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loser is sure to be the British manufacturer. Still another factor which handicaps the British manufacturer in the Canadian market is the steady rise in ocean freight rates. "A few years ago," writes Mr. Hawkes, "dry goods were brought from British ports to Boston for the Canadian market at 8s. to 10s. per 40

ness, after a careful investigation of other possible locations in Canada, fixed upon St. John as the best site for this industry. The Atlantic Sugar Refining Company will, it is hoped, be the result. While there may have been reasons why the first mentioned proposition did not materialize, it is a significant fact that the firm in Scotland did not appreciate the advantages (Vancouver Province.)

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There is a lesson for St. John and for other cities in Canada from the statements made by Mr. Hawkes in his article. If British capitalists and manufacturers are slow to take advantage of opportunities which present themselves in Canada the much needed stimulus should be applied. The time has come to get out and hustle for business.

Vast wealth by juggling with staple articles of production and inflating fictitious values to the detriment of the consumer has reached its limit. The public demands a square deal and will be satisfied with nothing less. In the present movement may be spasmodic, but it cannot fail in salutary results.

(Toronto Maii and Empire.)

Australia is making a fight for settlers. But the Commonwealth cannot compete successfully with Can.

Description of the commercial method of sending their representatives to the Old Country to point out at first hand openings for capital and for new industries are already reaping the advantage. Reference has been made in these columns to the good work of the advertizing committee of the Board of Trade and to the progressive programme which has been drawn up. The suggestion put forward that the city should appoint a trade commissioner to devote his time and attention to securing new industries and to bringing St. John more prominently before the commercial world, should not be lost sight of.

A LOW-DOWN INDUSTRIAN TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY OF The Commonwealth cannot compete successfully with Canada. In the first place, the Dominion is within easy reach of the Old Land, and, again, Australia has a vast prid territory that cannot be occupied—at least, such is the report of Professor Gregory to the Royal Geographic al Society. The centre of the Australian Continent contains a 30,000,000 acres, and not an acre can be used for irrigation purposes.

(Simcoe Reformer.)

There are two or three month.

"What a pitiful pack of poltroons some of these subsidized organs are making of themselves," remarks in the Quebec Chronicle, "by retailing their second-hand may be at the piece at so much a line, to the discounting of the reputation of the Hon. George E. Foster, because he happens to be a poor man and one whose health has given way

n the Cabinet of that Premier, without giving any very pertinent explanation of his action.

"In these later days, the duel fought between him and the editor of the Globe—fought out as it was in the presence of a judge of Liberal leanings—ended in a verdict in Mr. Foster's favor, though the judge condemned him to pay his own costs. This led to an applying of the money test to his status as a citizen; and, being a poor man, the poltroon organs have been flying at his throat ever since, with sundry spiteful paragraphs oozing from their partizan fangs.

"Like Jamie Soutar of Ian Maclaren's portraiture, it cannot be denied that the ex-Minister of Finance has had, as a sub-leader of the Opposition, a somewhat nippy tongue," and, as some call it, a 'weaning manner.' The one has made him an 'ingrata persona' to his political opponents, and more particularly to the Liberal leader; while the other has prevented him from being what is called 'popular' by the unthinking. But, for all that, he is one of the ablest political publicists we have today in the country, and there is not to be found the faintest trace of partisan flattery in the statement.

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"Were we inclined to compare him with certain Liberal sub-leaders, in their administration of the public departments, the comparison would be in Mr. Foster's favor, with the rancour poured out upon him turned of us perhaps. Suffice it to say that hatred towards so public man, from political friend or foe, does not detrace by a hair's breadth, from Mr. Foster's standing as a man with those whose verdict is of non-partisan value."

## CIVIC TAXATION.

BRITAIN'S COMPETITORS IN CANADA.

