

CANADIAN ANTHRACITE.

Some interesting facts regarding the quality of Canadian anthracite coal from the mines of the Canmore and Anthracite, in the Rocky Mountains, have been shown to the people of Winnipeg this fall, since the opening of the office for the sale of that fuel. An impression has hitherto prevailed in Manitoba that the coal from these mines was not so good an article as the Pennsylvania anthracite, and indeed that it was no better than the bituminous or soft coal of Western Canada. This impression is now being rapidly dispelled, as the real facts regarding its quality are placed before the people. The following figures taken from the returns of the United States Government analyst at San Francisco show the result of a test which was made by him of the coal in comparison with the best Pennsylvania varieties, and afford conclusive proof of its high quality:—

Kind	Fixed carbon	Volatil ^s	Ash	Sulphur	Water.
15 varieties					
f'm Schuy-					
kill, Penn.	86.29	4.12	9.24	.34
Canadian an-					
thracite....	88.72	7.65	3.23	2.0	1.10

These figures, which must be absolutely correct, show that the Canadian coal has a much lower percentage of ash and a higher percentage of carbon, or in other words, that it has better burning qualities and leaves less ashes.

Messrs. Paul, Knight & McKinnon, of Regina, coal merchants, have opened an office in Winnipeg, with a view to introducing this coal, and getting it more extensively used for heating, etc., and they have since their opening been laboring to present the facts regarding it to the people of the city. Their sample shipments have been bought and tested by well known Winnipeggers, and the result has in every case been highly satisfactory. The coal burns freely and evenly, gives off a great heat, and leaves very little ashes or dirt in the stove. It has been pronounced by those who have tried it, equal to, and better than the Pennsylvania. The cost is about \$1.50 less on the ton. To show the faith of this firm in the prospects for the coal trade in Winnipeg, we may say that they had early in October in their yard at Winnipeg about two thousand tons of it, all of which was intended for the Winnipeg market. If future use confirms the high opinion which is now held of this Canadian product, it will result in a direct saving to Canada through the city of Winnipeg alone of over \$3 0,000 a year, as that is about the amount which has hitherto been spent annually by this city in Pennsylvania hard coal. If the Canadian article proves to be as good, the business should certainly go by preference to the Canadian mines.—*Winnipeg Colonist*.

ADVERTISING IN BAD TIMES.

There is one kind of enterprise which pays even better in such times as these than in good times. This is enterprise in advertising. Skilful and persistent advertising is useful and profitable at any time, but nowadays the man who keeps the bargains he offers most conspicuously before the people especially profits by it. In these days people are looking with uncommon sharpness for bargains. They want to spend their money to the best advantage, and notwithstanding the cry of hard times there is a good deal of money to spend. The merchants who do the most and best advertising will get it and will have business to do, while those who seek to save money by cutting down their advertising account will lose it in loss of trade.—*Hartford Courant*.

—Monday last was the heaviest day known on the Thunder Bay section of the C. P. R. that there has been since it was opened. On that day 329 loaded cars left Ignace station for the east, making fifteen trains; 220 cars left for the west, representing eleven trains. This makes a total on the section of 549 cars. The number of cars running east and west on the road between Fort William and Winnipeg that day was 1,465. The dispatchers were kept hustling to manage twenty-six freight and two passenger trains at the same time.

—The Canadians bought last year 831,046 tons of soft coal mined in the United States, and they sold in the United States 680,388 tons mined in Canada. Both countries, in foolish disregard of the public interest, have imposed duties on imports of coal; and both countries would profit about equally by a repeal of the duties. The natural market for the coal mined in Eastern Canada is in the New England States. The soft coal mined in Ohio and Pennsylvania, because of its superior accessibility, forms the best source of supply for that part of Canada which can be reached by lake transportation. No doubt the repeal of the coal duty by the United States would be followed by reciprocal action on the part of the Canadian Government.—*Phila. Record*.

—The newly appointed consul for the United States at the port of St. John, Mr. John S. Derby, has entered on his duties. Mr. Mason D. Sampson, consul for the past four years, on retiring, was waited on by the Lieut.-Governor, the Mayor, the president of the Board of Trade, the Collector of Customs, and many leading citizens, while the president of the Board of Trade presented him with an address on behalf of the citizens of St. John expressive of their warm personal regard and deep regret at parting with so courteous a representative of the neighboring republic.

—How great a postal business was done at the World's Fair in Chicago is indicated by the report of the superintendent of the model post office in the government buildings at the World's Fair grounds. It shows that during the six months 7,987,467 pieces of mail matter were despatched and 7,121,916 pieces were received. This is as large a business as is done in a city like Detroit or New Orleans.

—The attention of the Geological Survey Department has been called to the fact that several of the gas wells in the vicinity of Port Colborne, which have become exhausted, are now flowing oil.

—The Yarmouth S.S. Company have received an offer from the Brazilian Government for their steamer "Boston." The board of directors, it is said, are considering the offer.

—A Stratford company, with a \$40,000 capital, proposes to make improved milling machines called Plansifters.

—A. M. Burgess, Deputy Minister of the Interior, is in Montreal meeting the different transportation companies, and arranging for emigration from Great Britain to the North-West.

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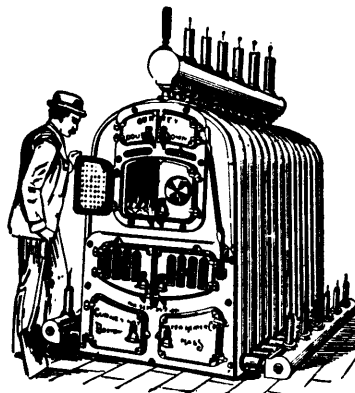
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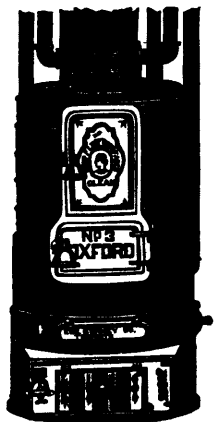
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