

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

UNDER United States law if the drawer of a check has taken it to the bank and had it certified he is still jointly with the bank responsible to the payee if the bank fails. If the payee, however, has taken the check to the bank and had it certified the drawer of the check is no longer responsible to the payee, because the payee accepts, by that action, the responsibility of the bank.

It has been held by the U. S. Court of Appeals that while contracts or combinations between employers or workmen to fix and abide by certain prices for labor or services may be valid in their inception, they become illegal restraints of trade whenever the associations formed under them interfere with the freedom of those who are not members to refuse to abide by their prices, or to employ or be employed at other rates, or whenever such associations undertake to prevent non members from using their property or their labor as they may see fit.

IN Canada, Messrs. McGreevy and Connolly, who were sent to the Carleton county prison for a conspiracy to defraud the Government, have been released on account of the condition of their health, which a number of physicians declared would altogether collapse were they retained in durance any longer. Their conviction was hailed in many quarters with great satisfaction as a signal triumph over political corruption, and it may be that, under all the circumstances, the ends of justice have been served by the vindication of the law and of morality which had been effected.

YEARS ago, Boss "Tweed," for abuses of office in New York, found himself an inmate of the prison. Boss McKane, of Gravesend, New York, finds himself similarly situated. There was a great difference between the two men and their methods, though both perpetrated the same kind of abuses. Tweed appeared to care neither for God nor the devil; but McKane served both of them most faithfully, for he was a devout church member, and served his other master wearing the livery of the court of heaven. He has six years to serve in the penitentiary, which it is to be hoped the scoundrel will be made to carry out.

THE mayor and members of the City Council of Victoria have at length placed themselves under the knife and His Worship's allowance has been reduced 15 per cent., that of the aldermen by half that amount. Now, in our opinion, this should not have been the case. It is only a short time since the "wages" of these people were doubled—and that at a time when the business outlook was not particularly bright. There was no special reason for the increase, the same work had been done just as well previously at the lower figure, so that if ever there was room for a sweeping reduction. On expenses it was in this particular, instead of at the expense of the men who by the sweat of their brow were earning their bread. Then, since the

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

IMPORTS.

The following is a summary of the quantity, value and duty on imports at the port of Victoria for the month of February, 1894:

ARTICLES.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Ale, beer and porter	\$ 585	\$ 175 68
Animals	3,378	933 70
Books, pamphlets, etc	799	177 53
Brass and manufactures of	444	105 40
Breadstuffs—grain of all kinds	26,354	4,893 00
Flour	2,418	745 75
Meal, corn and oat	49	7 70
Rice	1,712	1,215 87
Other breadstuffs	3,100	667 81
Bicycles, Tricycles, Velocipedes and parts of	135	40 10
Cars—railway and tram	102	7 62
Coal, bituminous	271	27 45
Copper and manufactures of	1,441	419 81
Cottons, bleached or unbleached, not dyed, colored, etc	2,336	742 51
" bleached, dyed, etc.	767	279 32
" clothing	11	2 49
" thread not on spools, yarn, warp, etc.	72	18 00
" thread on spools	1,614	443 45
" all other manufactures	3,115	1,289 98
Drugs and medicines	912	313 15
Earthen, stone & Chinaware	268	80 40
Fancy goods & embroideries: Bracelets, braids, fringes, etc	631	183 30
Laces, collars, nettings, etc	886	246 95
All other fancy goods	1,060	244 07
Fish and products of	80	342 00
Fruits and nuts dried	1,267	342 00
Green, oranges and lemons	1,271	208 30
All other	295	82 18
Furs, manufactures of	409	129 30
Glass, manufactures of—	158	31 60
" Bottles, jars, etc	23	4 60
" Window glass	1,197	386 20
" Plate glass	1,196	332 40
" All other manufactures	472	141 60
Gunpowder & explosive substances	434	128 55
Gutta serena, manufs of	326	140 85
Hats, caps, and bonnets, beaver, silk or felt	2,155	1,044 43
" All other	2,574	813 13
Iron and steel and manufs of	595	184 60
" Band, hoop, sheet, plate	552	153 12
" Bar iron & railway bars	455	136 90
" Cutlery, hardware, etc	407	74 52
" Machines, machinery, etc	11,894	651 25
" Pig iron, kensledge, etc	1,317	346 74
" Stoves and castings	152	36 30
" Tubing	86	22 16
" All other manufactures	351	63 30
Jewelry & watches & manufs of gold and silver	167	41 75
Lead and manufactures of	8	2 00
Leather, all kinds	506	175 30
" Boots and shoes	254	81 36
" All other manufs	1,112	319 80
Marble & stone & manufs of	1,667	1,490 82
Metals and manufactures of	1,291	303 33
Musical instruments	553	41 55
Oil, mineral and products of	3,388	1,082 72
" Flaxseed or linseed	867	389 15
" All other	2,962	814 05
Paints and colors	5,396	959 36
Paper, envelopes, etc	505	56 20
Pickles, sauces, capers	3,085	925 10
Provisions, lard, meats, fresh and salt	978	358 89
" Butter, cheese	79	16 25
Seeds and roots	4,278	8,078 18
Silk, manufactures of	1,761	204 50
Soap, all kinds	2,032	1,850 65
Spices, ground & unground	35	10 50
Spirits, all kinds	2,784	3,139 23
Wines, sparkling	1,842	582 47
" other than sparkling	998	256 50
Molasses	374	110 85
Tobacco and cigars	633	270 40
Vegetables	2,221	615 83
Wood, manufactures of	1,346	479 80
Wollens: Carpets, Brussels and tapestry	1,482	370 50
" Clothing		
" Cloths, worsted, etc		
" Dress goods		
" Knitted goods		
" Shawls		

