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-History is repeating itself in the case of the New Bedford Mass.. whale fishery. After thirty years of inactivity a whal ing flleet has left the port and one steam vessel has returned with 3300 barrels of oil having siyhted great numbers of whates and captured 8.5 of them.

The Danish king's visit to leeland, while pacifying for the time the spirit of independence, has probably paved the way for a market in Demmark or Iectandic horves. The excellent qualitios of these hemses appealed to the visiting banes and a number of them were shipped to Demmark, even the king seecuring a pair.

It is lemg reported that Japan is thinking of diapusing of part of her ammal surphes pepulation of so.000 by emigrating 5.0日6 , of them each year to Brazil: where the conditions of chi mate and of land temure are comsidered to be highly suitable The South American Repulice is inclined t: receive the sug gestion favorably

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It gives an indea of the rush of western affeith and of the rapid wronth of western aities to come upon the fact that the first white lably born in Victoria. R.C.. had just come to marr riageable age and bewame oblowing bride lat week. Th mayor and council are to prosent her with an illuminated ad dress, which will doubtlese become a valuable heirlome

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The Texan cottom crop will mot turn in more than a fourth of last yares harvest The erowers who formed a sucesesful union lant year are being adsised to make no salew muder foce and to charge mot lese than *itib per tom firi the sed. Immense warehomsess, sto in mumber have been secured and if Texais can do it. cotton and cotton seed oil will soon be dearer than they halwe been for many years

The new lake steamship "Assinibuia." built on the Clvite of the C.P.R., has arrived out and is to be cut in two at Quebee in order to enable her to pass through the canals. A sister ship is to follow soon. The "Assiniboia" is a vessel of 4,300 tons gross. and her principal dimensions are: length, 348 feet; breadth, 43 feet six inches; depth, 26 feet 9 inches. She is divided into eight water tight compartments.

The giant stcamship, "Lusitania" made a world's record upom her first trans-Atlantic trips the actual time being Queenstewn and New York, is days is mimutes. The average ofed was 2301 knts fer hour, showing that under favorable conditions. the requirements of the British Admiralty will be easily complied with. Her engines worked perfectly and she consumed sonething less than 1,0 on toms of coal per diem.

During 1906 there were operated in Mexico, 1.5 ge gold mines, 1,467 gold and silver; 1,373 gold, silver and copper. 794 silver ant copper, 314 silver, copper and lead 3.1.5s silver and lead. 4 -ilver and wamanese, s silver and mereury, 52 antimuny, 86 sulphur. 1 hisin uth, 970 copper, 211 copper and iron, 383 iron mines, 25 copper and lead, 1.51 mercury, 21 opal. 94 lead, and 1 turguoise. The state of Sonora is the richest in mines.

- In extensive ship-building sch:me is proposed by the Spinsh Govermment, proviling for the reconstruction of the spanith navy and (iovernment yards. The total contemplated apenditure will he about $\operatorname{tz} 225.000$. Foreign aid is to be smifht for the excention of the shipbuilding programme. but under weditions ralculatal to interfere as little as poesible with the elp poyment of manish materials under spanioh supervision

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- A large Japanese tea importing firm with its headquarters in this city, has addressed remonstrances to the inspection department at Ottawa upon the late appointments of tea tasters. They represent that Montreal is an important tea centre and should not have been passed over when the Government was stationing its inspectors in other (anadian centres. The reason for the discrimination against the commercial metropolis has not yet been disclosed.
- King Leopold has turned over the domain of the crown in the Conge Independent State to a joint stock company, in which he is alleged to be interested. This is the most important section of the Congo, and is ten times the size of Belgium, to which it was to have reverted with anexatio. The decree announcing the transfer created a sensation, as it promises to endanger the success of the commission for negotiating a treaty annexing the Congo to Belgium.

The Admiralty has adopted plans for building at Port smouth what will be the biggest lock in the world, capable of taking a "ran-of-war of twice the dimensions of a "Dreadnorght." The new lock will be 850 ft . by 110 ft . wide, and will not only provide for admission at any state of the tide but aloo afford dry docking facilities for two Dreadnoughts simultaneously. Three huge cofferdams will have to le built, and the work will occupy two or three years, and cost $£ 1,000,000$ sterling.

- 11 is reported from Washington that immediately upon the reassembling of the Interstate Commerce Commission early in October consideration will be given to the order to the commission providing for an inquiry into the operations of the socalled Hill railroads. All indications, it is stated, point to an abandonment of the inquiry in the case of the Hill roads, and it is believed that the commission has reached the conclusion, also. that no useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of the so-called Harriman system.
-We are receiving many adulterations from the wily Orient-als.-It is now said that genuine sassafras oil, which finds a large employment in the manufacture of all kinds of soaps, has become very scarce, many samples showing in realty only the heavier fractions of Japanese camphor oil. This oil contains a large quantity of safrol, the chief odor-bearer of cassafras oil, and is an excellent substitute for the natural oil, which it closely simulates in smell. But it is only right that buyers should know that they are obtaining a cheaper article, and pay accordingly for it.
-Mescrs. W. L. M. King and Judge Winchester, constituting the Royal Commission on the strike of telephone girls at Toronto, make the following findings:-That with the experience of the five-hour system, and the information they had of the eight-hour system. the operators were justified in considering the strain a physical impossibility to endure. That telephone work under the best of conditions involves a serious strain on the nervons system. That for the last three years the company knowingly permitted the work to be carried on under conditions absolutely detrimental to the health of its operators.
--List of Canadian patents recently secured through the agency of Messrs. Marion \& Marion, Patent Attorneys, Montreal. (anada, and W'ashington, D.C.: J. Bte. Genin, St. Albans, Vt., automatic train pipe couplings; Charles Jaquet, Alsace, Gcrmany, grinding or beating machine; Samuel R. Kirkness, Liverpool, ling, ironing boards for sleeves and the like; Louis Kuamarov, Montreal. Que., shoe heel protecting plate; Victor Belanger. Paris, France, apparatus for spinning and twisting thread; Napoleon Cote, Montreal, Que, proportional divider; Alex Knappenberger. Siegtried. Pa., dust separating and collect:ng apparatus; Franz Ls. Wachtler, Grossenhain, Germany, looms.
-A prominent packer on the Pacific coast, in a letter states "concerning the packing of halves that the reasons for packing this style are generally misunderstood. You understand that half pound cans contain only half the quantity of salmon that a pound can does, and it, therefore, consumes twice as much time to put an equal quantity of fish in the former as it does in the latter. Packers try to get their half pound orders out of the way before fish become plentiful, so that they will have only their one pound cans to work on when there is plenty of fisll. I'nfortunately there has been no plentiful supply of salmon this season, and the result is that the shortage will fall heavily on the one pound styles.."


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The annual meat bill of Grat Britain con-ist, in harge fatt of refrigerator products brought from foreign colntries. Yar by year th's total increnses and aldes a growing it em of treight earnings of British shipping. The products are gather ing from Aşia, Elrope, Africa, Anerica and Australia, every continent of the globe contribating thereto. It is reported that the value of refrigerated products annlially imported into (ireat britain is now "lose to $\$ 200.000,000$ about half of which comes from the British collonies. The Colited states and South Americal fach colltributes some 粉, 000 000 worth, Russill abolit $\$ 13,100, \mathcal{H K})$ worth, the rerainder being distributed anoug several countries. The greatest value is of butter and cherse about ti 5.lloon: Beef is next, hearly $\$ 50,000,000$ : mutton, $\$ 30.000,010$; eggs, oper $\$ 10,000000$; bananas, nearly $\$ 10000,100$. and poultry, pork and gane, $\$ 7,000,000$. The first import of refrigerated produce to Great Britain was in 1879, when some fromen mutton was hrought from Australin.

