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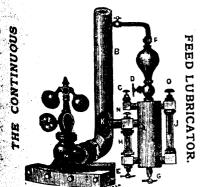
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#### PRISON LABOR.

The amended tariff just passed in Washington is so large to complicated a piece of legislative work that it is not easy hotal. notection afforded by the old tariff. But employers engaged the iron trades, or some of them, who presumably are well posted on details, are saying already that, in order to keep herican iron works going, sweeping reductions in wages will he necessary. If such reductions are made as a consequence the change, the question of prison labor, which has for time back been greatly agitating the minds of working will very soon become a burning question of the day.

In some of the neighboring States the competition of prison with that of honest workers outside of prison walls has that of honest workers outside of principle of the large proportions. From a recent official report to Legislature of the State of New York it appears that & Co. regularly employ 900 men in Sing Sing prison in manufacture of stoves and hollow ware, at 56 cents a day each, and that another concern has 2 10 men regularly emand that another concern has 210 men. 62 and hallow ware the face each. When, in the contract price of 55 cents a day for each. When, in with this price, we consider the fact that all the Prisoners are capable of doing is exacted from them, that the contractors have no shop rent or taxes to pay, it be observed that competition of outside free labor is not at all to be feared. The contractors who thus employ 1,110 houlders at 55 and 56 cents a day are secure from all com-Detition in the stove and hollow ware line. When trade gets the stove and hollow ware me.

their number can cut prices so as to secure orders for all their can cut prices or their production, and when it becomes very dull they can some manufacturers, who employ free labor, out of busiand compel the cutting down of wages to the lowest

On this the American Machinist remarks:--

It requires no argument to show that the contractors hold the power over honest industries that are unsupported by the Power over honest industries that are unsupported that Treasury. A glance at the prices of labor, as officially will be will be a second to b tren, will convince any intelligent observer. In order to settle this advance for a procure this advantage beyond the power of disturbance for a pro-1887, and the stove contract has been extended to the stove contract to Dec. 31, 1884. The final the hollow ware contract to Dec. 31, 1884. the hollow ware contract to Dec. 3., well as the who had the letting of prison contracts, as well as the benefits evidently anticipated who had the letting of prison contracts, as well as who are favored with their benefits, evidently anticipated wno are favored with their benefits, evidency and the prison contracts one action looking to the excision of the prison contracts Our industrial system, in the near future, and therefore our industrial system, in the near ruture, and the state government to a continuance of

special contracts as long ahead as they dare fix the time for expiration. The stove manufacturers and their workmen are, however, by no means the only parties injured by prison con-Many other industries are disturbed both directly and indirectly by prison contract competition.

"Where, for instance, in this country, can machinists be employed at 55 cents a day? Yet in Auburn prison, 265 men are regularly employed in making waggon axles at the contract price of 55 cents a day, and the labor of that number has been pledged to the contractor until Feb. 28, 1885. Every machinist working in an axle factory must compete directly with the labor of these Auburn convicts, and when business is dull and wages low in stove foundries and axle factories the depressing influence must be felt in other factories and shops."

While honest labor is thus injured, the criminals themselves are treated with a cruelty wholly unauthorized by the sentences under which they suffer. A recent investigation of prison management in New York reveals some facts disgraceful to the Empire State. One witness, George Lewis, had spent eighteen months at Sing Sing. He had been "paddled" twelve times, and when he said he could not finish his task, ironing shirts, he was told he would be "paddled" until he could. Becoming desperate, he jumped from the stoop, for which he was again "paddled" and confined for twenty days in the dark cell. When released he had to make up for lost time. "If ever I had a paddle," he concluded, "I would give them a dose of their own medicine." James Murphy testified that he had been an inmate of the Clinton prison for seven years. He had worked on hats, and had been "paddled" for doing bad work. A convict named Buckman, he stated, had been chained to the floor of the dark cell for 170 days. He never came out alive for "they murdered him." For trying to escape one Creswell was chained in the dark cell for ten months and died. Of three others who attempted to escape with him, O'Neill was shot, one went crazy, and the third is in prison. The convicts feared the dark cell, but dreaded "paddling" more. He knew of men maining themselves to escape their tasks, and he also knew of men being kept fourteen months over their time for trifling offences. James T. Cooper aud Michael Conner, keepers in the Kings County Penitentiary, testified as to the working of that institution without the use of the "paddle" or rawhide. The labor of the convicts is contracted for by the Bay State Shoe and Leather Company, the county receiving on an average fifty cents per day for each man. Robert V. Powers, alias Robert Green, testified that he had been "paddled" at Sing Sing, and confined in the cooler four times. When his foot was burned in

the foundry he was obliged to work some days before he was allowed to go to the hospital. "Under Bowes," he said, "there was a reign of terror." Charles Young testified that when at Sing Sing he got along nicely in the shoe shop until Keeper Bowes assumed charge. Then his tasks were raised, and to save himself from "paddling" he cut off the end of one of his fingers. Another convict, Nelson by name, dreading another "paddling," after having received two, cut off three of his fingers.

In the system of prison labor there are three parties concerned the prisoners, the contractors, and the public. It is easy to see that it works to the detriment of both the first and the last, while the contractor—the middleman, or party of the middle part—is the only one who profits by it. This is not as it should be. The public interest lies in two directions—the punishment of criminals, along with their reformation to the extent practicable, and the protection of honest labor. Under the present system, in the State of New York at all events, only the interests of the contractors are served.

The prison labor system of most of the Southern States is, however, far worse than anything known in the north. Georgia has its "chain-gang" system, the horrors of which almost match what we have read of Siberia. The prisons in Alabama are farmed out to contractors, as they are in most of the Southern States. Georgia abuses are repeated in Alabama, and others are added which make the picture even blacker than the Georgia one is. A large proportion of the Mabama convicts are let out to contractors for work in coal-mines, and on railways. The contractors have full authority over them, flog them without restraint and without mercy, and lodge them like pigs. The average number of convicts between September 30, 1880, and September 30, 1882, was 531. Of that number 61 died. Here is a death rate of over 11 per cent. But an analysis of the division of labor shows more appalling figures than these. About half the convicts were employed on farms, and of that half only ten died, or less than 4 per cent. Of the other half, employed in mines and on railways, fifty-one died, or more than 20 per cent. This, says a New York paper, is murder, pure and simple.

The recent investigation into prison abuses in New York had a good motive, but the first effect was bad. The prisoners got it into their heads that they had Albany legislators on their side, and a dangerous revolt followed, which was not subdued for severa days

In Canada we have made a beginning with the prison labor system: let us take care that it does not grow upon us. We had better, before it gets too strongly rooted and established, set our wits to work to devise some plan for abolishing it altogether.

#### THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

Since our last issue the event of a general election has come off in the Province of Ontario. The result must have been a surprise to most people, judging by the prevailing talk just before. As usual, success was all but a certainty for both sides, according to their respective organs, but the general expectation was that Mr. Mowat would come back with at least a good working majority. His majority is now stated by one

side at about thirteen or fourteen, and by the other at about six or seven, while observers who claim to be impartial put at nine or ten, in a House of eighty-eight members.

Seeing that he had in the last Assembly a majority of about twenty-eight or thirty, the result is unquestionably a senow "come-down" for the Provincial Premier. He had in he favor all the prestige of a "strong Government," and of seccess for a number of years continued with the support of a overwhelming numerical majority in the House. His command of patronage, too, was very extensive in the Province far more so, we venture to say, than is generally supposed The simple fact that, with all this in his favor, his majority was so greatly reduced notwithstanding, is what chiefly marke the importance of the event.

Trying to account for what has happened would lead us far into the field of party politics, which we wish not to enter The legislation and the government with which the CANAGIA MANUFACTURER most concerns itself belong almost whole to the Dominion, and only in small part to the Provinces. It is not the business of the latter to regulate trade and tanffs manufactures and commerce-matters industrial, which come within our sphere. And a Provincial election, as every one in form admits, should not turn upon the tariff question, or any other not belonging to Provincial public business. Ver we cannot help thinking, and saying it too, that in the elections of February 27th the tariff issue did considerably affect the result, after all. Beyond all doubt many votes were affected by the belief that a very strong and unchecked Reform Govern ernment in Ontario-the leading Province of the Dominionwas a standing menace to the National Policy. On the sustaining of that policy our manufactures depend for being themselves sustained; and there is no wisdom in blinking the fact that this is well understood throughout the country. As these manufactures keep growing every year, the strength of the interests connected with them, those of employers and employed together, grows also and increases. Nor is it the interests of those only who are directly employed in many factures that have to be considered. The number of those indirectly interested, but still in the same thing, is every year increasing, and must tell, even in Provincial elections.

However, no matter what the motives in men's minds may have been, leading to so considerable a change in the representation, one thing is tolerably certain. Every man having money to invest in manufactures, or looking for employment therein, must feel that the continued protection of home and dustry against foreign competition is safer and surer now that it appeared to be before. Any lingering hope on the part of opponents of the National Policy that Ontario might be induced to declare against it must now be abandoned. And that we fancy, is a result of no little importance to the country.

#### THE STOPPAGE IN THE RUBBER TRADE

A remarkable event in the history of manufactures is the recent stoppage of all, or nearly all, the large American factories producing rubber shoes. Factories making other kinds of rubber goods continue in operation, but those running on show have mostly stopped. The extraordinary advance in the price of

rubber last year is given as the cause. It appears that some time ago arrangements were made by which a syndicate, composed of Jews belonging to London, Paris, and New York respectively, managed to get all the rubber production of South America into their hands, or under their control. Hav ing thus "cornered" the article, they advanced the price, bringing it at last up to a figure which the manufacturers could not pay for it and live.

For several years past the prices of rubber have been advancing. These high prices are said to be due largely to the operations of cliques which are working towards speculative ends. The opportunities for controlling the rubber market, it is stated, offer an excellent chance for speculators so long as the supply nearly equals the demand. For several years the prices have been advancing. This has been due to the effects of two cliques, one composed of Portuguese merchants, whose headquarters are at Lisbon, and the other composed of Jews cadquarters are at London and Liverpool. house. backed by capitalists and operators in the United States, have succeeded in monopolizing the products of the Amazon. But the advance in price of the raw material, great as it has been, was by no means the sole reason for the stoppage of the rubber shoe factories. Another, and a most potent cause, is acknowledged in the plain and significant fact of over-production. It was stated, on the occasion of a manufacturers' meeting held not long ago in New York, that if only one half of the existing rubber machinery were kept going it would amply suffice to meet the demand. In this fact there may be a lesson for manufacturers in other lines of production, and that in Canada as well as in the United States.

#### THE NEW AMERICAN TARIFF.

Within a few hours of its dissolution the Forty-seventh Congress managed to pass a Tariff Bill. It was after two o'clock last Sunday morning when the bill was ready for the President's signature, which was promptly affixed, he having been in waiting for the purpose; and the official existence of that Congress ceased at noon the same day. As we have before explained, there were three different tariff bills up for consideration. First there was that of the Fariff Commission, on which several months of hard work at details had been spent. This bill made many reductions of duties, but was on the whole a pretty stiff protectionist measure after all. Next there was the Senate bill, which proposed greater reductions, and which was viewed with much alarm by manufacturers gen erally, but especially by those engaged in the various iron trades. Next again there was a bill prepared by the House Committee of Ways and Means, which left the duties mostly higher than recommended by the tariff Commission. Of the three the House bill had the highest figures, and the Senate bill the lowest, while the Commission's bill was between the two. On this later the other two were really founded, but they made important departures from it, in opposite directions Another circum stance was that the Senate bill was completed several weeks ago whereas the House bill was not ready until a very late period of 'he session It became evident that neither House could be got to adopt the bill prepared by the other, and so at the eleventh hour a conference committee of both Houses met for the pur- ment which has become irksome?

pose of effecting a compromise, if possible. While all this was going on, influential manufacturers from all quarters had been pouring into Washington, and were busy night and day arguing their case and explaining points to Senators and Congressmen. Their efforts must have been to some purpose, for when the final tug of war came, in the Conference Committee, the Protectionist side scored a decided victory. The Free Trade papers say so, at all events; and we may accept their admission that they were beaten in the last struggle.

It is impossible thus early to say what precisely the effect of the new tariff is likely to be on the whole, with its enormous mass of details, embracing between two and three thousand specifications, even experts are puzzled to say what changes it may bring about, and opinions vary widely among prac-As a measure of protection it is allowed tical men. to be a strong one on the whole, but aheady manufacturers in various lines say that their particular interests have been overlooked or even sacrificed. Day after day their complaints with regard to this and the other special manufacture are popping up , while the free trade papers keep repeating that the bill is an outrage, because, while professing to make reductions, it makes none of any account. Free traders declare that the fight must be continued, and hope to get a very much reduced tariff bill from the Democratic majority in the new Congress, which meets in December next.

The bill abolishes bank taxes to the amount of twelve millions, also several smaller internal revenue taxes, and reduces the excise on tobacco and cigars. The calculation is that the reduction of revenue will amount to some thirty or thirty-five millions on customs, and forty or forty-five millions on excise. The latter can be calculated pretty closely, but as to the for mer nothing but experience can determine, because no one can tell beforehand actually how importation in this and the other branch of trade will be affected by the changes made. Readers of the Canadian Manufacturity may depend upon having the more important details placed before them at an early day.

