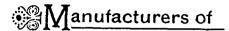
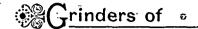
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setting forth their opinions as to the proposed subsidy of \$750,000 per annum towards maintaining a fast line of service between Canada and England. The Board

The St. John Board of Trade has adop- any line steamers of 20-knot speed, such ted a memorial to the Governor-General as are proposed, could not successfully compete for through mails and passengers with the ocean greyhounds running from New York, which have attained 22 knots. The great distance between the chief

during winter, and the steamers could notsafely maintain their high speed in the St. Lawrence in summer. Thus the new line would be merely a fast freight line, carry: ing a portion of the Canadian mails, with incidental passenger accommodation. Such a service the St. John merchants regard as attainable for a much lower expenditure than \$750,000. Having these views, the Board asks that the Dominion be not committed to such a subsidy. There is no likelihood of the Government subsidizing a line of steamers that would be practically freighters. The main object is to secure quicker transmission of mails, and the diversion of the large Canadian passenger traflic frm U.S. ports to our own. Unless these objects are certain to be secured, there will be no such subsidy given as

Horse shoe nails have been one of a few staple articles in the hardware trade which have not heretofore been controlled by an association; but it is so no longer, manufacturers having met at Toronto a few days ago and formed themselves into an organization. The first fruit of the formation of the association is an advance of about 20 per cent, in the price.

The fruit trees in Westminster district are more backward than in many years, regards the subsidy as not justified by any centres in Canada whence passenger traffic but orchardists are pleased with the approspects of benefit to this country that is drawn and our scaports is a serious pearence of the buds, and look forward are probable to result. They believe that drawback to the prospects of any fast line to an unusually heavy yield,