It may yet be a matter of considerable importance to localities where stone fruit is dricil. or canned, that the kerno. $\mathrm{l}_{\mathrm{c}}$ contain powerful flavoring substances as well as other thing of chemical value. Apricot oil is extensively prepared in France from the kernels of fruit which have been stoned for preserving purposes, and is used largely as a substitute for oil
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- British ingennity and thought fulness are at work trying to provide the poor and hardy sea fishermen of Japan with a safe type of boat. The promoter of the plan by which it is hoped toavert much of the terrible loss of life to fishermen at. tendant upon every storm off the Japunese coast is Allall Owston. Mr. Oivston was greatly impressed by the differen.e letween the loss of lime to fishermea in Sootland or Norway compared to that in dapan during gales. Concerning his theories, the" Japan Gazette" says: "He a tributes the dif. ference to the superiortape of fishing boatevolvedindsotland compared with the Japanese craft. He found that Sweden. a grat fishing comntry, had also largely solved the problem of economizing valuable lives by helping her fishermen to acquire a proper type of fishing boat. He went further. He applied to Mr ufed Wylne, the famous Scotech naral arehitect, and induced him to draw designs for a special boat' which should te able to beat off a lee shore in a storm and which should be able to live at sea in any weather.' The matter appears to have attracted the attention of la panese philalnt hropists. for it is stated that a sample boat after Mylne's design swa.s built in Yokohma, through the kindness of Mr. Taka shima Kayemou of Kanawaga; that it has already male a very satisfac tory trip to Miski and back, and will take part in a race for fishing craft at \$himidzun."
-It is a more serious matter than most people imagine to move the UTnited States fleet of battleships to the Pacific. Two hundred and fifty-three thousand tons of coal, exelusive of that to be shipped in Government colliers. will be required to get the fleet to the Pacific Const and properly coal it at Mare Island by the estimates made by the Equipment Bureall of the Nary Department, which has called for proposals for supplying the necessary fupl. Of this aggregate 133,000 tons are semibutuminons and the remainder Welsh coal. The former is to be shipped from Atlantic ports of the United States in vessels either of American or foreign registry, as the termis may be
the miore favorable in the opinion of the bureau. Specifications indicating the points at which the coal is to be unloaded and the date - of loading were made public by the Equipment Bureau. These include in the case of the semi-bituminous coal the delivery of $\overline{7}, 000$ tons at Trinidad, 6,000 at Rio de Janeiro, 20,100 tons at Punta Arenas, 25,000 tons at Calla, 35,000 tons at Magdalena Bay and 40,000 tons at San Francisco or Mare Island. The loading period of the ships runs from Dec. 1 up to Feb. 1, indieating that it will be late in the year before the ressels start on theirlong cruise. The Welsh coal to be delirered is as follow's: Twenty thousand tons at Punta Arenas not later than Jan. 20; 25.000 tons at Callao not later than Feb. 6; $25,0,0,4$ tons at Magdalena Bay not later than Feb. 29 ; 10,000 tons additional at Magdalena. Bay not later than Maribs 15: 20,000 tons at San Francisco or Mare lsland not later than April 8, and 20000 tuns additional at San Francisco or Mare Island not later than April 13.

The value of cocranut oil to the smap manuficturers and to other comnercial industries is rapidy increasing. The last reports show that British India is a large importer of cocoanuts and a large exporter of coobamit nil. The import of cocoamuts a morunts to over $15.000,000$ nuts per annum, valued at about ${ }_{2}$ conoo. These are received from the following phaces: Maladive, $7.897,433$; straits settlements. $5.542,758$; Coylon, 1,434,821; and Fast Africa, 627.346. Of these. Bengal took 8, 430,229 nuts. valued at $\$ 158,517$, and Burma, $5.618,949$, valued at $\$ 124234$. The former exported no cocoanuts, while Bombay and Madras exported about 150,000 nuts each to Fgypt. A rabia. an! Turkey in Africa. British India, howerer, exports orer 85.096 hundred-weight (British hundredweight. 112 pounds) of cocranut oil annally. The average annual quat tity of this oil shipped from Madras amounts to 1,690 , 200 gallons, valued at $\$ 6916,932$. Besides this, Madras shipped I-493.7.56 gallons of cocoanut oil toIndian ports as part of her constang trade. Madras receives large quantities of cocoannt oil from Cevlon, the last report showing that it amounted in the year to 556.56 gallons , valued at $\$ 2.31,505$. India furnishes fireat Britain most of her cocoanutoil. As far back as 1850 the exports of this oil by India to Great Britain amounted to 85,096 hundredwe:ght, which was over eight-ninths of the total aunount received by that country. India might produce many times the amount of cocoanuts and cocoanut oil she now does if more interest were ta ken in the industry. In fact, India's capacity in this regard is practically unlimited. The growing importance of cocoanut products would seem to demand that every attention should be paid to the raising of the raw material.

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The situation in Londun, during the last fortnight opened under somewhat noved influences, the result of arrangements made by the Linited states government for anticipating the requirements for moving the grain crops. At the same time there was no competition for gold in the bullion market, so that the Bank of Enylind secured the whole a vailable amount of Cape gold together with the arrival from West Africa. The consegulence was a rush by London bankers and foreign bouses to buy bills, some of them having been holding off on the possibility of a rise in the Bank rate at an (arly day. Holders of bills were no less impressed by the situation and withhed their paper. The rather. raphe swing round from a condition of glut to famine brought about a change in the three months rate from I $1 / 2$ to 1 l-k. This rapid turn resulted, as might have been expected, in a rather sharp and adserse movement in the foreign exchanges and forced the Bank of lingland into competition from the Continent for the gold arriving.
'The case callsel in New York by the U.S. Treasury provision for domestic harvest purposes, having been fully weighed, it was natural for the market to hark back to the provisions of the Aldrich Let, and consider whether these powers will suffice to prevent the usual squeeze there and in other centres after the arops

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are moved or stored. The st ealdying effect of the $4 \frac{1}{4}$ three months' rate was quite opportune, but after the tension was all over people naturally asked whether its andeness was something that might have been prevented.
The competition in the London money market has heen the subject of much discussion in the inner monetary circles for some time, especially as regards the system of combines which has grown up under latterday influences at home and abroad. The necessity for closer working arrangements among the great financial concerns, who are at the centre of the open market, and the Bank of Englani, is now generally recognized. The chiff obstacle in the way is the keen competition among the banks themselves. This is well expressed by the Fennomist in referring to the recngnition of what is required in the way of higher cash reserves, with the knowledge that some sacrifice of diyntend-earning power is involved, as being responsible for the tendency to deprecate every proposal, simply because no bank wishes to be foremost to lose a sunall fraction of its annual profits. This spirit of rivalry-is also notable during spells of active financing, whether the "demands for accommodation come from trade or the London Stock Exchange, or from Wall street or other places on the North American continent.

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there cannot be excess, and without moralising at length or too closely upon recent events, most people who have observed them closely mustadmit that in the somewhat violent contraction of credit following so long a period of expansion is to be found the chief explanation of the present peculiar condition of the money market, and, moreover, that some of the evils connected both with over-expansion and contraction of credit would be lessened if competition were not over brisk.

The curtailment of credits now in course of operation is by no means confined to the London money market. Paris may probably be named as the centre largely responsible for its commencement. The volume of bills offering in London has been so considerably in excess of requirements probably due more to the disinclination on the part of foreign money markets to discount freely than to an actual increase in what may be termed the world's supply of conmercial and finance paper. At the same time, and having regard to the position of London as a financial centre and the one free market for gold, it is of the utmost importance that the position should be controlled from London in the most skilful manner possible. In this matter the guiding hand is the Bank of England; the problem must be solved along the lines of Bank Rates.

