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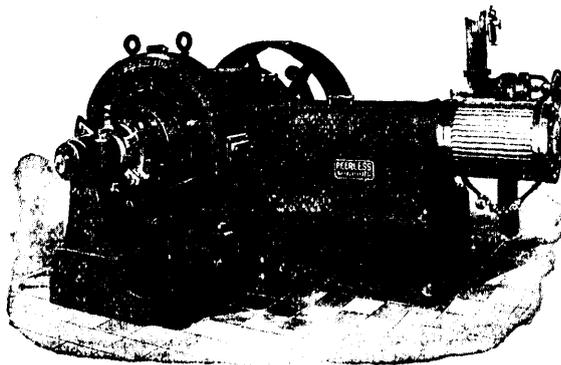
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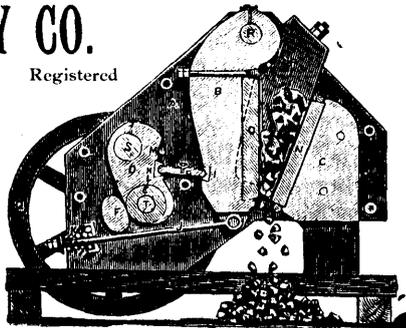
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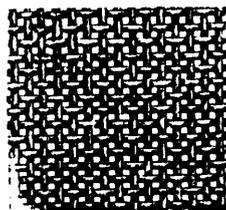
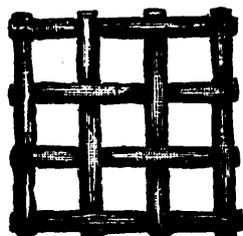
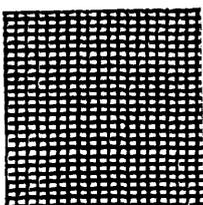
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ST. JOHN BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the St. John Board of Trade was held on the 3rd inst. Mention was made of the attempt which had been made by the Board to secure an all-the-year-round steamship service between St. John and Liverpool; to the action of the Board re civic taxation; to Furness Line freight changes matter; to the repeal of duties on packages, and also on commissions purchased in Canada from commission houses abroad, and to the proposal law for the inspection of deckloads, which it had successfully opposed. It was stated that the total value of exports from St. John this year had been \$10,567,051, as compared with \$7,176,246 last year; the items chiefly responsible for this large increase being grain, live stock and meats. After the reading of the annual statement, which showed the Board to be in a very healthy condition, financially, the election of officers was proceeded with, Mr. G. Wetmore Merritt being elected president.

NO BREAD TRUST.

The arrangement between Mr. J. L. Spink, of the Pickering flouring mills, on the one hand, and Mr. George Weston, baker, on the other, has caused the impression that there is to be a Bread Trust, and amalgamation of bakers and mills, on a gigantic scale in Toronto. But since Mr. Spink's statement to The Monetary Times, and Mr. Weston's letter to the Toronto dailies, it appears that there is no Bread Trust formed or contemplated. The two parties named have agreed upon a joint stock company to take over the mill of the one, and the bakery of the other, to be operated together in a manner common enough in Europe. According to the memorandum of Mr. Spink, "It is believed that with a mill under the same control and operated in close association with a bakery, the public can be better served than when they work in competition, and it is with this aim in view the change is being made. The business has no relation, whatever, with the city dairy company, directly or indirectly. The directors will be members of Mr. Spink's family and Mr. Weston's; and the company and baking business will be continued to be managed by Mr. Weston, while Mr. Spink will continue to manage the milling operations."

VICTORIA ratepayers decided, by a large majority, to give a bonus of \$15,000 per year, for twenty years, besides other privileges, to a company to build a railway and ferry, to connect Victoria with Liverpool, the present terminus of the Great Northern Railway in British Columbia.

MR. J. B. McARTHUR, president of the British Columbia Chamber of Mines, reports that quite a deep interest is being taken in that body all over the Kootenays. The feeling seems to be unanimous that the Chamber can and will be a useful institution and the consensus of opinion is that it should be strongly supported.