

MANUFACTURERS' NOTES.

We learn that the Nova Scotia forge company is making 400 steel railway car axles for the Canadian Pacific Road.

The evaporating factory of S. Kerr & Sons of Canning, N.S., has just been put in operation and has 25 hands in its employment; in a short time to be increased to 40. The articles evaporated are potatoes, turnips, carrots, cabbage and unions. "These articles are combined in suitable proportions, and flavored, so that a dish of vegetable soup may be prepared at a moment's notice."

Die Muchle gives a table of all mills totally or partially destroyed by fire and the estimated damage during the month of December, 1883. In this we find one fire for America, one for Germany, two for France, two for England, three for Italy, three for Russia, and eight for Austria-Hungary. Of all these twenty fires, their causes have remained unknown in eighteen cases, and only two allowed of a tracing of the origin of the fire.

It appears that a Philadelphia concern has succeeded in producing cotton belting from hard cotton twist which can be woven to any desired size, and is then submitted to a process of finish which renders it durable and free from effects usually produced on other belting by damp or wet coming in contact with it. It is claimed to be especially adapted to saw mills, brick machines, elevator, or any heavy drawing, or where belting is exposed to all kinds of weather.

The amount of capital invested in flour milling in the United States is given by the United States census of 1883, at \$178,361,878, representing 24,338 large and small mills—a daily capacity of 4,730,106 bushels. The astonishing total product of the census year, \$505,185,712—representing 304,775,737 bushels of wheat and 234,957,220 bushels of other grain. Employment was given to 58,289 men, 42 females above sixteen years of age, and 126 youths and children.

An American paper makes the statement that "in 1880 the South had only 180 cotton mills, with 718,989 spindles and 15,222 looms. Since then there has been an increase of 134 mills, with an addition of 562,433 spindles and 9,651 looms, from which rate of increase the conclusion is drawn that the South may, at no remote period, spin the greater portion of the cotton raised within her borders and supply the markets of the world with ready-made goods instead of the raw cotton. If Southern looms can effect such results, it is evident that they need no artificial protection." Horror struck at such boldness, the ultra protectionist *Chicago Journal of Commerce* cries out: "But would you suddenly let Germany and England loose in our markets and commence direct taxation on these new mills?"

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The *Evening Recorder* gives a list of the principal factories in Brockville and the kind of goods made in them. The list includes James Hall & Co's glove and mitten manufactory; the James Smart M'fg. Co., stoves, pumps, trucks, lawn mowers and general hardware; Smart & Shepherd, pumps, lawn mowers, and general hardware, J. W. Mann M'fg. Co., seeders, harrows and horse rakes; G. M. Cossitt & Bro., mowers, reapers and horse rakes; Brockville Chemical Co., superphosphates and acids, Canada Powder Co., dynamite and explosives, Black Bros., boilers, engines and iron bridges, Jos. Barcelow, boilers., B. W. Richards, iron, copper and tinned rivets and burrs, Victor Wringer Works, wringers, carpet sweepers, children's velocipedes and lawn rakes, I. J. Mansell, reed organs, John Briggs & Son, and Kearns & Miller, sashes, doors and blinds, White & Handy, Pottery and stoneware, Brockville Alkali Works, pot and pearl ashes, Canada Dye Wood Mills, dye woods, James Scott, hubs, spokes and wheels, Bowie & Bate, stock ale and lager, Abbot, Grant & Buell, biscuits and confectionery, J. L. Upham, and H. B. Wright & Co., confectionery, R. & B. R. Woods, cigars, W. H. Comstock, patent medicines, G. A. Rudd, carriage tops, H. & W. Mathan. Sauve Bros., and L. Lachapelle, skiffs and sail boats.

The fire committee of St. John have met and taken into consideration the petition of the salvage corps, in that city, to be made an independent body. It is understood that they will recommend that the petition of the corps be complied with.

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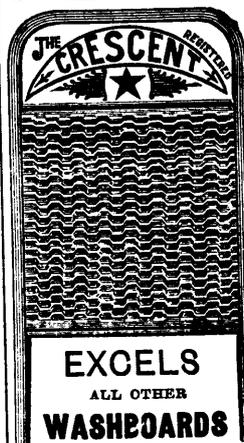
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