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Editorial Notes.

It is much to be regretted that the Halifax Sugar Refining Company has had to go into liquidation at last; after a hard struggle for existence. Perhaps it may happen this time as it has often happened before. The Company will go out of existence, one or two of the creditors will be found to own the whole, and the works will be started again with plenty of capital behind.

In English iron trade circles there is talk of "overflow orders," for steel rails from the United States. The price mentioned for a recent order of this kind, which was taken by a Welsh firm, is 72s. 6d. per ton, or say \$17.40 per ton. The rails will probably be taken out as ballast, and the American duty will bring the cost up to something over \$34. But some American roads want rails very badly just now, and must have them immediately, hence these "overflow orders" to England.

This is *Bradstreet's* opinion:—Reports as to the intentions of the Canadian Pacific Railway with respect to the constructions of lines to important railway centres in the United States illustrate how rapidly the necessities of commerce are bringing Canada and the United States closer and closer together. This tendency must continue until closer political relations will be compelled. The real interests of both countries are bound up in such progress. The fact that untrammelled commercial intercourse exists over such wide areas on both sides of the boundary line is a prodigious influence in the direction of lessening the barriers to international communication.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Iron Trade Association, held in Philadelphia on the 15th inst., the price of bar iron was advanced one-tenth of a cent per pound, or \$2.00 per net ton. This advance is considered significant, and if it can be maintained will doubtless favorably affect the manufactured iron trade in other parts of the country. There has been an active demand for manufactured iron for several months past, but this has had but little, if any, effect on prices, and the same is true of merchant steel. This has been somewhat of an anomaly, and the present advance in Philadelphia seems to be nothing more than a necessary consequence of the present condition of the trade in finished iron.

THERE is no change, says the *American Manufacturer*, in the situation in the nail factories at Pittsburgh. Every factory in the city is idle, and yet there is neither a strike nor a lockout. The manufacturers simply say that they cannot run and pay more than the nail mills of other cities in the west, and until they can get the same rates they must remain idle. At the same time, however, they claim that they would be perfectly authorized to make a demand, notwithstanding the scale which was signed with the Amalgamated, as those whom the Amalgamated committee represented, if not indeed some of the committee themselves, have returned to work at the manufacturers', or Cincinnati scale. The situation is a novel one in the history of the iron trade wages, and the outcome of it will be watched with interest.

All Manufacturers are invited to become members of this Association. Full particulars will be furnished on application to the Secretary.