

**General Notes.**

Clerk, Terroux & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.

The St. Hyacinthe Oil and Paint Co., with a capital of \$25,000, has been incorporated at St. Hyacinthe, Que.

Hon. Jas. G. Ross, lumberman, of Quebec, is dead. He is estimated to have left property valued at from five to ten million dollars.

Charles Davidson & Co., wholesale saddlery and carriage hardware, Toronto, have suspended payment. The liabilities are estimated at \$54,000, and the assets at \$30,000.

The St. John, N.B., Cotton Co. have decided to increase the working capital by the issue of \$50,000 scrip for the term of one year, interest not to exceed six per cent., instead of the \$150,000 debentures authorized at the last annual meeting.

Owing to the falling off of one-half of the hop crop of New York State, the price of hops is advancing. When the harvesting season began, prices opened at the yards at 18 to 20c a pound for the choicest grades. Now prices are quoted at 27 to 30c, and growers are generally disposed to hold back in expectation of getting 33 to 35c.

The West Indian trade is booming, and the new Halifax and West India Steamship Line has been put on the route. W. A. Black has sailed for Havana to complete arrangements for a line between that port and Halifax. The first of the Halifax and West India Steamship line has left Halifax with a full cargo, consisting largely of fishstuffs, cordage, boots and

shoes, horses, carriages, potatoes and a miscellaneous assortment of Canadian products. The ports to be visited are Hamilton, Bermuda, Kingston, Jamaica and Turk's Island. A second boat is to leave shortly for Cuba and other West India ports.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says:—One of the things which causes much surprise to strangers visiting the various saw mills here when a vessel is being loaded with lumber for China, is the enormous length and size of many of the sticks of timber composing the cargo. In answer to enquiries many different explanations are given of the special uses to which these large pieces of timber are put in China. The alleged reasons, however, are seldom accepted as satisfactory by persons who have been in the Celestial Empire, and who while not observing any structures in which timber of such large dimensions is used, have seen these large pieces quickly sawn up on their arrival. The real explanation of the peculiar character of the orders for lumber received from China will probably be found in the fact that the customs duty there is levied on the piece and not by the foot or any other ordinary measure of quantity. The larger the individual piece of timber, therefore, the lower will be the amount of duty payable on it in proportion to the quantity of lumber it contains.

**The Trials of a Drummer.**

The country storekeeper carefully examined the samples of cloth while the drummer patiently waited. A customer came, the storekeeper waited on him, then went back to examine the

samples, to pull out and untwist the threads. Another customer, and more examination; still another customer, and as the storekeeper began he said:—

'Are these samples in style?'

'They were,' replied the discouraged drummer, 'when you began to look at them, but that was so long ago that I can't answer for them now.' *Detroit Free Press.*

**An Intelligent Pusher.**

'James,' said the grocer to his new boy, 'you want to push them codfish; we're overstocked on 'em. Sell 'em at 30 cents, and if they don't go I'll put them on the bargain counter next week.'

'You'll find them codfish very nice, ma'am,' said James a little later to an old lady customer, 'they're dirt cheap at 30 cents, and it's the last chance you'll have to buy 'em at that price.'

'Is your codfish goin' up?'

'No ma'am; they're goin' on the bargain counter next week fer what we kin git fer 'em.'—*The Epoch.*

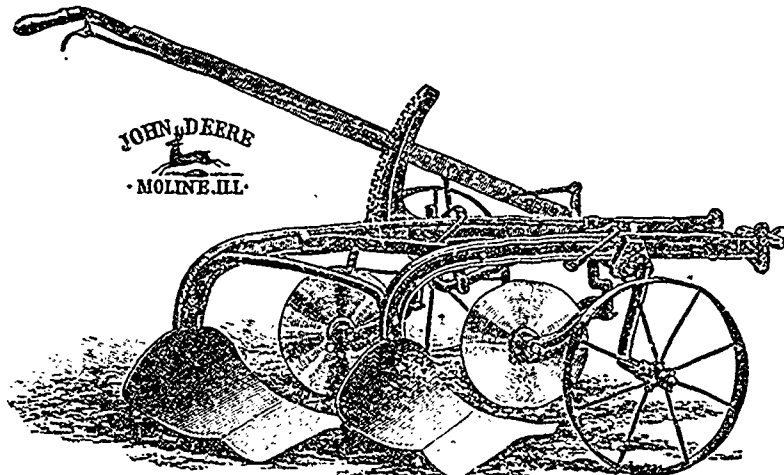
THE public are often very unjust but never consciously so. What they see clearly to be justice they always approve. It often takes a long time to bring them to see things as they really are, but in the end their verdict is always right. It was faith in this idea which induced the manufacturers of the "Myrtle Navy" tobacco to stand by their superior brands under every discouragement at the outset. The public verdict has been rendered at last, and it is emphatically in their favor.

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