

Business Situation

In Canada and Across the Border.

General Trade Less Depressed in the Dominion.

Business Marks the American Merchandise Markets—The Financial Future Uncertain.

New York, July 18.—Bradstreet's says: General trade throughout the Canadian Dominion more particularly in Ontario and Quebec, while not active, is less depressed than promised a week or more ago, the distribution of merchandise in some staple lines being fairly satisfactory for fall delivery. This is true with respect to jobbers at Toronto, Montreal and Quebec. Halifax reports the prospect for the coffee trade with the bay crop increased, and the policy of both city and country merchants one of extreme caution.

New Brunswick lumber operators report a good trade. Bank clearings at Winnipeg, Montreal, Hamilton, Toronto and Halifax aggregate \$19,579,000, a week's decrease of about 15 per cent, compared with last week, but only a trifling falling off contrasted with clearings totals in the corresponding week of last year, and 1894, as well.

OVER THE BORDER.

Nearly all general merchandise markets in the United States continue dull, and the volume of business is smaller than anticipated. Little or no disposition is shown to engage in enterprises, both city and country merchants continuing to purchase with more than usual conservatism. In view of the unsettled financial outlook and the low range of prices, bank clearings amount to \$956,000,000 for the week—three per cent less than last week. This is a decrease from the corresponding total in July, 1895, of 7 per cent, but an increase of 15 per cent as compared with the like total in 1894. The more important decrease in price for staples this week are for iron, steel, petroleum, cotton, lard and coffee.

The total number of business failures in the United States this week shows an unexpected increase, being 235, compared with 219 last week.

The iron and steel industry is less satisfactory than a week ago, with increased competition, further sacrifices in price and a decreased prospect for improvement in the near future. The trade generally is duller, and there are fewer sales. Production of pig iron during June was restricted about 25,000 tons. The like unfavorable situation continues in the wool and Canada industries generally, which continue marked by the same lack of demand which has been conspicuous for the past two or three weeks. Wool sales continue extremely slow, with prices west and at London above a parity with Atlantic coast markets. Unsatisfactory reports continue with reference to the Philadelphia advices being that in some instances dealers have taken houses in payment.

Shipments of wheat, flour included as wheat, both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week amount to 2,963,000 bushels, against 2,467,000 bushels last week, 1,500,000 bushels in the corresponding week last year, 1,372,000 bushels in the second week of July, 1894, and as compared with 5,077,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1893.

R. G. DUN & CO.'S REVIEW.

Disapproval of the action at the Chicago convention has had some influence in the markets the past week, but a far more important factor has been the feeling that the financial future is still uncertain. This acute attack of doubt coming at a time when business is for other reasons seriously depressed has made the week unusually gloomy in speculative circles. The wheat market has been supported, in spite of a very favorable report by the government, and prices are a shade higher than a week ago, without any discoverable reason connected with American supply or demand. Western receipts of wheat have been 5,284,633 bushels, against 1,485,340 for the same week of July last year, and Atlantic exports, flour included, have been 1,485,981 bushels, against only 501,019 for the same week last year. Cotton has fallen about 1-2 cent in options, and 1-4 cent in spot prices, because the Americans, who were sure they would get a cotton famine in July and have been holding large quantities of cotton in expectation of higher prices, have changed their minds. The closing of about three-quarters of southern mills in producing capacity, and about one-fifth of northern mills for part of the time until the new crop comes forward will help to produce a disastrous decline in prices of goods. But if accounts of condition are not misleading and the general rains in Texas have helped the crop as much as many believe, the yield is likely to be more than 2,000 bales. The decrease in consumption here is not as yet effective in helping the prices of cotton goods, which are still selling at about the lowest quotations ever made. The woolen manufacture is waiting, and as new orders are exceedingly low, the sales of wool at the three chief markets were for the week only 2,155,100 pounds, transactions at Boston being reported the lowest ever known at that market. For three weeks of July sales have been only 8,556,981 pounds, of which 5,340,981 pounds were domestic, against 34,450,114 pounds for the same week last year, of which 494,100 were domestic. There is no change in prices, the average of 104 quotations at Philadelphia being precisely the same as June 1, and western holders are still hoping for better times, and asking higher prices than eastern markets can pay. The demand for finished products of iron and steel is extremely slow, but in bars the combination has found itself unable to maintain prices, and there are renewed reports that the great decrease in sales of nails will force a reduction of prices on Aug. 1. Bessemer pig iron has not changed in nominal quotations at Pittsburgh, although one sale of 10,000 tons to an Indianapolis concern is reported at prices netting only \$11 to the valley furnace.

Failures for the week have been 236 in the United States, against 256 last year; and 35 in Canada, against 39 last year.

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ASTRIDE "OLD MIKE."

How Bryan Carried Water in Patrick's Hay Field.