But on the principle that there should be as little dislocation as possible during the working out of the problem, the necessity for co-operation between the leading institutions in the open market and between those institutions and the Bank of England must be apparent to everyone. When the Bank raised its rate to $41 / 2$ per cent. on the 10 th ultimo, there is little doubt that the directors were not at all anxious to oltain large supplies of bills, but were far more anxions that the market should construe their action as a cue to work at about the official minimum. This, however, was ly no means the interpretation placed upon its action in some quarters, and what with the inclination in some directions to look for an early a per cent, in r,thers to snatch at the clance of making a turn by taking short bills to the Bank and re-investing the proceeds in American paper at a high rate, together with a desire in other quarters to make themselves as liquid as possible, something like four millions sterling of bills were sent into the Bank quite in opposition to the policy which had dictated the alvance in the minimum.

On August $1 \%$ th, there was no question that in the retention of the $41 / 2$ per cent. minimum, the desire of the management was to give the market a lead for working freely. So far, however, from following this lead, the banks continued to take bills in sparing fashion from the brokers, and the Bank had to refuse bills from the market of more than 30 days' duration to prevent a further rolume being rushed in. No doubt the banks and discount houses themselves have been influenced by natural causes, such as a superfluity of bills and the Joan demands on bankers from the provinces incidental to the period of the year; but there is still less doubt that the suddenness with which credit was contracted by many large lenders occasioned a feeling of nervousness which has proved a greater influence in determining the course of the market than the mere question of demands upon capital. Most people in Lombard Street
who have studied the recent course of events are of opinion that the situation is one which calls-in the absence of adverse movements in the exchanges or exceptional demands on gold stocks - rather for the maintenance of $41 / 2$ jer cent. rates for ordinary bills, with higher terms for Imerican paper, than for excessively high Bank Rates. "If, howerer, this differentiation is to be ancersifully areomplished, concerted aco tion is necessary in the epeem market, while if Lombard Street as a whole is to work freely without a further adrance in the otfirial mininum, it serem: equally es. sent ial that leadiny bankers should lee more chacely in tonch with the motives dictating the Bank's policy than they are at present." There is some wisdon in the following lines with which the Eefonomist conclindes its article: " Writhout surgesting for a moment the sightest imerference with the free working of the money market. we cannot help thinking that rarious problems which arise froln time to time colld often be sonved with lese dist urballee to the community generally it cur metbods were somewhat modernised and a custom instituted wherely the riews of the management of the Bank of Figland and those of the outside banks could be fremuently and freely exclanged. The establishment of such a practice. combined with a closer co-operation among the leading bankers and discount loreses themselves, should certainly strength(an bather thath weaken our ststem of chaleawhing to control international markets bey the value of moner as indicated in the changes in the Bank of Fmaland rate."

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There is a danse in Magna ('hartal wheh lay - it devian, "that meither a town mor any manthall be dest ramed to make a briberembes ambently and of right bound to do so." This prorision is prolather one of the sighs of the passing of the old order whereby bridges had bern comsidered to he a work of charity which would dignify or at hast not be marothy of the
 wonfaternity, the Pontifex lriars, as receiving offecial recomition by the bishops in the sonth of Europe. The fine bld bridge at ligigon, orer the lihome, and tha Pont dWeprit -till remain as monmments of the abilityand therourherss of the brotherhood. It is not unlikely that Peter cinledmed the builder of old London lirider. Who died in 100.5 and was entomber in the bridqe. was a full member of that old Bridge buiders' unin. It any rate, lsembert, the builder of the bridge of ta liocheile. and who completed colechurehis work. was a Pontife probably in holy orders. The good. sponse of Henry I, Matila, who inilt and matowed the hridues of Bow and stratford was justly comsidered to have performed acte: of Christian charity as well az having manifested a practical interest in the welfare of hor people. Tot infrequently chapels were erected on these substantial old crections where the clergyman in charge of the brilge expecised aloo his sacred functions.

From the bridges built we have recomition of the fact that Christianity bronght temporal as well as spi-
ritual blessedness to the world of men, many of which are in useful existence to this day.

To the calamitous bridge building at Quebec appears to be a long step to take. It is not for this age to dwell too greatly upon the advance of science since the days of these old bridge builders. That their knowledge was ample, both of design and construction is borne winess to by the enduring monuments the ecclesiastical bridge builders have handed down through the centuries. For thorongh knowledge of their material, for daring in design, for skilful conscientiousness, it is possible we lave still something of inferiority to confess to. The fact that they built laborionsly to last for thancamels of years, and that our modern steel structures are meant to last only from fourteen to twenty fears must not of conrse be forgotten. We may still go to these old builders for many a useful lesson. Perhaps we should bear in mind that in the middle ages the l, ridge constructors had no rivers as big as the St. Iawrence to cross.

In the great battling for the betterment of humanity which is incessantly progressing, the accident at Quebec must be set down as a decided reverse, a temporary defeat. In a most true sense the intrepid fellows whose lives were snatched away with such-terrifying suddemness, died for their fellow men. They were soldiers dying in the discharge of their duties, whose deathe arep art of the expensive price men and nations have ever to pay for the victories, physical as well as military velence ultimately win, for the world; advancement. The loss is something like the loss of a battleship, with a part of the ships company.

Naturally investigation has to be held over such loses. What should hase heen the most important part of it, the coroner's chouiry into thac callie of the deaths of the serenty-fire men, has: finished its labours. The other inquest, presumably that of a Government jealcus of the good name of its country. and of the interests of its people is still progressing. If this is to be as thorough as the casedemands it will centre itself upon the three points of (I) Design, (II) Material, (III) (onstruction, including erection. The rery first opinins in the world should be consulted regarding design. In the vase of the Victoria bridge, a Stephenson, precminent the world orer as an engineer, passed upon the plans and estimates. The solidity of the structure, the distril)ution of strain, the downward pressure upon uprights. the rectilineal pull upon andhorages, the due attention to cantile ver and truse work. are points to be -cientifically omuired into, in the full light of evidence to be furnished 1 y y the wreck itself. And this portion of the emquir? will not be satisfied until the world's final authority has been consulted, and has passed upou it. It may he well alson to remember that the early caissons of the Victoria Bridge at Montreal were damaged by the next spring's flood, and had to be renewed.

In the next place, the material employed should be thoroughly tested by every known means, chemical and etherwise. These are days of rapid processes. Machine production furnishes many opportunities for "scamping." Sulphur is inimical to life and health, in c.ther combinations besides those covered by pure food legislation. Molecular change counts for something in a structure of such magnitude. The breaking strain
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Then the matter of construction should receive most complete inspection. It is found advisable in some such structures to make use of professional, independent inspection companies. Responsibility should lie upon every workman, and yet nothing should be left under individual control. Obedience to plan detail should go hand in hand with most scrupulous criticism of every stroke or movement of the men and machinery of erection. Doubtless every section is put together at the works, so that fitting may be exact. But mistakes and accidents oceur in such curions manner, that it is not enough to depend upon this, so that there shall not be any "botching " necessary when the sections $g_{0}$ together, literally in the air. Independent competent, practical bridgemen will be required to pass upon this part of the subject of the enquiry, and these should be of such commanding ability, and knowledge as to give a verdict which shall be final.

