

has withdrawn its agencies from places yielding exceptional losses and may well look to do a more profitable business this year, even if it should be a smaller one. The company offers good security to its patrons in £107,965 of a balance or fire fund, £100,000 capital paid and £800,000 subscribed behind that. It has, as the *Post Magazine* says, "a first-class board, and possesses in Mr. Clirehugh an excellent manager."

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

A CANADIAN AND A NOVA SCOTIAN.—Thanks for your frank and friendly letter, and its acknowledgement that the tone of our articles upon provincial affairs has been in the main consistent and just. Curiously enough, the article from which you approvingly quote is not from the journal you name at all, but from the *MONETARY TIMES* of June 12th last year. The passage quoted from reads: "With respect to the narrowness and the carping policy of certain anti-Confederates down by the sea (to which a correspondent had referred), why should a people so essentially British, so intelligent otherwise, fail to rise above the merely provincial view of our national affairs? It is a striking fact that a sure cure has been wrought upon many an opinionated Blue-Nose by a visit to Montreal or to Ontario, just as people from this province who deemed our maritime province region a barren land, have been converted from their ignorant prejudice by a trip down the Gulf. We only need to know each other better to have our ideas enlarged to the greatness of our heritage and to have our faith in the future of this country strengthened."

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C. B. & Co.—Your friend's experience must have been exceptional; perhaps the adjuster was incompetent. Your letter came too late for extended notice to-day. Shall have something about it next week. The usual policy of underwriters is to deal liberally with those who show a disposition to save their property in case of fire.

—A letter written from Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, South Africa, to the London *Iron Monger*, part of which we hope print, shows that the trade of all kinds is extremely slack at the Cape. We have further a com-

munication from a well-known Canadian firm which manufactures machinery for export, to the following tenor: "Our export trade is very small compared with former years. Have just received word from the Cape of a stagnant state of things there. The same style of news comes from Australia and New Zealand, telling us plainly that there is no demand. Let us hope that we shall drift into better times."

—It is noted that "the day of the wooden nutmeg is not altogether past. Two hundred patents have been issued at Washington for machines to polish low grade coffee that it may be palmed off on the innocent as first quality." Connecticut isn't responsible for all those 200 patents, we'll warrant; but she probably is responsible for the best one.—*Hartford Evening Post*

—A firm in Gloucester, Mass., who had named a new fishing schooner after the Quaker poet, John G. Whittier, received from that venerable bard the following lines:

TO A CAPE ANN SCHOONER.

Luck to the craft that bears this name of mine,
Good fortune follow with the golden spoon
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And whoso'er her keel shall cut the brine,
Cod, hake, and mackerel quarrel for her line.
Shipped with her crew, whatever wind may blow,
Or tides delay, my wish with her shall go,
Fishing by proxy. Would that it might show
At need her course, in lack of sun and star,
Where icebergs threaten, and the sharp reefs are;
Lift the blind fogs on Anticosti's lee
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Commerce.....	122	121	485	121	121	121
Union.....	65	46	10	65	50	46
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Rich. & Ont.....	65	62	857	65	65	65
City Passenger.....	131	129	250	131	130	120
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