

THE INDUSTRIAL YEAR 1886 IN THE STATES.

A very interesting review of the condition of industrial workers in the United States during 1886 is given in Bradstreet's journal of Saturday last. We quote from it as follows:

"The record of the total number of employes striking and employes locked out, in leading lines and at industrial centers only, during 1886, by months, is as follows:—

| MONTHLY RECORD—TOTAL NUMBER STRIKING—1886. |         |             |        |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------|
| January.....                               | 47,200  | July.....   | 10,700 |
| February.....                              | 10,700  | August....  | 13,700 |
| March.....                                 | 50,200  | September.. | 3,400  |
| April.....                                 | 22,600  | October.... | 23,500 |
| May.....                                   | 216,200 | November..  | 20,000 |
| June.....                                  | 16,000  | December..  | 10,000 |

"This gives a total of about 448,000 employes affected. Of this total, about 80,000 were locked out by nine manufacturers' associations. The following comprises what is believed to be the most comprehensive list of strikes and lockouts in the United States in 1886 yet published, giving as it does location, number involved, general cause, duration and result. The list does not include, of course, minor strikes, which were numberless. Those only which exerted a distinct effect of a widespread character on an industry or on prices have been sought for or enumerated.

"If the totals, as furnished in the larger list given, are classified by trades or industries, the results are found to be as follows:

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Meats and packing.....          | 57,300 |
| Textiles.....                   | 51,200 |
| Patterns and machinery.....     | 48,200 |
| Coal miners, etc.....           | 37,600 |
| Building trades.....            | 31,700 |
| Transportation.....             | 26,800 |
| Furniture and cabinet.....      | 18,600 |
| Leather and shoes.....          | 17,000 |
| Steel and iron.....             | 13,500 |
| Cigars and tobacco.....         | 12,000 |
| Seamstresses.....               | 10,000 |
| Lumber.....                     | 10,000 |
| Gloves.....                     | 6,000  |
| Pianos.....                     | 3,000  |
| Sugar.....                      | 2,500  |
| Brewers.....                    | 2,000  |
| Miscellaneous and laborers..... | 30,000 |
| Laundry employes.....           | 15,000 |

"Among the leading industrial lines the relative freedom from strikes of the steel and iron trades is the more noticeable in view of the exceptional prosperity which they then and since have enjoyed. In this table the grand total is found to be but a trifle below that of the preceding classification, amounting to about nine-tenths of the whole number reported.

"Of the ten more important lockouts taking place during the year (not regarding that of the lumber dealers at the west, where it was offset by a strike), the 20,000 locked-out packers and butchers at Chicago, the 20,000 knitters at Cohoes, Amsterdam and vicinity, the 15,000 Troy laundry employes and the 4,000 Beverley shoe shop employes were actually or practically defeated. The total successes enumerated include about 59,000 out of an aggregate of about 80,000 locked-out employes. In other words, associations of manufacturers who employed the lock-out, as above, were successful against three-fourths of their employes."

—A meeting of the shareholders in the Richelieu company was held on the 4th inst., in Montreal. A statement of the company's affairs, dated 31st Dec., 1886, was read, showing credits of \$1,852,400, and debit of \$1,742,500, leaving a balance of \$109,900. The president stated there was a floating debt of \$315,000, nearly all of which was incurred for the purchase of the new lines of steamers. These had been paying 10 per cent. Mr. Senecal addressed the meeting, and declared that greater economy would be practised the coming year. He then asked the shareholders to give the directors the power to issue \$250,000 of new stock, to be used as they saw fit. A good deal of adverse criticism was expressed, it being thought that the balance of the stock would be injured. After prolonged discussion the motion to authorize the directors to issue \$250,000 of new stock was carried.

—The number of vessels that sailed from Lunenburg during the past year, for the West Indies and other foreign ports, was ninety-one, being an increase of twenty-five over 1885.

Loftus Cuddy,  
BANKER,  
AMHERSTBURG, - ONT.

December 31st, 1886.

To my Customers and the Public:

Being now the recognized and only Bank of the place, I have thought it well to take my customers and the public into my confidence, by publishing, after the manner required by Government from the Chartered Banks, the position of this business from time to time, instead of maintaining that secrecy that has heretofore invariably surrounded all private Banks doing business in this country. Below, therefore, will be found a statement of the affairs of this Bank, as they were at the close of business, on 31st December, 1886. It will be borne in mind that the statement refers to the business of the Bank only, none of the real estate or other outside investments held by me appearing therein. I may also add, by way of explanation, that I have set aside \$40,000 as a special Bank capital, which is, at no time, used for any other purposes. I do not pay interest on deposits, but farmers and others may deposit their savings or moneys seeking investment, for safe keeping, repayable on demand, without charge.

Your obedient servant,  
LOFTUS CUDDY.