We are precise in our insistence because of the impression abroad that the gentlemen of the Commission have still to justify their appointment. Many feel that the Commission is academic rather than experimentally practical. The potential value of their deliberations are too important to permit of their labours having any but a final issue, so far, that is, as anything can be termed final in this world of discovery and invention. A mere rerdict of "Not Guilty," or of sheer accident, or of general failure, without specification, would be the perpetuation of a crime against humanity and progress. The opportunity is a golden one for a Commission properly seized of its position. Its decision may clear the skirts of the Bridge Builders and of the Canadian people of complicity in any shape in a shocking loss of life, to say nothing here of property and time wasted. It may, indeed, give some insight into the reason for that loss of life. It may make an imperishable name for the commission in the annals of science. For it is greatly to be hoped that moderns are not less thorough in their scientific knowledge, not less careless of human life, not less actuated by grand ireals than were the ecclesiastical bridge builders of the mediaeral, and even more ancient days. Let it be repeated that time has proven how thoroughly those old workmen understood designing, calculating material, and putting together their work. The country, (is it too much to say the world?) since the Quebec calamity. awaits the assurance that the same is true respecting modern bridge builders also.
-Japanese newspapers claim that during his recent visit to England, Admiral Yamamato exerted plenipotential powers and formed a secret military offensive and defenṣive treaty with England. The report has received no confirmation in this counting.

## JUDGMENT IN THE STEEL AND COAL CASE.

The decision of Judge Longley in the case of the Dominion Coal Co. vs. the Dominion Steel Co., has been handed down. It is significant that the learned jurist premises that he expects his judgment to be revised. He says: "I shall endeavor to embody all the "leading and essential facts in my findings, in order "that, as far as possible, the courts of review may have " hefore them all the matter necessary to the determin"ation of the legal issue without an examination of "this great volume of evidence." He establishes upon geological evidence the contention of the Coal people that Mine No. 6 is situate upon the Phelan seam which the Steel Company had contracted for and which they claimed was not furnished them. But he then shows that instead of 80,000 tons per month, the Coal people supplied only between 50,000 and 60,000 tons, making it necessary for the Steel Company to purchase soal elsewhere, which the original contract expressly declared they were not to do.

The excuse that the contract price was much below the ordinary price had, it appears, no bearing upon the case. One great deciding fact was that the Coal Company did not furnish coal suitable for the manufacture of iron and steel. The presence of iron pyrites with its contents of sulphur made it unfit for such purposes though suitable for boiler use. He directed that a referee should be appointed to ascertain the shortage in the supplies of coal furnished with the damages caused by such shortage. The Coal Co. is to pay all such damage, and also the amount of the loss caused by the enfroced stoppage of the works, and is also to faithfully fulfil its agreement to furnish suitable coal for the use of four llast furnaces if required, at a specified price of $\$ 1.24$ per ton, with 4 c a tom in addition for the use of cars.

## A MANAGER's REMARKs.

In welcoming the National Association of Life Underwriters to Canada on the occasion of the recent convention of that body in Toronto, Mr. Mavid Burke, A. I. A., F. S. S., president of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers' Association, made a few remarks, the full significance of which should not pass without notice. Platitudes, so wearying to the soul of the thinking individual, so dear to the ordinary convention orator, come with great ibundance to the readers of the reports furnished in the press. It is a decided relief to meet with thoughtfulness and carefully weighed utterances such as distinguish the short address we refer to. In addressing the agents present, he said:
"The education of public men to a better understanding of life insurance must be earnestly undertaken, and maintained with all the diligence at your command. Conferring together for mutual advancement and the protection of your mutual interests, is a right not denied to any association of men, having educational and beneficial objects in riew. Such conferences imply no purpose that is not for the benefit of the State.

We all believe that the scope of education, in general, is broadening, and that the human mind is persistently reaching after greater knowledge. True as this is, is it not also true that there still exists much ignorance, which, if not on the increase, is at least not being successfully retarded in its influ-
ence, but continues to blur many of the ideals in human life that education has assisted to create, and has aimed to pre-serve-hence the necessity of a liberal and appropriate education in every sphere of human activity, in order that a true knowledge of its objects and operations may be obtained.
A fuller knowledge of life insurance is essential to dispel much of the misunderstanding that has prevailed ass to its objects, and the motives for its existence."

Mr. Burke realizes that if at the present moment, there is much enquiry in public and in the private mind respecting life insurance, some little reason for it is to be found in the mystery surrounding its operations, which insurance men have not as yet done much to dispel. He is as were several of the other speakers at this convention very outspoken in this respect. He insists that:
"Life insurance is not a mystery. It is possessed of no intricate problems to the mind of the serious and conscientious student of the business, that cannot be solved. It has, however, problems for the mind that has not acquired knowledge of the business, or has not studied out the effect of its varied benefits. While such lack of knowledge continues to exist, particulaly with public men, there may occur uncharitable criticisms, and perhaps unwise legislation, until they become more enlightened by a better and fnller understanding of the sulbject.
That life insurance should be criticised as it has been of lat. should not be discouraging, when we consider the conditions by which we have been surrounded-that in the frenzied competition between powerful monied interests that has merited condemnation, life insurance management should receive criticism from those who should know better, but to whom "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." should not seriously disturb us, as there is consolation in the hope that the sounder judgment of the majority mist eventually prevail, and that Jife insurance will receive due recognition as being the greatpst among modern financial institutions in promoting thrift and economy in the nation."

A little thoughtful publicity put modestly, without the urual bombast, to which the world has become somewhat habituated, will, heyond a doubt, do moich to assure life assurance of a yosition which will enable it to fultil the idealistic but nevertheless possible aspirations of its managers and promotors.

## CANADIAN RAILWAY PROGRESS.

Although conditions have not been at all favourable for railway builders in Canada during the last twelve months, the amount of work performed is regarded by those conversant with the several enterprises and the difficulties that environ them, as not by any means unsatisfactory. Those who have themselves been over the ground-the immense stretch that separates the Atlantic from the Pacfic across the widest cultivable portion of the continent -are the only ones in a position to pronounce truly upon the gigantic character of the undertaking which the Grane Trunk Pacific (Transcontinental) Railway has on hand.

The public-every true Canadian-will be pleased to learn what progress has been made thus far, something of the difficulties that have been overcome and the prospects that await the future settlement of this great wheat-belt of territory with its teeming-rivers, its mining riches and its spacious
temperate harbours at the terminus on the Pacific Coast. Recognizing all this, we avail ourselves of a very comprehensible review of the situation and early prospects that appear in a recent issue of the London Times, which our readers will doubtless find of no common interest.

Notwithstanding the difficulties which have thus confronted railway builders in Canada during the year, the amount of work accomplished by the great number of hands employed on the G.T.P. line must be regarded with every gratification.

During the past winter the weather was exceptionally bad. Storm followed storm, and in some stretches of road the rails were snowed under completely and traffic was arrested for weeks. When the spring broke, many weeks late, the entire motive power and rolling stock of the country was required to help straighten out the blockade. It is almost impossible to describe the conditions which existed, but it will be sufficient to say that the result was that new railway construction had to take a back place.

