

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Furness Line Carrying Much Western Goods to London.

Lake Winnipeg's St. John Cargo List—Other Imports and Exports.

Trade of St. Stephen Growing—Stock Market Stronger—General Notes of Interest.

OUR TRADE WITH LONDON. The Furness Line steamers between St. John and London are carrying large quantities of western goods...

Following is the statement: From Seattle, 16 barrels skins; Winnipeg, 1 case deer head; Rodney, 125 cases beans; Kelowna, 48 cases hops; Gaik, 5 boxes furniture; Woodstock, Ont., 200 sacks split peas; London, Ont., 400 sacks split peas; Montreal, 500 bags cotton; Montreal, 19 cases cotton; 32 cases beef powder; 200 cases roast beef; Myrtle, 140 cases corn; 300 cases sugar; Montreal, 150 Bertha, 3 cases leather; Ingersoll, 150 cases split peas; Ridgetown, 250 sacks beans; Toronto, 1 case buckwheat; Minneapolis, 15,000 sacks flour.

THE PUBLIC REVENUE. The St. John customs receipts for the month of December show a decrease of \$64,500 compared with the same period of last year.

Table showing customs receipts and expenditures for December 1895 and 1896. Includes columns for '1895', '1896', and 'Increase or Decrease'.

WHEAT IN SIGHT. Dec. 28, '95, Dec. 21, '96, Dec. 29, '94. U.S. and Can. 89,388,000 89,388,000 On passage to U. K. 13,720,000 13,720,000

Statement of earnings and expenses of the Canadian Pacific railway: Jan. 1st to Nov. 30, 1895. Gross earnings \$1,129,028 58 Net operating expenses 777,613 44

Below will be found a comparative statement of the receipts of this office for the last six months of the years 1894 and 1895.

Table comparing receipts for 1894 and 1895. Columns: '1894', '1895', 'Increase or Decrease'.

Imports. From Liverpool, ex ss Lake Winnipeg—200 cases soap; Lever Bros (Ld); 25 cases whiskey...

THE ST. CROIX.

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WARSHIP A

Five English Vessels Name En

Cromwell to Victoria—British Men-of-War From Generation

(New York) The history of a regiment is something by every officer who is to maintain the prestige of the name of the regiment. It is in this the daily life of the regiment for many decades has existed and perpetuated names illustrious in the history of the sea in the nearer known days of his regiment or his parent part. It is to count for many of the men of the world, and that he far preferred the month on its green benches to a month on the promenade of Brighton—Chambers' Journal.

THE WAR BEGUN.

Alley Jim Who Has Independence Blood Fired the First Shot.

The war between the United States and Great Britain is now a certainty. The first shot, as fired on South Clark street, Chicago, late Friday evening. James Ryan, better known as 'Alley Jim,' read about the threatened war in the daily papers and immediately got dressed and on the way with a huge revolver. At the Twelfth street viaduct Jim met a man who was waiting in the rain for a street car. The man wore a monocle and talked with a cockney brogue. This was enough for 'Alley Jim' and he raised his revolver in the air and blazed away. Had it not been for Officer Fitzgerald who would probably have been in the van if not for a British boundary line dispute settled in less than a minute by 'Alley Jim.' As it was Ryan was looked up at the scene. The man with the goggles is no other than Justice Richardson's court reporter. The man with the goggles is no other than Justice Richardson's court reporter. Yesterday to prosecute the prisoner. Ryan told Justice Richardson he was ready at any moment to shoulder a musket, also the responsibility of the nation if need be, and go to the front in answer to a call for troops.

GREAT BRITAIN'S FIGHTING POWER.

(N. Y. Scottish American.) It is not merely Britain's vast standing army, her invincible navy, and her practically inexhaustible reserves that must be taken into account in calculating her great fighting power, for a war which is the means for carrying on a war which is the great test. Money forms the main strength of war, and in that respect no country can compare with Britain.

FROM BACK TO BACK IN A DAY.

Make a coat in a day; from shearing the wool from its skin to putting the finished garment on one's own back. Nonsense! It could not be done. This would probably be the reply to any one claiming such a thing. It is not, at least one would receive a reply expressing a strong doubt of the possibility of doing so, notwithstanding the vast improvements in machinery within the past fifty years. This feat, however, was accomplished within a far back as 1811, by John Coverer of Greenham Mills, near Newbury, England.

