

electric light. It is a credit to the city, and we are glad to learn that a rent-roll of \$17,000 has already been secured.

COAL.

The market since our last has been firm for the domestic sizes with stove coal leading in the demand; the other sizes are in fair request, but they are still to be had so readily that it is impossible to note any special activity in them. Stocks are light with the retail trade, and it is naturally to be expected that they will be in market continually, and take any advantage there may offer in the prices, from time to time.

Bituminous coals are reported as doing fairly well, under the condition of a surplus product, which no district is alone responsible for. Prices are no better than they have been for some time, and the transient trade does not offer any opportunity for the operators to make up what they may have lost on the contracts. The feature of interest this week is the announcement, long expected, of a reduction in wages in the Cumberland region to forty cents per ton. This puts them on a nearer equality with the Clearfield district, and as both districts are competitors in certain markets, their cost must be equalized. It is five years since mining was so low, and then it only lasted a short time while prices were depressed, though hardly so low as they have been this season. The condition of affairs now existing in this branch of trade is readily apparent, when the fact is made known that during 1879 the two districts of Cumberland and Clearfield did a total tonnage of but 3,400,000 tons. This year they will do something like six millions of tons.

Our Pittsburg advices are to the effect that the strike of the miners along the Monongahela, which has existed since June 16th, has come to an end, and the men are at work at 2½ cents in the three lower pools, and 2 cents in the fourth, per bushel.

The shipping season at Buffalo is at an end, and the clearances noted since our last foot up but 26,306 tons, making a total for the season of 1,335,383 tons. Water freights have ranged lower this year than before. A good rail trade is fairly expected to continue all winter, particularly if the weather turns round sharp into a coal consuming condition.

Philadelphia report is of a fair trade in the domestic sizes, and an uneven demand on the manufacturing coals. Soft coal is being sold at low figures for all the business which can be had.

By the official figures presented this week of the Anthracite tonnage, it appears that the decrease to the first of November is but 1,406,189 tons. In view of all the changes which have taken place in manufacturing trade circles, and the fact that buyers do not load up so heavily as heretofore, this is not a bad showing.—*Coal Trade Journal.*

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CHEESE IN THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

The growth of cheese-making in the county of Huntingdon, Q., has been remarkable. Thirteen years ago there was not a single factory-made cheese in the district; this season it will ship at least 50 000 boxes or 3,000,000 lbs. In 1872 the first cheese factory was built by John Stewart at Dewittville, and, like all the others that followed it for several years, it was a source of trouble and loss to its proprietor. It was not until 1879 that the industry became successful, and since then it has gone on increasing, if anything, too rapidly, for factories have been built in neighborhoods where the support is inadequate. In 1882 there were 25 factories in the county of Huntingdon; to-day there are 32. They are, with the exception of Arthur Roberts' 2 factories, in the hands of our two local firms, McFarlane & Macpherson and Wilson & McGinnis, who had extended their business outside Huntingdon, the former having two factories in Chateaugay and one in Beauharnois, and the latter two in Chateaugay. The farmers of the sister counties have been cautious in making the change, so that in Chateaugay there are only five, and in Beauharnois the same number.

The county of Huntingdon makes more than any other half dozen counties in the province, and all this has been accomplished, too, without government patronage or coddling of any kind. We estimate that from this source of income alone, the farmers of the county of Huntingdon will have divided among them \$250,000, and that, on an average, they will realize \$30 per cow. Adding their dividends from the six creameries and what butter is still made at home, we think it safe to estimate 400 thousand dollars will come into the county this season from the dairy—a great deal more than its farmers will realize from grain and every other source of revenue. From Chateaugay we estimate the season's shipments of cheese will go over 10,000 boxes, yielding to the patrons about \$60,000. Beauharnois may not go over one-half these figures.—*Huntingdon Gleaner.*

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