ARTICLES.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Yarns	207	71 60
All other manufs	5	1 80
All other dutiable goods	26,825	6,261 49
Total dutiable goods	\$142,839	\$48,812 70
Free goods	33,444	
Coin and bullion	250	
Grand total	\$176,533	\$48,812 70

The following are the free goods entered at the port of Victoria for the month of February, 1894:

FREE GOODS.	VALUE.
Animals for improvement of stock	\$ 36 00
Articles for use of Army and Navy	2,100 00
Coffee	2,811 00
Cotton waste	189 00
Dyes, chemicals, etc	712 00
Fish and products of	
Fisheries, articles for, nets, seines, etc	3,316 00
Fruits, bananas, olives, pineapples, etc	121 00
Fur, skins not dressed	600 00
Grease for soap making, etc	
Hides and skins	
Metals—Brass and copper	1 00
" Iron and steel, all other	
" Tin and zinc	12,101 00
" Other	673 00
Oils, vegetable	369 00
Salt	2,319 00
Settlers' effects	3,152 00
Sugar	10 00
Tea	908 00
Tobacco leaf	1,004 00
Wood, cabinetmakers, etc	
All other free goods	992 00
Total	\$ 33,444 00
Coin and bullion	250 00
Total free goods	\$ 33,694 00

EXPORTS

From the port of Victoria, for the month of February, 1894—the produce of Canada:

THE MINE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Coal	384 tons	1,930
Gold dust, nuggets, etc		9,932
THE FISHERIES.		
Fish of all descriptions		563
THE FOREST.		
Timber—square	87 tons	468
Other articles		680
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCE.		
Other articles		3,086
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.		
Other articles		34
MANUFACTURES.		
Iron—pig and scrap, castings, hardware, etc		1
Liquors—spirits and malt of all kinds	56 gals	60
Other articles		1,431
Grand total		\$ 23,137

Goods, not the product of Canada, for the month of February, 1894:

QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Animals and their produce—	
Horned cattle	1
Other articles	450
Agricultural products—	
Other articles	7
Manufactures—	
Iron—pig and scrap, castings, hardware, etc	485
Sewing machines	2
Wood m's of all kinds	246
Other articles	1,416
Miscellaneous articles	64
Total	\$ 2,753
Coin—gold	1,935
"—silver	362
Grand total	\$ 5,050
Total exports of all kinds	\$ 28,187

Mayor has official expenses to meet in the way of providing for the entertainment of guests and the thousand and one calls that are not made upon the aldermen, he certainly should not have been cut down in a

greater proportion than the aldermen, unless it is intended that the chief magistrate of the city should be picayunish and skimpish in his hospitalities and benefactions.