

The Canadian Pacific Railway offers a return ticket from Hong Kong, Shanghai, Yokohama for £63, with a time limit of six months.

A tastefully arranged plan of the Victoria Rink with circulars has been sent to possible exhibitors by the Museum Committee.

THE AMERICAN MEDICO-SURGICAL BULLETIN.

This Journal has been changed from a weekly to a semi-monthly, and the subscription price has been reduced to one dollar a year. Robert G. Eccles, M.D., is the Editor, and is supported by a large staff of collaborators.

This is one of the best conducted journals of the United States, and at the low subscription price at which it is now placed becomes the best investment for the money now available. We wish it every success, and feel assured that it only has to be known in its present style to secure a wide circulation.

FORMALDEHYD AS A DISINFECTANT.

The Medical Review of January 30th, 1897, refers to the testing of this method by the St. Louis Board of Health. Evidence, it states, is accumulating pointing to the conclusion that formaldehyd gas is undoubtedly the simplest, most practicable and powerful germicide for the disinfection of houses and all kinds of articles. The usual method of producing this gas is by passing methyl alcohol over red hot platinum; the product is said to be irritating if breathed, and carbon dioxide is also formed. An improved process is mentioned by which this objectionable feature is avoided. It has been suggested by Drs. Rosenberg and Offerman, and consists in the vaporization of a sixty per cent. solution of formaldehyd in methylic alcohol. The *Review* states that Dr. C. F. Robinson, of Brunswick, Maine, has a simplified method of producing it by means of a lamp he has invented. It has proved so successful that the Legislature of Maine has enacted a law requiring formaldehyd to be used in all cases where fumigation is necessary.

A very great stride will be made in the prevention of disease if a really effective germicide exists in formaldehyd gas. The inutility of sulphur fumigation as ordinarily carried