DEADENING SOUNDS. - The following plan for deadening floors is reported to have been made the subject of a recent patent. It is exceedingly simple, and not materially unlike plans that have been before proposed. A 3x6 inch plank is directed to be inserted between each joist, two inches from the hottom of the joists, and projecting four inches beneath them. The ceiling boards are nailed to these intermediate planks, and the space between is filled with sawdust to within one inch of the joists. By this mode of construction, the sound is said to be so effectually deadened. that the most vigorous hammering above cannot be heard in the storey beneath.

The Blacksmith and Wheelwright believes that the old system is, in the main, responsible for the aversion that such a large number of boys manifest for learning trades. For the first year a boy in a blacksmith shop, for instance, is put to the roughest and most disagreeable work. He is made to do a thousand and one things that will be of no use to him when he grows up, and have nothing to do with making him a skilful mechanic. this and naturally rebels and wants to do something that will be of benefit to him. He is brought up to feel that to be a good blacksmith a man requires much brawn and little brains. he obtains an erroneous idea of the trade he is-trying to learn we all know, but, nevertheless, this impression is apt to become fixed in his mind from the character of the work he is put to do any wonder that he looks with envy on the boy behind a counter or in a lawyer's office, and longs to get away from an employ-

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No. II.—GRAVITATION.

(Continued.)

From what was explained in the former article of the effect of gravitation in increasing the velocity of falling bodies, the following rule may be made out:—

I. Given the time in seconds occupied by a body in falling, to find the distance fallen.

Rule. Multiply 16:1 by the square of the number of seconds, and the product will be the distance fallen in feet.

Example. A stone occupies  $2\frac{1}{2}$  seconds in falling to the ground from the top of a tower, what is the height of the tower?

The time is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  seconds, the square of  $2\frac{1}{2} = 2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 6.25$ , and  $16.1 \times 6.25 = 100.625$  feet. The height of the tower is 100.625 feet.

Example. A stone falls to the ground in one quarter of a second, from what height did it fall?

The time is '25 second and the square of '25 = '25  $\times$  '25 = '0625, and  $16^{\circ}1 \times '0625 = 1^{\circ}00625$  feet, or a little over one foot.

It should be carefully noted that in the examples given, the time occupied is ten times greater in the first, and the distance fallen is one hundred times greater.

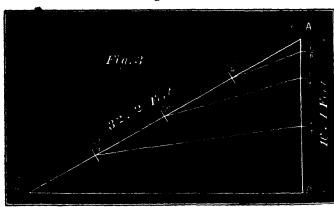


Diagram No. 3 illustrates the increase of velocity during a fall of one second. The line A B represents the velocity, and the line A D represents the distance fallen. The increase of velocity is equal during equal intervals of time, but the distance fallen varies as the square of the time. In the first 1/4 second, the distance fallen is 1-16th, in 1/2 second the fall is 1/4, and in 3/4 second it is 9-16th of the whole distance fallen in one second.

A careful study of this part of the subject should be made, as it will repay for all the trouble.

II. The distance fallen being given, it is required to find the time in seconds.

Rule. Divide the distance fallen in feet by 16 1 and extract the square root of the quotient, the result will be the time in seconds.

Example. A tower is 50 3125 feet high, how many seconds will be occupied by a stone in falling to the ground?

The height 50.3125 feet divided by 16.1 = 3.125, and the square root of 3.125 = 1.767 seconds.

In all of the examples given it has been assumed that the stone in falling started from a state of rest; but it is necessary to consider another view of the question by supposing that the stone instead of falling from the tower is thrown down. How does this change the case? The stone begins its descent when thrown down with a certain velocity imparted to it by the arm of the person throwing it; and hence we have two forces acting upon it, the one "gravity," and the other a force produced by the arm of the thrower. Gravity begins to act so soon as the stone leaves the hand, and continues to act all the way during the descent; the other force ceases to act the instant the stone leaves the hand.

The effect of the force of the arm of the thrower is there fore very simply calculated, as we have merely to assume at the moment the hand let go the stone it was moving at a certain velocity.

It has already been explained that the force of gravity is constant, that it is sufficient to increase the velocity of motion 32.2 feet per second for every second occupied in falling, and that in one second a body starting from a state of rest will in one second fall 16.1 feet. But now suppose that a stone is thrown down from a tower 100.625 feet high, and that when it left the thrower's hand it had a velocity of 32.2 feet per second, in how many seconds will it reach the ground?

A little consideration will make it plainthat in commencing its fall with a velocity of 32.2 feet per second, it is in precisely the same condition as if it had started on its descent from a state of rest 16.1 feet higher up and had already occupied one second in descent.

But suppose, instead of throwing the stone downwards, it was thrown up with a velocity again of 32.2 feet per second in a vertical direction.

In this latter case the force imparted by the thrower is directly opposed by the action of gravity, and the stone ascends with a gradually diminishing velocity until the upward force is exhausted. This will be in one second, and the stone will ascend 16 1 feet, and then from that height will begin its descent.

The following is a summary of the explanations given, and rules for calculations regarding falling bodies.

Rule I. The time in seconds occupied in falling given, to find the final velocity.

Multiply 32.2 by the time in seconds, and the product is the velocity in feet per second.

Rule II. The time being given, to find the height or the distance fallen.

Multiply 16.1 by the square of the number of seconds, and the product will be the distance fallen in feet.

Rule III. The distance fallen being given, to find the time.

Divide the distance fallen in feet by 16.1, and extract the square root of the quotient, the result will be the time seconds.

Rule IV. The final velocity being given, to find height of fall required to produce that velocity.

Square the velocity in feet per second and divide by 64th and the quotient is the height in feet.

Rule V. The height being given, to find the velocity due to that height.

Multiply the height in feet by 64'4 and extract the square root of the product, the result is the velocity in feet per econd.

Rule VI. The velocity being given, to find the time orcupied in acquiring that velocity.

Divide the velocity in feet per second by 32'2, and the quotient is the time in seconds.

It should be clearly understood that a body projected upwards is uniformly retarded by the action of gravity, and will ascend to the height through which it must fall in order to acquire its initial velocity.

The letter "g" is used as a symbol in books on mechanics to represent the force of gravity, and for all mechanical questions may be taken as equal to 32.2 feet per second. As exercises for our readers, we ask them to study the following questions:-

- 3 -Suppose a cannon pointed vertically discharges a ball with a velocity of 1200 feet per second, to what height will it
- 4 .- Two cannons with different charges of powder are pointed exactly horizontal and discharged simultaneously. They are 40 feet above the level of the ground, and the one ball goes 600 yds. and the other 1200 yds. In what time will the balls reach the ground?

#### Answers to Questions 1 and 2.

In the first question, the case is supposed to be 16.1 feet high and to be descending the mine at the rate of 1611 feet per second. When a stone falls from the roof of the cage to the floor, required to find the time.

If the cage were at rest the time would be one second, because a body falls 16.1 feet in one second when starting from a state of rest. By the supposition the cage is descending at the rate of 16'1 feet per second, and while the stone is falling me second the floor of the cage has descended 16.1 feet, yet experiment has proved that the floor of the cage is reached by the stone in exactly one second, and consequently it must have fallen 32.2 feet. When it left the roof of the cage it had reach the floor in one second, the same as if all had been at

In the second question the cage is supposed to be ascending. The same reasoning applies in this case, and no matter at what velocity moving, and whether ascending or descending, one second is the time.

#### THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STEEL AND IRON. BY BRACEBIT.

The question has often occurred to me, and doubtless to others: What is the difference between iron and steel, and where ought the dividing line to be drawn? Almost any manufacturer of or dealer in iron and steel feels competent to answer the question when it is first propounded, and will give an answer, for all practical purpose, nearly enough correct. If you press him closely, however, with your question, and ask him to draw a line sharp and clear between the two manufactures, so that one may not be mistaken for the other, you will confound him without doubt. Steel and iron are very carefully defined: several books now before me, but notwithstanding this I am unable to establish a technical difference, such as would enable me to determine when iron ceases to be iron and

of the manufacturing parts of the city, and gathered the views of several business men, which I will endeavor to portray "true

to life."

The first gentleman called upon is a manufacture of iron and steel boilers on Main-street. In answer to my abrupt question, "What is the difference between iron and steel?" he gave me a look of astonishment that would have done credit to the stage, but made no reply. On my repeating the question he first smiled pityingly at me, and then remarked, with evident disgust, that "anybody outside of the blind asy lum" could tell the difference. At this remark I "flared up" somewhat, and endeavored to impress him with my occult acuteness by a lavish and ostentatious display of learning, but it was "no go." I saw that I had made an unfavorable impression, and that I could no more free his mind from prejudice than a fire fly could illuminate an acre of London fog. I accordingly left.

The next establishment visited was also an iron and steel boiler works. The proprietor received me very graciously; and as I put my question as gently as one would spring an abstract proposition, I succeeded in obtaining his views: "The way I distinguish iron from steel," he remarked, "is by the grain and the color. Steel has a much finer grain than iron and also a much brighter color. Iron is much rougher to the touch, owing to the coarseness of its grains or fibres, and when broken does not present so bright and silvery a color as steel: in fact, its color is not bright at all, but dark and lustreless."

"But have you never come across iron and steel which very

closely resembled each other in appearance?

"Oh, yes, I have; and I understand there are custom house cases on record in which duties were collected on steel' which was not steel but iron, and that the best experts have given conflicting opinions in cases of this kind. In my shops I use 60,000 T. S. homogeneous steel and 60,000 T. S. iron (the kind required by the government in iron marine boilers), and I occasionally come across employees of mine who cannot, for the life of them, tell the difference between the two manufactures. While I do not claim to be an expert, I do claim that I can tell the difference between iron and steel sufficiently well to carry on my business and manufacture both kinds of boilers.

The third boiler maker, against whom I launched my the same velocity as the cage, 16 1 feet per second, and that question, made reply about as follows: "It is easy enough velocity is increased by the action of gravity sufficient to distinguish iron from steel in nearly all cases; but in the carry it through another 16 1 feet, thereby causing the stone to excepted cases it is difficult if not impossible. There are a few things which one may understand and yet not be able to explain. I believe that I can tell iron from steel in nearly every instance, and yet I am sure that I could not explain how I can select one from the other with accuracy and precisionat least not so another would understand me as well as I understand myself.'

"I understand you perfectly. Now will you inform me whether there is a very great difference between the iron and steel you use for boiler making?"

"No, there isn't; the difference, practically considered, doesn't amount to anything, and I am of the opinion that such homogeneous steel as is used for boiler purposes ought to be called iron."

Several dealers in iron and steel were interrogated, but nothing was learned, except the following from a book, to which my attention was politely called by the last dealer visited. "Steel is a compound of iron and carbon, varying in proportion of 0.5 per cent. to 5 per cent. of carbon. Specific gravity, 7.8; tensile strength, 120,000 pounds per square inch. Ordinary steel is carbon steel, but steely compounds of iron have been produced which have the same general properties as ordinary steel, the carbon of which is replaced by other chemical elements."

The same authority says: "Pure iron has a specific gravbecomes steel. Thinking the other day that I might obtain ity of 7.3 to 7.8; hardness, 4.5; chemical equivalent, 28. It some information from practical men that would throw light is the most tenacious of metals; the hardest of all things which on the subject, and partly out of curiosity, I made the rounds lare malleable; has a slight smell when rubbed; is astringent to the taste, and in moist weather oxidizes and becomes cover-ling to the number of stories. In none of these modes of coned with a coating called rust; it is attracted by the magnet; becomes magnetic by induction: loses its polarity when removed from the magnet, when combined with 2 to 5 per cent. carbon is fusible cast iron; with less than 1-2 per cent, is mal leable iron: 1 2 per cent, very solt steel: 1 per cent, cast steel."

Another authority, more to the point, says: "Steel is a compound of iron and carbon in which the proportion of the latter is from 1 to 5 per cent., and even less in some kinds. Steel is distinguished from iron by its fine grain and by the action of diluted nitric acid, which leaves a black spot upon steel and upon iron, a spot which is lighter colored in proportion to the carbon it contains. St. Louis Age of Steel.

#### MILL AND FACTORY BUILDING.

BY LOUIS H. GIBSON.

(Continued from our Last.)

INTERIOR PRAMING.

The method of construction which I wish to describe is one suggested by Mr. Atkinson in the special reports to the Manufacturers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and meets all the objectionable features of the ordinary style of building. It consists of a rigid self-supporting frame structure inside of a self-supporting brick shell. According to present methods of building, I together, o has to hold the building in a rigid upright position

struction has there been any horizontal trussing or method of preventing sideway vibration or oscillation, except the dead weight of the whole structure, frame and wall together.

Mr. Atkinson advises a method of horizontal trussing which combined with other features of construction adopted by the factory mutuals, makes a thoroughly good building. In this method there should be an alleyway entirely around the inside of the building, which is formed by placing a row of posts four feet from each wall,

In this alleyway is placed horizontally a truss, as shown in plan, which consists of two thicknesses of 1 1/2-inch plank laid crosswise at an angle of 45° to the wall. The weight of the structure and machinery is carried entirely by the posts, which are anchored together at the girders that in the event of fite one part of the building may fall without disturbing the ad jacent parts. The girders in the engraved plan are shown 86 between centres, and the posts 16'6". The floor is made by 3" tongue-grooved plank laid flatwise from girder to girder, on which is placed a 3/4" bed of concrete which is followed by the common floor. The thickness of the horizontal truss corresponds to that of the first layer of 3" plank.

