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mercantile Summary.

A DEPUTATION of manufacturers, from the Industrial League, left Philadelphia for Washington a few days ago to protest against the passage of the Wood Tariff bill. The League is said to be an influential association.

THE editor of an American paper recently insisted that poets must be brief. The very next day he received a composition entitled, "The Ballad of the Merchant"; consisting of the following sententious stanza: "Trust—Bust!"

It is proposed to raise \$30,000 for the construction of a powerful marine slip at Pictou, N.S. A meeting was held recently, at which Messrs. J. R. Noonan, J. W. Gordon, C. Dwyer, C. E. Davies, were appointed a committee to raise funds to proceed with the work, and several thousand dollars were subscribed on the spot.

A GENTLEMAN from St. Louis is now in this city, with the object of purchasing for a brewing firm in Missouri, three hundred tons of ice, which appears to be as short a crop in the West as it has been hereabout. He has been offered lake ice here at a dollar per ton, and the rail freight will cost \$48 per car, or \$ay \$60 delivered on the Missouri River, equivalent to about a third of a cent per pound.

FIVE firms in Chatham, Ont., have bought, in the season (we can scarcely call it winter) of 1877-78, seven thousand three hundred and thirty six hogs, weighing 1,579,896 lbs. and costing \$75,030, or an average of 42 c per pound. The best load of pork came from Essex -being that of Mr. Reid, of Mersea, 19 hogs, of a total weight of 6,697 lbs., or an average of 352 lbs. each. Another load of 16 hogs, sold by a Kent farmer, averaged 354 lbs each. Extensive purchase of pork is made every year in Essex, at Leamington, Essex Centre and Windsor, but many of the Essex pork raisers brought their hogs to Chatham market because higher prices were paid there. The above figures do not represent all the pork bought at Chatham, for the G. W. R. freight books show that 103 cars have been shipped containing 11,074 hogs, the total weight of which is 2,234,670 lbs., besides 1,316 live hogs.