In spite of the unfavourable circumstances described, a very fair amount of work was accomplished. It is practicaly impossible to state accurately how much track was laid, how much ballasted, and how much was put under construction and opened. From what can be learned from the different companies, however, it would seem that in the aggregate some 1,514 miles of road were finished, and that 3,OII miles are now actually under construction, exclusive of the merely "projected" mileage. This mileage spoken of as being finished includes, possibly, some work which was performed previous to a year ago and which formed a portion of the line completed. Also, in some cases, a section of railway included here as completed may not be completed for a few weeks to come. The following is a summary of the work acomplished:
 timental Railway, or, as it is generally called, the Grand Trunk Pacific, it may be as well as consider first the Government sections, or Eastern Division. This stretches from Moncton, N.B., in the east, to Winnipeg, Man,, a distance of $\mathrm{I}, 800$ miles or more. About a year ago it was stated that contracts for construction from Quebec City north-westward to La Tuque had been let. The contracts covering this part have been extended to cover construction for 75 miles further west to a place called Weymon-
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Between Quebec Bridge and Moncton, N.B., contracts for three sections of the work have been let. The first i50 miles eastward have been put under contract, but the next 50 have not. This brings one to the vicinity of the boundary between New Brunswick and Quebec, from which point to Grand Falls, a distance of 60 miles, the work was not long since given out.. Eastward from Grand Falls to Chipman is a gap of 175 miles not yet under contract, the balance of the distance to Moncton, about 58 miles, being partly graded.
Going back again to Weymontachene there is a gap of some 225 miles extending westward, for which tenders have not yet been called. This brings one to within 150 miles of a junction with the Temiskaming and Northern Railway, which is being pushed northward to Hudson's Bay, by the Ontario Government. - The Grand Trunk Pacific Company itself has here obtained the contract for 150 miles of construction, passing to the north of Lake Abitibi and extending some 50 miles beyond it to the junction mentioned. From this point, throughout the length of Lake Superior, probably for a distance of 520 miles, and passing to the north of Lake Nepigon, the route is not yet ready to be placed under contract. Directly north of the western extremity of Lake Superior is English River. From this point to Winnipeg, a distance of 250 miles, contracts have been let and the work is under way. There is much extremely heavy work in this section, and the amount of rock-cutting necessary to get the best results out of the line is enormous. Probably 75 miles immediately east of Winnipeg will be laid this year.

Commencing at the east, the position of the Eastern or Government Division of the railway is conesquently as follows:-

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Moncton. N.B., to Chipman, N.B., under construction..
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Grand Falls. N.B, to N.B. boundary, under construction.
Gap. not under construction .................... 50
Westward to Quebec Bridge, 150 miles, given out..
Westward from Quebec Bridge to Weymontachene, given out
Gap. not yet under contract ..................... 225
Immediately east of Junction with T. and N.R.R.,
past Lake Abitibi ............................

Gap running north of Lake Nipegon to English
River
520
English River to Winnipeg under contract .........
250

Gaps not yet under contract
970
It will be noted tnat the Government, in giving out the contracts, is working from centres from which access may most readily be had to the wilderness. There is little detailed knowledge of much of the country through which the road will pass, and places are only known by description or by such local terms as may be applied to them. The recent opening up of the Cobalt and Larder Lake sections, in one part of the country, and of the Lake St. John region, in the other, give rich promise of the mineral wealth which is almost certain to be uncovered as soon as the new road is available, and of an enormous addition to the available timber supply. Many splendid waters are also encountered en route.

The most easterly portion of the work being done by the Grand Trunk Paciflc_Company is that known as the Lake Superior Branch. This branch, strictly speaking, is not included in the western division, as it lies east of Winnipeg. All branches, however, are being constructed by the Grand Trunk Paciflc Company as their property, and this branch, connecting Fort William, at the western extremity of Lake Superior, with the trunk line (which is being constructed by the Government) was the first portion of the entire Transcontinental Line upon which work was done. It is about 200 miles in length and is one of the most important parts of the line, inasmuch as down it must pass all the grain brought by the railway out of the country west of Winnipeg. The work along this branch has been exceptionally heavy, an enormous amount of rock-cutting having to be performed. Track laying. however, is now in progress, and it is expected that by the end of the present year it will have been completed. The Government is pushing forward its portion of the work, from where the branch joins joins in at Lake Superior Junction, to Winnipeg, in order that the portion of the road connecting Winnipeg and Fort William may be available for traffic at the earliest possible moment.
West of Winnipeg, about 100 or 150 miles of track has already been laid. This, however, is not in the immediate vicinity of Winnipeg but from Portage la Prarie will, it is hoped, be laid this year. There is every reason, also, to expect that the portion of the line extending beyond Portage La Prairie will this year be connected up with Saskatoon, almost two-thirds of the way across the province of Saskatchewan. This would mean that the line would be available for traffic all the way from Winnipeg westward to Saskatoon, or about two-thirds of the distance to Edmonton, Alberta, the western terminus of the Prairie section. From Winnipeg to Edmonton is a distance of about 790 miles. From Saskatoon to Edmonton the grading is well advanced and will probably be completed this year, while the entire Prairie Section will be in operation, it is expected, in another year.
It was only within the past year that the Grand

Trunk Pacific Company decided upon the route they would follow through the Rocky Mountains, from Edmonton, Alberta, to Prince Rupert on the Pacific Coast. Before making the decision, exhaustive explorations, extending over three years, were carried on, the company being fully alive to the importance of securing the very best route obtainable. Among the passes examined were the Peace river, the Pine river, the Wapiti, a number of intermediate passes, and the Yellowhead. The Yellowhead was eventually chosen, and in November, 1906, the Government approved the decision. In this pass the company has obtained a maximum gradient through the mountains, against eastbound traffic, of four-tenths of i per cent., or a total rise of 2 Ift . to the mile for the eritire distance. Even the lay mind will appreciate the significance of this when it is stated that this grade is no greater than that obtained on the Prairie Section of the line between Winnipeg and Edmonton: The maximum gradient against westbound traffic, for the entire distance from Edmonton to Prince Rupert, is almost equally as favourable as that in the opposite direction. It is no greater than five-tenths of i per cent., or a total rise of 26 ft . to the mile. In crossing the mountains only one summit is encountered, and the maximum altitude of this is only $3,712 \mathrm{ft}$. Without going into detail regarding the results obtained by other trans-continental lines, it is worthy of mention that against this one summit of $3,712 \mathrm{ft}$. encountered by the Grand Trunk Pacific in its passage through the coast mountains, there is no other road in America which does not encounter from two to six summits, some of which exceed 8 ,oooft. in height; and no road has hitherto succeeded in finding a route without encountering a summit of upwards of 5 .oooft. The total aggregate ascent overcome against eastbound traffic by the Grand Trunk Pacific is $6, y$ goft that against westbound traffic being 6,8 oft. Other roads have from $15,987 \mathrm{ft}$. to 34 , ob 3 ft ., and from 15.305 ft . to 34.506 ft . respectively. As against the maximum gradients of 21 ft . against castbound traffic and 26 ft . against westbound on the Grand Trunk Pacific, are gradients of from 106 ft . to 237 ft ., and 105 ft to 185 ft . respectively on other reads. The great importance to the Grand Trunk Pacific of these exceptional conditions, in the matGr of economy and low coit of operation as compared with other lines, will best be appreciated by railway men, but camot fail, also, to appeal to the man of Tusiness. The success of the Prairie Section irom Winnipeg to Edmonton, from the commencement of train operation, has seldom been questional. With the Mountain Section, however, the feeling was different. The Government, therefore, und'ertook to guarantee the principal and interest for 50 years on three-quarters of its cost, and also undertook to pay the interest thereon for the first seven years of operation without having recourse to the company. In view of the excellence of the route, however, and the rich mineral and agricultural districts through which it passes, it would now appear that the Government will never be called on for its guarantee.

Practically no construction work has yet been attempted on the Mountain Section, save at Prince

Rupert, the western terminus of the road. Prince Rupert is situated within 50 miles of the northern extremity of Alaska and about 550 miles north of Vancouver, the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is reached from the Pacific Ocean through Dixon Entrance and Brown Passage. Digby Island protects it from the open sea and provides a splendid harbour, capable of accommodating an enormous shipping trade. The channel passage to the harbour is more than half a mile in width. The railway company has secured at Prince Rupert and its vicinity upwards of 25,000 acres of dand, and a large staff of engineers are at work converting it into a town site, which will be placed upon the market within a few months. The engineers are also concerned in undertakings relating to the entrance of the railway to the town, as well as to the effective placing of the station, yards, docks, and other terminal facilities, in all of which great care is being taken to provide, within reason, for the requirements of the future. The general manager recently announced, also, that the company was prepared to let contracts for construction west of Edmonton as soon as contractors competent to undertake the work could be found.