"It will be apparent that this outer alleyway, thus construct ed, will constitute a horizontal truss of the best available kind at each floor surrounding the whole portion of the floor upon which the machinery is placed." Under the alleyway thus formed, the girders, timbers and posts are bolted and framed

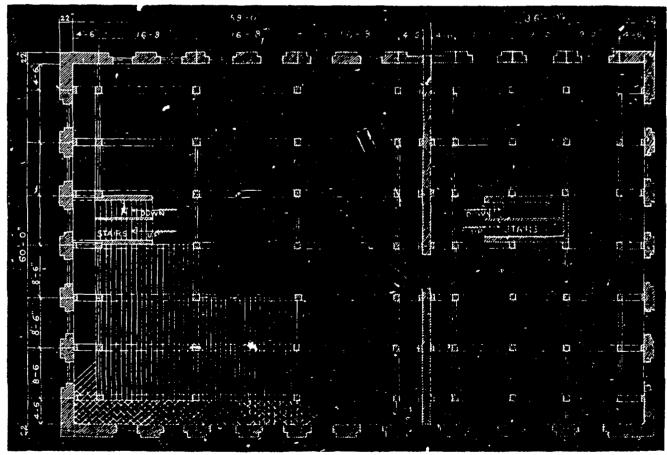


Fig. 1.-Ground Plan.

one part of the structure is dependent upon the other for stability. "A series of floors placed one above another, upon the top of unbraced posts, must obviously depend upon the weight, stability and mode of construction of the containing wall to give strength of any sort except to bear mere vertical stress. The structure will be liable to vibration or oscillation, accord-

The engraved cross sections show now the timbers are connected with the walls. In case of a fire, they will slide from their positions in a way not to disturb the brickwork. Mr. Atkinson suggests a method of recessing the posts into the walls in the way shown on the floor plan, but not in sections, which entirely relieves the walls from the weight on the interior.

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## Editorial Notes.

The office of the CANADIAN MANUFACTURER has been removed to Room No. 5, Mechanics' Institute, corner of Church and Adelaide streets. One stair up, turn to the right.

In consequence of the new American tariff the business of manufacturing shellac varnish here for export to the States is done for. Twenty cents per gallon, and the regular tax on the alcohol contained in it besides, is prohibitory.

The town of Dundee, with its manufactures of linen, jute, and hemp, is the subject of one of Mr. Porter's letters on "Industrial England," elsewhere copied. The table of wages, in particular, will be found valuable for future reference.

In our legal column will be found a synopsis of an important legal decision, recently given in the United States Supreme Court. It is held that parties holding stock as collateral security merely, are not liable for debts of the company whose stock they hold.

In our Railways and Shipping department we copy an article from the Philadelphia Railway World, on the subject of the transfer of carriage of crude petroleum from railways to pipe lines. The article is worthy of special attention on account of the almost startling fact brought to light, that already three-fourths of the petroleum delivered at Buffalo, at Cleveland, and at tidewater, comes through pipes instead of being carried over the rails as formerly.

In connection with what we have said elsewhere on the subject of prison labor, the following recent despatch, which came to hand since that article was in type, is of interest:—

'Pittsburgh, March 7.—The Grand Secretary of the Knights of Labor will shortly issue a circular to the members of the order in New York and Pennsylvania, calling on them to

organize an opposition to the convict labor system, and send protests to the Legislature. He says the question will make a political issue next campaign."

We have received from Mr. John C. McLaren, 10 and 12 St. James-street West, Montreal, his catalogue and price list for the current year, extending over some 45 pages, tastefully got up, and including articles used by manufacturers in the cotton, woollen, and other lines. He manufactures at his establishment leather belting, leather hose, lace leather, picker leather, loom strapping, and other factory requisites, and deals in such supplies as slasher cloths, rubber belting, canvas belting, patent cotton belting, linen rubber-lined hose, rubber hose, etc., etc.

As manufactures increase and spread in Canada, the popular demand for factory legislation will increase too, just as it has done in Great Britain and the United States. Manufacturers would do well, therefore, to acquaint themselves with what British and American factory laws respectively are, and to prepare themselves for what is surely coming. In another page we copy certain extracts from the report of Mr. Blackeby, Government Commissioner, on the factory laws prevailing in several of the neighbouring States. Mr. Lukes, the senior Commissioner, went to Engand on a similar errand a few months ago, and doubtless a report from him on the same subject may be expected shortly.

English manufacturers are as a body strongly opposed to the Canadian N. P., but the makers of textile machinery form an exception to the general rule. They are taking great interest in the new demand for their machinery here, and already they have largely assisted our cotton and woollen companies by taking stock instead of cash in payment of their bills. As an instance of this, it is mentioned that James Holt, an agent for English mill machinery, was in Kingston recently, in connection with the proposed blanket factory. He has taken a tour through Canada, and reports cotton and woollen mills in full operation and with plenty of orders on hand. The Valleyfield mill is being doubled in capacity; the Thorold new woollen mill is being erected, and a hosiery factory is in course of construction. Other mills are being extended. He reports cotton manufacturing brisker in Canada than in the States.

We take pride in the fact that the present age far exceeds all former ones as "the patent age of new inventions," to quote what Byron wrote sixty or seventy years ago. The material gain to the civilized world through new machinery and methods makes an immense aggregate; but there is another side to the picture which is not so pleasing to look upon. The aggregate waste from the discarding of old machinery and old methods, to be replaced by new improvements, must be something enormous; and the thing is going on all the time at a tremendous rate. It is obvious at a glance that the greater, the more numerous, and the more important such new improvements are, the greater must be the loss on the old machinery and methods forced out of use in consequence. Take as an example the following, from the British Trade Journal of a recent date:

"The crisis in the chemical trade, due to a continued fall of prices, is assuming serious proportions. Leblanc's method of manufacturing soda, first introduced into this country after the repeal of the salt duty, is used in factories which produce about 400,000 tons per annum, or more than half the total production of the world. It depends for its successful working on cheap salt, fuel and sulphur; but the newer process, where salt, in the form of brine, is treated with ammonia, has brought down prices to such an extent that the working of the older and commoner process is all but unremunerative.

We give prominence to the following, from the N. Y. Turf, Fieldand Farm, on the subject of mining prospects in the Canadian North-west: - " Not only has coal in abundance been discovered along the Saskatchewan, but the undoubted richness of the gold fields around the Lake of the Woods is building up a mining town at Rat Portage, 137 miles from here, which bids fair to equal Leadville. From my observations, and the testimony of mining experts both from the States and Canada, the quartz mining in that section should attract attention and capital from the financial centres of the new and old world. I can only briefly refer to this point in speaking of the richness of Manitoba; so will mention a few of the companies now in active operation and producing gold hearing ore assaying from \$50 to \$500 per ton. The "Keewatin," of Hay island, under the management of M. W. Meagher, whom you will remember as a New York counsellor and journalist. The "Winnipeg Consolidated," under charge of John R. Brown, well known in New York mining circles as an expert and practical miner. The "Lake of the Woods" and "Hay Island," incorporated by Winnipeg and New York capitalists, and the "Argyle." These companies are working with best results. The directors, I learn, are men of prominence, in finance and business, and no wild-cat schemes have developed thus far. Here the stock in the above mines is obtaining a strong foothold, and numerous other companies will doubtless be incorporated in the spring.'

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE NEW CHAMPION COMBINED SEED DRILL

The New Champion Combined Seed Drill, manufactured by Coulthard, Scott & Co., is meeting with great success. The Works are now in full blast, and we understand the Company have almost orders enough in to keep them going to the first of the year. Agents claim it to be the best drill ever manufactured in the Dominion, the main feature being that it is convenient to handle; sows accurately the exact quantity it is set to sow; is simple in its construction, and is so easily operated that any boy can handle it; it is very durable, being built from the best material which money can buy, and by skilled and experienced mechanics; is light of draft; is handsomely finished; never breaks nor injures the seed; does not bunch or clog the grain; may be changed instantly from one quantity to another without stopping the team, is a true force feed drill, and sows exactly the quantity it is set to sow. We wish the Company every success in their undertaking, and we have no doubt that they will be hard pushed to fill the demand for machines in a few months.—Oshawa Vindicator.

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Holders of Hypothecated Stock Not Liable.

The American Railroad Journal gives this synopsis of a decision of the United States Supreme Court, rendered on the 29th January, 1883, in the case of Edward Burgess, plaintiff in error, against Jesse Seligman et al., executors in error to the Circuit Court of the United States, for the eastern district of Missouri: This was an action brought by the plaintiff in error against J. & W. Seligman & Co., as stock-holders of the Memphis, Carthage & Northwestern Railroad company, under a statute of the State of Missouri, to recover a debt due him by the company. The plaintiff in his petition alleges that on November 5th, 1874, judgment was rendered in his favor against the corporation by the District Court of Cherokee County, Kansas, for \$73,661, which remains unsatisfied; that in December, 1874, the corporation was dissolved; and that the defendants at the date of the dissolution and of the judgment were, and still are, stockholders of the corporation to the amount of \$6,000,000, on which there is due and unpaid one million dollars, and he demands judgment for his debt Joseph Seligman, the principal defendant, answered; denying t. at the defendants were ever stockholders or subscribers to the stock of the corporation, and setting forth certain lach and circumstances (stated in the findings) under which the stock alleged to be theirs was merely deposited in their hands by the corporation, in trust for a temporary purpose by way of collateral security, to be returned when the purpose was accomplished. The cause was tried by the court, and judge ment rendered for the defendants on certain findings of fact, and the question presented here is whether the facts as found are sufficient to support the judgment. This Court holds that they are; that upon a careful examination there can be no doubt that the Seligmans held the stock in question as trustees and custodians by way of collateral security for themselves and the purchasers of the bonds, and that they are not liable for the company's debts. The judgment of the Circuit Court is affirmed with costs. Opinion by Justice Bradley.

In the case of Wisner vs. The Bank of Gallatin, decided by the Supreme Court of Tennessee, on January 27, it was held that a bank-note in which the cashier set down the amount of money put in the bank by the depositor, and the date when the money was deposited, is not such a contract or receipt a cannot be contradicted by parol testimony. It was not, the court said, a contract in terms, nor was it intended to be such It more nearly corresponded to the meaning of the word "memorandum," a record of something to be remembered, a note to help the memory. The court, taking this view of the case, applied the general rule of evidence relating to documents of this character, and held that the book or memoradum was merely prima facie evidence of the fact recited by and not conclusive, and, therefore, that its recitals might be explained or contradicted by oral testimony.

The American Manufacturer (Pittsburgh) of the 3d inst, say "The Nova Scotia Glass Works, which was operated by Pathburgh glassblowers, has closed and the men are coming how. The bench in the furnace broke, tumbling the pots into the frace. It is estimated that six weeks will be required to make the pairs, and the firm asked the men to agree that these six web should be deducted from the two months shut down which comences in July and ends in September. The proprietors thoughthat, as their factory would have to lie idle six weeks for reparting should be allowed to make up the lost time in July 2d. August. The men considered the matter and finally answers that to give offe firm privileges would open the way for other the cerns so they must refuse to grant the request. The propriet then went to considering and decided that it would not part repair the factory and start for a spring run alone so they order a shut down until September 1, when the winter season opens.

## Linancial and Commercial.

TORONTO, Thursday, March 7, 1883.

Last week was one of but small business on the Toronto Stock Exchange, and what little there was appeared to be that of a brokers' market only, the general public holding back. With the opening of the present week a better feeling was developed, which is still continued. On Monday business became active, and prices showed considerable strength. Monday was settling day, when notes to a large aggregate amount fell due at the banks, and the day's payments were pronounced highly satisfactory. This favorable circumstance had, of course, an influence on the stock market, which on Tuesday was stronger than on Monday. The feature of the week is the advance in Federal, which has moved up several points, with considerable business done.

The Montreal stock market is also reported buoyant and strong, with increased transactions. A despatch of Monday's date says :- "The notes maturing in the banks here to-day were generally promptly met. Out of seven hundred and fifty due, only one remained at 3.30 p.m. The manager said on the 14th of February there were nearly two thousand notes due in the leading bank, the manager of which seemed satisfied with the results of the payments, and, of course, he said their local customers always took good care of their paper, which they did as usual to-day. But he remarked that he could not say how the country dealers had paid-up. A general manager of another leading bank, with ramifications all over the dominion, said payments at his head office were good, but, like his confrere already mentioned, he could not say how outside dealers had met their obligations. The next great day of trial as to the strength of commercial interests will be April 4, when the amount coming to maturity will be equal to the aggregate of February 4th and March 5th. Money was easier to-day, and a more cheering feeling was exhibited. This feeling was strongly reflected in the stock market, which advanced."

