

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

CANADA wants free sugar on the poor man's breakfast table. Give it to him.

It is not according to the ethics of protection to enable any manufacturer to become a millionaire through the favoritism of the tariff.

MR. FREDERIC NICHOLLS, manager of the Toronto Construction and Electrical Supply Company, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the National Electric Light Association.

MR. STAIRS, M.P., of Halifax, thinks that the CANADIAN MANUFACTURER don't understand the ins and outs of the sugar tariff question. Perhaps not; but it knows this much about the application of the ethics of the National Policy to the sugar refining industry, that it never was intended to afford any manufacturer the opportunity to become suddenly and unduly rich through protection.

SENATOR DRUMMOND, who is at the head of one of the largest sugar refining industries in Canada, is unqualifiedly in favor of free raw sugars. His position is that of a manufacturer of refined sugar. His preference is to have free raw sugar, his honest belief being that if this were possible, he could supply the trade with sugar as cheaply as in England. Why not give Mr. Drummond the chance? Why not give the people of Canada cheap sugar?

MR. STAIRS, M.P., said in his speech on the sugar duties question, the other day, that he did not have the pleasure of knowing the gentleman who conducts the CANADIAN MANUFACTURER, and that he hardly ever read it. Mr. Paterson, M.P., might have said the same as to his non-acquaintance with the editor, but it is certain that he does read the paper, else he would not have been able to so lucidly explain the situation. Mr. Stairs might well devote a portion of his time to studying the pages of this journal, thereby the better fitting himself to discuss important questions. His non-acquaintance with the editor is a matter of no importance whatever.

If the report that the people of Kingston, irrespective of party leanings, are thinking of tendering a nomination to Edward Blake for the House of Commons is correct, the news should be welcome to every honest man in the House and in the country, whether Conservative or Liberal. As an independent force in Parliament, Mr. Blake could render inestimable service at this time in the needed work of raising Canadian politics to a higher plane.—*London Advertiser*.

Where was the Honorable Peter Mitchell, and what was the matter with him as an "independent force" in Parliament which was supposed to be able to render inestimable service as a Third Party? If Mr. Blake would be of such great service to the country as a member of Parliament, and if the *Advertiser* and the Grit Party really desire to have him there, if Sir Richard Cartwright will resign his seat in Mr. Blake's favor, we will encourage the change. But it is not at all probable that Mr. Blake would consent to wear Mr. Mitchell's old shoes. He gave up the leadership of the Opposition in the

Commons because he could not afford to associate politically with such men as Mr. Cartwright, and he will probably never consent to return and acknowledge the leadership of such a man.

THE Department of Customs has given directions to collectors that in the case of exhibitions under the management of agricultural, mechanical or art associations, who have regularly established grounds and buildings set apart for such purposes, collectors may recognize such grounds and premises as bonding warehouses, to be used as such during the continuance of the exhibition only, and not at other times. In case of foreign articles imported as intended exhibits, collectors can accept a for-warehouse entry from the importer under the guarantee of some principal officer of the exhibition association, or from such officer himself, if duly authorized for that purpose, and may also thereafter accept a removal or export entry under the same conditions; but in case of the entry being for removal to another Canadian port, the articles must be consigned in bond to some principal officer of the exhibition association as above, and be then re-entered for warehouse under the foregoing conditions, and may be again removed or exported therefrom under proper entry and in bond, as in the case of the original or first importation. In any case no delivery of such goods from the exhibition premises is to be permitted unless under the foregoing conditions or after entry for duty and immediate payment of the duty legally accruing thereon.

A recently issued Blue Book shows that the total number of vessels remaining on the register books of the Dominion on Dec. 31, 1890, including old and new vessels, sailing vessels, steamers and barges was 6,991, measuring 1,024,974 tons register tonnage, being a decrease of 162 vessels, and a decrease of 15,507 tons register as compared with 1889. The number of steamers on the registry books on the same date was 1,364 with a gross tonnage of 206,855 tons. Assuming the average value to be \$30 per ton, the value of the registered tonnage on Dec. 31, last would be \$30,749,220. The number of new vessels built and registered in Canada during the last year was 285, measuring 52,378 tons register tonnage. Estimating the value of the new tonnage at \$45 per ton, it gives a total value of \$2,357,010 for new vessels. In 1873 Canada had 6,783 vessels of 1,073,718 tons, and in all the years since that time the vessel property owned in the country has not at any time varied 300,000 tons. The tonnage of the Dominion is divided among the different provinces as follows:

PROVINCES:	Number of vessels.	Number of steamers.	Gross tonnage steamers.	Total tonnage.
Nova Scotia .....	2,793	104	10,371	464,194
New Brunswick.....	981	93	9,450	209,460
Prince Edward Island.	231	18	3,678	26,080
Quebec.....	1,399	270	71,962	164,003
Ontario.....	1,312	709	88,032	138,738
Manitoba.....	79	50	5,365	6,475
British Columbia ....	196	120	17,997	16,024
Total.....	6,991	1,364	206,855	1,024,974

J. W. Howry & Son are sending a crew of men to Georgian Bay, where they are operating extensively, cutting about 20,000,000 feet annually. Another season it is likely that C. K. Eddy and Son will commence operations in Canada, where they own 400,000,000 feet of timber. William Peter, of Bay City, has a force of men looking up land in the Georgian