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RADCO
is a Delightful Table Water.
SIXTEENTH YEAR

THE BICYCLE INDUSTRY
A MILLION AND A HALF IN WHEELS
IN TORONTO.

This City Now the Centre of the Trade—
Protection Will Give to All the
Trade and Canadian Better Wheels—
Over 18,000 Wheels Will be Handled
in Toronto This Season.

Over 18,000 wheels, aggregating in value \$1,500,000.
Such are the startling figures relating to the Canadian bicycle industry, as arrived at by a World commission, and they, too, represent only approximately the sales for '95 of the firms and companies whose factories or agencies are located in Toronto. Were the dealers in other parts of the Dominion to be included, the sum would be very appreciably augmented. From the growth of the bicycle trade it would seem that the general public are utilizing the wheel largely from a utilitarian point of view. The ranks of the comparatively small number of enthusiasts a few years back, who rode only for the fun and the novelty of the thing, have been recruited by persons of both sexes, young, middle-aged and old, who ride their "bikes" regularly and from the office, store or factory. The introduction of the modern pneumatic-tired bicycle has been in a great measure the means of bringing about this state of affairs. Sober-minded persons formerly looked askance at the rash, ordinary, with its saddle perched dangerously near the centre of gravity, and the field was therefore left entirely to the younger and stronger portion of the community. The appearance of the lowly safety in 1887, removed these apprehensions and after the pastime went ahead by leaps and bounds.

The cost of even a very average mount has up to the present time been the rock which has arrested the rush of the cycling wave, and confined it to rather limited proportions. This year, however, several of the manufacturers are catering to the popular demand by placing some cheaper grades of wheels upon the market, and the pockets of that class of persons who formerly shrank at paying \$125 for a bicycle, are willing to "put up" \$75 for a serviceable mount, are therefore reaching the forefront on the part of the manufacturers to be accounted the present widespread cycling boom.

It is gratifying to note that the products of home manufacture are now commanding their fair proportion of the trade, and in many directions they are indeed slowly but surely displacing the imported article. It is, however, generally felt that to give the infant industry a fair chance, the Canadian duty should be raised from 30 to 45 per cent. The present American rate, it is remedied, said one manufacturer to "The World," "lies in the direction of specific duties. As values duties are levied on holes for sewing, and the goods are thereby brought in at greatly reduced prices. Some of the factories, in the present tariff, too, are very inconsistent. For instance, if I now import drop caps from the States, I pay 35 per cent. duty, I can, however, get them drilled out and imported over there, and bring them to Canada by paying only 12 1/2 per cent. duty. Where does the consistency of it come in, if I am paying a premium on foreign labor?"

Another manufacturer estimated that last year 7000 wheels were sold in Canada. "The labor on a single wheel," he said, "costs about \$30. Had these 7000 wheels been made in Canada, an aggregate of about \$200,000 would have been paid out to our own workmen in the form of wages, as it was, sent out of the country."

"I would wager," remarked Mr. H. P. Davis, "that if we only gave our goods the protection for a time, so as to enable us to manufacture upon a larger scale, we would venture to compete with the best of them." He is confident that his company's wheel had always borne a fair comparison with the imported make. "We have now," he said, however, a proper measure of protection, we would find work for five times that number.

The price to the buyer, it is generally acknowledged, will not be enhanced by the suggested increase in the rate of duty, sufficient competition between the home manufacturers to shut out any distressed combination being assured. Messrs. Hyslop, Son & McBurney have made extensive preparations for the coming season. The firm will manufacture about 1000 wheels in their spacious 1000-foot premises, they are stamping nearly 2000 wheels at present employ on an average in the factory, warehouses and office 149 hands. Their year roll looks up to the tidy sum of \$1500 per week.

