

at least not at present. The consumer had not been the beneficiary of the low prices that had prevailed during the last few years—all the margins inuring to the benefit of the jobber and the retailer.

—To many people it will be a matter of astonishment that on the Pacific Slope the Yankees and the Canucks help to celebrate with one another their respective holidays. On the Queen's birthday, and more especially has it been the case this year, Americans came in great numbers from Oregon to Victoria, B. C., to witness the sham fight between the naval and the land forces of Her Majesty and crowds of Canadians go over to the American coast to celebrate the 4th of July. This year a deputation waited upon Sir M. Culme Seymour, the Admiral of the Pacific fleet stationed at Esquimalt, and asked him to send a man-of-war to Tacoma to join in celebrating Independence Day. With great good nature he consented to do so, and accordingly we read, H. M. S. "Caroline" sailed on such a day for Tacoma, where it will re-

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main until after the 4th of July celebration. Mayor MacLean, of Vancouver, and Mayor Fell, of Victoria, were on board, the invited guests of Capt. Sir Wm. Wiseman, Bart. Besides, in Victoria the 4th of July is a half-holiday and the whole of the citizens turn out to witness the Scottish sports under the management of St. Andrew's Society.

—The People's Bank, of New Brunswick has declared a dividend of four per cent. for half-year ending with the 6th of the current month.

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