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Value of exports from Winnipeg custom house, during May last, \$25,882, showing an increase over same month last year. Value of imports, free goods, \$15,581; dutiable \$154,-792 as compared with free goods \$29,002 and dutiable goods \$115,632 in the month of May 1886.

THE first vessel of a new freight line connecting the Clyde, the Mersey, Bristol Channel and Montreal, has sailed from Cardiff. This new company was organized in England and will be known as the Maclean Line. The vessel above referred to is the "Cotherstone," of 2,234 tons.

Speaking of English co-operative stores the London Grocer says that it is certain that at the present time, among a large section of the more intelligent of the working-class population, belief in the co-operative principle of trading is gradually dying out; and such a failure as that just recorded at Smethwick will necessarily tend to hasten this desirable result.

The corporation of Halifax having experienced beneficial results from the partial introduction of the electric light, are now asking for tenders to light the whole city with both arc and incandescent lights. Some 186 gas lamps, 126 oil lamps and 50 electric lights are now used at a cost of \$11,000 and the proposal to substitute 150 of arc and incandescent lights is not expected to add much to the total cost.

MR. EM. ESTEY, druggist, of Moncton, N.B., whose financial difficulties we noted some two years ago, and who compromised with his creditors at the time, is now engaged in paying them in full, though under no legal obligation to do so. Mr. Estey is now shipping some of his preparations to Australia, and, we understand, enjoys a good trade with the antipodes as well as with other points at home and abroad.

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