Hyslop, Son & McBurney anticipate that their season's sales will aggregate 3500 wheels, of which they will themselves manufacture 1000, their makes for the West, and they are looking for them to be also the Canadian agents for Crescent and Royal Mail and other well-known makes. They are also the Canadian agents for the Whitworth, Budget, Royal Mail and other well-known makes. They are also the Canadian agents for the Whitworth, Budget, Royal Mail and other well-known makes. They are also the Canadian agents for the Whitworth, Budget, Royal Mail and other well-known makes.

Railway Promoters Active
PERSPECTIVES OF THE ATLANTIC-LAKE SUPERIOR COMPANY.

The Government Watching the Terms of the Tides for the Benefit of Maritime—
Trade Returns of the Month—New Companies Incorporated—Premier Davis' Appointment Approved.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Despite the adverse criticism with which the Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway project has been received, the promoters will not down. In The Canada Gazette notice appears of application to Parliament by the company, to enable it to enter into agreements for the purchase or lease of, or making running arrangements with, the Central Ontario Railway Company, the Canada Atlantic Railway Company, the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company, the Grand Trunk Railway Company, the Brockville, Westport and South Bay Railway Company, the Drummond County Railway Company, the United Counties Railway Company, the South Shore Railway Company and any other companies whose lines connect with the railway of this line. The total imports for the month of January were \$1,188,253. The exports for the month were \$1,188,253. The net result was \$28,545, as compared with \$22,161,973.

Superintendent of the Marine Department is advised that during the recent storm on the Cape Breton Coast the Government tug was carried away. The storm was of unusual severity, and although great precautions had been taken to give security to the Survey Station, evidently the efforts were not successful. There are five other stations at which the tug is employed, namely: the Straits of Belle Isle, Quebec, Father Point, Anticosti and St. John's. The present line there are no tide tables for any port in Canada which are based upon direct observations, but now the department has engaged an expert in the person of Mr. Dawson to superintend this work, before long accurate information on this head will be forthcoming.

Trade Returns of the Month.
The monthly trade returns were issued to-day. The total imports for the month amount to \$61,877,753, as against \$69,467,616 for the corresponding period of last year. The total exports amounted to \$10,115,281, as against \$11,889,253. The exports for the month were valued at \$1,188,253, as compared with \$22,161,973.

Railway Applications.
Messrs. Kingsmill, Saunders and Torrance, Canadian Southern Railway Company, have given notice of application for incorporation of "The Langenburg and Southern Railway Company" to build a railway from Langenburg, Assiniboia, to join the Canadian Pacific Railway between Red Jacket and Elk Horn. The company will ask for an extension of time for commencement and completion of its unconstructed lines or branches. It will empower the company to lease the line of the Leamington and St. Clair Railway Company.

To Define a Mining Land Deed.
The first case argued before the Supreme Court to-day was Baker v. McMillan, in which the action was for a sale of mining land in Hull, the deed containing a provision that "in case the land should be found to be a mining land, the same should find some other minerals of any kind whatever, he shall have the privilege of buying the same from the vendor at the price named in the deed." The court judgment was reserved. McLaughlin, Q.C. for appellant; Ayles for respondents.

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Varsity Conversat
Harmony Reigned Last Night—A Protestation to Mr. McLeary—The First Ball Since the Fire.

For the first time since the University was destroyed by fire in 1890, the first ball of the season was held last night. After the discussion that have been the institution for the past two months, an atmosphere of harmony prevailed. The President, Mr. McLeary, presided, and the students and faculty were present in large numbers. The decorations were beautiful, and the evening was a success.

The 12th annual dinner of the Sergeants' Mess, the Queen's Own Rifles, took place yesterday evening. An excellent menu was served, and the evening was a success. The President, Mr. McLeary, presided, and the students and faculty were present in large numbers.

Snatch the Opportunity.
To-day will be the last chance to secure a pair of English braced (manufacturers' odds), worth 60c and 75c, for 25c a pair. Special prices in English walking and driving gloves, 45 King-street east.

Effects of the Weather.
Changeable weather like this is trying to everyone, but people who drink East Kent Ale are likely to be in good luck. The best physicians use East Kent Ale, and it is guaranteed to give strength and appetite.

