

liquors. Had this judgment been given years ago it would have saved Canada a serious waste of money, of time and of political excitement. There need then have been no Dominion plebiscite on this matter, and the one in Ontario would have been crystallized into a prohibitory law for the Province. Manitoba will now at once enter upon a new experience as a prohibitory Province, the result of which will be watched with close attention. The Ontario Government will find the power given to it by this decision to be very embarrassing. It is about to face the electorate and a clear-cut declaration will have to be made as to whether it will introduce a Prohibitory law and enforce it, or let the power it has to establish Prohibition lie in abeyance. It is in a dilemma, as whichever policy is avowed will raise a host of enemies. The Opposition is in the same trouble, so the two parties can sympathize with each other as both will have to play the same game with the electors.

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The return of Mr. Hays as vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway is hailed with much satisfaction by patrons of the road. Not, by any means, that any single person is glad that Mr. Reeves is again retiring, but it was generally felt that he was, by his own choice, not a permanency, his heart being with his California farm, where, we hope, he will have long years of health and enjoyment. The Grand Trunk needs all the vigour and enterprise and force of Mr Hays, who will continue the line on the march forward it entered upon when he was first appointed.

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The "Star's" cartoons ridiculing English ignorance of Canada should be put together with some lively reading matter re Canada and distributed freely in the old land. They are caricatures, of course, but the exaggeration is more pictorial than actual. When the late Colonel Sir Casimir Gzowski, G.C.M.G., A.D.C. to the Queen, was at Wimbledon a few years ago, when sat in his tent one day he saw a private carriage drawn up in which were two titled ladies. He heard one say: "Why, dear, I thought Canadians were all Red Indians!" On this he stepped out, invited them to his tent for refreshment, where they learnt that some Canadians are not savages!

#### MONTREAL HARBOUR, 1901.

Since going to press with the portion of this issue, in which reference is made to the Harbour returns of past season, we have received a more complete statement which is as follows:—

TOTAL NUMBER OF SEA GOING VESSELS THAT ARRIVED IN PORT IN 1900 AND 1901 AND THEIR TONNAGE.

|            | Total number of vessels. | Tonnage.  |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1901 ..... | 742                      | 1,453,048 |
| 1900 ..... | 726                      | 1,393,886 |
| 1899 ..... | 801                      | 1,517,611 |
| 1898 ..... | 868                      | 1,584,072 |
| 1897 ..... | 796                      | 1,379,002 |
| 1896 ..... | 709                      | 1,216,468 |
| 1895 ..... | 640                      | 1,069,386 |

Also total number of Inland vessels that arrived in Port and their tonnage, 1900 and 1901.

|                      | Total number of vessels. | Tonnage.  |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1901 to Nov. 26..... | 8,347                    | 1,671,074 |
| 1900 .....           | 8,374                    | 1,669,494 |

It will be seen that the record of past season is an improvement on 1900.

#### PERSONALS.

MR. ALEX. STEWART, for some time Resident Agent in this city of the Lancashire, has been appointed Chief Inspector of the Liverpool and London and Globe. Mr. Stewart was Inspector of the Guardian for seven years, prior to which he was in the service of the Citizens. He has enjoyed, therefore, a long, varied and valuable experience.

MR. GEORGE LUCKHURST, Jr., on retiring from the service of the London and Lancashire Life, was the recipient of a present from the manager and staff of that Company as a token of their esteem and good wishes.

MR. S. CAMERON ALEXANDER, manager of the London, Eng., branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been visiting this city.

MR. J. B. LAIDLAW, manager of the Norwich Union, was in the city last week making arrangements for the representation of the agency here.

MR. F. J. LIGHTBOURN, secretary of the Ontario Accident, was in the city last week. He reports good business for the three other companies with which he is connected in conjunction with his senior partner, Mr. O. L. Eastmure.

MR. B. HAL BROWN, manager of the London & Lancashire Life Assurance Company has been elected president for the ensuing year of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association, as successor to Mr. W. M. Ramsay, who has been elected an honorary member of the Association. The election of Mr. Hal Brown is a compliment not only to that gentleman, but to Montreal.

MR. GEORGE LYMAN, who was 15 years with the Liverpool and London and Globe in this city, went in March last to be chief clerk in the offices of the Norwich Union, Toronto, from which position he has been promoted to be superintendent of the Company for Quebec, with office in Montreal, where he has taken up his residence.

AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE QUEBEC FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY, held recently, the following gentlemen were elected to seats at the board: Hon. Pierre Garneau, M.I.C.; Sir Alphonse Pelletier, K.C.M.G., and Thomas H. Norris, Esq. At a subsequent meeting of the board the Hon. Pierre Garneau was elected President and Sir Alphonse Pelletier Vice-President.

THE famous case of the Mutual Life Insurance Company v. Lydia W. Peirson, is being heard in the United States Circuit Court. The case involves \$240,000 of insurance on the life of her husband, who died under an operation for appendicitis on the day the policy was written, the premium being tendered after the death of the husband.