

CHEESE BOARDS.

At last week's cheese board meetings 32,370 boxes of cheese were offered on 22 boards while the corresponding week a year ago 30,541 boxes were boarded at 16 meetings. These figures show that an increase in the number of cheese boards does not mean an increase in the amount of cheese boarded. Prices this week ranged from 8½ to 8¾c. per lb. as against 7½ to 8 1-16c. per lb. the same week a year ago. We append our usual table:

Boards and Date of meeting.	No. of facto- ries.	Cheese boarded Boxes.	Cheese sold. Boxes.	Price Per lb. Ots.
Brockville, June 22.. ..	5,158	5,000	8½	
Chesterville, June 22.. ..	527	....	8½	
Kingston, June 22.... ..	1,812	....	8½	
Madoc, June 22..... 15	1,085	905	8½-¾	
Brighton, June 23.... ..	680	680	8½	
Kemptville, June 23.. ..	1,065	1,065	8½-11-16	
Iroquois, June 23.... 15	824	33	8½	
Ottawa, June 23..... ..	1,400	1,400	8½-¾	
Perth, June 23..... ..	1,575	975	8 11-16-¾	
Shelbourne, June 23.. 8	994	994	8 5-16-¾	
Winchester, June 23.. ..	806	....	8½	
Belleville, June 24... 24	2,265	1,690	8½	
Cornwall, June 24.... ..	1,393	1,138	8½-11-16	
London, June 24.... 16	2,265	438	8 3-16-5-16	
Lindsay, June 26..... ..	1,722	1,722	8½-7-16	
Campbellford, June 27 ..	1,330	685	8 7-16	
Ingersoll, June 27.... ..	920	....	8½	
Napanee, June 28.... ..	1,490	955	8 7-16	
Pictou, June 28..... 14	1,340	1,015	8 7-16	
Stirling, June 28..... ..	725	690	8½-7-16	
Tweed, June 28..... ..	800	490	8 5-16-7-16	
Woodstock, June 28.. 9	2,194	....	8½	

ABOUT ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES.

Items mainly from The Electrical Review:

The demand for telephone and line material during the past spring in the United States has been so very heavy that it has only been with the greatest difficulty that the large supply houses have been able to keep up with the demand.

The Chicago Telephone Company's directors have ordered the sale of \$663,500 treasury stock, which makes the amount outstanding up to the full authorized limit—\$5,000,000.

The City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, has purchased two 100-light western electric arc machines, and 220 western electric open arc lamps.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent., payable July 15, to stock of record June 20, and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent. on its preferred stock, payable July 1.

A contract has been received by the Westinghouse people from the St. Louis Dressed Beef Company to install a 100-horse-power "engine type" electric generator, to be direct-connected to an engine, and to install a full size switchboard. The St. Louis Company is adding to its electrical plant for the purpose of giving increased light to the cooling rooms.

The Independent Telephone Association of the United States is to hold its annual convention this week in Chicago, June 26, 27, 28, at the Auditorium Hotel. The manufacturers of telephone apparatus of the country are expected to attend, and the meeting will be large and representative of the independent telephone interests of the country. Probably 15 to 20 States will be represented. The electrical manufacturing and supply companies of Chicago, with characteristic enterprise and liberality, have taken hold of the local situation and will extend a hospitable reception to the visitors.

In 1891 only three German cities had electric railways. At the end of 1898, however, 68 cities were so equipped, while in 35 other cities electric railways were being constructed, or were provided for. The entire length of such roads in Germany at the end of 1898 was 888 miles, with 1,205 miles of track, 3,190 motor cars and 2,128 trailers. The length of new line then under construction, or about to be commenced, was 677 miles.

The Canadian Electrical Association convened in Hamilton on Wednesday, 28th, in the newly rebuilt Royal Hotel, Mr. W. H. Brown, of Montreal, president, in the chair. The mayor of the city delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Mr. Yale, of Guelph, former president. The members were taken to the Radial Railway power-house at Burlington Beach, and to the Street Railway power-house, but the evening sail on Lake Ontario was postponed on account of rain. A paper on "Meters," by A. N. Dixon, of Ottawa, was among those read. In the evening Gore Park, the City Hall and the new Royal Hotel were illuminated with electricity. There were about 2,000 colored lights in the Gore. The power was supplied from Decew's Falls, 33 miles away. Among those present were: J. J. Wright, E. A. Payne, C. H. Mortimer, A. B. Smith, E. B. Biggar, P. H. Hart, and A. A. Dixon.

—Not for many years has money been so plentiful at this season of the year as it is now, especially among the farmers of this province. Many of them, who had years ago borrowed money from the mortgage loan companies, are taking every advantage of the favorable conditions in their mortgages for the repayment of principal. With the very low rate of interest generally prevailing, and the difficulty in procuring good new loans, it is remarkable to find these corporations doing so well as they are doing. Still, shareholders need not be surprised to find further reductions in their dividends at the end of the year.

We observe the formation of the Adjustment Agency of British Columbia, headquarters at Vancouver. The parties are Messrs. W. S. Hurst and H. G. Ross, who offer their services for the adjustment of losses by fire. Mr. Hurst has been a building contractor, valuator and appraiser for many years, in the United States and British Columbia. Mr. Ross is a practical book-keeper and accountant, and has represented fire companies during recent years. They publish testimonials of a satisfactory character from several general agents of fire insurance companies.

—We learn with interest that Mr. F. Sanderson has received the appointment of actuary to the Canada Life Assurance Company, in succession to Mr. A. G. Ramsay, who finds the duties of president and actuary of the company rather more than he can continue to perform. Mr. Sanderson has served the Canada Life well, and has shown ability as an actuary, and decided energy in the service of his company. There will be many to wish him joy upon the appointment, and we desire to add our hearty congratulations.

—In the course of reviews of banks in last issue a statement was made about the Standard Bank, which we regret and wish to correct. It was stated, page 1679, that "there is one very noticeable thing about its [the Standard's], statement, that it shows no loans on bonds or stocks and we believe makes none." This was an error, for the statement shows loans on bonds. The point we wished to make was that this bank does not lend on stocks.

CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures of Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday, June 29th, 1899, compared with those of the previous week :

CLEARINGS.	June 29th, 1899.	June 22nd, 1899.
Montreal.....	\$12,839,747	\$15,429,473
Toronto.....	8,573,743	10,035,319
Winnipeg .....	1,792,454	1,805,840
Halifax .....	1,260,196	1,181,740
Hamilton .....	718,268	685,409
St. John .....	528,708	601,405
Victoria .....	621,923	466,213
Vancouver .....	811,994	704,857
	\$27,147,033	\$30,910,256

Aggregate balances, this week, \$3,945,417; last week, \$4,584,301.