Keep off the Grass.
How plain and simple a command, but the day is not far distant when such commands will be ignored. It is not a matter of right or wrong, but when you do that, what then? Be prepared for a fine.

February Vagaries.
February seems never to give us all varieties of weather. Less than two weeks ago people were clamoring for heavy underwear, lined mitts, mufflers and warm hats. Now the weather of the last three days has changed the outcry to "Quinn's spring gloves and his new spring neckwear."

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A Family of Six Insane
LIBERALISM'S HIRED MAN.

Second Son Thought He Was the Second Messiah.
Finally the Whole Family Became Converts to His Opinion—As a Result Three Brothers Are in Brampton Jail and the Mother and Two Daughters Are Under Restraints.

Brampton, Feb. 22.—Six weeks ago it was revealed to a young Chingacousy farmer in a vision that he was the Second Messiah. To-day the young man and his two brothers, are in the jail here, confined as lunatics dangerous to be at large, while on the farm are the mother and two daughters, also insane, with the mother bruised and sorely wounded as the result of the Second Messiah's pursuit of an evil spirit.

The McGuire Clan.
In the western portion of Chingacousy township live some 500 McGuires. They are all of Northern descent, and Presbyterians. They have married and intermarried, and prospered immensely. The family, which had been broken up into families, and to one of the most respected, God-fearing branches belongs the family of the late David J. McGuire, who has lived all his life on the 160-acre farm, 2nd con., which he and his brother, William Samuel, have worked since the death of the father some ten years ago. The head of the family is the widowed mother, aged 60 and about 60 years, the other children, the daughters, Hannah and Mary, and the son John, a youth. This family, which had lived on the farm for so many years, is now the cause of a sensation that is creating intense excitement throughout the district.

Early in January it was revealed to David J. that the family had been guilty of a great sin. He was told that the family had been guilty of a great sin. He was told that the family had been guilty of a great sin. He was told that the family had been guilty of a great sin.

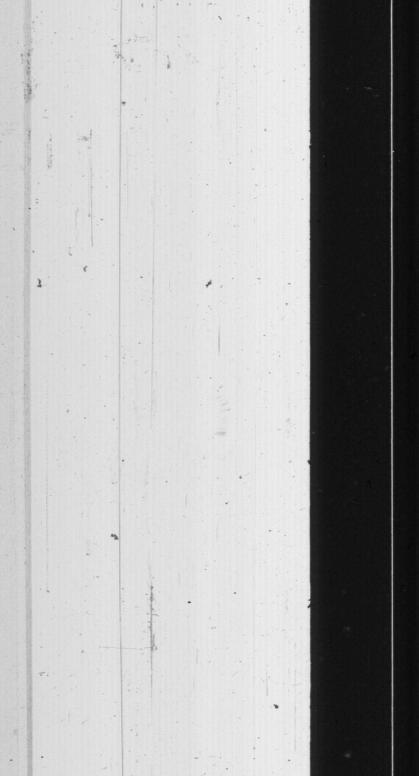
When this story got out there was no end of talk. Friends after friends came to see him, and he endeavored to show him the error of his views, but without avail. Then he began to preach to the family, and he began to preach to the family, and he began to preach to the family.

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Special Sale of High-Class Furniture on Tuesday, 11 a.m. ONE CENT.



BOSS CARTWRIGHT: That will do for this side, Mallory. You've made a very pretty bluff at striking this stick across the fence—and split it for keeps.

NOTE.—Reports from Ontario constituents during the past two weeks show that Paton is in a very bad way, and that the Conservative vote in the interests of the party.

place, and got to the McGuire's about 5.30.

Historical novels are growing more and more popular. Stanley J. Weyman in his "Gentleman of France" created a historical personage, Gaston Du Marsac. What Weyman did with French historical characters, David J. McGuire has done with a stirring chevalier of Italy, Ligo di Savelli. This book is to-day the most popular of the day.

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