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was given at the time of the removal of monono'y in Manitoba, on the understanding that the money would be spent in this country. These heavy purchases by the C. P. Ry., following so soon after the floating of the loan, to say the least, look very suggestive. Undoubtedly the C. P. Ry. management had some big scheme in view when they consented to sell their monopoly in the West for a guarantee of interest upon the \$15.000,000 loan.

## Trying on Ladies' Shoes.

"Talking of trying on ladies' shoes," said a clerk in a prominent shoe store in Detroit. "It is one of the most delicate and arduous dutics that falls to the lot of a salesman. Why, the most innocent remark may be construed into an affront and the clerk find himself called to account. Have you ever noticed that a boot and shoe man does very little talking?

"Do you mean in selling goods?"

"Yes. Some years ago a clork in a New



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Orleans shoe store lost his life for paying a lady a compliment about the size of her foot.'

"Are Detroit ladies as sensitive on the subject?"

"It requires very nice discrimination to pay a lady a compliment on the size of her foot. We have some ladies come in here who possess remarkably beautiful feet, and it would be worth my place if I made any remark about them. Then others-just as fastidious in all respects-will expect a little well directed flat. tery, in fact will challenge it by depreciating their feet. Then some ladies will not allow us to put their hoots on, while others will treat us exactly as if we were footstools or button hooks."

"Are ladies hard to please?"

"Well I should just say so. Their feet are so tender they want to wear a loose shoe and they always buy a tight one. Then they always try them sitting down, and it is the hardest work to get them to stand up and step around.

Sometimes I am nearly distracted trying to get a good fit and one that will not have to be returned. But ladies are more sensible now about their shoes than they used to be. They wear the common sense and low heels, and have more comfort.

At a meeting of the Montreal board of fire writers, it was decided to increase the rates on all policies in Quebec, sufficiently to cover the commercial corporation's tax.

The lates report places the pack of salmon on the Columbia river to July 1st at 159,590 cases. This is the report of twenty-five canneries, which are credited with 4,000 to 11,000 cases apiece. Two canneries at the Cascades are credited with 20,000 cases, making 179,500 cases. Shipping merchants say if these low figures are correct there will be great disappointment.

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