

Mr. James M. Swank, editor of the *Bulletin* of the American Iron and Steel Association, and managing director of that concern, is to be substantially rewarded by the incoming Harrison administration for his great help in the cause of Protection. Probably there is no man in the United States who is better informed on this subject than Mr. Swank, nor who did more effective work for Protection during the recent campaign. In addition to this proposed Government appointment, it is said that a number of American manufacturers will make a personal testimonial of their appreciation of Mr. Swank by presenting him with a residence which will cost \$10,000.

THE *Monetary Times* is sometimes given to perpetrating funny jokes, but it does not seem to comprehend that they are usually like Paddy's gun that shoots both ways. In a recent issue it reproduced a paragraph from the *Detroit Sun* which told of the explosion of a gasoline stove in that city. The diagram accompanying the joke called attention to the danger connected with the use of gasoline stoves. On the same day that this item was published the Toronto fire brigade were called to extinguish a fire in a church, caused by the carelessness of workmen in leaving a lighted candle which set fire to a pile of shavings; and on the same day to another fire in a factory, caused by a workman allowing a lighted candle to fall among some combustible material. Our contemporary keeps humorously quiet about these two events. If the *Monetary Times* is desirous of making some money, we can put it in communication with parties who will pay liberally for the production of credible evidence that the *Detroit* gasoline stove, or any other gasoline stove, ever really "exploded." It should substantiate its jokes or cease firing them off so unguardedly.

SIR GEORGE BADEN POWELL, in a letter to the *London Times* on Canada and the fisheries dispute, says:—

"A week ago a well-known Canadian statesman pitifully described to me the present attitude of the United States towards Canada as that of a big boy at school saying to a little boy, 'Give me all your pocket money and your marbles, and then we will be great friends.' We in England are confident Canada would reply, 'My pocket money and my marbles I'm going to keep for my own, and you can be great friends or not as you please, because I'm already great friends with all my big brothers!' Canada would be right. Her big brothers, the other provinces of the wide British empire, are her firm friends, and do not ask for her marbles or her pocket money; but, then, neither do they see why she should give them up to any one else. They are proud to see Canada, with such quiet dignity, assert the sanctity of international agreements, and uphold the wise course of determining international disputes by the means of international negotiations and treaties. When Canada refuses to negotiate or to abide by treaties, then will be the time for such animadversions as those detailed by Mr. Hurlburt. That day has not yet arrived; and, according to my knowledge of Canadian men and Canadian character, I roundly assert that that day never will arrive."

THE person who will elaborate and practically demonstrate the following idea, and patent it, will make big money for himself and supply "a long felt want." Let there be a heating arrangement adapted to cabs, carriages, sleighs, street cars and similar vehicles which will make them comfortably warm in cold weather. The heating can be effected by the use of gasoline fuel, the combustion being by means of burners similar to

those used in gasoline stoves. The fuel tank can be placed at the top of the vehicle, or in any elevated position, and a suitable valve within the reach of the driver or occupant can regulate the flow. A system of small iron or copper pipes may be coiled under foot and at the back of the seats, through which hot water circulates, the water being heated by the gasoline flame, the burner being placed beneath the bottom of the vehicle. In an ordinary carriage or sleigh the weight of the entire apparatus, including burner, fuel tank and fuel, hot water pipes and the contained water, would probably not exceed fifty or sixty pounds. There would be no danger, and the comfort and convenience of the arrangement would be of great value, especially to persons in ill health.

MESSRS. WILLIAM BELL & COMPANY, of Guelph, Ont., have just completed and shipped 150 organs to Japan. The goods go via an American port and the Suez Canal. Preference would have been given to the route via the Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Pacific Steamer from Vancouver, but a large difference in the freight charges diverted the business via the Suez route. The order for these organs came through an American mercantile house, the preference being given to Messrs. Bell & Co. simply because they offered a superior article at lower prices than could possibly be obtained in the United States. The transaction reflects great credit upon Messrs. Bell & Co. as Canadian manufacturers who, under the protecting aegis of the N. P., have built up an industry which gives large employment to capital and labor. As has heretofore been shown in these pages, this concern do a large export business to all parts of the world. In England there are four large establishments for the manufacture of just such goods as Messrs. Bell & Co. produce—two in London, one in Bristol, and one in Birmingham—yet this particular Canadian firm sell more organs in England every year than any two of these English factories produce. This trade is not the effect of lower prices, for both labor and much of the materials are cheaper there than in Canada, but only because of the more excellent quality of the goods.

The *Dominion Illustrated* of 1st inst., contains twelve large photographic reproductions illustrative of the official inauguration of the 27½-foot channel in the St. Lawrence River on November 7, the text giving an account of the occasion and a concise history of the work. The publishers allude to these pictures as specimens of the completeness and accuracy with which they can illustrate current events of interest. There are over a hundred perfect portraits in the pictures, which form a complete record of the celebration.

THE Practical Publishing Company, 21 Park Row, New York, have sent us an advance copy of their "Steam Boiler Catechism," which seems to be entirely complete, correct, practical up to date, and of a character readily to be understood by any intelligent reader. The book is of the series written by Mr. Robert Grimshaw, M.E., in which is included "Steam Engine Catechism," "Pump Catechism," etc., published by this company, and well known to most practical mechanics. The price of the Steam Boiler Catechism is \$2, post paid to any address.

THE Humboldt Publishing Company, 24 East Fourth Street, New York, have sent us "Ultimate Finance; a True Theory of Co-Operation," by William Nelson Black. Price, fifteen cents. It is an exposition of the method of organization by which persons without accumulated capital, through the resources of a fund derived from a reserved per centage of their income, may obtain the means of paying for a home, and insurance against the financial embarrassments caused by sickness, casualty and death. "Utopian!" the reader will doubtless exclaim. But he would better suspend judgment till he has read Mr. Black's clever little volume. It is published as No. 102 of the "Humboldt Library of Science."