

A TOBACCONIST at Yarmouth, England, was found by the police to be possessed of a pair of scales loaded with a sheet of lead, which of course, acted against customers. He explained that he had a daughter "of rather prepossessing appearance," who served in the shop and who, "while talking to customers," had acquired the habit of invariably giving overweight. The lead was therefore used to balance this undesirable practice, and the defendant "always allowed for it when serving himself." The sympathetic magistrates inflicted a small fine, "with regret," and ordered the scales—and presumably the piece of lead—to be returned to him.

MONCTON is among the most active of Nova Scotia towns. In 1871 it had only 1,200 inhabitants; by the census of 1881 it had 5,035, but since then the average number of new dwellings erected yearly has been about 100, so that the population to-day is placed at 7,500. The principal exports at present are railway ties, hemlock bark, boards and laths for the American markets. The increase of its trade is indicated by the following figures:

Fiscal year.	IMPORTS. Value.	EXPORTS.
1874.....	\$ 82,939	\$ 1,884
1875.....		3,282
1877.....	86,235	12,718
1881.....	190,345	38,450
1884.....	531,696	73,934
1885 (about) .....	700,000	100,000

The saving bank deposits have grown from \$9,150 in 1875 to over \$220,000 in 1885. In 1876 the vessels arrived at the port from sea numbered only 7 of tonnage 650 tons. In 1884 there were entered inwards from sea, 67 vessels of a total tonnage of 7,654 tons, while the outwards entries were 84 vessels of a total tonnage of 8,496 tons.

#### FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.—Alvinston, Oct. 30th.—Wm. Fraser's house burned, insured in City of London for \$700.—Perry Creek.—W. H. Thompson's cheese factory burned, insured \$1,100.—Thorold, 8th—Simpson's grocery and Bull & Co., dry goods store with Masonic Hall, gutted. all are insured, Simpson's loss heavy.—Kingston, 7th—Laidlaw's dry goods stock valued at \$17,000, badly damaged, insured in London & Glasgow, \$5,000; Queen \$4,000, and London Ass. Corporation, \$2,000. The building owned by W. C. Martin, insured in Queen, \$2,000; London Liverpool & Globe, \$1,000.

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—Upon the subject of Lake and Canal transportation, the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser remarks:—"It was hoped that with the opening of the fall season there would be an improved foreign demand for grain, and that lake freights would advance. But there is now scarcely a chance that any really worth speaking of will take place this year. There will probably be something of a rise. The season, however, is too far advanced to make up the losses already sustained. Low as the freights were a year ago, they were lower last September, witness the following statement of the average freight rate on wheat and corn from Chicago to Buffalo by lake and from Buffalo to New York city by canal during the month of September in the years named:—

	—Lake— Wheat, Corn, cents. cents.		—Canal— Wheat, Corn, cents. cents.	
1885.....	1.6	1.4	3.5	3.2
1884.....	2.2	1.9	4.7	4.2
1883.....	4.5	4.2	6.3	5.9
1882.....	2.4	2.2	5.8	5.2
1881.....	3.2	2.9	4.8	4.3
1880.....	4.4	3.9	5.9	5.3
1879.....	5.3	4.8	8.1	7.4
1878.....	4.4	4.1	8.0	7.1
1877.....	4.0	3.4	7.7	6.7
1876.....	2.6	2.2	6.2	5.6
1875.....	2.4	2.2	7.0	6.5
1874.....	3.5	3.2	9.5	8.5

—Since one of the Lowell (Mass) corporations made it optional with its employees to receive their pay weekly or monthly, the number asking for weekly payment has been only a small proportion of the list of workers, and has steadily diminished since the first month.

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