

cake, and other products, the manufacture of canvas for oil factories and cloth will be added to the mill, which, at the commencement, will employ 25 or 30 hands. While the supply of linseed will be imported to start with, there is a good opportunity here for our farmers to raise flax seed, which, it is said, would return from \$35 to \$40 per acre. It is further said that not alone the linen industry is to be set agoing here, but other enterprises allied to agriculture will also receive marked attention from the people of the continent of Europe. Besides an endeavor will be made to induce a good class of the working classes of Belgium to come and settle here. They are a very thrifty people and it is certain that any who come will be sure of abundant success.—Victoria, B. C., Commercial Journal.

The Toronto Railway Company have intimated a move that is proving very popular. They have fitted up a number of open motor cars and trailers that are beautifully ornamented with vari-colored incandescent lamps. These cars are available for private and excursion parties, and may be hired by the hour to make runs over any or all of the lines of the company in the city.

Several Guelph gentlemen have organized themselves into a gang of robbers, who, according to the Hamilton Times, intend to grow rich by compelling the Canadian consumer to pay tribute to them. In other words rolling mills and puddling furnaces will soon be established in Guelph, and a compound condensing engine of 350 horsepower is now being constructed in Hamilton, to be used by the miscreants in their work of brigandage. This country seems to be going to the dogs quite rapidly.—Hamilton Spectator.

The delegation from the Manufacturers' Club which went to Harrisburg recently to protest against a bill that proposed to forbid women to labor in factories for a longer period than eight hours a day, made the point that the Legislature has no right to undertake to determine how long an adult woman may labor. The Legislature of Illinois, in 1893, passed a law containing a similar prohibition, and the Supreme Court of the State has just decided unanimously that the act is unconstitutional. The court holds that a woman is entitled to work as many hours in a day or in a week as may happen to suit her own convenience or interest; and that any act which attempts to abridge the freedom of contract between employer and workmen in a lawful occupation is unconstitutional. Thus the decision affects not only male, but female, laborers; and, whatever may be the consequences of the declaration of the court, no reasonable man can deny that it is based upon considerations of equity. The state may properly control, and impose limitations upon the labor of minor persons; but when it undertakes to deny to a grown person the right to sell his labor-power upon his own terms, it engages in intolerable interference with the personal liberty of free men and free women. Were the attempt made to subject to such restrictions professional men, store-keepers, and others who do not work for fixed wages, it would be fiercely resented and resisted; but the rights of these persons are not more sacred than, nor do they in any manner differ from, the rights of men and women who

work in humble positions in manufacturing establishments. There can be hardly any doubt that the Supreme Court of the United States would fully justify the decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois.—The (Philadelphia) Manufacturer.

Snide journalism seems to be prevalent in British Columbia as well as in Ontario, judging by the following item published in the Victoria, B.C., Commercial Journal:—

According to the proprietor of the Goldstream house, some people have a funny way of promoting the circulation of papers with which they are connected. It must be something of a new experience for hotel keepers to have customers contracting a bill, objecting to the moderate charges as extortionate, then professing to have no money and finally, to offer as the last and only alternative a year's subscription to a weekly periodical. This is decidedly a new policy. Is it the characteristic of the "new editor?"

The Massey-Harris Company are making rapid progress in the construction of their new bicycle factory in Toronto. It is announced that they will build a really first-class wheel which will be sold at a moderate price. It is to be supposed that as soon as this new industry has been well established the company will engage in the export business; and it is also to be supposed that as soon as that time arrives they will demand some such tariff favors of the government as they have already obtained affecting their agricultural implement business, coupled with a never-to-be-executed threat that if it is not complied with they will remove their works to the United States.

"Greater and better than ever," "Excelling all others," and "It draws like a magnet," are terms very appropriately applied to Toronto's Great Industrial Fair, the seventeenth of which will be held from the 2nd to the 14th of September next, and the Directors announce their determination to make this year's Fair eclipse all former ones. They have issued a very neatly gotten up prize list, a copy of which can be procured by anyone who so desires, by dropping a post card to Mr. J. H. Hill, the Manager, at Toronto. Already many applications have been received from manufacturers both in Canada and from abroad for space to exhibit their products, and present indications point to a greater and grander exhibition than any of the previous ones. Cheap excursions will as usual be run on all railroads, and this will undoubtedly be the most popular holiday outing of the year. Numerous new and interesting attractions will be provided. Almost everyone who claims to keep posted on the progress of our country goes to the Toronto Fair, which is generally admitted to be the best on this continent.

Heretofore it has been the practice of the advertising solicitors of Toronto daily newspapers, at the time of the Toronto Fair, to absolutely refrain from making any mention of any exhibit of any manufacturer who would not pay therefor at the rate of so much per line of such notice. All other attractions at the Fair received free notices, even the side shows and peanut stands, but the line was drawn at manufacturers' exhibits, and even the presence of the