During the year, also, the Grand Trunk Pacific has been adding to its rolling stocks as rapidly as possible, and it has now made a very effective start on the twenty million dollars' worth it has agreed to operate. It now has an equipment of some 4,000 freight cars of various sorts, not including some 1,500 construction cars, ballast cars, steam shovellers. and boarding cars scattered along different portions of its lines in the west. The freight cars are being used at present by the Grand Trunk Railway.
Although the Grand Trunk Railway, in its position as parent of, or senior partner in, the Grand Trunk Pacific Company, looks to that company to carry on the great bulk of the extensions by which it may reasonably hope to derive no small advantage in the future, it is by no means resting from its own labours. The amount of mileage added by it during the past year, in Canada, is of little importance, it is true, but there are strong probabilities that during the coming year the old road will be engaged in extensions on its own account. Although it is the oldest road in Canada, the Grand Trunk has at the present time no means of carrying passengers between Toronto and Ottawa except via Montreal. This is travelling around two sides of a triangle; and as the Canadian Pacific Railway runs straight across, few will take the Grand Trunk Railway between the points mentioned. Surveys have recent. ly been made between Kingston and Ottawa, a distance of 70 miles, and a road will be built in the near future. There is no question that this line will be controlled. if not owned by the Grand Trunk Railway. Kingston is on the line of the_Grand Trunk, between Toronto and Montreal, and the short cut across will place the company in an exce!lent position to compete for the traffic between the two cities.
The Grand Trunk at present operates a double track between Montreal and Toronto. The rails now in use are 80 lb . rails, and the exigencies of modern traffic, in the eyes of the company, demand heavier rails. Accordingly too 1 lb . rails are to take
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Plans for a new station and hotel at Ottawa, to cost about $\$ \mathrm{I}, 000,000$, have been filed by the company with the Railway Committee of the Privy Council and await the approval of that body. The company is also spending much money in improving its facilities at upper lake ports, in view of the large grain trade which will be done as soon as the Grand, Trunk Pacific begins to operate. Extensive plans are also being carried out at the company's yards at Turcot, Montreal. A few years ago the company acquired some 350 acres of ground at this point for the purpose of extending its yard accommodation. Since that time an enormous roundhouse has been constructed, and accommodation for some 5,000 cars has been provided in the yards. The company will, according to a recent announcement, go ahead with its extensions at- this point until the yards have a capacity of from 15,000 to 20,000 cars. This and the building of a new depot and the elevating of the companys' tracks, wil mean an expenditure of millions of dollars at Montreal. - Doubtless the improvements and extensions are being made with a view to the necessities of the Grand Trunk Pacific also.

With the daily delivery of locomotives, passenger and freight cars, the Grand Trunk is rapidly nearing the day when the last of the $\$ 7,000,000$ worth of rolling stock ordered about a year ago will have been received. The order included 60 passenger coaches at a cost of \$12,000 each, half of which have been delivered; 100 locomotives, 60 of which have been received and of which the average cost was $\$ 15,000$ each; and 5,200 freight cars, of which 4,500 have been received, the average cost being $\$ 350$ each. The company is also carrying on or contemplating improvements of a minor character on all parts of its lines, the aggregate cost of which, however, is very considerable.
-Mr. M. A. Macfarlane, private secretary of Mr. James Mackimnon, general manager of the Eastern Townships Bank, has been appointed manager of the West End branch of the bank in this city.
-The Canadian Bank of ('ommerce will erect a new building for its branch at Lanigan, Sask.
-The foundation has been commenced for a new building for the Bank of Nova Scotia in Windsor, N.S.
-The United Empire Bank has opened a hranch at Belle. ville. Mr. J. C. Phillips is manager.

Mr. R. R. Wallace, accountant, Bank of Montreal, Hamilton, has been appointed accountant at Winnipeg.
-Mr. F. Merrett. accountant of Bank of Montreal, Peterboro, has been appointed accountant at Cornwall.
-Mr. J. G. Hungerford, of the Bank of Montreal's Toronto branch, has been appointed accountant at London.
-Mr. G. S. Hensley, accountant, Bank of Montreal, London, Ont., has been appointed accountant at Hamilton.
-Mr . J. M. G. Crerar, of the Bank of Montreal, St. John's, Nfld., has been appointed acting accountant at Amherst.
-Mr. L. P. Snyder, inspector of the Canadian Bank of Commerce has resigned.
-The Union Bank of Canada intend opening a branch at Cochrane. Alta., on the lst prox., under the management of Mr. R. W. Widdess.

## THE DIGNITY OF LIFE INSURANCE.

Mr. A. S. Macgregor, district manager for the Sun Life in London, Ontario, read the following very interesting paper before the Life Underwriters' Convention recently at Toronto:
"Every person who desires to make a success of life, is and must necessarily be interested in his calling, and must give all his ability and energy to it. The true life insurance man is no exception to this rule; in fact, this statement is more notably true in life insurance than in almost any other business or profession. The officers or managers who have been instrumental in making any marked success of their company, are those who have made the success of their company their life work.
As regards rebating,-every person who has given any attention to the manner in which life insurance has been carried on, particularly during the last few years, by some of those who have been engaged in it, will have to conclude that there are those within our ranks who are apparently not aware that it is the high privilege of every man to adorn his profession. It is too true that many noted life insurance agents wear honors, or rather gold medals for having secured large amounts of new business which have often been obtained by selling life insurance at from twenty-five to tifty cents on the dollar. Such men do not dignify life insurance. It is apparent to every thoughtful agent, who has given any attention to the subject, that there are many indications that the public are losing confidence in the methods by which a large percentage of business is secured to-day. The public at large do not know too much about the business, but when it gradually dawns upon them that one person is purchasing his insurance, at least for the first year. for much less than his neighbor, who frequently is much better able to pay the large initial cost than the other, they conclude that the guardian is not true to his trust who will charge one ward two to three times as much as he charges another.
A business that receives and distributes as much money an nually, the patrons of which are, in a large measure, the better class of the people of the country who are intelligent and prudent, and who commit their savings to it, such a business is and should be one of dignity, and every one who is engaged in it. directly or indirectly, should appreciate its magnitude and far-reaching results. When we consider the influence, which we. as fiek men, are capable of wielding, and the results which our influence may produce in making or marring the business to which we are devoting our best energies, we should strive to prevent every practice which even tends to degrade or bring it into disrepute. We should endeavour to pre. vent any company from directly or indirectly. by its agents or otherwise, selling its insurance for less than the regular price, unless perchance. the insurance they sell is not worth one hundred cents on the dollar, and even then they should be compefled to sell it to the poor man at the same price as they soll it to the rich.
Rebating cannot be said to be an act of charity. for it is the wealthy person, who is able to carry a large policy, who most frequently gets the largest cut.
1 have learned of several cases where there was competition for a large risk, that the head office of some of the companies was appealed to and the officials stepped in and gave the applicant a much larger commission than they were allowing the agent who was making a business of soliciting for them.
Such an act was not fair to the agent who was working for the company or to the other patrons of the company. The applicant has no right in equity or charity to the rebate. He, because of his financial position received a favor from the company and that at the expense of other patrens who were unfortunate enough to be able to carry only a small policy, for which they had to pay the last cent of the premium.
This is one way. and perhaps the worst, in which the dignity of life insurance has been lowered by some of the officers, and by many agents both directly and indirectly, and that too with the applied approval of the executive of their compiny. Such practice brings dishonor to our profession. as it is done at the loss of the self respect of all persons engaged in it.

