

should attempt to force the employers to discharge the new hands who took service at a time when a failure, through the strikes, to carry on business would have entailed a great deal of inconvenience and misery upon innocent parties, was an outrage for which they encountered even-handed justice in finding themselves entirely shut out from their old employment.

The situation there is entirely analogous to that at Galt, where the iron moulders went out on strike several months ago because the foundrymen declined to allow them to run their business for them. All of the Galt foundries are in full operation, having all the moulders they want, all of whom are good and competent men. The strikers are out in the cold, and many of them are being supported in their idleness by the misplaced and mistaken charity of labor unions and laboring men, who think it an act of heroism to fight in a losing struggle against the inevitable.

In this connection the statistics relating to strikes and boycotts in the State of New York are suggestive. The Commissioner of Labor of that State in his report shows that in the years 1886, 1887 and 1888 there were 5,226 strikes, in which 203,177 persons were engaged. The total amount of wages gained thereby is given at \$2,725,068, and the loss of wages at \$5,649,436. The cost of the strikes to the labor organizations was \$981,506, and the loss to employers \$3,211,618. It is to be noted that there has been a decrease of more than one-half in the number of strikes since 1886, and of more than four-fifths in the number of individuals engaged in them. Strikes and boycotts are evidently not the correct nor most effectual methods of adjusting labor troubles. They should be abandoned.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

1890 has come to stay—for a year.

THEY now call it "Continental Free Trade."

BLACKGUARDISM is no part of respectable journalism.

VULGARITY and abuse are the arguments of blackguards.

THIS issue begins the eighteenth volume of THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURER.

To the *Toronto Globe*: Vulgarities, blackguardism and abuse are not arguments.

WHICH shall it be: Canadian autonomy or annexation to the United States? Advocates of Reciprocity please answer.

IF we only had "Continental Free Trade" we might send our products to Patagonia and Terra del Fuego. But C. F. T. has not yet eventuated.

CANADA's prosperity and Canada's National Policy go hand in-hand. God bless Canada; we wish her the compliments of the season. May she live long and prosper.

THE *Globe*, speaking of Canadian manufacturers, calls them "an insolent ring of tax-fed Tories." This, the *Globe* thinks is an unanswerable argument against tariff protection.

THERE are but two ways by which Unrestricted Reciprocity may be had with the United States: by Annexation, pure and simple, and by forcing it from the United States against the will of that country.

THE mephitic vapors that emanate from *Globe* editorials when advocating annexation are more nauseating than any that are diffused in the atmosphere by any polecat that ever offended the olfactory organs of mankind.

THE *Toronto Telegram* says that the public debt in Canada amounts to \$47 per capita, while in the United States it is only \$28. In 1880, according to the census returns of that year, the per capita debt of the United States was \$38.27, and the average per capita debt of the several States of the Union was \$21.07, a total per capita debt of \$59.34.

WILL Canadian manufacturers tamely submit to the opprobrious epithets applied to them by the *Toronto Globe*? The grossest blackguardism and billingsgate that can be couched in the English language are bestowed upon them because they are the advocates and supporters of a National Policy that has raised Canada to the proud position she now occupies among the nations of the world.

THE *Mail*, speaking of "tariff-stricken industries," and calling the duty a tax, says: "It is really impossible to lay a tax that the people cannot feel." This is one of the most astounding discoveries of the nineteenth century. It is equivalent to saying that a young man really feels his heart throb and jump when he gets his first kiss from his best girl; or that a dog knows when his tail is stepped on.

THREE dollars a ton profit on a million tons of iron ore should be an inducement to engage vigorously in the business. It is claimed by the owner of a Canadian iron mine that he has a million tons of ore within a hundred feet of the surface, and that it can be laid down in Cleveland, Ohio, duty paid, for \$3.90 a ton. Similar ore in Cleveland is worth \$7 a ton. Can it be that the great richness and value of this Canadian mine exists only in imagination?

THE cannon that was used in firing the salute when South Carolina seceded from the Union, in 1861, was used a few days ago in the City of Columbia to fire a salute in the Jefferson Davis memorial ceremonies. In this latter event the cannon exploded, badly injuring several men. This indicates the irony of events. In the first place the cannon heralded what was then believed to be the successful disruption of the American Union by Jeff Davis and his associates; in the second place it heralded the death of that great disruptionist, and in doing this it itself became disastrously disrupted.

"THE children of a family can get a cheap and practical schooling by regularly reading a good daily newspaper."—*Toronto Globe*. No doubt, but if the "cheap and practical schooling" is to be got by reading such a daily newspaper as the *Globe*, the education will produce graduates in blackguardism.