STATEMENT

Showing the position of Loftus Cuddy's Bank, at the close of business on December 31st, 1886:—

LIABILITIES.

|                                                                           |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Due to depositors (which constitute the total liabilities of the Bank) .. | \$29,253 11 |
| Loftus Cuddy (capital acct.) ..                                           | \$40,000 00 |
| Loftus Cuddy (private acct.) ..                                           | 12,664 31   |
|                                                                           | 52,664 31   |
|                                                                           | \$81,917 42 |

ASSETS.

|                                                                                                                    |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand.....                                                                                                  | \$10,266 77 |
| Cash in Merchants Bank, London.....                                                                                | 13,590 96   |
| Cash in Merchants Bank, New York.....                                                                              | 188 07      |
| Cash in Merchants Bank, Windsor. . . . .                                                                           | 306 13      |
| Bank Notarial account..                                                                                            | 4 46        |
| Total cash immediately available .....                                                                             | \$24,356 39 |
| Discounts.....                                                                                                     | 56,086 54   |
| Division Court account..                                                                                           | 17 00       |
| Bank furniture and fixtures, including counters, railings, burglar-proof safe, with time-lock attachment, &c... .. | 1,300 00    |
| Balance due from Bothwell Branch, (closed last May) .....                                                          | 157 49      |
|                                                                                                                    | \$81,917 42 |

AFFIDAVIT.

I, William Sydney Falls, of the Town of Amherstburg, in the County of Essex, Accountant, do solemnly declare that I have the means of verifying the above statement, and have found it to be exact and true in every particular.

That the Assets of the Bank have been set down at their value, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths."

W. S. FALLS.

Declared before me at Amherstburg, in the County of Essex, this 11th day of January, A.D., 1887.  
W. M. READE,  
A Commissioner, etc.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE RETURNS.

| CITY.               | Dec. '86  | Dec. '85  | Inc or Dec |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Montreal customs.   | \$778,472 | \$496,956 | 281,516 I  |
| do. excise ..       | 187,876   | 184,998   | 2,878 I    |
| Toronto customs.    | 269,999   | 194,678   | 75,321 I   |
| do. excise ..       | 49,042    | 65,451    | 15,409 D   |
| Halifax customs.    | 115,254   | 90,012    | 25,242 D   |
| do. excise ..       | 21,430    | 23,149    | 1,718 D    |
| Hamilton customs.   | 59,278    | 49,498    | 9,780 I    |
| do. excise ..       | 28,509    | 30,707    | 2,198 D    |
| St. John customs.   | 54,441    | 52,740    | 1,701 I    |
| do. excise ..       | 23,731    | 24,788    | 1,057 D    |
| London customs.     | 35,483    | 25,195    | 10,288 I   |
| do. excise ..       | 29,323    | 27,004    | 2,319 I    |
| Winnipeg customs    | 30,471    | 23,315    | 7,156 I    |
| do. excise ..       | 22,888    | .....     | .....      |
| Ottawa customs.     | 27,058    | 23,067    | 3,991 I    |
| do. excise ..       | 25,908    | 28,669    | 2,761 D    |
| Kingston customs.   | 12,531    | 9,358     | 3,173 I    |
| do. excise ..       | 11,911    | 30,706    | 18,895 D   |
| Brantford customs   | 9,501     | .....     | .....      |
| do. excise ..       | 7,230     | 7,640     | 410 D      |
| Belleville customs. | 5,966     | 3,119     | 2,847 I    |
| do. excise ..       | .....     | .....     | .....      |
| Guelph customs.     | 5,785     | 4,765     | 1,020 I    |
| do. excise ..       | 17,493    | 13,656    | 3,837 I    |
| St. Catharines....  | .....     | .....     | .....      |
| do. excise ..       | .....     | .....     | .....      |
| Stratford customs   | .....     | .....     | .....      |
| do. excise ..       | .....     | .....     | .....      |
| Quebec customs.     | .....     | .....     | .....      |
| do. excise ..       | .....     | .....     | .....      |

—At a meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce held on Friday last, it was agreed that liberal postal facilities tend to increase and strengthen the friendly ties and business relations between foreign countries. Under existing International postal arrangements the exchange by mail of samples and small articles of merchandise are such as to practically exclude them from the mails. In the opinion of the Chamber, the business interests of the United States would be greatly benefited by the inauguration of a parcels post, whereby small packages could be transmitted by mail between the United States and the other countries of America; and to that end the Chamber asks that the Post Office department take the necessary steps at an early day to inaugurate a parcels post with these countries.

—A lady-worker called at the meat market in her village and, with much misgiving, asked the proprietor for a dollar toward paying a temperance lecturer of note who was soon to speak for the W. C. T. U. His reply was as follows: "There's your dollar. I've sold more meat in one day since this town went no license than I used to in a week when we had saloons." The man didn't realize it, but he made a most convincing speech to a most appreciative audience.—*Christian Nation.*

—It would seem that the proprietors of the big Joggins raft do not know what discouragement means. The work of re-building is proceeding slowly, and when completed the raft will be one hundred feet longer and will contain about a million feet more than the old one.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, January 12th, 1887.

Wholesale trade begins to show a recovery from the holiday quietude, and in groceries, dry goods and boots and shoes there is a fair degree of activity. Other lines are as yet rather quiet; the outlook however is of a satisfactory character, and there is every prospect of a good average spring trade, of a healthy character, being done. Country remittances are not so free as might be expected but the several considerable snowfalls of the last fortnight and strong winds have drifted country roads, in this district at least, pretty badly, and country produce is not moving at all freely; a thaw is now badly needed to settle the snow, and make good teaming.

The stock market rules quiet, the principal attention is devoted to telegraph, latest deal-