

LAND REGISTRATIONS.

A report has been made by the Master, Mr. J. G. Scott, upon the business of the land titles offices, Ontario, in 1893. In Toronto there has been during the year but little property changing hands, and the depression has greatly lessened applications for first registrations of lands, owners, seeing but little chance of selling, being unwilling to incur any additional expense. It appears from the report that few applications for first registration have been made, only eleven having been filed, to the amount of \$198,165. All but one of these were cases where there were points in the titles which made it difficult for the owners to sell without the guarantee afforded by the land titles act.

We learn that the number of registrations during the year was 1,892; in 1889 there were 4,679, and the average since the office was opened has been 2,949 each year. The annual inspection of the offices proved to be generally satisfactory, with one or two exceptions, which the Master mentions.

—Mr. Edgar having brought up in the Dominion House the question of the effect of the new tariff on tea and coffee, Hon. Mr. Foster stated that tea and coffee coming direct from the country of production, or in bond on through bill of lading, would be admitted free.

—At a sale by auction of rare stamps at St. Martin's town hall, London, England, a Canada 12d. black stamp, used, fetched £50; 6½d. Newfoundland stamp brought £6; a 1s. Newfoundland stamp, carmine red, slightly oxidized, £19, and a violet 1s. Newfoundland stamp, £7.

—It is announced that Mr. Harry Furniss has retired from the staff of *Punch*, and that he intends to establish shortly a periodical of his own.

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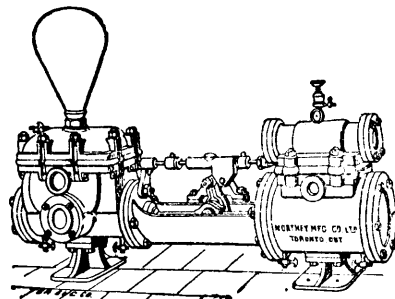
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