Cincinnati, July 17.—"Yes, I paid Billy Bryan (the Democratic candidate for the Presidency) the first money he ever earned," said a gray-haired man as he looked up from a pile of freight bills he was auditing. The speaker was John W. Patrick, a freight clerk in the office at Front and Wood streets. Patrick was working away at his accounts when a reporter found him, but he took time enough to tell an interesting story.

"I used to live in Salem, Ill.," he said, "and I was well acquainted with the Bryans. Billy Bryan's father was a country judge. He had a pretty good-sized farm near town, and as he did not have time to attend to it, he put it down to grass."

"I was in the hay business then, and handled the crop two seasons. It was in 1872, Judge Bryan brought Billy Bryan out, and asked me to put him to work in the wheat harvest field. I made him the water boy, and he rode 'Old Mike,' a broken-down family horse, all over the field with two water jugs."

"When the oats were ready to harvest, Billy hired another boy, and put up all the shingles he saved his wages until \$100 was due. Even then the boy discussed politics at noon."

Lost at Roulette.

A Large Cloak Manufacturer Drops \$10,700 in One Night

While His Wife Waited for Him on the Outside.

New York, July 18.—A New York cloak manufacturer lost \$10,700 the other night at the New York Club House, Long Branch. This is believed to be the greatest loss sustained by any person in any of the gaming establishments of Long Branch so far this season in one sitting. Gambling, in fact, has been on the decline. Phil's Daily Penn club house, and the magnificent restaurant attached to it, have been crowded on Saturday night, but have only had a sprinkling of patrons on other evenings, and the number of heavy players has been unusually small. John Daly's Long Branch club and Slater's Ocean club house also suffered.

Many of the plungers go to Fitzgerald's New York Club, but even there the gains and losses of a night by any player have kept within four figures, until this gentleman made an effort to get ahead of the roulette wheel. He had not the reputation of being a particularly heavy plunger in the past; in fact, he had to get friends in the house to guarantee his bets after he had lost all the money he had in his pocket and the manager was unwilling to trust him further in his efforts to recover. He got the endorsement of Mr. Arnheim, and he continued the game nearly all night, playing bets ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. His wife called at the club house in a carriage and sent a man inside to ask her husband to join her, but he was then so heavily indebted to the bank that he was determined to remain till luck came his way.

His wife remained outside some time, waiting for her husband, and finally left. He got deeper and deeper into debt, until his losses aggregated \$10,700. He is at the head of one of the largest cloak houses in New York.

Western Ontario.

Young Girl at Downie Killed by a Horse.

Cheap Boarding at the Elgin County Jail.

Leamington Doing a Big Business in Fruit—Tilsenburgh's Tax Rate.

Wm. Misner, of Tilsenburgh, fell with a scald on Thursday morning and had his right leg broken.

During a severe storm Wednesday night three steers owned by Mr. D. Ferguson, St. Thomas, were killed by lightning.

Johnston Bros.' bakery in Morpeth was totally destroyed, together with the contents, by fire on Thursday afternoon. Loss, \$400; no insurance.

The old cemetery bell system has been established at Alvinston, and now rings at 8:30 p.m. All under 15 years take their departure from the streets.

Fred Dempsey, the Buffalo bracke-ant, arrested at St. Thomas Wednesday for house-breaking, returned with the American officers voluntarily.

The total assessment of Tilsenburgh according to the new law is \$73,335. The amount required for all purposes for the year is \$12,153 58; tax rate, 18 1-2 mills.

Petrolia firemen tendered a banquet to James W. McCutcheon on his retirement from the office of chief of the brigade, and gave him a gold-headed cane.

The cost of maintaining the prisoners at the Elgin county jail for the quarter ending June 30 was \$73.90, and the average cost of each prisoner's daily rations was 5 5-6 cents.

The Tilsenburgh and Port Burwell Railway commenced running two trains daily the first of this month, leaving Port Burwell in the morning at 6:30, returning in the evening at 8.

A 12-year-old daughter, James Hawkins, Downie, was kicked to death Thursday by a horse she was riding. She fell off, became entangled in the harness, and was dragged half a mile.

The Vienna cheese factory is doing a much larger business this season than last. A large consignment was recently shipped there direct to New York for that market. It was classed as No. 1 Canadian.

The law suit which was begun between Dr. Teasdale, of London, and Jas. Crone, west of Arkona, over the pasture and keeping of some three or four horses for some months years back, has been settled out of court.

A previous appointee having failed to qualify for the position, Mr. A. E. Jewett, B.A., science and classical master of the Campbell High School, has received the appointment of science master in the Collegiate Institute at Chatham, and will commence duty on Sept. 1.

Fruit is moving from Leamington at a lively rate. A fruit car is attached to the Leamington train, and a carload of fruit is brought out every evening.

The L. E. and D. R. R. has also special cars attached to their trains. The industry is growing to large proportions.

Chief of Police Young, of Chatham, on Wednesday received from Chief of Police of Toronto a list of 26 bicycles stolen from the Queen City.

