

law forbidding lotteries. "This order shutting out the investment companies from the mails," said Inspector Stuart, "is a sweeping one, and will put an end to the swindle."—*Spectator*, N. Y.

A DOCTOR SUES AN EARL AND WINS.

It was rather plucky of Mr. Lennox Browne, says the *Hospital Gazette*, to sue the Earl of Annesley in the Bloomsbury County Court, to recover the balance of the fee for a small, but delicate, operation he performed on his lordship's son, Lord Glerawley. It appears that the young nobleman suffered from stammering, and Mr. Browne, who was consulted, advised the removal of a small growth in the throat, to which the Earl consented. Mr. Browne charged thirty guineas for the operation, but the Earl would only pay ten guineas, which he considered an ample fee, as the operation did not cure the stammering. The judge thought it unlikely that Mr. Browne would perform operations on the "no cure, no pay" principle, and gave him a verdict for the full amount. Commenting on the case, the *Globe* very sensibly remarks: "No medical man of repute would pledge himself as to the result of a delicate operation on the throat; still less would he agree to forfeit two-thirds of his fee in the event of failure. No doubt thirty guineas is a pretty high figure to have to pay for an operation which takes only three minutes and does not produce the desired result, and one quite understands the feeling of Lord Annesley that he has not got value for his money. But then, on the other hand, Mr. Lennox Browne would reply that he had stated the amount of his fee beforehand, that this amount was no more than the custom of the profession sanctioned, and that Lord Annesley had the services of one of the foremost men in that branch of the profession. After all, if one wants to be attended by a man who has a practice which enables him to sell his time at a rate of ten guineas a minute, one must pay for the privilege. When you have ordered a bottle of 1874 champagne, and drunk it, it is not fair to refuse to pay for it on the ground that you could have done just as well on a pint of bitter."

THE "SOO" CANAL TRADE.

The development of traffic on this route has reached enormous proportions. Under direction of General O. M. Poe, Corps of Engineers, a complete statement of the traffic through St. Mary's Falls Canal [between Lakes Superior and Huron] has been prepared for the season of 1893. The following table is self-explanatory:

Items.	1893.	1892.
Steamers, No.	8,379	8,737
Sail vessels, No.	2,955	3,324
Unregistered craft, No. .	674	519
Total vessels, No.	12,008	12,580
Lockages, No.	5,553	5,867
Tonnage, registered.	9,849,754	10,647,208
Tonnage, freight.	10,796,572	11,214,338
Passengers, No.	18,869	25,896
Coal, all kinds, tons.	3,008,120	2,904,266
Flour, barrels.	7,420,674	5,418,135
Wheat, bushels.	48,481,652	40,994,780
Grain (other), bushels. .	2,405,344	1,666,600
Manufactured iron, tons	57,046	59,772
Pig iron, tons.	32,406	41,748
Salt, barrels.	228,730	275,740
Copper, tons.	87,530	64,993
Iron ore, tons.	4,014,556	4,901,182
Lumber, M feet.	588,545	512,844
Silver ore bullion, tons	2,470	1,930
Building stone, tons. .	19,426	39,698
Unclassified freight, tons	415,180	459,146

Following is a comparative table showing the growth of traffic based on valuations:

Years.	
1885.	\$53,418,472 13
1886.	69,080,071 95
1887.	79,084,757 78
1888.	82,156,019 97
1889.	83,732,527 15
1890.	102,214,948 70
1891.	128,178,208 51
1892.	135,117,267 10
1893.	145,436,956 94

—R.R. Review.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27th, 1893.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average.
Montreal. ....	...	...	...	232	218	234
Ontario. ....	...	...	...	120	114	118
People's.	117 1/2	117 1/2	30	180	117 1/2	108 1/2
Molson's. ....	...	...	...	100	170 1/2	...
Toronto. ....	...	...	...	258	...	...
Jac. Cartier. ....	...	...	...	125	117	123
Merchants.	156	156	10	160	155	162
Commerce. ....	...	...	...	137	136	143
Union. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...
M. Teleg.	145	141	20	142	14 1/2	156 1/2
Rich. & Ont.	77	76	280	79	77 1/2	68
Street Ry.	160	155	527	168	157	24 1/2
Gas.	177 1/2	177 1/2	8	179 1/2	178	228 1/2
O. Pacific Ry.	72	71 1/2	538	71 1/2	71 1/2	88
Land & gr't b'ds. ....	...	...	...	...	109	108
N. West Land. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bell Tele. ....	...	...	...	135	138 1/2	154
Montreal 4%. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...

A VALUED SERVANT.

We find chronicled in a London journal of December 9th, the *Draper's Record*, the death of a gentleman who had a very extensive acquaintance among Canadian dry goods importers and their buyers, Mr. Frederic R. Rose, secretary of Messrs. Pawsons & Leafs, limited. The deceased was in his 60th year, and had taken a severe cold which developed into acute bronchitis, from which he was a frequent sufferer.

Mr. Rose came from Diss, in Norfolkshire, where Skelton, a former poet laureate, was born. He had been intended for professional life, but entered the warehouse of J. F. Pawson & Co., in St. Paul's Churchyard, and rose from the foot of the ladder to the most important position in that house. He was a man of unusual system and attention to detail, quick in perception, and with a good knowledge of human nature. Somewhat stern in manner, he was nevertheless a man of warm heart and made many friends. His integrity was unblemished; and notwithstanding the demands of an extensive business he was well read in the best literature, old and new.

The resolution passed at a special meeting of directors of Pawsons & Leafs, Limited, was strong testimony to his worth. It reads, in part, as follows: "The directors of Pawsons & Leafs, Limited, desire to place on record the services they and the company have sustained by the death of their esteemed friend, Mr. F. R. Rose. His intimate acquaintance with every detail of the business, with which he had been connected for upwards of 38 years; his ripe judgment; his unerring

accuracy, his personal acquaintance with almost every customer of the firm, the confidence reposed in him by them, as well as by every one of his colleagues in the house, his never-failing courtesy and urbanity, all combined to make him an exceptional and invaluable colleague, and one whom it will be impossible to replace."

VANISHED AND GONE.

I got an editor to say,
My verses would suit him,
And after some demur to pay,
A checklet small and slim.

Then like the snows of yester year,
When I had drawn the tin,
I watched the checklet disappear;
In short I blew it in.

The rhymlet went through all the States,
Until at last it died,
Of great exhaustion due to plates,
And patented inside.

—Godey's Magazine.

—A cold storage plant has been placed in the spacious cellar of the New England Hotel by the proprietors, Young Bros. The cold storage house is constructed after the most improved fashion, and will keep provisions in good order for an indefinite length of time. The centre of the room, which is lined with tin, is surrounded by two compartments, one of which is filled with charcoal and the other with ice, ammonia and salt. It will hold about 100 carcasses of mutton besides other articles. The temperature is kept at about 35 Fahrenheit.—*Victoria Times*.

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