

There should be a good market in the West Indies for our now famous dairy product.

According to the British Board of Trade returns, the imports of cheese into the United Kingdom for the first ten months of the year, estimated in cwt., are as follows :

	1893.	1892.	1891.
Holland	225,399	225,882	254,405
France	49,359	36,461	34,100
Canada	801,113	843,354	674,652
United States	604,043	711,603	666,736
Other countries	53,947	50,109	51,569

This is the way the Ogdensburg *Advance* acknowledges the superiority of Canadian cheese : "A car load of St. Lawrence county, N.Y., cheese has been shipped from this port to Montreal, destined for Liverpool, England, where it will no doubt be relished by the English nabobs as 'Canadian cheese.'"

The Ingersoll *Sun* says that Mr. T. Winders is manager of a new enterprise. He is engaged buying live fowl, killing, plucking and shipping them to the British markets. About fifty men, boys, women and girls are employed in this new industry.

The following have been elected officers of the Montreal Fruit Auction Company : Frank J. Hart, president ; J. J. Vipond, vice-president ; J. R. Clogg, John Barry, Irvin Harris, Owen Hart and James McBride, executive committee. Mr. James McCormick is manager, Mr. C. L. Hart, cashier, and Mr. C. E. Thurston, auctioneer. The first general meeting of the company will be held on the second Wednesday in January.

The following table shows the distribution of one butter and cheese exports for the last two years :

	1893. Butter. Pks.	1893. Cheese. Boxes.	1892. Butter. Pks.	1892. Cheese. Boxes.
London ..	1,786	666,996	2,124	584,707
Liverpool ..	17,663	446,495	23,120	423,288
Bristol ..	38,698	426,362	61,501	467,617
Scotland ..	10,003	131,436	13,284	176,156
	66,150	1,671,289	100,029	1,651,798

Affairs at the Strathroy canning factory, says the London *Free Press*, have assumed another shape this week, and Mr. Thomas Dunn, backed by a number of Strathroy capitalists, has now entire control, Mr. H. M. Douglass retiring.

Butter is still being made, says *Le Progres du Saguenay*, and in some places it will be made up to the first of January, in order to get the bounty granted by the Government. A great number of the patrons of the cheese factories have made arrangements to take their milk to the creameries, especially those around Laterriere.

Latest mail advices from the Philippine Islands are to Oct. 3rd, and report exports of sugar for nine months as follows :

	1891. tons.	1892. tons.	1893. tons.
United States	47,311	56,085	73,900
Canada	36,570	32,575	13,810
Great Britain	34,119	69,123	19,595
Continent	1,822	2,562	3,928
China and Japan	16,554	57,269	67,151

Total

Alex. McDougall, of Addison, shipped from Brockville to Boston last week, per Canadian express, over 7,000 pounds of turkeys.

As a result of the low rates given by the C. P. R., Australian tinned meats and soups are being sold in Chicago.

A consignment of green Rio coffees was received during the week, and the greater part of it sold at 21 to 22c. per lb.

The St. Lawrence Sugar Refining Co., of Montreal, is selling granulated sugar in St. John, N.B.

INSURANCE MATTERS.

Mr. W. P. Clirehugh, of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company, while in America visiting the Chicago Fair, took the opportunity of visiting the agents of his company in Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia.

A meeting of the plate-glass underwriters was held recently at the offices of the Lloyds Plate Glass Insurance Company in New York. It was agreed to issue a standard form of policy from January 1, and compacts were adopted for Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee and Louisiana. The rates therein prescribed will be enforced on and after December 15. The rate tariffs are about the same as those which obtained before the inauguration of demoralization a year or so ago. The *Inter-Ocean* says all the companies are committed to the arrangement, including the Metropolitan, which agrees to observe the rates and rules.

The successor of the late John H. McLaren as manager of the Royal Insurance Company is Mr. Charles Alcock, who has been in the service of the Royal about ten years, commencing as assistant secretary. He came from the London Assurance, in which company he was head of the foreign department. When Mr. Digby Johnson left the Royal to become general manager of the Lancashire, Mr. Alcock was made sub-manager of the Royal.

