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In the year 1891 Henry A. Rutherford, Bolton, sold his farm, realizing \$5,000 or \$6,000. and with this sum opened a general store in that village. A year later Walter Wood, of Hamilton, who failed there, was admitted a partner, and the business conducted under the style of Rutherford & Wood. Granting credit too freely, with perhaps a lack of business management, is blamed for getting them into financial trouble, which resulted in an assignment to D. Blackley.

New Westminster, like Guelph, calls itself or is called "The Royal City." Some of the merchants of the former place have feared that the opening of the tramway between the two cities of Westminster and Vancouver would injure the retail trade of the former place. But now, it appears from a despatch, "relatively to population, and number of men and firms engaged in the trade in the two cities, the tramcars have carried more Vancouver people to the markets of Westminster than vice versa.

THE Williams, Greene & Rome trophy, presented to the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, for team competition, on Monday last, Dominion Day, is a handsome affair, of silver, 4 ft. 10 in. high and 3 ft. 8 in. circumference, the body representing a Greek vase, having on either side a Greek ewer handle entwining a winged bicycle wheel. At the base is a bicyclist, standing by his wheel. The pedestal of the cup is polished black and grey marble. It was made by the Meriden Britannia Company, Hamilton, and its winners are a Toronto team.

Our ideas of illicit distilling are usually that it is carried on in the mountains or in caves, or in some remote secluded place. The up-to-date ideas of Eugene Dion, of Montreal, differed materially from the traditions of the art. He thought it could flourish best in a crowded city. Accordingly he started an illicit distillery in St. Jean Baptiste village, a suburb of Montreal, east of Bleury street and north of Sherbrooke, but was found out a year or two ago and fined. Again he started a still, in the same suburb, and again he has been arrested. The trial came on last Friday; the still, which had a capacity of fifty gallons a day, was produced in court and was curiously examined by the spectators in the court room. Dion was sent to jail for six months with hard labor, a fine of \$500, or in default two months additional.