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TRADE OF THE WEEK

Points Make Favorable Victoria and the Outenay Satisfied.

Pacific Coast South of the Border Also Flourishing—Price Fluctuations.

New York, Sept. 23.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say—Favorable trade developments manifest themselves chiefly among the lines previously noticed.

Favorable conditions on the Pacific Coast are most numerous reported in the states of Oregon and Washington.

Conservative management earlier in the year, however, resulted in fairly good conditions in California where crops were less favorable than further north.

On the east the least favorable reports continue to come from textile industries.

Wool is quiet and manufacturers are not encouraged to buy heavily in view of the moderate trade in woolen goods.

Canadian buying of Australian wool at Boston is noted. Cotton goods are in better distribution but betray the unsettling influence of low prices of raw materials and of a slightly weaker activity in iron and steel manufacturing.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 182 against 173 last week, but compared with 237 in this week a year ago.

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METHODIST CONFERENCE

Proposal to Increase Representation Rejected—Dominion Permits For Sale of Liquor.

Toronto, Sept. 23.—(Special)—The Methodist general conference closed its proceedings last evening after a session of over three weeks.

A proposition by J. J. Maclean that representation in the next general conference should be reduced to one in twelve of the clergy, instead of one in fifteen, with an equal lay representation, was voted down.

Revs. Dr. Ross, Thos. Crosby, Thomas Nixon and Rev. D. Bolton were appointed a committee to represent to the Dominion government the views of the conference as to the sale of liquor in militia camp canteens, and as to permits for the sale of liquor in the Yukon.

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PIQUART SBOULEDD.

The military authorities have accomplished their plan of stifling Col. Piquart by placing him in a secret cell. Piquart's friends have been denied admission to his prison.

His counsel, Mathere Laborie, has twice appeared at the office of the chief clerk to see his client. On both occasions he was refused admittance.

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DOMINION NEWS.

Edmonton Block Burned—Lieutenant Governor Cameron Very Low—A Dishonest Trader.

The telegraphed challenge of the Seawanhaka club for 20-footers has been received by the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht club, and assures a race for next year.

It is understood the conditions will be entirely revised before the matter is settled.

During a heavy storm in Northwest-Manitoba yesterday, W. Black, aged 19, of Franklyn, was killed by lightning.

At Macdonald station W. Nicholson was killed and J. Cooper seriously injured.

The Hutton block at Edmonton, occupied by Armstrong, groceries, Bellamy, implements, and others, was burned last night.

Loss, \$5,000. The will of the late Sir Adolphe Chapleau has been probated at \$225,000.

W. Gillespie, of Pentanguishene, Ont., has been found guilty of furnishing false statements of accounts. He was arrested at the instance of Thibadeau Bros., of Montreal. The jury strongly recommended him to jail.

The London Advertiser says Hon. M. C. Cameron, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, is seriously ill of pneumonia, and may not recover.

He left Regina several weeks ago, owing to illness. F. P. Sargent has been re-elected grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. The delegates leave Toronto on Sunday.

The South Wellington election protest came up yesterday at Osprey hall. The respondent is Col. Murray. Liberal, who was elected by a large majority.

The Conservatives offered no evidence, and the case was dismissed.

S. Stewart, Parkdale, Ont., was committed for trial yesterday on a charge of fraud. It is alleged he induced Fairless, of Allandale, to purchase \$1,200 into patent cash, falsely representing that he had an offer of \$4,000 for the patent.

Stewart is well known. He was arrested by Ex-Mayor Griffin of Welland, was badly burned yesterday by an explosion of natural gas.

SHORT DISPATCHES. The common council of London has resolved to protest against the freedom of all city upon Major General Sir Herbert Kitchener and also to present him with a wreath of flowers.

The Italian government has called the attention of the government of the United States to the incorrect attitude of the government of Colombia and demanded that the latter respect treaties otherwise Italy reserves to herself the right to adopt the energetic measures toward Colombia which she recently abandoned in deference to the United States government.

A large number of miners were entombed through an explosion at Brown's Pass. All escaped, and were taken out by rescuing party except eight who were killed outright and three more or less hurt, with thirty more injured.

VANCOUVER'S BUDGET.

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United States to Recognize Their Independence, But Protect Them From Foreign Kicks.

Manila, Sept. 23.—A careful investigation of the attempt to assassinate Aginaldo shows that the cook is not dead, as reported, and that no priests are implicated, as alleged by the insurgents.

Several Spanish Casadores were allowed to remain at liberty at Malolos, and two of them were employed in Aginaldo's household. One of these put a packet of oxalate of potash powder in the soup, and the cook detected it immediately, but nobody was injured.

A packet was also found in the cazador's pocket. There is no reason to believe he had any accomplices.

The Filipino government proposed to send along a despatch to President McKinley, protesting against certain alleged Spanish mis-statements being circulated to "undermine the friendship between the Philippines and the Americans," but instead of doing so, they simply sent a despatch tendering to the American government and the American people, through President McKinley, an expression of "high esteem of unity and sentiment towards the champions and protectors of oppressed people, and sentiments of liberty and independence."

On Thursday the Filipinos intend to have a grand festival at Malolos, in celebration of their independence.

The Filipino national assembly has decided to request the Americans, first to recognize the independence of the islands, second, to establish a treaty, to ratify external affairs, and to induce the powers to recognize their independence; third, to appoint a joint commission of Americans and Filipinos for the arrangement of details to reciprocate the American services.

FRENCH-CANADIANS HONORED. President Faure Conferred In Connection With Champlain Celebration.

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