

**General Notes.**

It seems that St. Louis can show cases parallel with those recently quoted from Chicago, where shippers of corn from the far west were lucky in getting away with the bag, leaving the entire grist as toll to railroads and the other expenses. A grain shipper at Tecumseh, Neb., consigned corn to St. Louis, and received as the net proceeds fifty three cents per carload. This brings us back to our original text; the United States produces too much corn, wheat, and oats, while it imports potatoes, barley, etc., in large quantities. —*Ex.*

Over the border the production of textile goods is now progressing at a greater rate than ever. Throughout New England nearly all mills and factories are running full time, and mills on half time are coming in full. Carpet manufacturers report an increasing demand for ingrain, tapestries and finest qualities. Orders for upholstery goods in silk and worsted, and for shawls and all kinds of knit goods, have been accumulating rapidly. Gingham manufacturers report a heavy distribution and a steady influx of orders sufficient to keep all their mills running. All of the cloth mills are busy on winter and spring goods.

The silk industry is being rapidly transferred to the United States, to the consternation of all Europe. New silk mills are springing up in various parts of the eastern section of the country, particularly in Pennsylvania. Within the limits of the city of Philadelphia alone we are told there are nearly one hundred mills spinning and weaving silk and silk-mixed goods. Plushes and velvets have recently been added, and there are two mills on dress goods, the most of the establishments making upholstery fabrics, curtains, turcomans, fringes, trapes and trimmings. The product of all these is very large and rapidly increasing, employing about 8,000 persons.

It is said the wealth of British Columbia lies principally in her mines and fisheries. The Vancouver Island bituminous coal ranks in San Francisco with that of West Hartley. The coal measures on the island and mainland cover an area of about 30,000 square miles. In the Queen Charlotte islands, Anthracite in six-foot seams, comparing favorably with that from Pennsylvania, exists. In the Comox bituminous district the productive measures show ten seams of coal of a total thickness of nearly thirty feet. The output of British Columbia coal in 1871 was 29,000 tons, and in 1885, 357,000 tons, of which 276,000 tons were shipped to San Francisco and other American ports.

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