

THE LABOR MOVEMENT.

Brief statements of the condition of the labor movement in various cities were prepared for the Boston *Globe* by delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Labor. They almost all reported decay of the Knights of Labor organization. Thus, for Cincinnati it was said that "all the trades unions are growing rapidly, while the Knights of Labor assemblies are going to pieces." At Baltimore "the Knights of Labor are a very small factor in the labor movement, the trades unions having taken their place to a large extent." At Chicago "the Knights of Labor are numerically dead." In Rhode Island "the Knights of Labor are in an exceedingly weak condition." Throughout the west generally "many assemblies have lapsed, and those remaining in existence have lost members," and in many parts of the east also "the Knights of Labor are but a shadow of what they once were." This, of course, says *Bradstreet's*, is a stronger exhibition of decline than the officers of the Knights of Labor would present, but it must be admitted that the Knights are playing a less conspicuous part on the labor stage than three or four years ago.

—Sir Frederick Bramwell is a decided wit in his own way, as he showed at the British Association last year. After he had been elected to the Royal Society it was noticed that all his fees went up with a bound. One of his clients complained of this. "If you will look at my card, sir," said Sir Frederick, "you will see on it the letters F. R. S. The meaning of those letters, sir, is, Fees raised since."

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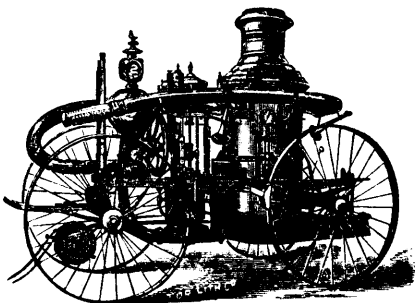
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MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15th, 1890.

ASHES.—Receipts have been remarkably small since the opening of the year, being only about 40 barrels to date. The market may be called slightly firmer; first quality pots would bring \$3.40 readily, seconds, \$3.10 for this year's brand; pearls, \$4.85 to \$4.90. The first shipment of the year was made on Saturday last, being a lot of 50 barrels to Liverpool.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, ETC.—There is next to nothing doing in these lines, but values are stiffer. Cements are advanced on the other side of the water and will cost considerably enhanced figures to import in the spring; we question if anything could be done in Portland cement just now under \$2.75; firebricks, \$25 for ordinary, Glenboag \$30.

DRY GOODS.—Last week proved on the whole a quiet one; some houses report a fair proportion of city orders, and a moderate number of

country orders received since the opening of this week, but the general tenor of letters from travelling salesmen is that of complaint at the poor state of trade and the large quantities of fall goods still unsold on retailers' shelves. This state of affairs is not confined to any particular locality but seems very general. Payments have lost the slight improvement noted last week, and are very much complained of generally. Cottons are just where they were, and there are none moving in either a wholesale or jobbing way.

FISH.—Trade at the moment is quiet, but stocks are moderate. Values are held pretty steadily, and the probabilities favor rather stiffer prices before the 19th prox., on which date Lent begins. We quote:—Labrador herring, \$4.00 to 4.25; Cape Bretons, \$5 to 5.25; dry cod, \$4.50 to 4.75; green cod, No. 1, \$5.00 to \$5.25; No. 1 large, \$5.25 to 5.50; N. S. salmon, \$14.50 to 15.00; B. C. ditto, \$11.50 to 12.00; finnan haddies, 7 to 7½c.

FURS.—Raw skins are coming in rather slowly, and there is but little animation in the local market. Reports from Europe have a rather depressing effect. American advices are more favorable, but speculation in the trade is the probable cause of the greater

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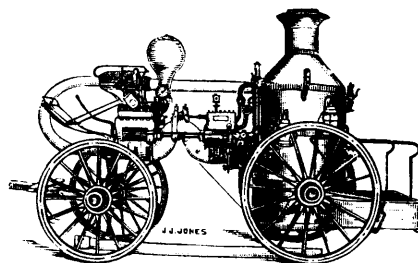
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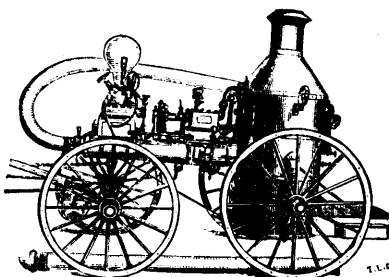
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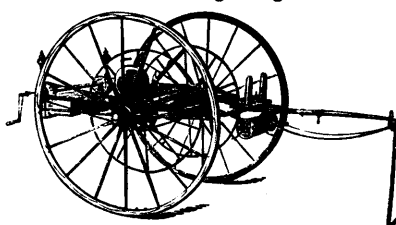
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