The following are the quotations on the Toronto Stock Exchange for Wednesday, March 7, compared with those of the same day two weeks before:—

	Feb. 21.			March 7.		
	Asked.	Bid.		Asked	. Bid.	
Banks					- 1	
Montreal	2063	2061		2073	2071	
Ontario	$112\frac{1}{4}$	112		113	1124	
Molsons		130		130		
Toronto	1837	183 <del>1</del>		1867	1863	
Merchants'	1254	1253		126	1253	
Commerce	134	133		135	1319	
Impenal	1401	140		142	141	
Federal	1551	1553		1603	igos	
Dominion	199	1983	•••	1993	199	
	115	1144	•••	115	1143	
Standard	115		••	115	•	
Hamilton	110	• • • •	• •	110	•••••	
Miscellaneous.						
British America	119}					
Western Assurance	1423	1421		1501	1497	
Canada Life				•		
Confederation Life Association						
Consumers' Gas	1483	• •			1151	
Dominion Telegraph	893	\$73				
Montreal Telegraph	0.74		• •			
Globe Printing Con			••	•••	••••	
Globe Printing Co'y	57s	อีอีร.	••	ōSs.	57s.6d.	
N. W. L. Co.		JJ3.	••	003.	019.00	
Onterio and Qu'Appelle	180	• • • •	••	••••	••••	

Montreal quotations for the same dates repectively:-

	Feb. 21.			Marc	h 7.
_	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
Banks.					
Montreal	2063	2064	٠.	2071	207
Ontario	112	1115	٠.	113	$112\frac{1}{4}$
People's	90	85	٠.		85
Molsons	132	130		132	130
Toronto	1833	183		1861	186
Jacques Cartier	115	110		115	111
Merchants'	1254	1244	٠.	126	1251
Quebec				58	56
Exchange		160		1653	159
Union		••••	• •	92	85
Commerce	134	1331		1343	1341
Federal	157	154		161	1602
Miscellaneous.				•	
Montreal Telegraph	122}	122		1241	1237
Dominion Telegraph		•••	• •		
l Richelicu and Ontario Nav	68	67		71	697
City Passenger Railway	142	140	•	1461	146
Montreal Gas	187	1861		192	1913
Canada Cotton		1024	•••	••••	
Dundas Cotton	107	106			
Optario Investment	133	129	•••		
St. Paul M. & M. xd	134	133		143	1423
North-West Land Co	57s	54s6d.	••		
Canadian Pacific	0.31	60	••	61	59
		••	•	••	50

The members of the Winnipeg Stock Fachange met on February 27th, in the Board room over the Bank of Montreal, when the following officers were elected: President, Ernest Stuart; Vice President, G. H. R. Wainwright; Secretary-Treasurer, Alex. Moffatt; Governing-Committee, John Macdonald and T. H. Carman: Solicitors, Ross, Killam and Haggart. The Exchange opened for business on the 1st of March. Stocks will be listed free of charge until further notice, but it is the intention shortly to make the usual charges for listing them. The meetings of the Board will be held daily from 11.15 to 12.15. Col. Walker is now making arrangements in Chicago, Toronto and Montreal for telegraphic stock reports.

In response to acticular summons, aboutsixty of the private bankers of the Province assembled on Tuesday at the Rossin house. The convention was called for the purpose of considering the legislation proposed by the Finance Minister in relation to private banking. A permanent association was formed, to be called "The Private Bankers' Association o Canada," and the following officers were chosen: - President, Mr. A. Johnston, M.P.P., Strathroy; First Vice-President, Mr. J. W. Scott, Listowel; Second Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Fawcett, Watford; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. D. E. Cameron, Lucknow. The proposed regulations were then fully discussed. The speakers all disclaimed any desire to assume names that would lead the public to believe that they are chartered institutions. A modification of the proposed legislation was the general desire. Plans suggested to meet the present difficulties were that private banks should use the words "Not incorporated," or publish the names of the proprietors. The following were appointed a deputation to proceed to Ottawa to lay before the Finance Minister the views of the convention:-Messrs A. Johnston, N. M. Livingston, W. H. Cutten, and D. E. Cameron. The deputation left for Ottawa the same night.

Concerning the result of the interview with the Finance Minister the Mail's Ottawa despatch says:—

"There are over two hundred private bankers in the Dominion,

but of these not more than twenty assume the title of banking company. The bill aims at the prevention of this assumption of a title which in one case has deceived the people and induced them, under a false impression, to make deposits. There is nothing in the bill to prevent private bankers under their own name taking deposits and performing all the functions they now perform. It is simply because of the fact that it has been shown that persons deposited with a private banker, who had taken a name which conveyed the idea that his establishment was an incorporated bank, that the use of the word bank was prohibited in 1880, except by chartered banks. But private bankers have, by adopting the name of banking companies, managed to evade the spirit, if not the letter, of The Government want the private bankers to be known as such, and not to be sailing under false colors. Sir Leonard explained the position, met the objections of the deputation, and so thoroughly convinced them of the wisdom of his bill, that they finally confined their efforts to the work of securing time before the law came into force, on the ground that they had large supplies of stationery printed with the objectionable titles. The Minister thought that possibly there was something in the request for delay, and promised to lay the matter before his colleagues. The private bankers who have called themselves banking companies will probably conform to the new law before the time arrives for it to come into operation, and thus the evil will be checked, while as yet it has only been partially developed."

The following is a synopsis of the resolution providing for amendments to the Banking Act, a bill founded upon which had its first reading in the House on the 2nd inst.:—

It is intended to impose a penalty on banks failing to regularly from year to year send a list of shareholders to Government, the requirements of the law in this respect not having hitherto been complied with. A penalty is also to be imposed on banks allowing the amount of their note circulation to be in excess of that fixed by law. During the fall months of the year it is not unusual that the circulation of some of the smaller banks exceeds the amount of their paidup capital. Through anxiety to maintain the circulation at the maximum, issues by the several branches, which cannot well be checked except at the close of the month when the returns come in, run up the aggregate beyond the legal limit, and the Finance Minister proposes to put a stop to the practice by imposing penalties based on the sliding-scale principle, which, while not too severe, shall yet make the operation of a contravention of the law an unprofitable one. In England the penalty is forfeiture of the amount by which the circulation exceeds the legal limit, but so stringent an enactment is not contemplated in the present Bill. Another amendment provides that the banks shall be obliged to pay in notes of small denomination the sum of sixty dollars on demand, instead of \$50 as at present. A third requires banks to make statements to Government of the condition of their reserves and capital, when the dividend is increased beyond 8 per cent. Still another amendment is that imposing a penalty on banks failing to send in to the Government the monthly statement of their affairs required by law within twenty days after the close of the month. The last change relates to private banks. It has been the custom of many persons in various parts of the Dominion to style themselves banking company, banking house, banking institution, or banking corporation, employing these terms for the purpose of leading the public to suppose that they have been constituted by Act of Parliament, and are working under the Banking Act. A case in point is that of the Mahon Bank of London, which failed the other day, and which, though a private corporation, had been transacting a regular banking business. These private institutions are to be debarred from employing any term to designate their business, other than that of "bankers." In the resolution as first introduced it was proposed to make it unlawful for any parties trust. Liabilities \$4,500.

to assume a designation implying that they are acting chartered bank, or as an agent of any such bank, but the in italics have since been omitted. Mr. Mackenzie expressed a doubt whether Parliament had jurisdiction in this matter, and the Finance Minister promised to give the point consideration.

In general business there is no decided change to report. The spring opening in the wholesale millinery trade to place the beginning of the week, and adds something to movement in dry goods. Groceries generally hold their walls well, and the hardware trade is improving. Of late, reports failures in Manitoba have been coming thick and fast, but some say that this is nothing more than ought to have been expected. It is remarkable that a good many of those reported as being difficulties in the North-west, are parties who were in the state "box" before in this Province. Meanwhile there is a disposition among wholesalemen to favor the pioneers of business out there, and to give them the best chance possible.

Respecting the drop in coal oil, the Montreal Gazztt of the 7th inst, says:—"There has been a further reduction the price of refined petroleum at points of production, which mow down to 14cts in London, f. o. b., and at Petrolia it reported to have declined to 13cts f. o. b. This market consequence is very quiet, and buyers take only just what the require for immediate wants. Prices here have declined 1c. per gallon, and we quote car lots at 16½cts to 17cts broken lots 17½cts to 18cts, and single barrels 18½cts to 18cts. We hear great complaints of certain parties selling by the single barrel, but there is said to be no margin of profit in it. The market in the west is said to be weak, under keep competition and large stocks."

The following are Toronto wholesale quotations of product for Wednesday, March 7:—

FLOUR—f. o. c.
FLOUR—f. o. c.  Superior Extra, per 196 lbs
Fancy and Strong Bakers' none.
Spring Wheat, extra none.
Superfine none. 4 95
Oatmeal, per 136 lbs
Cornmeal, small lots 4 25 -
Extra, per bag
Extra, per bag
Spring Wheat extra, per bag none.
GRAIN—f. o. c.
rail wheat, no. 1. per builds
" No. 2, " 1 03 - 1 01
" No. 3, " 1 00 -
Red Winter none. 000
Spring Wheat, No. 1
" No. 2 1 08 — 1 08
" No. 3
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs 0 43 - 0 76
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs 0 75 - 0 70
" No. 2, " 0.72 — 0.66
" Extra No. 3 0 65 - 0 56
No. 3 0 53 - 0 00
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs
" No. 2, " 0 76 - 0 00
Rye 0 65 -
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James Downs, general dealer, Virden, Man., has obtained set tension of time.

Alexander Ross, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, has assigned it trust. Liabilities \$4,500.

I. W. French, jeweller, Hamilton, has been closed by sheriff.

A Mount Forest grocer named E. Sherwood is reported missing. He leaves very little behind him.

I. B. Rutherford, grocer, &c., of Stonewall, Man., is offering his creditors less than one hundred cents on the dollar.

P. Waram, who has been in business in Brandon, Man, about a year, has failed with liabilities of \$5,500. Assets \$4,000.

Both storekeepers at St. Leon, Man., are in difficulties, much to the surprise of Winnipeg houses who are principal creditors.

The liabilities of Wm. W. Bezanson, general dealer of Grafton, N. S., are about \$7,000, assets \$4,000, being covered by a bill of

A. G. Murray, who has been carrying on a grocery business in Ingersoll, under style A. G. Murray & Co., has levanted, leaving a large number of creditors.

John Cowan, grocer, of Ottawa, who failed in 1874, is again in difficulties. His statement shows liabilities and assets about \$6,000. He is asking a compromise.

The Globe Agricultural Works of London, Ontario, in which the Mahon Bros. were heavily interested, are being sued for a large amount, and their suspension is looked forward to at any time.

Mrs. E. Hubbard, a respectable milliner carrying on business in Hamilton, has assigned to McKinnon, Proctor & Co. Her liabilities are about \$3,000 and assets nominally a few hundred dollars in excess.

For the second time Alfred Mellish, auctioneer and dealer in fancy goods, Chatham, has failed. In Nov., '81, he was burned out, and compounded with creditors at 45 cents on the dollar. His liabilities are heavy—said about \$10,000.

W. B. Robertson, grocer and liquor merchant, of West Lynne, Man., is in difficulties. He has over-bought and credited too freely—claims that he cannot make collections, and is unable to meet his liabilities, which are stated to be above \$12,000.

P. A. Blanchet, saddler, of St. Hyacinthe, Que., is offering to compromise with his creditors at 10 cents on the dollar.—J. E. Clement & Co., and Dunn & McQuillan, of St. Johns, Que., have both assigned: the latter firm asks creditors to accept 40 cents on the dollar.

H. P. Cook, general dealer, Gravenhurst, who succeeded P. Bartholomew about a year ago, is in the hands of the law on the charge of arson. His premises and stock were destroyed by fire recently under suspicious circumstances, and creditors are likely to suffer in consequence.

George E. Twomey, clothing and boot and shoe dealer, of Amherstburg, has sold out to D. Henley. He compromised with his creditors about nine months ago. The present sale will, it is understood, enable him to pay all his creditors the balance of the composition remaining unpaid.

The dry goods trade in Ottawa appears to be in a demoralized condition. Another merchant (Joseph Flanagan) has assigned in trust, with heavy liabilities. The estate shows a surplus, but his chief creditors (A. R. McMaster & Bro.) have not been satisfied with the account for some time past, and closed him up.

A meeting of the creditors of R. Heyneman, of Montreal, one of the largest importers of cigars in the Dominion, has been called for the 8th inst. The amount of liabilities has not transpired, but

Thomas Harrison, general merchant of Souris City, Man., has assigned in trust with liabilities of about \$ 9,000. He commenced business about a year ago, and the trade in Winnipeg regarded his prospects with favour. His failure is attributed to too much attention to politics and municipal matters, together with dulness in trade.

The assignment in trust of W. S. Wood, general dealer, etc., of Cayuga, has been brought about by intemperate habits and inattention to business He shows a surplus of several thousand dollars, but his friends have expected disaster for some time past unless a reformation in his habits took place. The liabilities are about \$9,000.

In the Province of Nova Scotia the following have assigned in trust :—A. W. Loomer, trader, of Aylesford; Sylvanus D. Munro, lumber dealer, of Melvern Square, and A D. Munro, hotel keeper, of Wilmot. James C. Gillespie, boot and shoe dealer, of Pictou, and W. B. Gardner, general merchant, of Louisburg, have both given preferences to the detriment of other creditors.

Hanson & Tobias, general dealers, Turtle Mountain City, Man., after a few months experience in business, have handed over everything to creditors. Their liabilities are about \$10,000, largely in Winnipeg. They are each young and inexperienced in business; but having settled in a good district with but little companies, the province cold them petition to contend with, the trade in the Province sold them freely.

St. Marie, Thibault & Co., dry goods merchants, of Montreal, assigned on the 26th inst. to C. Taten, who was security for their composition made last October. Liabilities are about \$15,000 and assets \$13,000. Joseph St. Marie, of this firm, has failed three times within four years, and Thibault has also had some experience in that line. They are offering their creditors 40c, on the dollar

The firm of Booth & Son, copper-smiths, of Toronto, are likely to get a settlement at 40 cents on the dollar, in 6, 12, 15 and 18 months—the last two payments secured. Creditors to the extent of \$22,000 were secured, and will be paid in full. The composition will be effected on liabilities of \$12,000. The above arrangement will be effected on liabilities of \$42,000. The above arrangement leaves the firm ample surplus to continue the business, it is thought to advantage.

A. Purvis, who has been engaged in millinery business in St. Catharines for many years, has become involved through giving accommodation paper to the late firm of Paterson Bros. A settlement has been effected with the banks at 40cts, on the dollar spreading over 2 years, and in some cases creditors have given him a clear receipt and are assisting him to continue in business. He is a worthy man, but not sufficiently energetic.

