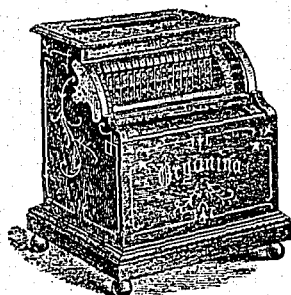


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The duties collected at the Toronto Customs House during April amounted to \$225,375.72, against \$188,860.61 for the corresponding month last year.

LATELY ARRIVED English colonists have purchased 10,000 acres of land west of the Turtle Mountains, Manitoba, from the South Western Railway at four dollars per acre.

The Customs receipts at this port for April, ult., amounted to \$517,054; for April, 1880, \$328,113. The Inland Revenue receipts for the past month aggregate \$102,529, against \$90,378 for April, 1880.

Messrs. McKenzie, Powis & Co. of this city, tea merchants, have removed to the spacious premises, corner St. John and Hospital streets, formerly occupied by Buchanan, Leckie & Co.

The town of Lindsay, Ont., quite recently voted a bonus of \$20,000 towards establishing a cotton and woollen factory within its bounds; the town also gives a site free, and exempts the property from all taxation for ten years.

The Merchants and Ontario Banks have each declared a 3 per cent. dividend, and the Bank of Ottawa also declares a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. The Dominion Bank has declared 4 for the current half-year, and the Federal and Bank of Hamilton, each  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

A PHILADELPHIA press despatch announces that the leading coal companies have "resolved to make no change in the line, city, and harbor prices of coal for May." The combined Anthracite coal interests have agreed to suspend mining on three days of each week for the remainder of this month.

New shoe factories are opening in various parts of the country; a Toronto despatch says one of the largest in Ontario will be erected

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shortly in the eastern part of that city. A "white labor" boot and shoe factory commenced operations at Victoria, B.C., on Friday last.—On the same day, over 600 Chinese railway laborers are reported to have arrived at Victoria per steamships.

SEIZURES by the Customs authorities on both sides of the line for alleged attempts to defraud on the part of shippers and importers are becoming shockingly common. During the past week a carload of Canadian hay—which continues to meet with a large export demand from Americans—belonging to an extensive dealer at Stottsville, named Laberge, was seized at Rouse's Point, on the Canadian side. The car contained 13 tons and 59 lbs. of hay, which Laberge had entered at the Custom House as 10 tons. Laberge paid the difference and recovered the hay.

AT THE annual meeting of shareholders of the Bank of New Brunswick, held at St. John on Monday last, a statement was presented showing the liabilities, including rebate of \$50,000 and cash amounting to \$1,045,446.45, bearing interest, to be \$4,334,248.28; the resources of the Bank amount to the same sum, and included are \$585,072.55 due from other banks. The old directors were re-elected.

THE Gatling Gold Mining Company, Belleville, will, it is stated, employ some 300 miners this summer.—The Pontiac County Council intend to send a deputation to the Quebec Government this month to urge the immediate commencement of the Pontiac extension of the Occidental Railway.—A large number of men are at work on the Eastern section, near Coteau Landing, of the Canada Atlantic Railway, and the contractor expects to have the road ready for cars to run as far as Alexandria in July next.

MESSRS. Forbes, Stevenson & Co., wholesale boot and shoe manufacturers, this city, have assigned in liquidation, with liabilities amounting to \$23,000, and assets \$30,000. Some three or four years ago Mr. Forbes compromised with his creditors at 50c in the dollar, showing then a surplus of about \$6,000; shortly afterwards Stevenson entered into partnership with Forbes, investing \$10,000 in the business. The firm were hard-working and frugal, but the senior partner lacked sufficient of the *suaviter in modo*, so important now-a-days to every man in business. Their capital also proved insufficient for them to withstand the sharp competition in the trade, which has rendered them unable to sell goods at a profit, and, getting steadily behind for two or three years past, finally called a meeting of their creditors, held on Monday last. The result was the assignment, and, although the condition of the firm shows that they have about sunk the amount of capital invested, they expect to be able to pay in full.

THE New York Court of Appeals has rendered a decision against the life insurance companies who contested the payment of their policies in the case of Walton Dwight of Binghamton. Col. Dwight obtained insurance to the amount of \$225,000 between Aug. 18 and Sept. 17, 1878, in various companies, including \$10,000 each in the Aetna of Hartford, Travelers' of Hartford, Union Mutual, Me., National of Montpelier, New England Mutual of Boston, State Mutual of Worcester, Mutual of Springfield and Berkshire of Pittsfield. On Oct. 15 Dwight was taken sick, and he died Nov. 15. A thorough autopsy was made of his body and an inquest held, but no unnatural cause of death could be discovered. The insurance companies, however, were suspicious, and all refused to pay their policies except two.