

The Ontario Peat Fuel Company, of Welland, are fitting up in Toronto a factory for the manufacture of artificial marble from a gypsum which is said to be found in large deposits in the Grand River.

Amongst the patents recently issued at Ottawa is one for a brick, which is claimed to be fireproof and of such constituency that nails may be driven into it as easily as into wood, without chipping it. The brick will grip the nails just as wood does.

The new pulp factory at Chicoutimi is making 35 tons of dry pulp per day and expects to make nearly four times that quantity by the end of the year.

During the past week the bicycles shipped from Toronto to France, Germany and Australia were valued at \$80,000.

A Rochester firm of manufacturing chemists will establish a branch factory in Toronto.

The Ontario Forestry Branch is arranging for a series of experiments to ascertain the commercial value of jack pine.

The president and one of the directors of the Canadian Rubber Company have been in Hull, interviewing the city council with regard to the establishment of a branch of their works at that place.

British imports into Brazil have decreased 33.4 per cent., while Germany's imports into Brazil have increased 117.4 per cent.

Bolivia buys nearly all her imports from Germany.

The Russian Government have restricted the coastwise carrying trade to ships sailing under the Russian flag, except in case of salt imported to Baltic ports from the Black Sea or the Sea of Azov.

Soap manufacturers might find it worth their while to have an eye toward the trade with Zanzibar.

In 1896 Germany sent to Japan three times the quantity of beet sugar she sent in 1895.

Russia is inaugurating many industries and will pay good prices for foreign exports.

In Sumatra every native man carries a knife and the knives are all made in Sheffield.

Japan is developing a surprising capacity for the consumption of sheet and galvanized iron for ships, bridges and boilers.

John Forman, of Montreal, in another column advertises a full line of Bryant electric supplies, the catalogue for which is now ready.

Your attention is called to the advertisement of J. A. Culverwell elsewhere in this paper.

A government cartridge factory is established at Quebec. The machinery was obtained from England and an English firm supplied the powder.

Cement is wanted in Zanzibar, where Belgian cement has eclipsed all others because of its cheapness. Coal is also imported for coaling stations at this point.

In Nova Scotia there are about 1,700 establishments that salt and dry fish, and about 4,000 persons are employed in this industry. A large quantity of salt is used and most of it is imported.

Firearms are being smuggled into Persia, and revolvers and pistols sell at good prices, so that anyone obtaining permission from the Persian government to import them into Persia may derive a good revenue.

In Germany a process has been discovered by which port wine may be made from barley.

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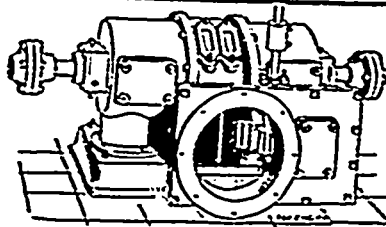
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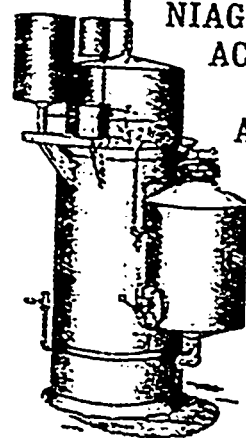
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