

## TRADE CHAT.

**J.** S. LARKE, Canadian Commissioner to Australia, says the boot and shoe manufacturers of Quebec are hopeful of doing a good trade with Australia.

Canadian vessels caught 95,048 seals in Behring sea this season. This is said to be the largest catch on record.

The Indians of Manitoulin Island shipped 7,000 baskets of blueberries from Little Current during the present season.

Several Sarnia grocers have been victimized by female sharpeners who passed three \$5 spurious gold coins on them.

The arrivals of apples in England during the week reached a total of 120,000 brls., of which number 40,000 brls. went to London.

Saturday night R. H. Little's general store and post office, Lisle, was robbed of some money and stamps. Three years ago the store was robbed, the safe broken open and \$275 taken.

English advices intimate that the final liquidation of the great Baring estate will shortly take place. The liabilities, which were originally over \$100,000,000, have been reduced to a little over \$12,000,000. It is expected that a large surplus will be secured ultimately.

A new company has taken hold of the Dominion Organ Co., of Bowmanville, and the ratepayers of the town have voted it a bonus of \$5,000. "The merchants are in high feather over the matter," said a traveler who has just returned from Bowmanville.

The Collingwood Board of Trade is making arrangements for the formation of a fruit-growers' association in this district. The object of the society will be the distribution of all sorts of information for the growing of all kinds of fruit, its care, the proper methods of preparing to ship and to store, etc.

Mr. Goodfellow, postmaster of Macdonald, has placed on our desk three beautiful and mammoth apples of the King variety, which were raised by Mr. Albert Blakely, of North Fredericksburg. They measured 13½, 13 and 12½ inches around while their weight was 15¾, 14½ and 14 ounces respectively.—Tribune, Deseronto.

Export shipments of cattle, hogs and sheep from Manitoba and the North-West this season have grown to very large proportions, and those who are best posted on the subject declare that within four or five years the live stock trade of this country will exceed in importance the wheat exports. One thousand head of cattle were shipped from here during last month.

P. D. Armour has been experimenting on the economy of using whey as food for hogs. Feeding 18 pigs solely with 1650 pounds of crushed wheat, they showed in two weeks 525 pounds gain, which at five cents per

pound for hogs, made \$26.25 increased value, or a little over 95 cents per bushel for wheat, against 53 cents, the market value of the grain at that time.

The net cost of beet growing in Germany is \$50 per acre, the product is saleable for \$66, leaving a profit of \$25 per acre. The average yield is given as 12 tons of beets, value \$66; 3 tons of tops, value \$3.75; 35 per cent pulp, 8,400 lbs., value \$6.30. Agricultural wages in Germany are less than one half what is paid in Canada.

The business men of Dundas and the members of the Board of Trade held a meeting Friday evening to discuss the application of the T. H. & B. for aid from the town in the shape of a bonus. The result of the discussion was the adoption of a resolution asking the Council not to negotiate with the company at present, but to appoint a committee to confer with a committee from the Board of Trade on the matter.

Returns have been received at the Dominion Fisheries Department of the collection of fish ova for hatching in the Government hatcheries. Upwards of 5,000,000 salmon eggs have been collected at the British Columbia hatchery; at Warton several million salmon trout eggs have been procured; the Atlantic hatcheries are now in the midst of the work of egg collecting; at Manitoba several million whitefish eggs have been laid down in the Selkirk hatchery.

At a general meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Society, held at the rooms of the association, in Montreal, on Saturday evening, the following were nominated officers and trustees for the ensuing year: Chas. Gurd, president; G. O. Stanton, vice president; trustees, Fred Birks, J. T. Dwyer, E. H. Copland, F. Hughes, Robt. White, and Max Murdock. The above were all elected by acclamation. The annual meeting was fixed for Friday, December 14, at 8 p.m.

Judging from late statistics India still remains a magnificent country for sportsmen. In 1892, 21,988 human beings and 81,668 head of cattle were killed by snakes and wild beasts, the chief human mortality—19,025—having been due to snake bite. Tigers claimed 947 human victims, leopards 260, wolves 182, bears 145 and elephants 72. On the other hand, whereas only 4,498 cattle were killed by snake bite, no fewer than 20,969 were devoured by tigers, 30,013 by leopards and 6,758 by wolves.

The well-known firm of Jackson & Hallett, established in Guelph in 1868, is being dissolved, Mr. Jackson, with his son Edward, taking over the grocery part of the business under the style of Jackson & Son. Mr. Jackson has been connected with the grocery trade of Guelph for the last thirty-five years, being salesman with Messrs. Rutherford and J. L. Lewis. Mr. Jackson, jr., has a thorough knowledge of the business, having occupied good positions in both whole-

sale and retail grocery firms in Montreal. Mr. Hallett, who will continue the wholesale and retail wine and liquor business at the old stand, came to Guelph from Langport, Somersetshire, Eng., in 1867. At Langport he served a five years' apprenticeship with Stuckey & Meade, one of the largest and most successful concerns in the west of England. He will also continue the business of exporting cheese and butter to the late firm's connections in England and Scotland, which business has exceeded \$250,000 yearly since 1882. Mr. Hallett will import wines and liquors direct from Ireland, Scotland, France and Spain.

A man married a widow, and by some coincidence took her to the same hotel where she stopped with her first spouse. At table she said to Charles, the bridegroom: "Will you kindly pass the butter, John?" A vision of "John," his predecessor, flitted before the bridegroom, who indignantly replied: "My name is not John—it is Charles." "Excuse my mistake, Charles," she said; and then, tasting the butter, added reflectively, "but it is the same butter."—Boston Home Journal.

A "tell tale" milk jug has just been devised in England. It is a glass measure, graduated at every quarter pint. Below the pint and half-pint marks three lines are etched, showing the thickness of cream which should appear in milk of average quality, in good and in very good milk, thus measuring both quality and quantity.

The shipment of fish from the Lake of the Woods district this season has already reached nearly 300 cars. Mr. Hugh Armstrong, M.P.P., and his company have been the most active ones engaged in the operations. Their distributing points are St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Cleveland, and Sandusky. Mr. Armstrong is at present organizing a company of his own to work the lake. The shipments means considerable cash to a large number.

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