The old established drug house of B. A. Mitchell & Co., of London, has been in financial straits the past few months, and it was rumored the firm had assigned. We are pleased to learn, however, that asatisfactory sale of the business has been made to Kerry, Watson & Co., of Montreal, who purpose carrying it on as a branch house. The old firm will be able to pay their creditors in full, and the senior partner will be left with a comfortable competency.

Blair & Larmour, wholesale and retail dry goods, Winnipeg, have failed, with liabilities of about \$80,000, Stobart, Eden & Cobeing secured to the extent of \$43,000. The firm was in business many years at Prescott, Ontario, and started in Winnipeg less than a year ago, having a capital of over \$10,000; but in the purchase of Stobart, Eden & Co's business they assumed too much for their capital, and their expenses were such a made their suspension only a matter of time.

Both storekeepers at St. Leon, Man., are in difficulties much to the surprise of Winnipeg Houses who are principal creditors. A. Messuer carried on business many years at Formosa, Ont. He obtained a partial extension from his creditors about two years ago, which was promptly met, and the opinion seemed to be that he would succeed, but the past winters trade has been to much for him. His liabilities will it is said reach \$30,000 but this is not they are no doubt heavy. His failure has been expected the past for him. His liabilities will it is said reach \$30,000 but this is not few months, as he has been making great sacrifices to raise definite.—Lacasse & Warnecke, of the same town, are also unable to E cet their liabilities which are estimated at \$9,000

In Nov. '81, Job C. Thompson commenced the hat and fur business in Winnipeg, under style Thompson & Co., having, it was believed, excellent prospects. Although refraining from speculating during the boom, the trade of the past six months has been very light, and he is unable to meet his liabilities. E. K. Greene and two other Montreal creditors have accepted an assignment in trust. Liabilities are \$29,000—assets nominally \$32,000. His principal creditors are Greene & Sons, \$5,200—Taylor, Robertson & Co., \$4,000—Gnaedinger, Sons & Co., \$3,000.

A meeting of the creditors of Messrs. Hodgson & Co., successors to the Dann Boot and Shoe Company, was held recently at the office of the firm, Montreal. After discussing the business and position of the Company, it was decided to take stock and report at a second meeting of creditors to be held on Monday next. The firm has assigned to Mr. J. M. M. Duff, with Messrs. A. F. McCallum, Col. Whitehead and J. Dougall & Son, trustees of the estate. The liabilities amount to \$33,000. The assets are not yet known. A compromise may possibly be effected at the second meeting.

The affairs of A. M. Fosser & Co., wholesale dry goods, of Montreal, appear to be very complicated. E. A. Reinhardt, who recently invested \$4,000 as a partner, obtained possession of the keys of the warehouse, but Foster obtained an injunction, restraining him from interference. Several suits have been entered against A. M. Foster, individually, and a seizure was made on his real estate and certain stocks. It was proposed to sell off the stock and close up the business, and pay creditors by getting time, but Foster does not appear to do anything definite, and it is thought he will eventually be forced to assign in trust.

The following are among the business changes in the Province of Quebec during the past two weeks:—In Montreal, John Connolly, wood dealer, has assigned.—Wm. Elhot, grocer, is offering twenty-five cents on the dollar.—Joseph Versailles, roofer, &c., has called a meeting of creditors.—The stock of Louis Louis & Bro., wholesale cigars, etc., is advertised for sale by trustee.—L & Salle and LaSalle, general dealers, of St. Thomas de Pierreville, have assigned in trust.—P H. Matte, tanner, of Stanford, has effected a compromise at 20cts. on the dollar, and W. Loiselle, grocer, of Richelieu village, asks his creditors to accept 60 cts.

#### AMERICAN CORRESPONDENCE.

TEXTILES AND THE IRON TRADES—LETTERS FROM PHILA-DITPHIA, PITTSBURGH, BOSTON, AND NEW YORK.

#### PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, March 1, 1883.

The situation in Philadelphia is without special interest. Manufacturers and consumers in all departments of manufacturing activity are waiting for Congress to dispose of the tariff problem in order that they may know what inside prices are to be. The furnaces throughout Eastern Pennsylvania are all engaged, but stocks are accumulating slowly. Mills are nearly all busy though not making a full out-put. The textile establishments are fairly engaged but not fully. A good many thousand looms are idle and will likely remain so until there is a general revival of trade. The iron interests are waiting for tariff legislation, which is confidently expected to be disposed of this week. Pig iron is selling at \$25 for No. 1, \$23 for No. 2; \$20 for gray forge. Merchant bar is selling at 2 cents to 2.30. Construction iron of all kinds is in very moderate demand, but the probabilities point to an active demand as soon as outside operations are begun in the spring. rails are quiet and selling in a slow way at \$30 to \$40, and considerable apprehension exists among rail makers as to the competition which must be endured from foreign rail makers on accour' of the reduction of duties from \$29 to \$15 or \$16. The iron situation is not by any means satisfactory, but there is a large latent demand waiting for a settlement of the difficulties surrounding it.

The textile manufacturers are also in a state of uncertaintre, but with all this there is an undertone of confidence which leads them to anticipate an active demand and good prices in a few weeks. The industries of Eastern Pennsylvania are checking-up, avoiding over-production, restricting out pul, and in fact acting in a cautious and sensible manner. This checking up will be productive of good in the long run. The extra ordinary expansion of productive capacity in all directions during the past year or two has given a productive capacity which could in a short time crowd the market with stocks and depress prices to dangerous limits. The failures in the iron trade was have pointed out to manufacturers the dangers that are in store for them if they do not gauge production by the market's requirements.

#### PITTSBURGH.

Pittsburgh, March 1, 1883.

The depression in the iron trade at this great iron centre continues, and our prospects for an active spring trade which all believe is sure to come are still clouded by uncertainting growing out of threatened free-trade legislation at Washington Neutral mill iron is selling at \$19.50 to \$20. Muck bars \$35 to \$36. Manufacturers are not looking for an active demand for finished iron until tariff legislation is out of the way. The nail manufacturers held a meeting recently and fixed the card rate at 3.40. Steel rails are quoted at \$39 to \$41 on cars at works.

The coke trade has met with a check which has depressed prices considerably, and has led to the banking up of several hundred ovens. The dulness will continue until the demand improves in the west. The coke manufacturers have controlled the situation for a long time, but recent events point to the probability that they are reaching a point where production will likely be equal to demand, and thus depress prices by competition. Large quantities of coal have recently gone down the river. The high water at this point has done considerable damage, and for several days prevented the operation of the mills. The coal trade is satisfactory. The miners and operators are endeavoring to arbitrate their differences and to continue digging on prices fixed by an arbitration board. It is to be hoped that the effort will succeed.

The railway connections which this city is making west at north and south will increase its advantages as a manufacting centre, and enable it to maintain the lead which it has a

cured in this direction.

#### BOSTON.

Boston, March 1, 188; The Mining Engineers held a three days session in thiscip. The meeting was attended by your correspondent, where the found a welcome which was fully appreciated. After the covention was over the members visited Watertown and witness ed the testing of the great machine at the Arsenal. They then visited Harvard Hall, Cambridge, at noon, and were welcomed by Prof. Lovering. Their proceedings, which were full of interest, will be published and furnished to the press in det time. The New England Gas Engineers held a two days sesion at Young's hotel last week. The attendance was large The electric lighting systems in use were thoroughly discussed, and the conclusion arrived at was that the present condiusa of the electric arc light is far from being reliable, and that it only tends to exertion on the part of inventors to cheapen gas These proceedings will also be published in due time. Thy were not marked with any particular brightness, but were d special interest to the gas engineers. A. B. Slater, of Provdence, R. I., was elected president for the ensuing year.

Prices of wool are very firm and transactions have been to cently quite large. For five days just passed the total readed 2,579,200 pounds, of which 85,000 pounds was foreign. For the corresponding week in 1882 the sales were only 1,703.50

pounds, of which 324,500 pounds were foreign. The sales of wool from this market for the first two weeks previous to the one under review were nearly 10,000,000 pounds, while for three weeks they foot up to 12,355,200 pounds. Since January 1st the sales of wool from this market total up to 25,403,-200 pounds. Receipts of wools for the past week have been 7.935 bales domestic, and 202 bales foreign. A good deal of comment has been indulged in with regard to these heavy transactions and what they mean. Sales of foreign wool have been very light.

#### NEW YORK.

New York, March 1, 1883.

There is a better feeling in commercial circles this week than has prevailed for several weeks past. The textile interests have been thoroughly aroused by the dangers growing out of tariff agitation. A number of textile manufacturers have hastened to Washington in order to prevent some threatened damage being done to their interests. The Senate bill has been finally changed to agree with the House bill on raw wools. Some careless punctuation has been made which, unless corrected, will destroy the protection desired. There is a steady movement in dry-goods of most kinds. Southern and western retailers are in the market placing fair orders. A brisk business is anticipated in the early future. Cotton goods are in steady demand, print cloths have been moving with considerable freedom, and prices for prints are for the most part firm, and some styles of 56 by 60 fancies have been already marked up. Fancy cassimeres are in active demand and large orders are being placed. A new color is out called port wine. Imports of dry-doods since January 1st amount to \$22,573,461, which is a little less than imports for same time last year.

All grades of wool have received more or less attention and stocks are being reduced. Advices are strong from good home wool-growing centres. Speculation is apparent in some quarters. A number of buyers went out a short time since to attend the London sales but thus far no very extensive purchases have been made. Manufacturers are deterred from laying in large stocks because of tariff agitation, and an active demand is anticipated as soon as it is known what the duties will be.

In hardware there is a lull in demand growing out of westem floods, turiff matters, and general apathy. Prices are without change, and hardware manufacturers are quietly waiting for a blowing away of the clouds which have surrounded their trade, and believe that with a revival of building operations and an improvement of agricultural activity there will be a sufficient demand for hardware of all kinds to absorb their production at good prices.

## Bailways and Shipping.

TRANSFER OF CARRIAGE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM FROM RAILWAYS TO PIPE LINES.

It is noticeable that while disputes relating to methods of carrying petroleum have been fomenting bitter agitations in some communities, the entire movement from the producing regions has been rapidly transferred from railway companies to the pipe lines. If the influences which have hitherto been powerful continue to prevail, by the time the entire railway system of Pennsylvania is adjusted or distorted to suit the views of a few of the petroleum producers or speculators there will be little or no petroleum to be moved from the original points of production by railways to any of the distant consuming centres. The statement contained in Stowell's Petroleum Report, of February 26th, of the total shipments of crude and refined reduced to crude equivalent out of the producing regions in January, 1883, shows that of a total movemen. of with such other systems as are now in use.

1,357,815 barrels of crude and crude equivalent 300,000 consisted of pipe deliveries at Cleveland; 105,716 of movements in pipe lines to Buffalo; 206,600 of movements of the Tidewater Pipe Company; and 376,574 of movements of the Seaboard Pipe Line. Thus, of 1,357,815 barrels moved, 988,890, or nearly three-fourths, were carried by pipe lines. Independent of an immense reduction in the volume of the railway movement of crude petroleum, and the rapid substitution of pipe lines for tank cars, it is generally understood that few, if any, of the shippers or producers of the oil region pretend that they have any present cause of complaint of railway discriminations. It seems, therefore, to be an especially and exceptionally nonsensical proceeding to prolong a bitter strife over a dead issue, and to pass obstructive laws which would injuriously affect many interests and industries for the purpose of regulating the carriage of crude petroleum, when it is no longer carried to a considerable extent by any of the railway lines of this commonwealth. The railway movements of crude petroleum out of the producing region in January last had shrivelled down to relatively infinitesimal proportions. Of the total rail movements in that month 64,000 barrels consisted of refined oil reduced to crude equivalent, leaving only 304,-837 barrels of crude moved from the producing region by all the lines participating in this traffic.-Philadelphia Railway World.

#### PROSPERITY OF THE SUEZ CANAL.

The returns of the Suez Canal Company to Dec. 31 1882, show that the past year has been the most prosperous one the canal has ever seen, the number of vessels making the transit being 3,198 as against 2,727 in 1881, the tonnage being 6,811,521 as against 5,794,401, and the receipts being 60.504.878 francs as against 51,274,352 francs. The excess is therefore 471 vessels, 1,017,120 tons and 9,230,526 francs. The business done by the company since its first complete year's working in 1870 appears from the following table:

	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Receipts.
1876	486 765 1,082 1,173 1,264 1,494 1,457 1,663 1,593 1,477 2,026	435,911 761,467 1,439,169 2,085,072 2,423,672 2,940,708 3,072,107 3,418,949 3,291,535 3,236,942 4,344,519	Francs. 5,159,327 8,993,732 16,407,591 22,897,319 24,859,383 28,886,302 29,974,998 32,774,344 34,098,220 29,686,060 39,840,487
1881 1882	2,727 3,198	5,794,401 6,811,521	51,274,352 60,504,878

The dividend of the company in 1881 was 13.7 per cent., including the 5 per cent. interest which each share carries. The increase in the revenue in 1882 -namely, about 9 per cent -will probably raise the dividend for that year to some thing over 20 per cent. for each share of the nominal value of 500 francs.

