ers, Messrs. F. A.Wilson, Grant, M. Halliday, Dr. McDougall, H. R. Emmerson, Trites and McKeen, are negotiating with New York parties to sell the property, failing which they themselves will work it.

#### HALIFAX NOVEMBER EXPORTS.

The exports from Halifax during last month were of the value of \$241,324 and the imports at that port were valued at \$391,965, total, \$633,289. The largest items of dutiable export were raw sugar, fruit, spirits and molasses. Exports were of the character described below:

RECAPITULATION.

Mines	50,605
Forest	7,006
Fisheries	128,779
Animals and their produce	5,837
Agricultural products	19,129
Manufactures	29,239
Miscellaneous articles	1,229

Grand total .....\$241,324

We mention the leading items: Gold, \$44,515; coal, \$2,586; ore, \$2,435; wood goods, \$7,006; codfish, \$74,758; pickled mackerel, \$17,176; canned lobsters, \$11,413; pickled herring, \$11,876; dairy produce, &c., \$5,837; apples, \$4,229; potatoes, \$7,431; hemp, \$4,700. Manufactured goods were exported to the value of \$29,239, of which \$5,463 represented refined sugar, \$6,545 steel and iron goods, \$,3,488 boots and shoes, \$4,513 spirits, \$1,783 molasses, \$2,900 manufactures of wood.

—Ocean steamship business has been very flat during 1885, but there is at least one company that makes an exceptionally favorable showing. The Peninsular & Oriental shows, for the year ending Sept. 30th, an available balance of £220,897. Seven per cent. dividend will probably be paid besides a bonus of 1 per cent. from the profits of the under-

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—When we consider the number of fires in Canada which are suspected to be caused by incendiarism, and the general detestation in which barn-burners and fire-bugs generally are held by the public, we cannot but wonder that arrests are so infrequent and that the punishment of persons guilty of arson is so rare. It is now reported from Belleville that the Chief of Police of that city has discovered a chain of evidence which implicates the occupants of the Stinson cottage, near Canifton, a month ago, as having caused the fire which consumed that building. The parties, Mr. and Mrs. Pell, who occupied the premises, said that when they attempted to escape they found the outer doors barricaded by boards braced from the ground, and that they had to make their exit through a window. Mr. Pell was engaged in manufacturing root beer, and had the apparatus on the premises. All was supposed to be lost with the building. The house was insured for \$600, the contents for \$1,000. Pell and his wife were arrested in Belleville on the 23rd ultimo, and placed in the cells.

—An official receiver in the British bankruptcy court recently said some plain things of those men who do business so carelessly that they have no knowledge of their approaching insolvency, and actually get into the bankruptcy court before they find out whither they are tending. He speaks of such men as "defaulters," and says:—"It will be generally found in such cases that no books are kept:

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the bankrupt pleads that he did not know he was insolvent, and that his failure had been brought about—not by his reckless trading and constant mismanagement, but by 'co-operative competition,' 'the prevalent trade depression,' or some one of those excuses which hide a multitude of faults." Says the London Grocers' Chronicle, "When such cases arise it is to be sincerely hoped that the defaulters will be dealt with in the way they so richly deserve. There is a penalty for failure to keep books—there is also a penalty for buying goods within a fixed period previous to filing the petition. Surely some of these penalties could be brought to bear upon reckless traders." It is certain that the honest trader will welcome the proofs of his integrity which such books afford, while those who like to play ducks and drakes with their business usually prefer to keep their transactions as obscure as possible.

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