BUSINESS IN THE SOUTH.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 31.—Richard Edmunds, editor of the Manufacturer's Record, in a general review of the business of the south during the past year in this week's issue of his newspaper says in part: The year just ended has been one which for all time to come will be noted in the records of southern progress as one of the most important periods in the business history of the south.

Harper's Bazar

IN 1896.

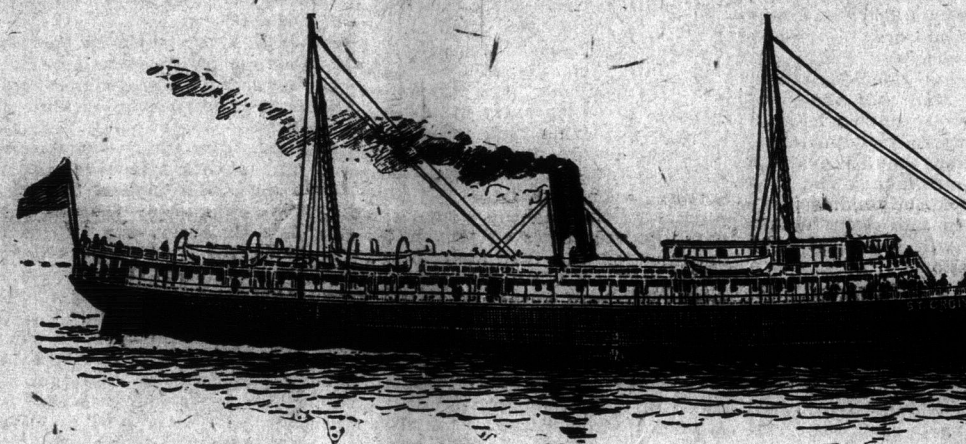
The twenty-ninth year of HARPER'S BAZAR, beginning in January, 1896, finds it maintaining its deserved reputation for the year in this week's issue of his newspaper says in part: The year just ended has been one which for all time to come will be noted in the records of southern progress as one of the most important periods in the business history of the south.

Both the serials for 1896 are the work of American women. Mrs. Gerold, by Marie Louise Pool, is a striking story of New England life. Mary R. Wilkins, in 'Jocelyn,' a Poor Man, discusses his various interests and capital. Short stories will be written by the best authors.

THE BIGGEST OF CLUBS.

A member of the house of commons is allowed to attach to his name the name of a noble title. 'M. P.' which is a source of pride and gratification to himself and secure for him the respect and deference of others. These initials undoubtedly contribute, too, to his social status. Doors of social circles, hitherto locked and barred, are open wide to him, and invitations to social functions in the houses of the great and wealthy members of his party reach him during the session. Then he is a member of 'the best club in London.' It is, indeed, frequently said that the house of commons will maintain that pre-eminence as a social haunt of men, which it is universally acknowledged, once rightly belonged to it. But, as a matter of fact the house of commons is more of a club now than it has ever been in its centuries of existence.

It is provided with handsome dining rooms, smoking rooms, reading rooms and a suit of bath rooms and dressing



ing, and all her piston rods and valve stems are fitted with United States metallic packing, which costs \$20 an inch. She is fitted with a steam steering gear and her engines are reversed by steam. She has thirty-three steam cylinders aboard. The propeller is made of manganese bronze, weighing thirteen thousand pounds. It has four blades, is thirteen feet in diameter and twelve and a half feet pitch, and will be turned about one hundred and five times a minute by the two thousand horse power engine, and is expected to make about seventeen miles an hour.

SHOWS INCREASE IN TRADE.

Table showing the list of vessels reporting inwards at the port of St. John during December, 1895. Columns: 'From Foreign Ports', 'From Home Ports', 'From Foreign Ports', 'From Home Ports'.

A woman in Bildeford, Me., banded her husband over the face and head with a shovel, and was arrested for the offence. She was fined \$3 and costs; and as she was without money, her husband had the satisfaction of opening his pocketbook and paying the fine.

Baird's Balsam of Horehound

For over fifty years the favorite remedy for Coughs, Colds, Irritation of the Throat, and all affections of the Throat and Lungs. At all dealers Only 25 Cents.

A BLUFF THAT WORKED.

A good story on the late S. S. Merrill cropped out in a certain law office the other day while a number of attorneys were commenting upon the portraits of prominent Milwaukeeans in a recent work on Milwaukee. Mr. Merrill's likeness was reached, when one of the gentlemen, in relating anecdotes concerning the railroad builder, told of the trouble he had had with a certain conductor on the St. Paul road.

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