A practical test is to be made of the feasibility of steam towing on the Eric canal, a bill having been introduced into the New York legislature for that purpose. The bill authorizes the allotment of any five inless of the canal which shall present such difficulties as are likely to be encountered, and to allow the inventor of the proposed single-rail system of steam or electric towage for canals to make a fair and satisfactory test thereon. If such test proves satisfactory, and the general introduction of the system is deemed advisable, the inventor is to be allowed to operate it on all of the State's canals, but in such manner as least to interfere

## Textiles.

#### INDUSTRIAL ENGLAND.

DUNDEE.—A TOWN OF TEXTILE INDUSTRIES-NEITHER COTTON NOR WOOLLEN, BUT ALL OF LINEN, JUTE AND HEMP.

For this Department we select on the present occasion, what Mr. Porter has to tell us of the flax, jute and hemp industries in Dundee:-

At this time (before the dawn of trade in the eighteenth century) the principal street of the town could not boast six houses completely built of stone. The shops did not rent at above £3 per annum, and many were closed altogether. the midst of the depressed condition of affairs Parliament inaugurated the protective theory with Dundee, by granting a bounty on brown linens made for exportation—a manufacture which, from weight of fabric and lowness of price, could not then be carried on without a loss. This again revived trade, and stimulated the industry of the inhabitants. Manufactures were established and prosecuted with a success that operated in a most beneficial manner on the domestic habits and comforts of the people. From the establishment of the British Linen Company, the object of which was to encourage native industry by advancing money to the poorer manufacturers, the linen trade of Dundee underwent a rapid development. Warden, in his history of the linen trade, says that a large bonus was paid the manufacturer who first started flax-spinning by power, and from this time the trade became completely changed. The spinster and the hand-wheel of the last century gave place to the factory girl and the spindle of the present; the manufacture ceased in the rural districts, and became concentrated in towns, where spinning-mills were erected. manufacture of fine linens, lawns, cambrics, and "Glasgows," which formed the staple in Glasgow and the West of Scotland down till the latter part of the eighteenth century, has now become an almost extinct industry there, and has taken a deep hold of the eastern manufacturing districts, and centres principally in Dundee, for yarns and heavy goods, and in Dunfermline for fine damasks. Ireland, of course, takes the lead of all the three kingdoms, and indeed, of Europe at the present time, in the production of linen fabrics, as a glance at the following statistical exhibit will show:

Countries.	Number of Spindles.	Number of power Looms.
Ireland	911,111	21,153
France	762,047	18,323
Austria-Hungary	342,508	500
Germany	318,467	8, <b>00</b> 0
England	190,808	4,081
Belgium	289,000	4,755
Scotland	265,263	16,756
Russia	144,734	2,500
Italy	50,140	524
Switzerland	9,000	
Holland	7,500	1,200
Sweden	38,10	´ <b>9</b> 8
Spain		1,000
Total	3,294,597	78,790

In the early days of mill-spinning in the East of Scotland, Mr. Warden says, it was with difficulty that a sufficient number of hands could be got for preparers, spinners or reelers, and it was then the practice, in and around Dundee, for the owners of mills or their managers to attend the neighboring county fairs to engage hands, and sometimes open tent had to be kept all day as inducements to come to terms. ments were generally made for six or twelve months, as with farm and household servants at the present day. This was before the Factory Act, and mill operatives in towns had to

earned by the workers in this industry, then as now, P explain why the flax industry migrated from the great iron tricts of the West to the East of Scotland, and why it only industry which England permitted Ireland to embers In 1820 the report of a committee on the State of the Ling Poor guerral the ing Poor, quoted the wages then paid in Dundee—to of sacking, 7s. 6d. per week; sail-cloth and bagging, 8s. osnaburgs, 9s. 6d.; and sheetings, 10s.; in all cases, average of a trifle over \$2 a week for the best works. Female labor was still more miserably paid; women in rarely made 5s., or \$1.20, a week; hand-spinners, when employed, 2s. 6d., but more generally 1s. 2d. per week was said that women had to spin for \$1 as much would reach from Dundee to Abereeen-65 miles. very careful enquiry and an examination of the several firms, the wages in this industry in Dundee said to have fluctuated in the last thirty years as follows: have made the estimate in United States money):

SPINNING MILLS.	1853. 60 hrs. per week.	1863. 60 hrs. per week.	1873. 58 hrs. per week.	1883. 56 hrs. per week.
Preparers		\$2 00	\$2 75	\$2 25
Spinners	. I 35	2 15	2 70	2 50
Shifters	• 75	1 50	I 75	1 50
Boys	. I 20	1 10	2 00	2 00
Reelers	I 75	2 50	3 00	3 00
Overseers	. 500	5 75	7 50	7 00
FACTORIES.				
Winders	. 175	2 00	2 75	3 50
Weavers	. 2 30	2 50	3 50	3 50
Tenters	. 4 50	5 75	6 00	6 50
Warpers	. 3 50	4 00	4 50	4 00

I was repeatedly assured by the factory hands whom I in an hour's stroll through the Scouringburn, perhaps the thickly populated, and certainly the worst, quarter modern town of Dundee, that the spinner modern town of Dundee, that the spinners on the earned about 8s. and 9s. a week, and the weavers a trifle I think the wages in the flax industry are a trifle higher the manufacture of jute goods. the manufacture of jute goods. A large number of the atives are Irish, and they will not compare in social control to those of Paislan Times to those of Paisley. Unquestionably some of the mills, as the Baxter Brothers', have accomplished something in way of elevating the operations. way of elevating the operatives, in the way of schools attent to the factory for the "balk" to the factory for the "half-timers," or children under forthe But upon the whole the Dundee operatives are paid, and live, the best of them, from hand to mouth, worst in squalid misery.

The Scouringburn, the operatives' quarter of the contains hundreds of houses totally unfit for human habitation They are low gray stone buildings, with but one room Some of floor, and windows about two feet square. some whole families living like animals on the bare with a counter of boards. with a couple of boards in the corner upon which, with the vilest of rags, the mother of the family lay dynaman told me library. man told me, literally of starvation. And yet this was two rods of the police station. The room in which I what this scene food a new years. this scene faced a public thoroughfare. It was lower the street, and as the life and street, and as the life of the poor starving creature on the was ebbing the slime from the drains oozed through of the cellar, and dropped in a thick pool in the corner. yet in this same room were children, poor, pinched, half-starved little and ha half-starved little creatures, who looked npon me in a manner. I visited at least a dozen houses in this Dundee, and found the inmates in almost a similar Some had been factory hands, and misery and want. were laboring men, who said it was impossible to rent for the dens they inhabited, and lived principally in bread. The houses of the more than bread. The houses of the more thrifty operatives I found be fairly comfortable by be fairly comfortable, but not comparable with those in labor fourteen and fifteen hours a day. The miserable pittances | neighborhood of Glasgow. The girls of the Scours

Patronize the public houses with the men, and some of them we very rough. Some of the principal mills have greatly improved the tone of their employees by taking only respectable girl, and promptly dismissing those who are found to be

The jute industry of Dundee was comparatively unknown before 1830. About 1824 a few bales of jute reached Dun-Towards the end of 1833 James Taws first began to spin regularly sold in the Fin pure jute, and in 1835 jute yarn was regularly sold in the market. In 1838 the total importation of jute into Dundee In 1838 the total importation of just ..... The whole 36 tons, and in 1881 it exceeded 100,000 tons. The whole of the jute used in Europe and India is now estimated at 2,000 the jute used in Europe and India is now estimated at 2,000,000 bales. Of this quantity Great Britain takes Great Britain is consumed in and around Dundee. In 1875 there was a stand in this industry in Scotthere were 35,000 persons employed in this industry in Scotland have statistics. It will be hand, but I am unable to obtain later statistics. It will be seen that within a limited time this industry sprang into the realest importance and enormous fortunes were made out of it, but a natural desire to share the good thing led to the business being overdone, and according to United States Consultations overdone, and according to United States Consul Winter the wages paid by the Dundee jute mills are even law industry. the less than those in the long-established flax industry. The following table shows the average amounts received by the bundary per week of fifty-six Dundee operatives in jute manufacturing, per week of fifty-six bours, in 1881:

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Although flax, hemp, and jute are the staples of Dundee, it has ship had jute and iron works, and within a ship-building interest, engineering and iron works, and within fifteen vector is interest, engineering and iron works, and within the stape of boots and shoes on fiteen years has gone into the manufacture of boots and shoes on large son. Dundee a large scale. Its fishing interest is also important. Dundee is noted for its enterprise, and, although its industrial history to stanles the checkered, it may safely be said that it now has the stanles the checkered, it may safely be said that it now has the stanles the checkered it may safely be said that it now has the safely be said that it now ha two staples—linen and jute. It once was celebrated for soap, ale and sugar-refining. Glass-making and sugar-refining was behave ale and sugar-refining. Glass-making and sugar-refining. Glass-making and sugar-refining was be-compared to the sugar-refining of the sugar-refining was be-tun with the sugar-refining. Glass-making and sugar-refining was be-tun with the sugar-refining. Glass-making and sugar-refining was be-tun with the sugar-refining was besun with indifferent success. Dundee marmalade has become flourished, but it is not so important as for manufacture of cotton goods was Dortant as formerly. The manufacture of cotton goods was in favor of Glasgow. Attempts to tried, but died away in favor of Glasgow. Attempts to etablish woollen factories followed with the same result. But woollen factories followed with the same thrifty, after the bounty was offered Government of the seem only to have stimulated the seem of the bounty was offered to the seem only to have stimulated the seem of the seem Government, I have shown how they soon took the lead in inen and jute goods. Dundee has an abundant capital, and invests la jute goods. It is about the invests large amounts in the United States. It is about the of Cleveland, though it can never become such an important city. There are some handsome residences, and a few fine huit.

spreads one of the richest and most varied landscapes in Scotland. At this time of the year, and approaching it on a rainy day along the muddy banks of the Tay, it looked bleak and unattractive. The streets are well paved, but the houses in the lower parts of the city belong to the old town as described in the first part of this letter, and should give place to homes that would elevate instead of debase the poorly-paid operatives of the mills.

#### FACTORY LAWS.

FACTORY LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES-Mr. BLACKEBY'S RE-PORT. - SUMMARY OF THE LAWS IN THE VARIOUS STATES.

Ottawa, March 3.—Yesterday the report of Mr. A. H. Blackeby, the Commissioner appointed to enquire into the system of laws regulating labor in Massachusetts, was presented to Parliament. The Commissioner states that, although some of the laws governing labor have been on the statute books of the State for a considerable period of time, it is only since the year 1879 that any systematic or organized method of enforcing those laws has been in operation. In such a short time it has been impossible to accomplish to the full ail the expecta-tions of the promoters of those laws. But when the period of their entorcement is taken into account, the amount of good which has already been realized is a hopeful augury of what may confidently be anticipated by the time that the laws shall have had a reasonable time in which to develop their usefulness as premoters of the physical, mental and moral welfare of that portion of the citizens of the States who are earning their bread amidst the noise of machinery in the factory and the workshop. A supplementary report giv s a synopsis of factory laws in several other States.

#### HOURE OF LABOR.

The law with reference to the hours of labor was, as the chief inspector stated in one of his reports, "the outcome of a long and somewhat bitter agitation. Happily it is now conceded by those who were arrayed in opposition upon this subject that the policy of the State in regard to the employment of labor is established, and that results have shown the wisdom of such legislation. The operatives are more contented, obtain better wages, and are more valuable members: the interests of the operatives and manufacturers are more rearly in accord, and there is much less antagonism than formerly.'

#### LAW WITH REFERENCE TO.

The clauses which relate to this subject read as follows:-"Section 4.-No minor under eighteen years of age and no woman shall be employed in laboring in any manufacturing establishment, more than ten hours in any one day, except when it is necessary to make repairs to prevent the interruption of the ordinary running of the machinery, or when a different apportionment of the hours of labor is made for the sole purpose of making a shorter day's work for one day of the week; and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed sixty in the week....

#### MUST POST NOTICES.

Every employer shall post in a conspicuous place in every room where such persons are employed a printed notice stating the number of hours' work required of them on each day of the week; and the employment of any such person for a longer time in any day than that so stated shall be deemed a violation of this section, unless it appears that such employment is to make up for time lost on some previous day of the same week in consequence of the stopping of machinery upon which such person is employed, or dependent for employment.

#### PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

"Section 5.—Whoever, either for himself, or as superintendent, overseer, or other agent of another, employs, or has in There are some handsome residences, and a few fine dent, overseer, or other agent of another, employer.

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tion, and any parent or guardian who permits any minor to be so employed, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty, nor more than one hundred dollars for each offence. Said penalty shall extend to corporations. A certificate of the age of a minor, made by him and by his parent or guardian at the time of his employment in a manufacturing establishment, shall be conclusive evidence of his age upon any trial for a violation of the preceding section."

#### DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE.

This part of the law has been found more difficult to enforce than that portion which refers to the schooling of children. Although a fair majority of employers are in favor of working but ten hours per day, and would not, even if the law permitted them to do so, revert to the longer hours, there is considerable dissatisfaction existing by reason of the fact that the law applies only to the State of Massachusetts. It is considered that while factories in New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont are allowed to work as long as the proprietors deem advisable, this restriction should not have been placed upon the industries of Massachusetts. The objections seem to be well taken, and efforts are at present being made by the labor organizations to have a ten-hour law carried through the Legislatures of the other New England States. Most of the manufacturers spoken with were willing to concede that ten hours of faithful work each day is as much as should be required of mill operatives, and they further stated that were the law a National, instead of a State one, they would be entirely satisfied.