The question raised by the request of Mr. James presents of the subject of an article by Mr. Arthur Hawkes, of Toronto, in the Nineteenth Century and After, for July, contains some interesting comparisons on the extent and character of American and British in vestments in Canada, and deals with the competition which British capitalists and manufacturers have to face in their endeavors to do business in this country. It is pointed out that, while American capital in Canada represents chiefly industrial enterprises and mining and agricultural activities, the bulk of British investments is in bonds and debentures. The British capitalists is content with safe investment yleiding comparatively small returns; the American capitalist shows his confidence in the country by putting money into day when a city's progress depends mainly on local marketsmanufactured goods, and the establishment in Canada in spite of tariffs, the importation of American manufacturers are proposed, and the establishment in Canada for branches of American industrial concerns adds to the competition which British manufacturers have do see, on industry and trade, St. John's system of taxation of industry and trade, St. John's system of taxing business. Another strong factor is german enterprise, which has secured a field in this country through the remaining and the competition which British manufacturers have completed preparations for a scientific invasion of the Canadian market, and the chief lover is such as the competition which British manufacturers have completed preparations for a scientific invasion of the Canadian market, and the clief lover is not only the competition which British manufacturers have completed preparations for a scientific invasion of the Canadian market, and the clief lover is such to the competition which British manufacturers have completed preparations for a manufacturer shave completed preparations for a manufacturer shave completed preparations for a manufacturer shave completed

## **CURRENT COMMENT**

In ocean freight rates. "A few years ago," writes Mr. Hawkes, "dry goods were brought from British ports to Boston for the Canadian market at 8s. to 10s. per 40 cubic feet. When a certain steamship line running to Boston went into a merger the rate was increased to 12s. 6d. The rate has steadily increased until under the Canadian North Atlantic West-bound Freight conference it is 22s. 6d. Last December it became known that 20 per cent. was to be added to the rate. There are knowing prophets who are assured that 35s. is the true measure of the conference ambition."

But the main handicap, it is claimed, is the apathy and the archalc business methods of the British manufacturers themselves. Something has been done by the present British government to cultivate Canadian trade, Lloyd-George sent a commission to this country to investigate trade conditions and to report, and Winston Churchill appointed a well-qualified man as a permanent representative of the British board of trade in Canada. This action is a step in the right direction; but it is only a step, and it will accomplish little unless British merchants and manufacturers themselves take advantage of the information officially gathered and presented. The showness of the British board of trade in Canada. This action is a step in the right direction; but it is only a step, and it will accomplish little unless British merchants and manufacturers themselves take advantage of the information officially gathered and presented. The showness of the British capitallist and manufacturer to take an active part in development work in Canada compared with similar interests in the United States in no doubt accounted for to some extent by the latter being more closely in touch with conditions in the Dominion. The man on the spot, or who can get quickly on the spot, generally has the advantage.

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(Simcoe Reformer.)

There are two or three months between now and the present conference with the United States. Why should it not be found desirable to acquaint the Canadian people in the meantime with what our definite policy is in the matter of reciprocity, and invite a free and full expression of the national feeling on this most momentous question? Unrestricted publicity is the most powerful engine in safeguarding the public weal that is known to man.

If we flute as we climb? C. E. Whiton-Stone.

## THE HAPPY MEDIUM.

in regard to health and strength, for we must judge of what we cannot see by the evidence of what we do see Excess or deficiency of gymnastic ex-

Senator Dolliver tells of the trial of a man for murder, who was undoubtedly guilty, but was acquitted, greatly to the surprise of the presiding judge. The jury had been out two days considering the case, without reaching a conclusion. Then the judge called the jury into court and asked what the difficulty was. The foreman said:

"Judge there is only one thing that is troubling us. Was the prisoner's counsel appointed by the court or retained by the prisoner himself."

"The prisoner is a man of means," said the judge, "and he retained his own counsel,"

Ten minutes later the jury sent out word that an agreement had been reached. They filed into the court. The foreman rose and announced the verdict:
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CATTLE MARKET.

Chicago, July 7.—Cattle receipts:—10,000; market lower; steers 6.25 to 8.55.
Hogs receipts 15,000; market 10 to 25 cents lower. Heavy 9 to 9.15.
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"But at home he doesn't count."
Footpad—Your watch, mister, and be quick about it.
Pedestrian—Let me pass, I have

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