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SOME MATTERS OF EXCISE.

The inland revenue returns of Canada for recent years show no great change in the consumption of li-

while the average of the past five years was 3,656,193 gallons, and the quantity in the last previous year 3,616,657 gallons. Canada exported last year 311,314 gallons which was the largest quantity in many years except in 1908.

The transactions in home manufactured tobacco show that Canadians smoked their pipes last year with unusual vigor. They took for consumption 18,268,133 pounds, whereas in the previous year they were content with 17,112,591 pounds, and the average for the five years was only 15,644,841. But the number of cigars taken for use was 192,105,371, which was 8,000,000 less taken for use was 192,105,371, which was 8,000,000 less to tobacco per month per family is the average.

These figures refer to home manufactured goods only. The Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue makes only. The Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue makes only the average consumption of spirits last year at 8,06 the sacrage consumption o

The Maritime Provinces have only a modest share in the production of exciseable articles. Of the \$15.000,000 which accrued last year this province paid \$250,000. Nova Scotia \$150,000, and Prince Edward Island \$20,000. The people of Eastern Canada paid most of their excise duties through the Ontario and Quebec offices. The Montreal district alone turned in over 6,000. Toronto district is next to Montreal but a long way behind, having only \$1,400,000. Winnipeg is third, within a fraction of a million, Hamilton is almost the same. More excise is paid in the Calgary district than in any east of Quebec.

St. John pays \$155,000 excise as spirits, \$23,400 on malt, \$33,024 on tobacco, and \$10,554 on cigars. Out of Montreal's six millions, \$3,897,500 is paid on to malt, \$33,024 on tobacco, and \$10,554 on cigars. Out of Montreal's six millions, \$3,897,500 is paid on to malt, \$20,000. This is two-thirds of the tobacco duty paid in all Canada. The whole of Ontario pays only a million. Winnipeg has rather important tobacco works.

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A considerable quantity of grain goes to the manufacture of Canadian spirits, including 7.500,000 pounds of malt, 60,000,000 of corn, 12,000,000 of rye and 2,300,000 of wheat. In 1908 there was 13,000,000 more corn, 2,700,000 more 196 and 900,000 more wheat.

POTATOES.

the flour from it is delivered in England at a freight charge not larger than the New Brunswick farmer's cost in time and service of getting the grist to the local mill. The English price of bread is usually no higher than the Canadian price. You can buy a loaf in London cheaper than in Winnipeg. The Eastern provinces will always grow a little wheat, but it will never again be a staple crop, or at least not until the prairie requires to be fertilized, or the consuming population is too large for the West to supply.

But if the West can for the present beat this province in producing certain cereals, and if Ontario also can sell bread cheaper than we can grow letter than either Ontario or the West. Mr. Flemming in his address at the Sussex exhibition on Monday said that this year New Brunswick could ship potatoes as far west as Calgary. Last year this province shipped large quantities to Ontario and Quebec, and though the Ontario crop is probably better this year, there will still be considerable purchases from this part of Canada. If New Brunswick can grow the best postscent in the world it is in wick can grow the best postscent in the world. bably better this year, there will still be considerable purchases from this part of Canada. If New Brunswick can grow the best potatoes in the world, it is important that this fact should be recognized, and that New Brunswick potatoes should be sold in the provinces which can grow wheat more profitably than this province. That will be farming on the lines of least re-

These are the days of specializing and if it is found that the New Brunswick farm product which can be brought most into demand is the one which can also be most easily and profitably grown in the province, the conclusion is obvious. New Brunswick farmers will not specialize in wheat. But if they can get a sufficient market they will greatly increase their cultivation of postatoes.

MONTREAL AND OTHER PLACES.

The Montreal civic revelations continue. Yesterday contractor gave details of interesting transactions ith two aldermen, one of whom told the contractor of the contractor of the contractor. of spirits manufactured seems to have been a good deal less than the year before. In fact there was twenty-five per cent. decrease. But this is a purely industrial change, as all spirits remain long in warehouse. The quantity taken for use was 3.627.266 gallons, the money hosques he was the could not accept the money hosques he was a statement of the contractor seems that he did offer money to Alderman Mederic Martin. The alderman said that he could not accept the money hosques he was a statement of the contractor seems that he did offer money to Alderman Mederic Martin. The quantity taken for use was 3,627,266 gallons, while the average of the past five years was 3,656,193 gallons, and the quantity in the last previous year would appear that the chairman was not absolutely set

FUTURE ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

The average consumption of spirits last year at 806 gailon per head, or approximately four gallons per family. The average for forty years has been a little larger, but less than five gailons. Last year the average was the lowest since 1902, while the year before last this was unusually large. Brisk business helps to make brisk drinking.