#### NO LOSS IN PRODUCTION.

Taking the mills as a whole there has been little or no loss in the output since the shorter hours of labor came into operation. The works in Massachusetts were competing with trade rivals just across the State border, whose hours of labor were sixty-six per week, and in order to get the same production as their neighbors, the machinery was made to work much more rapidly. Looms which had formerly been run at the rate of one hundred and thirty picks per minute were speeded up to one hundred and seventy picks, and in this way very little diminution in the output was observed. Mr. Carroll D. Wright in his work on "Uniform Hours of Labor," has proved that in most mills where a proper system of management prevails, as good results can be obtained in ten hours as was formerly the case when eleven hours per day was the ordinary running time. In commenting upon the figures bearing upon this subject which he has collected throughout the New England States, Mr. Wright says:—

#### AS MUCH WORK DONE IN MASSACHUSETTS IN TEN AS IN OTHER STATES IN ELEVEN HOURS.

"It is apparent that Massachusets, with ten hours, produces as much per man or per loom, or per spindle, equal grades being considered, as other States with eleven or more hours; and also that wages here rule as high if not higher than in the States where the mills run longer time.

#### VOLUNTARILY ADOPTED TEN HOUR SYSTEM.

Some mills have voluntarily adopted the ten hours, and have achieved the result of accomplishing as much in that time as formerly in eleven. Such is the case with a large cotton mill employing several hundred operatives, and standing in the midst of eleven hour mills. As a result, with some changes of machinery, with careful management, and with stricter discipline, which can be maintained under shorter hours, the superintendent finds his products so nearly what they were before that the directors are satisfied; and, after a trial of a year and a half, the experiment has become an established success.

One large cotton mill reduced time for four months a few years ago, and found by their books that from two to four-

continued for a year an even greater gain might have expected, as that period of time might fairly be required the vital condition of the the vital condition of the operatives to rise from the electric the ten hour level and the ten hour level, and so for them to make the full which they were capable.

Another case is that of a woollen mill in an eleven State, which has been running but ten hours a day for years. It has been running but ten hours a day for years. It has been under the same management during whole time, and its whole product comes in direct comparish to and with 11 and 11½ hour mills. Yet in the judgment manager, who is also one of the large manager, who is also one of the largest owners, the part has been as great and the has been as great and the profits as large as if the mil been run eleven hours.

#### RATE OF PAY NOT DIMINISHED.

In both the above cases the rate of pay which the operation receive is just as large as in eleven hour mills. which such facts, and others equally significant, which yet to give, may be explained, and correctly, we think, there is only so much work in a person, and that all the there is in the great body of the operatives can be got them in ten hours, and no more for any considerable can be got out of them in eleven; for no mill has yet built in which the machinery is more than the man-

#### TESTIMONY AS TO BENEFIT OF TEN HOURS.

But perhaps the most emphatic testimony is that of pet mill employing about twelve hundred persons. which has been running but ten hours for several years, has during this period tried the experiment of running over gives the following result. The manager said: "I be with proper management and supervision, the same help produce as many goods, and of superior quality, in ten as they will in eleven. I judge so from the fact that certain seasons, being pushed for goods, we have run nine o'clock; and for the first month the production increased materially. After this, however, the help grow listless, and the production grow listless, and the production would fall off, and the quite of the goods deteriorate." of the goods deteriorate."

"That is, one of the largest and most perfectly equif and most thoroughly managed mills having tried the ment of running more than ten hours, finds that, althous paying extra for over-time, while during the first month quate returns can be obtained, yet by the third month whole production of the ten hour day and over time to cannot be made to be more than it was before the time began, 'as the books will show.' The reason flesh and blood of the operatives have only so much them, and it was all got out in ten hours, and no more the got out in ten hours, and no more than the got out in ten hours, and no more than the got out in ten hours. be got out in twelve; and what was got extra in the month was taken right out of the life of the operatives.

### ANOTHER INSTANCE OF THE SAME.

A case which tended to corroborate the above came the notice of your commissioner at the works of the antic Thread Company. This corporation had been work eleven hours per day up till 1879, when it was decident reduce the hours of labor to sixty per week. A close of the output was kept for the first six months, at the tion of which time it was ascertained that there was a production of some fifteen hundred pounds of cotton, lent to half a day's work, and even this small reduction attributed as much to other and accidental causes as the er number of working hours. The sixty hours has been tinued ever since, although the mills around are nearly working sixty size. working sixty-six. One of the results has been that the class of operatives in New England may be found at the of this company. The slovenly, untidy factory hands to be met with in other many, the slovenly, untidy factory hands are to be met with in other mills, not so well conducted, are spicuously absent from this factory, and in their places seen as intelligent, cleanly, and neat looking a body of tenths of an hour was gained. Had the experiment been tives, both male and female, as could be found being

Counter of many first class city stores. The president of this in company first class city stores. The president and thoroughness in says:—"Skill in management and thoroughness in the eleventh hour in the product of a mill: and thorough discipline is much more thinable under ten than under eleven hours, for men and they cannot be held up to nomen are flesh and blood, and they cannot be held up to steady work during eleven hours as during ten; and work during eleven nours as commenders are flesh and blood, and cannot hold them up.

#### NO REDUCTION IN RATES OF PAV.

In Massachussetts the reduction to ten hours has not been Massachussetts the reduction to ten nours has not by a corresponding reduction in the rates of physical by a corresponding reduction in the rates of physical by your commissioner go to The answers to inquiries made by your commissioner go to thow that to inquiries made by your class earn fully as thow that factory operatives of the same class earn fully as much wages in this State as they do in the eleven hour mills whether this is owing to the the State of Connecticut. Whether this is owing to the improved physical theding up of the machinery, or to the improved physical both causes combined, is a conditions of the machinery, or to the improved the workers, or to both causes combined, is a facult man the fact is there, and it is of the workers, or to both causes commune, the matter to determine, but the fact is there, and it is of significant to determine the welfare of the industrial the page in matter to determine, but the fact is there, and cap significance to all who study the welfare of the industrial

ASSACHUSETTS HAS NOT SUFFERED BY THE TEN HOUR

Although the sectional character of the ten hour law is a decided bar to its usefulness, yet the Massachusetts industries the certainly not suffered by its operations. As proof of it man, it m it may be mentioned that out of 8,806,417 spindles and operatives engaged in the cotton trade in the new and 62.794 operatives are operatives engaged in the cotton trade in the states, 4,465,290 spindles and 62,794 operatives are found mid to the states. be found within the borders of the old Bay State.

SUPPLEMENTARY REJUDITION LABOR THE VARIOUS STATE LAWS REGULATING LABOR

STATE OF MAINE.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIKE ten hounder fifteen years of age can be employed more then hours per day without the written consent of a parent

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#### STATE OF VERMONT.

Children under ten years are not allowed to be employed. Children under fifteen must not be employed more than ten hours per day, and children between the ages of ten and fifteen are not to be employed in any mill or factory unless they have received three months' schooling during the year next preceding such employment.

#### STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

No child under the age of twelve years can be employed in any manufacturing establishment.

No child under fifteen years of age can be employed unless it has attended school at least three months during the preceding year, and no such child shall be employed for more than nine months in any year.

No child between the ages of twelve and fifteen can be employed more than eleven hours per day, nor before five o'clock in the morning nor after half past seven in the evening. Violation of any of these provisions is punishable by a fine of twenty dollars.

Ten hours constitute a legal day's work unless otherwise agreed by the parties to the contract for same.

Town and City Councils may pass laws requiring fire escapes to be provided on factories in which workmen are employed above the second story.

#### STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

No child under the age of fourteen years can be employed in any business unless such child has attended a day school for sixty days during the preceding year, six weeks of such attendance to be consecutive. School trustees are to visit the manufactories in their district one or more times in every year in order to see that the law is complied with. and guardians who neglect to send their children to school the legal time render themselves liable to a fine of five dollars for each week's neglect. Employers are required to keep on file a certificate of the child's attendance at school.

No child under the age of fifteen years can be employed for more than ten hours in any one day, or fifty-eight in any week, under a penalty of fifty dollars.

Each storey above the second must have more than one flight of stairs, or outside fire escapes satisfactory to the fire department of the city or town.

Eight hours constitute a legal day's work unless otherwise agreed upon.

#### STATE OF NEW YORK.

Children under the age of fourteen years are not to be employed during school hours, unless they have attended school for a period of fourteen weeks in the year next preceding such employment, and employers must have a certificate of such school attendance.

Eight hours constitute a legal day's work, except for farm and domestic labor. Over-work for extra compensation is permitted.

#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

No child under ten years of age can be employed in any factory, and no minor shall be required to work more than ten hours per day or sixty hours per week; the penalty for violation of this law being fifty dollars.

Ten hours per day constitute a legal day's work in all cotton, woollen, silk, paper, glass, and flax factories, and in all manufactories of iron and brass.

#### STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Eight hours constitute a legal day's work in the absence of a special contract, except for farm labor, and labor employed by the year, month, or week. Ten hours constitute a legal day's work in cotton, woollen, silk, paper bag, and flax factories. No minor under thirteen can he employed in any such factories under a penalty of fifty dollars.

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Factories in which employees are at work in third or higher stories must have permanent exterior fire escapes satisfactory to the fire authorities of the city or town.

#### STATE OF MARYLAND.

The law prohibits the employment of children under sixteen years of age in factories, for more than ten hours per day, under a penalty of fifty dollars.

#### STATE OF OHIO.

No child under the age of fourteen years can be employed in mills or mines during school hours, unless it shall have attended school for at least twelve weeks during the year preceding such employment. Employees must have certificates to that effect. Two weeks' attendance at half time, or night school, to be considered equivalent to one week at a day school.

Whoever compels a child under fourteen, or a woman, to labor in a mechanical or manufacturing business for more than ten hours per day shall be fined not less than five nor more than fifty dollars.

THE TEAZEL.—Our readers who never saw a teazel (spelled also teasel and teaz'e, and even tassel) can imagine a fir cone or a "swamp cat-tail" set all over with little stiff hooks. It is the burr (or tassel, or flower-head, or thistle-top) of the plant dipsacus; and so identified is it with cloth-dressing that this use of it gave it its botanical name, dipsacus fullonum, or "fuller's teasel."

However familiar to people who live in lands where the teazel is extensively grown, the fact may be that the prickly heads of that plant are universally used to raise the nap on cloth, a multitude of persons in this country probably never heard of it, and will be astonished to learn in what enormous quantities the plant is raised.

In France alone six thousand acres of land are exclusively devoted to the cultivation of the teazel. French manufacturers use \$1,500,000 worth of the prickly heads, and export 60,000 tons of them, valued at \$2,500,000. From 45,000,000 to 98,000,000 are produced in Austria and England, Belgium, Poland, and the Crimea.

The prickles of the teazel have a small knob at the end, and this, mounted on an elastic stem, and set with great precis on on the central spindle, affords a little brush, such, it is said, as the utmost mechanical skill has never been able to rival; at all events at the same price—Unidentified Exchange.

IRON SHUTTERS CONDEMNED. - During the examination of Mr. Esterbrook, superintendent of buildings, by the coroner's jury impanelled to fix the responsibility for the loss of life at the fire in New York, he said that there ought not to be an iron shutter permitted in any building in the city. He stated that the effect of iron shutters was to confine a fire within a building, preventing the firemen from gaining access thereto, until it became a raging furnace within, resulting in a fire that could not be controlled. This is also the experience of all veteran firemen, and they are unanimously of the opinion that iron shutters have caused greater losses than they ever prevented. We have, says the *Fireman's Journal*, frequently given expression to this opinion in these columns, and are glad to have the fact so emphatically repeated by so good an authority as Mr. Esterbrook. He suggests that they might be of service in narrow streets, in protecting a building from a raging fire on the opposite side of the street, but when employed for this purpose they should be left open habitually, and only closed when danger is imminent. A far better protection, however, is a solid shutter made of wood, and lined on both sides It would resist fire longer than iron, and will not break or shrink away from its position and give access to the flames. The sooner iron shutters are abolished the better it will be for property owners, and the more effectively will the firemen be enabled to do their work.—Baltimore Journal of Commerce.

## Milling.

#### WHY THE WHEAT MARKETS ROSE.

It has been quite common lately to attribute the rise going on in the wheat markets to the lessened area thus far sown to that cereal in France and England by reason of unfavorable weather conditions, and also to floods in central and western Europe generally, which it is assumed further militated against the prospects of a good harvest next summer. But while these considerations are no doubt entitled to some weight, and probably precipitated the late improvement in the markets, we believe it will be found later on that the rise was inspired and has since been sustained by the market opinion that the level of value from which the rise started was too low to fairly represent the situation before the adverse circumstances in Europe had transpired. This low level of value was largely brought about by aggregated accounts of the late American harvest, which all conversant with events then passing in the trade will remember. At and about that time it was quite a common belief on both sides of the Atlantic that our crop was fully 600,000,000 bushels, and some thought even larger. Now, however, it is pretty generally admitted that it did not exceed the estimate of 500,000,000 bushels. Assuming these figures as a crop basis, our exports are likely to prove less in 1882 83 than they were in 1880-81 from a crop of about the same magnitude, and when the reserves of old grain and flour in the country were considerably larger. Instead, therefore, of 225,000,000 to 275,000,000 bushels for export this year as was currently estimated at last harvest time, probably 175,000,000 will come nearer the mark as against 186,000,000 bushels in 1880-81; and this dwindling of estimates of our exportable surplus has doubtless had much to do in creating the greater confidence in the markets on both sides of the water which now prevails. - N. Y. Prod. Ex. Reporter.

