

## FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

Large shipments of blueberries are still arriving at Winnipeg on every train from Rat Portage. Winnipeg would be at a loss for cheap fruit, says The Telegram, were it not for this unaristocratic berry.

The receiver of the late whiskey trust testifies that there are 360 different kinds of bacilli in whisky. We never understood before why whiskey was called bug juice. It is understood that, owing to so many varied species of bacilli in whiskey, if any new ones are discovered, an extra charge of one-half of one per cent. in the rate will be made for each micro-organism formed.—Western Underwriter.

Recent mail advices from Northern British Columbia report the packs of the salmon canneries as follows: Mill Bay, 7,000 cases; Naas harbor, 10,000; Inverness, 15,500; North Pacific, 17,000; Cunningham's, 15,000; B. A. Cannery, 17,000; Good Hope, 7,500; Standard, 7,000; Lowe Inlet, 9,200; Wadham's, 17,500; Namu, 5,000; Wannock's, 17,500; Vancouver Packing Co., 10,000; Brunswick, 10,500, and Alert Bay, 3,500. The Inverness, North Pacific, Wannock's, Vancouver Packing Co., and Brunswick canneries had completed their packs.

## EXPORTS FROM TORONTO.

Since last month's imports at Toronto were laid before our readers we have received the return of exports of Canadian produce at this port, which were as under, compared with July, 1898:

	July, 1899.	July, 1898.
Produce of the mine.....	\$ 27	\$ .....
Produce of the fisheries.....	503	.....
Produce of the forest.....	12,205	107,155
Produce of the field.....	27,349	8,581
Animals, etc .....	373,260	274,922
Manufactures .....	131,813	88,498
	<hr/> \$545,157	<hr/> \$497,156

## ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

F. R. Ottawa.—The case of Ancil against the Manufacturers' Life Company was some three years in litigation. The result is the confirmation by the Privy Council of the judgment rendered by the Supreme Court of Canada in its favor. It was found by the Supreme Court that by the terms of the disputed policy it had been entered into by the plaintiff in his own name and for his own benefit, and that he never intended that it should be otherwise. Consequently, the judgment ran, Ancil had no insurable interest in the life of Pettigrew, and the policy was therefore a wagering one, and, like all wagering policies, null and void. The condition in a policy of life insurance by which the policy is declared to become incontestable, upon any ground whatever, after the lapse of a limited period, does not, in the opinion of the Supreme Court, make the contract binding upon the insurer in the case of a wagering policy. And the Privy Council, in its judgment last month, upholds this view.

## INSURANCE MATTERS

Harrow, in the county of Essex, has voted \$800 to provide a fire engine, etc., for the town, and will issue debentures for it.

It is remarked by the Chicago Independent that Thomas Moffatt and Co., insurance brokers, of 1133, Park Row Building, New York, are issuing circulars soliciting surplus lines of insurance. The said Moffatt was associated with the notorious F. W. Anthony, now convicted. "Colonel" Thomas S. Moffatt is well known in Chicago in connection with such wild cats as the British and American Exchange Association, Limited, of which Canadians have heard. He is no longer in the city, and it is possible that he has exchanged his military title for a "Co." If the Colonel and Thomas Moffatt and Co. are one and the same person, says The Chicago Journal, prudent agents will dispose of their surplus lines elsewhere.

We hear with regret of the death of Mr. Frank H. Leavenworth, of Detroit, publisher of The Indicator. Born in one of the New England States, and educated in Rochester, N.Y., Mr. L. went to Detroit just twenty years ago, and after being connected with the firms of D. M. Ferry & Co., and the E. T. Barnum Wire & Iron Works, he entered in 1885 the office of The Indicator, a semi-monthly insurance organ. He has been its managing editor, acquiring a controlling interest in the publication, the firm taking the name of the F. H. Leavenworth Publishing Co., insurance publishers, of Detroit. Mr. Leavenworth was a prominent Free Mason and a man of public spirit as well as of great physical activity. It is surprising to us to learn that he died as the effect of a stroke of paralysis, suffered last November.

—Describing the new mail arrangement making Bristol a mail port for Canada the Manchester correspondence of The Draper's Record says: "Business men are quite puzzled to account for the action of the postal authorities in selecting Bristol as the port of departure for the Canadian mails. Messrs. Elder, Dempster & Co. have, of course, triumphed for the time over their neighbors, Messrs. Allan Brothers & Co. As for the new service, business men will naturally prefer to send their correspondence by way of New York, and thus save time. The Bristol arrangement, as to which notices are placarded in the postoffices throughout the kingdom, is too ridiculous for anything. That the possibilities of getting outward cargo at Bristol are remote, is shown by the fact that the shipments from that port last year were only valued at £1,372,000. The youthful port of Manchester beats that figure easily, the figure being £7,933,000. But if the mails had been sent from this city by the Manchester liners there would have been a storm in Liverpool." The same authority thinks it very doubtful whether the owners of this line will get much cargo for Canada, because what does not go from Liverpool will go from the Thames, and freight cannot be diverted to the Avon.

## THE CHEESE BOARDS.

Boards and Date of meeting.	No. of facto- ries.	Cheese boarded. Boxes.	Cheese sold. Boxes.	Price Per lb. Cts.
Barrie, Aug. 17.....	..	606	..	10½
Brockville, Aug. 17 ..	..	3,880	1,730	10½
Kingston, Aug. 17....	..	1,057	..	10½
Madoc, Aug. 17.....	..	835	835	10½
Brighton, Aug. 18....	10	750	310	10 5-16
Iroquois, Aug. 18 ....	17	953	..	..
Kemptville, Aug. 18 ..	..	1,070	1,070	10½
Perth, Aug. 18 .....	..	1,389	1,389	10½
South Finch, Aug. 18 ..	..	1,310	..	10½
Winchester, Aug. 18..	..	655	..	..
Belleville, Aug. 19 ..	12	915	60	10½
Cornwall, Aug. 19....	..	1,263	1 263	10½ ½
London, Aug. 19 ....	8	1,346	460	10½
Campbellford, Aug. 22 ..	..	1,145	635	..
Ingersoll, Aug. 22....	..	412	..	..
Napanee, Aug. 23 ....	20	1,185	1,105	10½
Peterboro, Aug. 23 ..	..	4,300	3,465	10/9-16-8
Picton, Aug. 23 .....	16	870	600	10½
Stirling, Aug. 23 ....	..	1,060	1,030	10½/7-16
Tweed, Aug. 23 ....	..	885	350	10½/5-16
Woodstock, Aug. 23..	14	1,992	..	..

## CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures of Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday, August 24, 1899, compared with those of the previous week:

CLEARINGS.	August 24, 1899.	August 17, 1899.
Montreal.....	\$14,134,103	\$14,165,212
Toronto.....	8,919,868	8,219,384
Winnipeg .....	1,751,775	1,744,768
Halifax .....	1,173,966	1,857,566
Hamilton .....	652,800	671,086
St. John .....	698,979	657,870
Victoria .....	697,993	711,975
Vancouver .....	964,365	882,802
	<hr/> \$ 28,988,839	<hr/> \$28,410,668

Aggregate balances, this week, \$5,894,566; last week, \$4,524,099