The beer habit grows. Five and one-third gallons per head was the consumption last year, five and four-fifths the year before. But ten years ago it was less than four gallons, twenty years ago troe and a quarter.

Canadians are not wine bibbers. They drank one salion of wine last year for each twelve persons, and there has been little change in twenty years. But in the sevesties each four persons used to consume a gallon a year.

Of various tobacco products we bought last year which shows larger activity in smoking. The average for forty years is two and a quarter pounds per head, and 1907 is the only year which shows larger activity in smoking. The average for forty years is two and a quarter pounds per head.

THE QUEBEC BRIDGE.

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THE LATE GOVERNMENT AND FREE SPEECH.

"The Newcastle Leader, apparently on the authorit "The Newcastle Leader, apparently on the authority of Mr. George McWilliam, printer, says that gentleman had no connection with Free Speech or any other "paper published by McDougall. The Transcript also denies that it published any paper of McDougall's, except as a political aheet ordered by the former local "Government party and paid for by it. Possibly those who had to do with that campaign will not thank the "Transcript for this information, though it was suspected at the time that the then Provincial Government party was paying for the sheet. Possibly also Liberal money was paid for its publication in Dominion election campaigns."—Moncton Times.

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The Canadian West is under present conditions specially adapted to wheat growing. Saskatchewan farmers can get rich growing wheat on the prairie with a yield per acre that would bankrupt a New Brunswicker, growing the grain on his richest soil. True, the Western is a the time that the then Provincial Government party "was paying for the sheet. Possibly also Liberal money in production in Dominion election cam "paigns."—Moncton Times.

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Returning to College.

Rev. Father Boylan of New York passed through the city yesterday returning to Memramcook. He was accompanied by Mr. H. T. Baster, Mr. C. J. Deveney of Lawrence, Mass; Mr. W. R. Dargen of Brooklyn, N. Y., all of the teaching staff of St. Los.

DEATHS

Canadian Ports.

Montreal, Sept 6—Arrived str Pre-torian, Glasgow.

British Ports.

Brow Head, Sept 7—Passed str Campania, New York for Queens-town and Liverpool.

Shields, Sept 7—Sailed str Iona, Montreal. Sept 7-Arrived str Lan-Boston.

London, Sept 7—Arrived str Lancastrian, Boston.
Queenstown, Sept 7—Arrived str Campania, New York for Liverporl, (and proceeded.)
Liverpool, Sept 7.—Arrived str Iberian, Boston for Mancheater.
Belfast, Sept. 7.—Arrived atr Heatia, Bathurst, N. B.
Plymouth, Sept 7—Arrived str Oceanic, New York for Cherbourg and Southampton (and proceeded).
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Brow Head, Sept 7—Passed str Sellasia, Pictou, N S, for Mauchester, London, Sept 7.—Sailed str Cambrian, Boston.

Foreign Ports.

Vineyard Haven, Mass, Sept 7—Ard and sailed schs Unity, (Rr) New Mills, N B, for New York; Edwird Stewart, St John, N B, for do; Arthur M Gibson, (Br) do for Jo; jonard, (Br) St John, N 3, for Philadelphia, Arrived schs Earl Grey (Br) Advocate, N S, for New York.

Passed sch Dean E lirawn, Windson, N S, for New Hayen, Providence, R I, Sept 7.—Arrived sch Minnie Slauson, St John, N E, Newport News, Va, Sept 7.—Arr



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Philadelphia, Pa, Sept 1—Arrived strs Kronprinz Olva, Sydney, N S; sch Advent, Bridgewater, N S.
Delaware Breakwater, Dcl, Sept 7—Salled sch Edwin A, (from Philadelphia) Halifax, N S.
City Island, N Y, Sept 7—Bends south, str Georgia, Portland; schs Ft Odiorne, Bangor; Mary Augusta,

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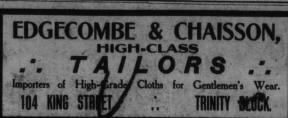
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FUNERALS.

Miss Mary E. Boyle.

The funeral of Miss Mary E. Boyle ook place yesterday afternoon from the Red Head Road. The body was aken to St. Joachim's Church, Silveralls, where Rev. A. J. O'Neill regime burial service. Interment was made in the New Catholic Cemeter, Miss Boyle was in her twenty-eight year and is survived by a mother three brothers, and one sister.

Mr. Ernest R. Mabes.
The funeral of Mr. Ernest R:
Mabes took place yesterday affrom his late residence, Elm st
2.30 o'clock. Rev. J. C. B. Afficiated. Interment was in Cec

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