Indianapolis is looming up as a grain-receiving and flour-milling point. Twelve years ago the wheat receipts were less than 1,200,000 bushels, for the year ending with next month the aggregate will not be less than 8,000,000 bushels. Our mills turned out last year over half a million barrels of flour, and will increase the amount this year, from present indications, at least twenty per cent.—The Millstone.

Like the wolf upon the fold, the now enlightened victims of the swindling grain commission firms are sweeping down upon the scoundrels, and howling for judgment and their lost dollars. Very few sensible people will pity them—but will be pleased that there are just so many thousands who will not be bit that way again. A few more flashes of the same sort of lightning that struck them, and per aps few fools of that sort will be left.—The Millstone.

As a contribution to the literature on the "Too Many Mills" subject we submit the following extract from a letter recently received from a representative miller:

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"I have read the article 'Too Many Mills' carefully, and while I believe the writer to be 'level-headed' in his views, I have no idea that 'a protest' will have much, if any, effect in the way expected. The 'new north-west' is developing so rapidly, and each considerable town or expectant town will enthuse to the extent of more or less of a 'bonus,' and the fool to step in and win the bonus can always be found, even though ninety per cent. of the ventures should fail. The mill, once built, is bound to be operated while it stands. I really do not look for more merchant mills to be built in the civilized portion of the States. The subject is a serious one, and will sooner or later come to be considered in all soberness, but at present too many think 'they can hold their own if others can.'"—North-western Miller.

Shantymen recently returned to Belleville from the woods say that the cut is very large and that the drive will be an early one.

## Fron and Machinery.

#### IRON TRADE PROSPECTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The failure of the iron house of John V. Ayer's Sons has so far made but little difference to the men employed in the Youngstown rolling mills, or with the coal and coke interests pertaining thereto, as the works are to be kept running for the present under the management of the receiver. This failure has had but little effect upon the general iron industries of the country, but one or two failures of small concerns being

On the other hand, as spring approaches there is more demand for iron products, and all the mills now running report good orders. At St. Louis the Vulcan Company has started up again with new hands, and the result seems very satisfactory so far, and all departments are expected to be in full blast during the coming week.

Renewed attention is being paid in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh to manufacturing from directly from the ore, and with fair prospect of success. A number of capitalists are about to establish works of 100,000 tons yearly capacity at Linden Station. If successful a material reduction can be made in the cost of manufactured iron.

English advices report great expectations for the coming year from the Thomas-Gilchrist process, which enables English ores to be used to a large extent in the manu acture of steel rails. Various forms of the open-hearth process are also outstripping the Bessemer method, which until lately has been entirely used in the manufacture of English steel rails.

It is gratifying to see in the mining districts of Pennsylvania that the method of settling differences between operators and men is fast becoming one of consultation and arbitration, rather than by strikes, which bring so many attendant disorders with them.

Workmen throughout the country are giving much attention to tariff matters, which cannot but be productive of good in spreading information concerning the resources and needs of the manufacturing community in that direction.

Carbuilders report more orders and a good outlook for the season's business notwithstanding the policy of retrenchment which is now being practised by many roads.-Chicago Railway Review.

#### IRON SHIP-BUILDING.

The Ironmonger, speaking of the pig iron trade in the Glasgow market, says that the cheerful tone that prevailed there at the time indicated was "the result of a widespread impression that the iron industry here was likely to reap substantial benefit from the proposals for the encouragement of home ship-building in the United States. On the strength of this idea the prices of warrants manifested some improvement, but next day the views of this question held in the iron market had completely changed, the impression now being that only the American shipowners will benefit, along with manufacturers of shiphuilding iron in the States. The opinion here is that for iron vessels to be constructed in America there is very little chance of there being any demand for angles, plates, etc., made on this side of the Atlantic. All defective plates are taken back from British shipbuilding yards and replaced by new ones; but this would create such a difficulty in the case of vessels built in America that the builders would be obliged to purchase the plates, etc., from their own manufacturers. Such is the view held by the best authorities in Glasgow, and it has been so generally adopted on 'Change that all expectation of substantial benefit to the iron industry of the country has been given up."

affairs in this country are watched by foreign manufacturers. particularly that part of the tariff question that might possibly result in our domestic enterprises being subverted in the interests of foreign competitors.—St. Louis Age of Steel.

At a meeting of the committee of the London East Council the other night, it was decided to grant exemption from taxes for tea years to the bell and brass foundry which Mr. John Law proposes to establish in the town, with a capital of \$10,000.

A new enterprise, with a capital of \$40,000, is to be started at Picton in the form of a horseshoe manufactory for making the patent steel spring shoe, as well as a very superior solid shoe. A charter has been applied for, and already three foundries are at work on the machinery.

Another combination is likely soon to see its last days, and that is the barbed wire combination. A goodly share of the manufacturers who took licenses from the Washburn & Moen Company have repudiated their contracts and refused to pay the royally, and have gone into the market to sell wire at the best figures they can obtain. The upshot of the whole matter will be a breaking of the combination, when prices will drop very materially. We advise buyers of wire to hold our awhile —St. Louis Age of Stal.

PIG-IRON PRODUCT. Reports from all the pig-iron makeriel the United States received by the American Iron and Steel Asso. ciation show that the quantity of pig-iron made in 1882 was 4,623,323 tons, which is almost 500,000 tons more than ever before made in one year in this country. The production in 1881 was 4,144,254 tons. The production of the different kinds of pig-iron in 1881 and 1882 was as follows in gross tons:

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The stock of pig-iron held unsold in the hands of makers at the close of 1882 was 383,655 tons. At the close of 1881, the stock on hand was 188,300.

A new system of melting iron ore together with scrap, wrought iron, etc., has been devised by Herr Ibruegger, an engineer of considerable note in Europe. The cupola of his new furnace, which stands at Norden, is supplied with two sets of tuyeres or ports, one above the other, with eighteen in each set. eres, which have the form of a vertical slot, are directly connected with a circular tuyere ring. The particular feature of the cupola is that the bottom is a slightly inverted arch, which is pierced by two openings through which both blasts, or rather imperfectly consumed gases of combustion, and the fluid iron can flow. Below is a small chamber in which the iron collects. It is heated by the gases forced downward from the cupola above, which are supplied with the necessary air for combustion by a special tuyere leading from the main blast pipe. The chamber at the same time serves for preheating scrap, etc., which need only be pushed into the bath for dissolving it. Of course, it is well known that considerable quantities of scrap can be used by directly charging in the ordinary cupola; but it is claimed that in this case there is econ omy of fuel and a greater facility in making sharp, strong castings and a purer metal. The best iron for this is said to be inferior pig, holding considerable silicon and little manganese. To it from 40 to 50 per cent. of scrap, etc., may be added. The total consumption of fuel is said to be to per cent. of the weight of the product.

The completion of that gigantic enterprise, the Hoosac tunnel, some years since, has resulted as its projectors—the Fitchburg railroad company-foresaw, in the opening of a great trunk line between Boston and the West, which has become an important factor in New England commerce. Not only is this the shortest route between Boston and Albany and thence west, but its management is of the progressive order, and the road is provided with one of the most successful systems of railway safety signals ever tried, by the operation of which collisions are well nigh impossible. This is an indication of the anxious way in which political Its rolling stock is of the most elegant and improved patterns.

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#### KNOCK-DOWN HOUSES.

The Bay City Call calls for somebody in that wood-working city to engage in the manufacture of houses in the "knockdown,' and suggests particularly the probability that a good business in this direction can be done in furnishing ready-made houses for summer resorts. The suggestion is a good one. It has come to be such a fashion for people of independent means-- and some whose means are n t so very independent -to "resort to the eligible sites on the shores and islands of the great lakes for a summer sojourn, that there is a great demand for light structures in which to live during the season of relaxation. Doubtless many more people than hitherto would seek a summer retirement if a handy means of obtaining a neat and comfortable pavilion were provided. A ready and sufficient supply always creates a demand greater than would otherwise exist were there no such supply. Now that the summerresort boom has grown to such considerable proportions, it seems as if the furnishing of ready-made cottages on a large scale could be made a profitable business. The same scheme might embrace the supply of necessary light, portable furniture. Then a resorter could order his outfit of the knock-down house factory, have it shipped to the designated locality the same as he would his trunk, and in a day or two after arrival he would be living comfortably under his own roof by the lakeside. If the scheme were once under full headway, it would become very popular, and develop an important industry in the preparation of portable summer cottages. - N. W. Lumberman.

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The British and Canadian Lumbering Co., head quarters in this city, have purchased the extensive saw-mill, near Ottawa known as Skead's mill. The sum is said to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. — Toronto World.

A Quebec despatch says that Mr. P. Ouellet, of Levis, has purchased from the Bank of Montreal more than a million feet of timber belonging to the estate of the late Leandre Mohot, of Cap St. Ignace. Mr. Vachon has purchased at the timber on the seignory owned by the seinmany of Quebec. Over one hundred men are engaged in cutting timber and building a dam on the Montmorenic River, about half a mile above the Natural Steps. Part of the mill is expected to be in operation in June next. Mr. Vachon leaves for London on the 6th inst., in connection with the above and other important business.

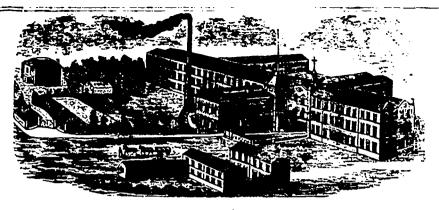
The largest lumber firm in Trenton, Canada, and one of the largest, it not the largest in the dominion, operating one of the largest mills on the continent, have published their list of wages as follows. Men for the woods, from \$18 to \$20 per month and teams \$1.25 to \$1.75 per day; and yet Mr. Little has the assurance to tell us that the manufacture of lumber in Canada costs more than in Michigan where men's wages are 50 per cent higher, and teams 100 per cent, higher, or precisely double, and all the supplies bear about the same proportionate rate as wages. We can only express our astonishment at Mr. Little's assurance, in the face of such facts. It looks very much "like a whale," that free trade yarn of his, to every person acquainted with the facts, but he is extremely foolish to shatter his reputation by such a pamphlet as he has seen fit to father.—Lumberman's Gazette.



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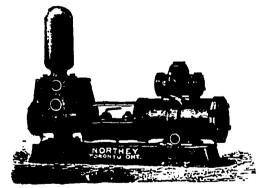
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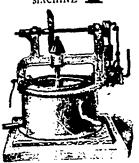
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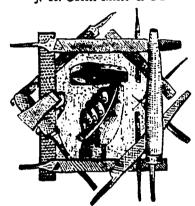
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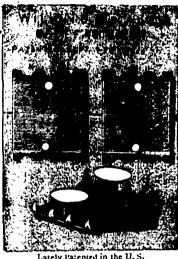
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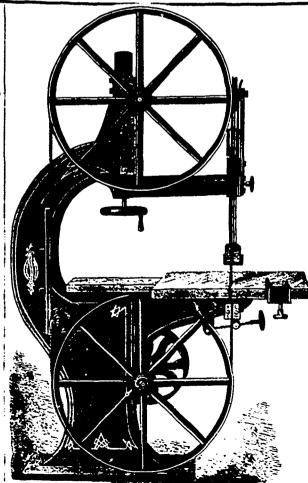
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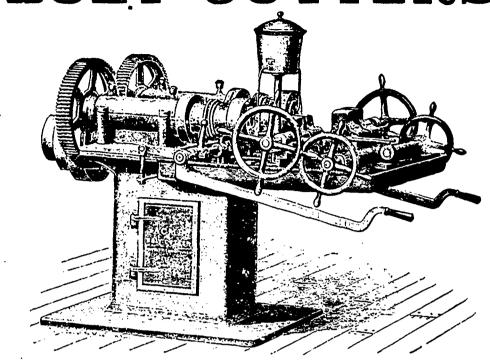
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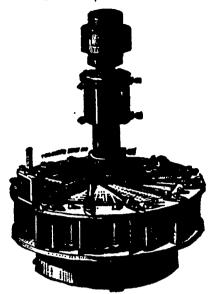
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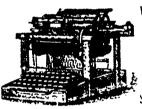
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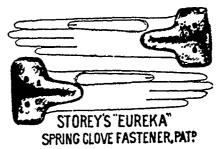
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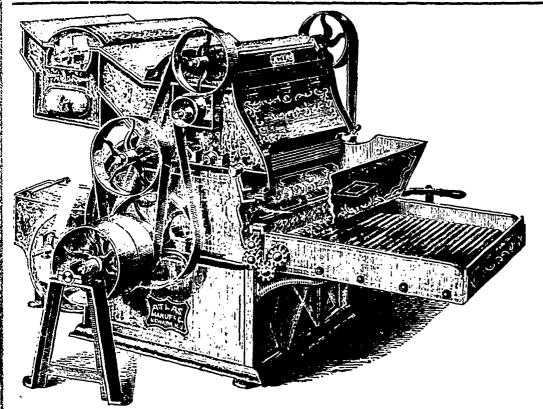
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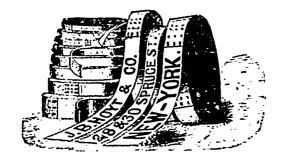


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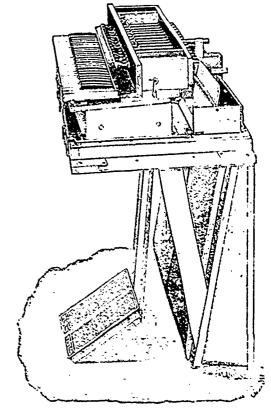
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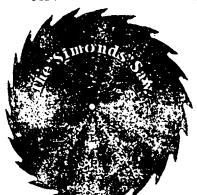
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