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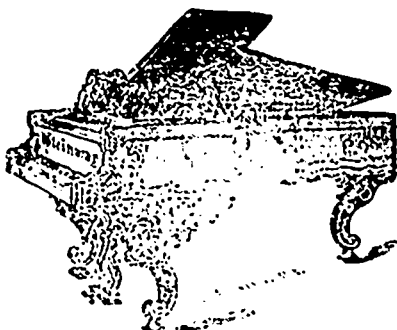
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Immigration to Canada.

In a recent article we alluded to the break up of the Liverpool ship-owners' combination, and the consequent reduction of fares by the Allan line from Liverpool to Quebec. It is well the new terms should be generally known. The following are the reduced passage rates:—For adults, \$14.00, or £3 stg.; children, from one to eight years of age, \$7.45; infants under one year, \$2.45 each. For agricultural labourers and their families, and female domestic servants special arrangements at even lower fares are provided as follows:—Adults, \$9.95, or £2 stg.; children from one to eight years, \$4.98; infants, \$1.66. These very favorable terms should give a decided impetus to the immigration movement. The sum required, after deducting the Ontario Government bonus of \$6 to assist labourers and their families to settle in Canada, is so small that it is well worth the while of farmers and other employers to run the risk of making the advances necessary to secure the supply of labour they need. The existing Immigration Aid Societies in the Ottawa Valley, St. Catharines, and Northumberland and Durham, are doing well, and the system upon which they proceed only requires to be extended to produce a very important addition to the immigration from Europe to Canada.—*Quebec Gazette.*

The population of Great Britain and Ireland is stated in the Registrar General's returns to be 32,412,000, or 600,000 more than double the population enumerated at the first census in 1801. The population of Ireland in 1874 is only \$4,000 more than in 1801. The population of Scotland in 1874 is 212,000 more than double the population of 1801. The population of England and Wales in 1874 is above 5,500,000 more than double the population in 1801.

The following article lately published in the *Boston Journal of Commerce* will, no doubt, prove interesting to those of our readers who are so fortunate as to have in their possession an instrument manufactured by this world-renowned firm, as well as to those intending to purchase, who have not decided on what manufacture they will patronise:—

"It is now fifty-one years since Mr. Jonas Chickering, the founder of the Chickering establishment, produced his first instrument, and what wonderful changes have been made in their manufacture since that time! How little did the founder realize that his name would one day be a household word in every civilized nation on the face of the globe; that his instruments would occupy a place in all the leading conservatories of music in this and foreign countries; that testimonials would be received from all the renowned composers and pianists in praise of their superior excellence; that the highest awards ever given to piano manufacturers would be bestowed on him.

Previous to 1823, the year in which Mr. Jonas Chickering established the manufacture of pianos, there were but few made in this country, and those were of an inferior quality. Nearly all the pianos then in use were of foreign make. It was Mr. Chickering who laid the foundation of piano manufacture in America, and although other houses have since sprung into existence, none have, as yet, reached the high position in the musical world for their productions which is occupied by this famous establishment. Already nearly 44,000 pianos have been shipped from their factory to various parts of this and foreign countries, and the demand for their instruments is constantly increasing. In no single instance have their pianos failed to receive the highest award when placed in competition with other manufacturers. This

firm have now in their possession eighty-one first premiums received at the various expositions for the superiority of their pianos, and at the Paris Exposition of 1867 they not only received the gold medal, but the Cross of the Legion of Honor was conferred upon them by the Emperor. This is a very high mark of distinction, and places the Chickering pianos above all other competitors. Among the thousands of testimonials which they have received are many from the celebrated artists professors of music in conservatories of this and foreign countries, distinguished singers, composers of all classes, who, from the nature of their professions, are competent to judge of the merits of pianos. Messrs. Chickering & Sons have recently made a large reduction in the prices of their instruments, with the objects in view of stating the actual selling price, thus doing away with the demoralizing system of asking a fancy price with the expectation of making a heavy discount to the purchaser. This will undoubtedly give great satisfaction to the musical world, and marks a new era in the piano-forte trade.

A DOZEN mechanics of Vallejo, Cal., have undertaken the novel design of building a vessel by co-operation. The association is composed of twelve workmen who assume the responsibility and pursue the labor of construction until the vessel is completed. The association will employ such other workmen as may be required, all of them agreeing to wait for pay until the vessel shall have been sold. Business men of Vallejo are ready to furnish materials, and the association will at once begin to build a schooner of 300 tons.

The mineral products of Nova Scotia the past year were 1,051,467 ton of coal, worth \$2,658,847; 11,852 ounces of gold, worth \$219,290; 3,500 tons of iron, 120,000 tons of plaster and 2820 tons of freestone.