the Presbyterian church in awarding the contract for printing new hymn books to the Oxford Publishing House, London, Eng., which it is estimated will amount to half a million dollars. Setting aside the consideration of home industry, the publishers say that not only can they produce a book equal both in printing and binding to any of English make, but they can do it as cheaply.

James Cooper, Samuel John Simpson, Frank Hartwell Hocking, William Clarendon Munson, and Thomas Joseph Kennedy, all of Montreal, who are to be first provisional directors, have applied for incorporation as the James Cooper Manufacturing Company.

There was a blaze in the Dominion Cotton Mills at Hochelaga on Friday morning. The fire originated in the packing room and caused about \$3,000 damages before it could be controlled. The Street Railway Company again tried their new bridge rail, which enables the cars to pass over the hose which is laid across the street. It was a success in every respect and will doubtless, render valuable service in future.

The following gentlemen have been gazetted a board for the selection of standard samples of flour, namely:—O. M. Gould, chairman; A. E. Gagnon, Montreal; Henry W. Raphael, Montreal; David Robertson, Montreal; William Brodie, Quebec; William Galbraith, Toronto; J. L. Spink, Toronto; W. G. Bailey, Hamilton; J. D. Sunby, London; Robert Noble, Dominion Millers' Association; Robert Muir, Winnipeg.

The Customs returns for the port of London, Ont., for October show the total value of dutiable goods imported to have been \$121,172, on which \$36,837.35 was collected, a decrease of \$10,545.02 in the collection compared with October last year. The free goods imported were valued at \$56,082, the heaviest items under the latter heading being bacon \$23,916, and cheese \$5,282. Of the duties collected, \$3,346.33 was on fruits, and \$2,449.42 on spirits.

The eighth annual spring trade number of The Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal has been issued, and it is but simple truth to say that it is bigger and brighter than any of its predecessors. The matter is of exceptional interest not only to the trade but to the general reader, and the letter-press gives an artistic finish to the production. Considerable attention is devoted to Toronto and some excellent photographs are presented of its principal streets and buildings.

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Thomson's November report says winter wheat area probably increased by 5 per cent as compared with area harvested. The total is 24,633,575 acres against 23,491,530 acres harvested. Nebraska shows an increase of 13 per cent over the area harvested. Southern States also show a material increase. Seeding has been completed in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, and nearly so in the balance of the more important States. Weather conditions have been very favorable, and it is seldom if ever that the conviction has been so prevalent that the wheat plant is far in advance of ordinary seasons. The plant has made vigorous growth and shows unusual vitality.