

Montreal sent out better men than the merchants of any other city. This went a great way in commercial matters."

A number of amendments to existing by-laws were proposed, principally with relation to membership, and some alteration was made to the conditions of membership in the life assurance scheme of the Association. But the principle, or at any rate the most exciting, debate of the evening arose upon the motion, of which notice had been given: "That the by-law relating to supplying wines be rescinded, so that we can entertain our guests as becomes the dignity of the Association." The by-law thus sought to be repealed read: "That no portion of the funds of this Association, shall at any time be voted or appropriated for pay-

ment of wines or other spirituous liquors under any consideration whatever."

A very hot discussion arose. One gentleman declared, and not without reason, that no wine was necessary to support the "dignity" of the Association. It being impossible to count the votes upon the vexed question, scrutineers were appointed, when the result was found to be 65 in favor of Mr. W. H. Morgan's resolution, to rescind the by-law, and 41 against it. It was therefore declared carried, and the guests of the Association will drink at the next dinner wines provided out of the funds of the Association.

—Apropos of a paragraph under "Manufacturers' Notes" in our issue of 25th ult., about electric light or lamps in coal mines, a manufacturer writes us to say that he has heard of such lamps for miners being invented in England, though he is not sure that they are in common use there. It is probably the experiments in this direction of which our cor-

respondent has heard; for to so well-informed a paper as the *Iron and Steel Trades Journal* "the electric lamp (as a miners safety lamp) is not yet a complete reality." A lamp is described in the same issue, made by Mr. Swan, and weighing seven pounds. It is fed from a stationary battery; another of a like kind made by Mr. James Pitkin, weighing about five and a half pounds. But, contends the *Journal*, the necessity of the hour is "a perfectly self-contained lamp, without wires connecting it to some external generator." According to a paragraph which we took from the *Philadelphia Record*, the electric safety lamp tried in the Pennsylvania coal mines weighs only three pounds, and can furnish a light of five-candle power for ten hours at a cost of ten cents.

—Canadian iron ores are to be roasted in Cleveland more largely than before. Besides the roasting oven put up some time since, a new and improved one is being erected by the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, according to the *Iron Trade Review*. It is to be ready for use very shortly.

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