J. S. Green, chief of the Paris police, also writes asking for the arrest of a man who stole a big wheel from that town—a Brantford, 1896, wheel.

The death of Mrs. Speira, at the ripe old age of 84 years, removes from the township of Aldborough one of the oldest settlers. The deceased lady was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1812, and came to Canada in 1841, and had been a constant member of the Evangelical Church for more than 40 years.

A very pretty wedding took place at "Sunny Slope" Union, on Wednesday morning, being the marriage of Miss A. Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mrs. Susan Letich and the late Dr. D. C. Letich, to J. Charles Payne, B.A., of Cayuga. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. T. Scott, B.A., of St. Thomas.

THE COOK IN COURT.

She Would Not Cook for the Fowls—Discharged, She Sues.

London Daily News.

Yesterday, at the Croydon County Court, Mr. Registrar Fox had before him the case of Webster v. Sullivan, an action brought by a cook against her master, who was the plaintiff.

Mr. Eldridge appeared for the plaintiff, and in claiming £3, said his client had previously occupied good positions in high circles as cook, and some two years ago she entered the service of the defendant. On May 28 she was ordered by Mr. Sullivan to cook some fowls, but as they were for the fowls she decided to leave the house to pack up her clothes and leave. Defendant refused to pay her one month's salary in lieu of notice.

The Registrar—What is your point, Mr. Eldridge?—submitted that it was an unlawful order. Some few weeks previously a similar application had been made to plaintiff, when she re-

gistered to the furnace, establishing a complete circulation. Elaborate ventilation schemes have been devised, having equally faulty foundation principles. Little wonder that progress has been slow.

In addition to these mistaken notions there are some things that should be kept in mind, but are not. The most important one of these is that houses act as aspirators, drawing the air up through the soil and discharging it through the chimneys or other openings. This round air differs essentially in composition from the free air above the surface.

The proportion of impurity of air drawn from the soil is very large, and consists, not merely of carbonic acid, but often of more actively poisonous gases arising from the decay of organic matter present in the soil. The musty odor present in badly ventilated rooms is chiefly produced by the last-mentioned cause. Another fact which we would do well to remember is that ordinarily a large amount of heat is given off by each person, and this heat, if not sufficient to heat one ton of air 20 degrees in the course of a day, or enough to heat all the fresh air needed by an individual, nearly 40 degrees, where there is no other ventilating agency than the person himself. With proper ventilation, however, the heat is used to introduce fresh air. If by open doors or windows, wire screens are necessary, and suitable arrangements to prevent too much cold air entering. These are not impossible to devise. Then, also, the air from the basement ought to be completely excluded from the living rooms. If necessary, the door leading to the basement may be outside the dwelling. The basement furnace system of heating is quite objectionable, and should soon be abandoned.

The advantages to be derived from thorough house ventilation are enormous. There would be vastly more comfort, longer life, and a reduction in the number of "ills that flesh is heir to." Individual human life can be conjectured only by the physical well-being of the race would certainly lead to great mental and moral progress in the future. Mental adequacy would then be the exception as it is now the rule. The dead line of 50 ought to be considered a liberal one for the race. Dr. Richardson, of London, has lately been amusing the scientific world by telling them how to live to be 100 years old. The pickers were all breaking camp this morning as the train passed.

Laingsburg, Mich., July 18.—The recent storm thrashed nearly the entire peach crop from the trees. Apples were not injured.

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used, but it was then explained that this would be the only occasion, and she then consented. On May 27 a quantity of potatoes were sent up to her to cook for the fowls. Mrs. Webster, once informed defendant's wife that she was not engaged to cook food for fowls and pigs, but for Christians. Defendant replied: "If you don't do it you must pack up your things and go to the scullery-maid, and in order to keep her he obtained one, so that it was not absolutely necessary for her to have cooked the potatoes herself unless she wished."

Plaintiff, having given evidence, was cross-examined. She said she had cooked rice for the fowls before, but she would swear that she had never made a mash for a cow or a sow. She had not cooked potatoes for the ducks. Mrs. Sullivan gave her no undertaking when engaged that she should not cook for a cow or a sow, but she drew the line at ducks, chickens, cows and the pigs.

Miss Emily Diddle was called to give evidence as to the customary duty of a cook. She said she had been called to the Duke of Bedford, and had prepared potatoes and rice for pigs and poultry, and did not think it beneath her position to do so.

Mr. Eldridge—It is not a proper order to give a cook.

The Registrar held that the order was a reasonable one. There would be judgment for the defendant, with costs.

CHOKED TO DEATH WITH A BUTTON.

Muskegon, Mich., July 18.—A two-year-old son of Charles Caswell fell a few steps from a porch last evening and a collar button, which he had in his mouth, lodged in his windpipe. Before a physician could be summoned the little fellow died of strangulation.

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