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COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

To its many readers, to its patrons and its friends the CANADIAN MANUFACTURER tenders the compliments of the Season. Twelve years ago—in January 1880—the initial number of this journal was issued, since which event it has never failed in making its regular and promised appearance. In the beginning it was created in the interests of Canadian manufacturing enterprises, and it has never failed in advocating and maintaining these interests. It knows that the more a country produces the richer it becomes, therefore it favors that system of government which encourages the enterprises of home producers. It knows that the nation that manufactures for itself prospers, therefore its desire to see this fair and beautiful Canada of ours rich and prosperous leads it to advocate such encouragement to its industrial pursuits as will elevate them, and Canada through them, to a lofty pinnacle of material greatness.

An important feature in the development of our manufacturing industries is the information our manufacturers obtain regarding what other manufacturers are doing, and the sources from which they can, to the best advantage, obtain their tools, machinery, materials and supplies: and we offer our pages as a desirable medium for this purpose. Our circulation is chiefly among manufacturers, and those who have not already availed themselves of our services, and who desire to do business with these manufacturers, would conserve their interests

by placing their business cards in our pages. Wide-awake men do not light a candle and place it under a bushel, but advertise their business in journals like this where it will be seen of other wide-awake men. The better to assist these live men in bringing their business to the attention of the interested public, the services of Mr. John C. Gardner have been secured, as the business representative of the CANADIAN MANUFACTURER. Mr. Gardner is a gentleman of large experience in this department of the publishing business, and we feel assured our friends will extend to him a hearty reception.

It will be observed that a new Department has been made a feature of this journal, devoted specially to the interests of inventors and patentees of inventions. Canada is well to the front in the number of patents which are issued yearly by our Government, and in the intrinsic value of them: and in addition to the patents granted to Canadian inventors large numbers of them are being taken out from the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany and other countries. It is this fact, coupled with the further fact that the foreign article upon which a patent is taken out in Canada must be manufactured in this country and made available to the public within a limited time, that makes this patent business of especial interest to Canadian manufacturers. The patented article must be manufactured in Canada. We possess most excellent facilities for obtaining all possible information and that at the earliest possible moment, regarding the transactions had at the Canadian Patent Office; and this information shall hereafter be given most promptly in these pages. And this will include not only patents, but copyrights and trademarks. All enquiries regarding any branch of this business will be promptly and intelligently answered, and correspondence is invited.

Therefore in tendering the compliments of the season we feel quite sure we are doing our friends a substantial service in pointing out to them ways by which their prosperity and happiness may be increased.

ENFORCING THE CUSTOMS' LAWS.

THE *Toronto Globe*, through its Montreal correspondent and in its editorial pages, continues its warfare upon the Customs' Department of the Government, the assaults being made in favor of those importers who persistently insist upon entering their merchandise at less than its intrinsic value. The complaints are that the Department maintain special agents who can make seizures over the heads of the local authorities, and heavy prices imposed for "unimportant irregularities." These "irregularities" usually consist in undervaluing merchandise, thereby defrauding the customs, or in smuggling or attempting to smuggle in goods without the payment of any duty whatever.

There is this to be said in this matter—there are laws which govern the Government officials in all these matters, and which should be a guide to the importer as well. No merchant should engage in the importing business until he is familiar with the laws, and no honest importer would engage in it unless he fully intended to abide by them. If a merchant does not wish to abide by these laws he ought not to engage in the business, and if he engages in it, and violates the law, he should not complain if he is made to pay for the violation. Honest men do not complain because the law is enforced—it is only the