Concerning misrepresentations,-the agent who maligns his
competitor, or who directly or indirectly misrepresents his own company, or what is equally bad or worse misrepresents a rival coimpany, adds no dignity to life insurance, but brings it into disrepute and degrades himself by such reprehensible and unmanly conduct. The fact is. life insurance is so great a business, and the positive necessity that every man should have it for himself and for his family is so important, that it is a mistake, nay it is a crime, for any agent to devote his time pointing out what he believes to be diserepancies in the way rival companies manage their business, or to endeavour to prove, from what he has heard or profess to know, that every other agent does not understand the business, and would not, even ii he did. make a straight contract. The life insurance agent who fails to appreciate this fact, does not realize the true dignity of the profession. A business which has been one continual growth and success, the true management of which has hal the admiration of the brightest business men in the world. a business which has not only increased in magnitude, but has grown still more in the confidence of the people, until it now holds the first place in the estimation of the thinking public. is pesitively one which should not be maligned by persons whs pretend to represent it.

A- regarde twisting.--if we are to frown down a practice which, to my mind. is not only bad but fratudulent, viz.. twisting policies. and endeavour to persuade our patrons to hold on to their original policies. i.e., if they are regular life or endowment, we will grow in the estimation of the public and dignify our profession.
The agent who mores about life. a serpent looking for policyhokders who do not know too much about life insurance. and, when the runs across such a person, represents himself as an angel of light divinely sent to point out to them that their life insurance is worthless, or at least the worst kind they could have. atch an agent is not fit to represent a regular life company.

In conclusion. I hope that every field man who attend this. the first annual gathering of the Life Underwriters' Association of Canada, will be filled with high ideals of our chosen calling and that when we return to our different spheres of lubour. we will endearour hy word and deed to dissominate true bosiness principles and a strong social apirit amongst our 'onfreres."
Mr. Macgregor's address was warmly applanded.

## COFFEE

Nordlinger's circular to 1. th september refers to the receipts at Rio and santos since the 15th July as being small enough to warrant a general reduction of crop estimates. Possibly the rainy weather which was encountered off and on since harvest. ing began. had something to do with the delay in marketing the crop. The storage warehouser erected last year in the interior of Nao Palulo may account for some of the reduction in the reemipts. but mot sufficient to offset a material modification.
It is estimated that at least $11 / 2$ million bags were carried over in the interior of Brazil int" this crop vear. The bulk of the reecipts during buly consisted of old arop; likewise onequarter of the rereipts during August. Deducting from the total of the receipts that portion which consisted of old crop, it leaves phenomenally small receipts of new crop during the first two monthe of the fiscal year. After allowing for delay in marketing, and giving due weight to the storage facilities in the interior. it is believed that. not more than about $101 / 2 \mathrm{mil}$. lion bags will come forward at Rio and Santos during the current crop year. This calculation is based simply on the receipts so far. after allowing for some modifying causes which tended tc lower them.

About 600,000 bags Victorias and Bahias are expected to arrive.
The price in Brazilian currency has advanced sufficiently to enable the planter to market his crop at a profit. but these conditions have oxisted for some weeks, and still there is no seasonable expansion in the movement from the interior. The weather of late has been fine, which may result in more liberal receipts henceforth.

Agreeable to best information at hand, there will be some slortage in the crops of Central America and the East Indies; so that we are not justified in expecting more than 3 million bags of mill coffees to come forward during the present crop year.
Thus a world's production of only 14 million bags is indicat ed. and this is to provide for a consumption of $17 \frac{1}{2}$ to 18 milIion bags, which, if our figures are correct, would bring the heretofore thought of precarious and hazardous undertaking of the Sao Paulo Government much nearer to a successful issue than even the friends of the government could expect. Should ansther small crop follow the present one, which is the current topic of the day-but we do not share in that belief-the cof fec trade all over the world would be compelled to draw a part of their supplies from the Government holdings. which would naturally imply an advance in the price to the average cost of the Government. But a small crop next year is not by any means assured. The spring season in Brazil was very late in setting in. On the other hand, the trees had a long and beneficial rest. The soil was irrigated by plentiful rains; so that with seasonable weather conditions from now on a fairly good crop can still be raised.
Recent cable reports indicate that the Angust flowering was poror. and that the weather up to the beginning of this month was unfavoralle for a gord September flowering. But it is the Scptember October lowering which determines the crop. It is not. however, the extent of the flowering. but primarily the character of the same and later the setting of the fruit, which rombined will form the prospects for the crop of 1908-1909.

## the mixing of concrete.

Though used in Egypt before the Plaraohs, there is still much to be learned about concrete. Largely used as it is to. day, builders have not ceased speculating upon methods of prelaration and its proliable durability. The Engineering Record has the following report upon the results of German experiments which is mainly valuable as emphasizing the great importance of care in mixing.
"The effect of water used in making concrete aroused an a mimated discussion among German concrete specialists in 1901. and to settle it about ninety-nine tons of test pieces were made up by various parties and sent to Prof. C. Bach, of Ntuttgart, for test. This work lasted about four years, and the results have recently been published in the Zeitschrift of the Nociety of German Engineers. The records of the methods of preparing the test pieces and the amounts of water used in mixing the materials were forwarded with the samples. Tests of samples made by the same men under uniform conditions in Professor Bach's laboratory showed that the smallest amount of water which produced a mixture suitable for ramming gave the strongest concrete, but the highest degrec of skill and care was required. Larger amounts of water unabled less competent workmen to produce good concrete and in practical work are an assurance ag inst the injuriouseffects (if varying degrees of moisture in the sand and stone. changeable atmospheric conditions and other factors. These statemants, it will be olserved, are the same as those made by concrete specialists in the United States, and indicate the extreme care necessary in basing field methods on the results of laboratory experiments by trajned workmen. The tests represented work done under a variety of conditions, and the specimens were representative of good German practice."

Attention is directed to the announcement of Mr. William Harper in this issule. The Canadian Customs Tariff is not becoming less complicated. and it is certainly a good thing for the importing public that they can command the services of an expert in its interpretation. Mr. Harper has had over twenty years' experience in Toronto, and has long been recognized as me of the best authorities on Customs Law and Tariff interpretation in Canada. His office is in the McKinnon Building, 9 Melinda St., Toronto Mr. Harper is alsd agent for Messr 3 . Thomas Meadows \& Co., the well known forwarders of London and Liverpool.

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## THE HUDSON BAY ROUTE.

