

We believe the circulation of the **TRADE REVIEW** exceeds that of any other paper of its class published in Montreal. Should any of our competitors take exception to this statement, we would suggest that the matter be left to two chartered accountants of the Province of Quebec.

The sale of Victoria & Princess Louise Japan tea which is vouched for by Laporte Martin & Co., hardly seems to indicate that there is any falling off in the general demand for good Japan tea.

Advices from Maine are to the effect that the sardine factories are still idle. There is a good run of fish, but they are of large size, suitable only to be packed in mustard. There have been scarcely any mustards packed so far this season, owing to the unprofitable prices prevailing, and notwithstanding a liberal supply of cheap fish packers do not seem inclined now to pack mustards.

A traffic alliance between the Grand Trunk and the Lehigh Valley Railroads has been concluded, which will enable the Grand Trunk to run through trains from Chicago to New York. Next spring it is said, the Lehigh Valley will run its Black Diamond special through to Chicago over the Grand Trunk. If this is done the Vanderbilt lines will be compelled to run faster trains in opposition.

In their last circular the Hills Bros. Co. say of Sultana raisins: Our first parcel of new crop was shipped per Cherbourg, sailed from Smyrna September 1st. Market in Smyrna continues strong. The crop will doubtless prove to be considerably less than the last one, and prices will not be very low, at least for some weeks to come. Stocks of old being everywhere small gives producers courage to stand out for their own figures on new fruit.

The official returns just issued give the number of emigrants who left for Canada from British ports during September as follows: English, 1,429; Scotch, 202; Irish, 126; Foreigners, 453. For the same period in 1895 the numbers were respectively, 2,310, 751, 150 and 945. For the nine months ended 30th September the figures are: English, 10,942; Scotch, 1,408; Irish, 801; Foreigners, 6,155, and of unknown nationality, 44. For the same period in 1895 the returns were respectively, 13,458, 1,270, 297, 4,549 and 51.

Mr. J. H. Mooney, who has held the office of Hido Inspector for the city and district of Montreal for many years, has been dismissed by the Government at Ottawa and Mr. Auselme Bissonnette appointed in his stead. Though the position is in the gift and under the control of the Dominion Government the candidate is almost invariably appointed on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners named by the Council of the Board of Trade. Mr. Bissonnette, who with five others, passed the Board of Examiners in November, 1895, was highly recommended to the Government for the position.

Judge Malhot has rendered two important decisions in the Superior Court at Hull. In the case for \$10,000 brought against the E. B. Eddy Manufacturing Company by J. Deahen on behalf of the relatives of the late Francis Daniels, who was drowned recently while in the employ of the Company, \$1000 was allowed. It was claimed that the Company did not take a proper amount of precaution in the manner in which it had the work carried out. The second case was one brought by Prudent Martin against Contractor Bourgeois for three amounts, in consequence of the killing of his brother in the dynamite explosion in Hull about a

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year and a half ago. On the claim for \$10,000 on behalf of the wife of the deceased \$3,000 was allowed; in a second claim for \$2,000 on behalf of the children of deceased \$200 was allowed, and in the third claim for \$150, which the plaintiff held was owed him by the deceased, \$100 was allowed.

After next New Year's day in Glasgow, Scotland, it is announced that all taxes will be done away with, the entire running expenses of the city being paid by public works now in its possession. The corporation of Glasgow is run on business principles, and it controls all the principal franchises within its limits street cars, gas works, waterworks, &c., giving the people the best accommodation at the lowest cost, and at the same time making a handsome profit.

Canadian pickled eggs are now going forward to the English markets, and sales have been made at 6s 4d to 6s 1 c. l. f. Liverpool. Cable advices report the Liverpool market firmer and higher for Canadian eggs, but Glasgow is cabled dull and lower, owing to glutted supplies. It appears that the advance in the Glasgow market a short time ago caused large shipments to be made there, and, consequently, the market became overstocked, and until this surplus is worked off no improvement in prices is expected.

Farmers' ideas for hay are still too high in the country to admit of any extended export trade. A few enquiries have been received from Toronto, but they were merely to test values, and no business that we can learn resulted therefrom. It is said however, that a few cars have been bought for American account at stations on the south shore, but as a rule, prices demanded by farmers could not be paid. In some districts the prices asked are almost as much as can be had in this market, where sales have been made at \$8.25 to \$8.50 for No. 2 and \$9.50 for No. 1, a lot of 2 cars of fancy No. 1 bringing \$10.00 for private stables. Advices from England hold out no inducement for shippers.

The members of the National Cut & Wire Nail Manufacturers of the United States have given out the following semi-official statement: "It is true that the conference is for the purpose of regulating prices and fixing the output for October. The representatives of the different firms have not met during the summer months, and they are now together for the first time this fall. The nail business, like most other kinds of industries, has felt the depression of the times. At the present season the demand is not much improved, and we do not look for any great improvement until after the Presidential election is over. We will take action on the output, but it is not likely that an increased output will be adopted at the present meeting." It was further intimated that there was a hesitation to make up much more stock until that on hand is well disposed of. Builders are not using anywhere near as much. This was said to be

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the case with both cut and wire nails. A mistaken statement has appeared in print that there is marked increase in the demand for nails. Therefore the output will not be much increased, even if it is not materially decreased.

There are certainly many Scottish whiskeys in Scotland, and consequently the winner of a prize at the Glasgow Exposition means a superiority for the winner over a good many different brands. The success of Mitchell's Scotch Whisky at the last Exposition is another reason for the large sales of that popular brand which are reported by Laporte Martin & Co.

Mail advices from San Francisco state that the movement in canned fruits is light. Canners claim to the overland lemon cling peaches and white cherries and are sold up close on one or two other lines. The demand for cling peaches has been in excess of the supply, and canners have been forced to pay high prices for canning stock. At the date of the letter \$40 per ton was being paid in the Vista district.

The Toronto Board of Fire Underwriters claim that in January last the city promised to construct a 24 inch water main on Front street, and on this understanding the board made a reduction of the premiums of ten cents on all commercial risks. The city not having carried out the agreement the meeting will decide as to whether the ten cents will again be added to the premiums. It is said that merchants doing business south of King street save \$10,000 on their premiums on the ten cent cut that was made.

Below will be found a record of patents granted to Canadian inventors in Great Britain, the United States and Canada. Canadian patents—S. B. Johnson, machine for cutting hay; J. Stephenson, washing rubbers to be attached to wash-rails; D. Byard, indicator for setting carriage wheels; D. G. McBean, liquid motor; C. J. Hall, brake; Major Creed, screen for sifting coal; American patents—A. H. Cook, fence; W. G. Lane, coal dumping car; R. McLane, hay and stock rack; J. McAllister, gold washer; S. C. Nutter, stock truck; J. G. Pennycook, et al., windmill; W. E. Seamer, gold mining dredge; J. T. B. Solman, filter. British patents—J. E. Coleman, fare box; A. A. Dixon, treating pest moss; A. A. Dixon, treating pest; G. B. Dowdell, wringing machine; J. L. Coyle, et al., match receptacle; T. L. Briggs, feeding sheets of paper.