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Mercantile Summary.

A TIMELY decision is that reported as rendered by the Board of Customs at Ottawa recently:-Fish hooks with flies, 30 per cent.

THE Halifax and Dartmouth Ferry Company has declared and paid a dividend of 31 per cent., and the Chebucto Marine Company of Halifax declares a half-yearly dividend of four.

Further Customs decisions are: illustrated Sunday school cards and tickets, 6 cents per pound and 20 per cent. New York "Fashion Bazaar," 6 cents per pound and 20 per cent. Parchment paper, 35 per cent. Wax flowers, 20 per cent.

THE exports of St. John, N.B., for the fiscal year ending 30th June, were \$3,923,241 in value, of which no less than \$3,000,000 worth was lumber. The imports amounted to \$3,908,6881, of which \$2,529,964 were dutiable, and \$1,378,724 were free.

Dun, Wiman & Co.'s semi-annual statement of failures for the half-year shows that the record for Nova Scotia from 1st January to 30th June were 57, with gross liabilities of \$404,403. New Brunswick gives 36 failures, with liabilities of \$583,341.

A TABLE is published by the London Economist showing that the securities of European Governments have advanced steadily during the last six years. Thus, Hungarian bonds have advanced from 77 to 811, French 3 per cents from $80\frac{1}{4}$ to $82\frac{1}{2}$, Italian bonds from $92\frac{1}{4}$ to $96\frac{1}{4}$, and Russian from 882 to 961.

According to the Canadian Bookseller's monthly record of Canadian publications, there were published in Canada during June 37 books, pamphlets, maps, &c. Among these are four volumes, mostly historical, by Wm. Briggs, Toronto; three by the Copp, Clark Company; three (novels) by the National Publishing Co.; two by Dawson Bros., Montreal; one by Beauchemin & Fils, Montreal; eight by William Bryce, &c.

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