cultural implements and machinery. During the first eight months of this year the value of agricultural machinery exported was about four and a half millions of dollars. This is an increase of half a million dollars over the exports of any previous whole year. Then the value of machinery exported during of races. value of machinery exported during these eight months of this year was seven and a half million dollars, an increase of nearly one million and a quarter dollars. These two great increases promise good results for the iron and steel industry generally of this country, while the increase from \$25,000 to \$315,000 in the value of copper manufactures exported is very cheering to that branch of industry. But, perhaps, the prospect that the exports seem destined to go on increasing is the most cheering feature of all. The increase in the export trade appears to have decidedly set in with July last, and to have gone on increasing ever since, and though we have singled out two or three branches as standing very prominently forth, it must be acknowledged that there has been a great increase in the exports of all manufactured goods, but are looking more and more abroad for their customers. And they must be meeting with success in their competition in foreign markets, otherwise the exports would not so increase. And it is a good prospect for employes generally when the manufacturers here find they can compete successfully in foreign markets, they need not fear competition at home. THE DAYS OF PROTECTIVE TAR. IFFS, THEREFORE, MAY BE CONTAILED AND AMONG THE THINGS OF THE PAST.

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THE MARINE RAILWAY AND

DRY-DOCK.

There are in our midst a few, who, taking their inspiration from our morning contemporary, doubt the statement made in The World a few days since that Deadman's Island had ever been reserved for a dry-dock. In order to dispell such an illusion we reiterate the assertion, and state that on the 15th assertion in the proves himself a good citizen, doing as a rule are the peers of any people, come in the proves himself a good citizen, doing as a rule are the peers of any people, come in the proves himself a good citizen, doing as a rule are the peers of any people, come in the proves himself a good citizen, doing as a rule are the peers of any people, come in the proves himself a good citizen, doing as a prove and people come in the proves himself a good citizen, doing as a prove hims served—for a dry-dock site. The then Premier, Hon. John Robson, took a deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of this city, and the manner in which he assisted in building several of the this city, and the manner in which he assisted in building several of the schools, the court house, the granting of Deadman's Island for the purposes mentioned, these and many other things, attested his loyalty to Vancouver, and his faith in its future. He recognized the urgency-which existed for a drydock, or a marine railway, in this harbor, and in a statesman-like manner demonstrated that the Province was in favor a satisfance being rendered such enterof assistance being rendered such enter-prises. Then as now there was opposi-tion to the scheme. Since his demise, and during the premiership of Hon. Mr. Davie, a marine railway was constructed in Esquimalt harbor, which place, by the way, our local contemporary, according to its article of last Thursday, would rather see prospering than our own. The Government recognized the importance of the private enterprise of Mr. Bullen, and had a road built to his property at the expense of the public. A large sum of public money had likewise been spent on the dry-dock—some 780,000—a considerable amount of which was refunded under the Settlement Bill of 1883-4, but how or where this vast sum was expended has been a puzzler, though of late no reference has been made to the subject. In asking the Government for a lease of a portion of

ing of races.

Canadian Pacific, is to be controlled and managed by a native-born American. Sir William C. Van Horne has renounced his Americanism—and no doubt, Mr. Hayes, the new general manager of the Grand Trunk, will follow suit. James J. Hill, the railway king of the Northwest, is a Canadian by birth, though an American by adoption. We are of those who believe that it makes but little difference as to a person's nativity so long as he proves himself a good citizen, doing the best that in him lies for the advancement of the country's welfare and

From all sections of the Province comes the news that business in general is looking up and that trade is improving. Collections, although not as satisfactory as desirable, are decidedly better than they were a few months since. Altogether the outlook is hopeful and encouraging. The country is going ahead and prospering in a manner that to some is a source of satisfaction, and to others a matter of surprise. The weather of late has been all that could be desired and farmers have accomplished a great deal of fall work which will give them quite a start with their operations in the spring. The banks have abundance of money for legitimate trade purposes at reasonable rates of interest. So far as this Province, then, is concerned, there is the best of reasons for believing that the worst has been passed and that better times can confidently be looked for.

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