What a contemporary rightly calls a generous act is described in a letter to Mr. Thompson, manager at Winnipeg for the Ogilvie Milling Company, from the Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company of Canada. An accident occurred in the premises of the former company last month, by which a married man, a fireman employed in the boiler room of the mill, and also another man, was injured. The directors of the insurance company, desiring to mark their appreciation of a faithful employee's services under difficult circumstances, sent the Ogilvie company a cheque for \$100, to be spent for the benefit of the injured man and his wife—the other employee to be included if thought desirable by the Messrs. Ogilvie. The chief engineer of the insurance company, Mr. George C. Robb, thus writes when enclosing the cheque : "I was pleased to learn from yours of the 3rd that your injured fireman was in a fair way to recover. I hope he has continued to improve. At a directors' meeting held on the 12th inst. the accident was reported and your letters read. The directors, while not admitting any legal liability, yet resolved to make a donation to the injured man, as they felt that this company's interests were so much dependent upon the skill and attentive care of the men in charge of insured boilers, and who often in discharge of duty had to expose themselves to risk of personal injury."

It is every where acknowledged that the present year has been a bad one for fires, and the insurance companies have suffered severely. We find it stated in the Montreal *Gazette* that up to midnight last Tuesday 697 alarms had been sent in during the year, which eclipses last year's record by twenty-five. The fire officials say that with December, one of the heaviest months for fires, coming on, the outlook for Montreal is gloomy.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

CATALOGUE 1893-4 LA SOCIÉTÉ DES ARTS DU CANADA.—We acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the illustrated catalogue and a number of circulars relating to The Society of Arts of Canada, limited (La Société des Arts du Canada, responsabilité limitée), incorpor-

ated by Letters Patent, with a capital stock of \$100,000. Its promoters are MM. Louis Fréchette, Gustave Lamothe, A. A. Trottier and H. A. A. Brault, who are respectively president, secretary, censor and director. The catalogue gives the names of some seventy artists, of greater or less renown, who are members of the society. Some of them are residents of Canada, for example, Wm. Raphael and Hawksett, while Edmond Dyonnet came from France to be Professor of Design at the School of Arts ; and Gadbois, Franchère and Henri Beau—the last named a pupil of Gerome—were born in Montreal or near it. According to this pamphlet, a number of good pictures by well known French artists (members) are the property of the society. There are examples of Chartier, Kuwasseg, Petitjean, Baran, Calves, Haro, Royer, Gaston Roulet. A scene on Harrison Lake, Rocky Mountains, is one of the subjects chosen by Roulet, in its exhibition. The illustrations given in the catalogue are photographic reproductions of pictures by Rochegrosse—"Les Enfants," a beautiful work ; D'Abancour, Cortes—"Vaques au Paturage ;" Chartier—"A Cavalry Charge ;" Royer and Francois, the last named a pupil of Corot. A number of the more distinguished names are *hors concours*, among them Scherrer, Marius Roy, Aublet, Sanzay, Pezant. The list of subjects extends to 460, and a number of the members have been exhibitors at the Chicago World's Fair. The peculiar business features of the society are dealt with elsewhere.

PAPERS AND TRANSACTIONS—Actuarial Society of America. This pamphlet* contains an abstract from the proceedings and minutes of the autumn meeting of the society named, held in Philadelphia on 19th and 20th October last, the constitution and by-laws and reports of the papers submitted, as well as discussions upon them. Its 140 pages are filled with interesting matter to the underwriter. Especially is this the case in the reports of the discussions, where so many skilled actuaries and insurance men meet, as did on that occasion, to exchange views and experiences.

WEEKLY PATENT RECORD.

The following is a list of United States patents granted to Canadian inventors, to November 14, 1893 :—

James S. Back, assignor of one-half to G. M. Orme, Ottawa, guitar.
Theodore N. Chark, Toronto, assignor to F. P. Case, Canton, Ohio, dental chair.
Joseph Morrison, assignor of one-half to B. S. Van Tuyl, Petrolia, combined horse collar and hame.

Robert B. Robinson and E. P. Conley, Sherbrooke, Que., card waste transmitter.

Robert B. Robinson and E. P. Conley, assignors of one-third to W. E. Paton, Sherbrooke, Que., card waste transmitter.

The total issue, including patents, designs, trade-marks and re-issues, numbers 575.

HIGH TAXES.—The town of Parry Sound enjoys (?) the distinction of having struck the highest rate in the province this year, the taxpayer having to shoulder 38 mills on the \$. The village of Creemore comes next with 35 mills ; and Bracebridge third with 27. Markham makes a good fourth with 26 and ninth place with 24 mills.—*Ingersoll Chronicle*.

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