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Editorial Notes.

We are pleased to observe that the *Canadian Manufacturer*, published in Toronto, is showing signs of genuine prosperity. Although not long established, it is quite evident already that it has come to stay. The mechanical work on the paper is excellent, and the literary matter is always appropriate for a journal of this class. A feature which the owners no doubt appreciate is, that it has a large and increasing advertising patronage from the manufacturers. Mr. Nicholls is Managing Editor. We wish our enterprising contemporary continued success.—*Dundas Standard*.

The Government have granted twenty-six thousand dollars for the establishment of water privileges at Welland, on the new canal. We understand the work will be proceeded with without delay, and in accordance with the plan and report of Mr. W. G. Thompson. When the improvements are completed Welland will be likely to rank high as a manufacturing centre.

In our last issue, under the heading of Manufacturing Notes, we alluded to the great activity prevailing in the Nail and Spike Works of Messrs. S. R. Foster & Son.

By an oversight, the industry, which is the largest of the kind in the Maritime Provinces, was credited to Moncton instead of St. John, where it is located; but as the firm in question is so well known, the error would be at once apparent to most of our readers.

It appears that Krupp, the great Prussian steel manufacturer, has secured a contract for steel rails for an English railway, having underbid the English makers. Heretofore, foreign competition has been felt in England only in the lighter iron trades and in shelf hardware. But if foreigners can meet the English iron masters on English ground, in the sale of such heavy products as steel rails, then we may say that a new era in competition has opened.

It is almost definitely decided that the next annual meeting of the British Association for the advancement of Science will be held in the Dominion. As this Society is one of the foremost scientific bodies in the world, the news that it will come to this country will be hailed with satisfaction. Several cities are already setting forth their special claims, with the odds in favor of Ottawa being selected as the most favorable location for the holding of the session.

The *American Textile Manufacturer*, of Philadelphia, in reproducing our article on "Wages and the Cost of Living," which appeared in our issue of the 14th ult., adds the following note:—

[We fully endorse the following article, which we extract from a late issue of *The Canadian Manufacturer*, on a subject in which our good neighbors of the Dominion are conjointly interested with ourselves. In it the whole case is plainly and sensibly stated; and we commend it to the attentive perusal of our readers.—ED. AM. TEX. MAN.]

The following despatch, dated Victoria, British Columbia, May 9, may be read in connection with our remarks elsewhere on the Chinese invasion of this continent:—"Ships and steamers continue to arrive with Chinese, who are forwarded to the mainland as rapidly as possible. It is said that twenty-four thousand in all are expected before August. The Chinese in the province will then number about thirty-two thousand, and will outnumber the whites. Fears are expressed of the Mongolization of the province." An American despatch says that there are now 80,000 coolies at Hong Kong awaiting shipment to America.

Since our article on the American Tariff Commission Bill was in type, the news has come that the bill has passed in the Senate by a vote of thirty-five to nineteen. Six Democrats voted with the majority, and two Republicans with the minority. The bill was opposed by the Free Traders at every step, and with all their might; and the significance of the result is therefore all the greater. A new tariff, strongly Protectionist, but with the weak points of the present tariff left out, is now among the certainties for next session of Congress. With the necessary modern improvements the new tariff will be likely to last long and wear well; and once more a long set-back is given to the cause of Free Trade.

The town of Paris, Ont., has had surveyed, recently, its undeveloped water-power, with a view to utilizing the same for manufacturing purposes. The engineer who made the survey reported that the power below the town was equal to 500 h.p., and that an expenditure of only some eight or nine thousand