The Department of the Interior have issued a report on the ocean trade route from Churchill to Liverpool. It shows that in 175 years, 750 vessels sailed from the Hudson Bay, of which two only were lost. The period of safe navigation is now set at from July 20 to November 1. There will be some, demurring to the extreme dates, as it has been generally understood that navigation was unsafe after the floating ice formed some ime in October. However, the compiler stipulates for sfeel steamers and has probably taken the thin ice into consideration.
The report sums up the opinioh of all navigators and explorers as follows:-" The conclusion is clear that Hudson's Straits and Bay afford a safe commercial route to Europe for at least three months in the year from toward the end of July to about the end of October. It would not be a rival route to Montreal, but it would be an adequate subsidiary one, a means of relief from the grain blockades such as now endanger the continued development of the west. The report further notes that thre have to be built only 480 miles of railroad to connect. Churchill with the existing systems ${ }^{*}$ of railroad in the west, and to complete the gap in the communication between the grain fields and grazing grounds of the west and the markets of Europe. He quotes the opinion of Wudam Melnnes of the Geological Survey, who examined the country, that the oad would penetrate and begin the opening of ten thousand miles of good land which is now unsettled. It would seem, Mr. McKenna writes, that after the Saskatehewan River is spanhed at Le Pas the construction of a line of railway to Chur chill would not be unusually expensive, and from the reporta it would appear that there are in the intervening country stretches of fuir timber and waters replete with fish, that in part of it wheat has been grown and that vegetables commonly thrive. Ohurohill is avaihble for vessels drawing wenty-four feet. With modern aids to navigation along the approach and docks and elevators in the harbor, Churchill would afford all the port requirements necessary for connect ing the railway with the waterway afforded by the bay and straits."
The report concludes:
"From all the in ${ }^{\text {sornation }}$ disclosed in the records of the period that extend from the days which James Robson spent at Churchill superintending the construction of Fort Prince of Wales, over a century and a half ago, to those which Mr. Mosher spent there recently while superintending the construetion of the mounted police barracks. it would appear that Canda hes at that print on the Hudson's Bay a safe port open for several months in each year, and a site for a city with im. mense fisheries at its door; and large possibil:ties as to the development of mineral wealth deposited in the nelghborhood.

The question of distance to the markets is an important one By water Churchill is dittle farther from Liverpool than is Montreal. But the distance from the wh at fild $t$ t tidewater is immensely less to Churchill than to Montreal. Winiueg. which is 1.422 miles by rait from Montreal, is only 84.5 miles from Churchill; Brandon is 611 miles nearer Churchill than is Montreal. Churchill is 580 miles nearer Regina than is Montreal. Medicine Hat, 582 ; Calgary, 580; Prince Albert, 1242; Edmonton. 1,118 nearer to Churchill.

## AUditing and accounting.

Mr. W: J. Ross. charterel accountant, Barrie. Ont., makes his bow to our realers this weak. In a lit tle brochure, entitled "Accounting, the Tital Element of Business," addressed to Principals. Mr. Ross deals with the duties of the profession. but so briefly and tersely as to appeal directly to all those who believe in his legend that "Figures must represent facts." Every business man should read it. Mr. Ross maintains of fices also at Orillia and Collingwood.
-Ottawa Clearing House -Total for week ending 12th Sept., 1907, $\$ 3,274,077.04$. Corresponding week last year, $\$ 2,513,733.17$.

## THE PRICE OF WOOL.

The last London auctions left the prices of wool at a high level decidedly discouraging to buyers. There appeared to bo an idea amongst those in attendance that the world's clip for this year would be a small one, and in sone grades, at any rate, the bids made were considered speculative. Enquiries made lately in the other markets of the world, are not satisfying, and it is not now possible to say whether the present high prices will be maintained or not. Perhaps the tendency is, if anything downward on the whole.
The prices of Russian wools are still quoted at prohibitive ligures. Quotations on other foreign wools, notably Persian, have dropped slightly from the high levels attained during the past month, but further recessions will have to take place before this raw material reaches a basis that will encourage consumers to enter the market. Wool of this character will, however. not reach these shores before October.
The demand for pulled wool is very smail indeed, and the occasional inquiries seek only the finest grades. The stock arailable is much below the usual amount, as pullers have only a bout half the number of skins to work on. Fleeces from Eastern States are also quiet and no demand for these classes is expected for some weeks to come.

Late advices from Australia state that the wool season is up to expectations throughout the commonwealth, excepting in New South Wales. The later State is by far the most important wool growing district, as last year it contributed no less than 955,000 bales, out of a total clip of less than 1,700000 lales. Letivient rainfalls have adversely affected the lambing, especially in the important area known as the Riverina.
The best returns are bing received from Victoria and Quensland, where the results are expected to be the best on record. No State has made greater progiess than South Augtralia, where the figures for the wool year, which ended on June 30 last, reached a total of 158,500 bales, compared with 119,000 bales for the year previous. From all other States the weather reports are very satisfactory.
The estimates of the increase in the next Australian clip vary greatly. Some place the figures as high as 100.000 bales, and others expect 207.000 bales more than the last clip produced. The number of sheep shorn has increased largely and the breed has been inproved so greatly that the average weight of each fleece has steadily and even rapidly increased. This will, it is expected, greatly offset any adverse influences, such as lack of rain and poor lambing in some sections of the colony.

## " bleached" flour.

The agitation for Pure Food is educating the public to a knowlelge of much which was before unknown respecting art icles of diet. Not many, for instance, can have known that millers in some localities made use of chemical agents to bring ficur ground from damaged or inferior wheat up to the money value of the best brands. The process is not only dishonest, but it is now settled, is deleterious to health as well. There does not appear to be auy use of this plan among Canadian flour millers.
The Food Commissioner of the Government experiment station at the North Dakota Fyricultural Colloge, has just issued a special warning regarding this bleached flour. The circular reads as follows': "Haring investigated carefnlly the subject of flour béaching as now generally practiced and having become convinced that the said process of bleaching results in the production of a product prejudicial to the health and best interests of the consuming public. therefor:
On and after October 1, 1907, the sale of bleached flour containing any res due of nitrogen absorption, addition or substitution products and intended for consumption within the State of North Dakota. is declared to be in violation of the food law of the State.
All other flour bleached by any chemical process or agent, and containing no added residual products, shall on and after the said date te labelled os "Pleached." and in type uniform in
size with the name of the brand or producer of the flour.
All flours or other food products shall be truthfully labelled with regard to net weight, the true grade and the name of the real manufacturer or jobber.
Nothing in this order shall be construed as in any way prohibiting or restricting the use of bleaching agents in flour and milling products to be shipped out of the State."

## EUROPEAN PETROLEUM

Some of the most ancient petroleum wells in the world were in the vicinity of the Black and Caspian Seas. There has always been a large output from Russian fields and in the minds of the well informed an impression that they would pay for much more vigorous exploitation. The Danubian countries are in much the same belt and have been known to contain oil-bearing shale for many years. There is some hope now that the vigorous communities to the north of Turkey will develop their natural endowments and attract attention for the future, because of their commercial rather than for their military achievements. A report from the United States minister at Bucharest is cheering in this respect. It says:
' The petroleum industry in Rommania is yet in its infancy. but the government now realizes that its petroleum is one of its most valuable products and assets. Unlike agricultural crops, the oil supply seems not only inexhanstible, but the yield is to be depended upon. The government has recently adopted a policy of liberality toward the development of the country's youngest and most promising industry. Large appropriations have been made to improve the facilities for shipping oil from Constantza, the principal port of Roumania on the Black Sea. and from which was shipped in 190677 per cent. of the tntal exportation of petroleum. The transportation of petroleum from the oil fields and refineries has been mostly by railroad tank cars. This has been slow, expensive, and inadequate. hence the government, to aid in the development of the oil indu-try, proposes to construct a new and large pipe line from the most distant oil section to Constantza, a line distance of :alout 220 miles."

## THE ALAOYS OF NTEEL

The discovrices of laboratory workers have worked wonders in the iron and steel trade. The importance of tempering is not now as great as it wass before the trade lad been taught the value of chemical alloys, and the value of forging so greatly considered in old times, has bren shown to be quite subsidiary to the chenical value of the material. How greatly the in crease in tensility. or in hardness, has onlarged the usefulness of steel, would be amazing, if it were not so common. Wookl is passing out of consideration very rapidly in many lines of construction and stone is beroming merely an aluviliary in metal in buildings. The matter is 0 ompertant that the fol lowing. condensed from the American Exporter, camont but be intoresting:
Iron has been suceressfully alloyed with most of the known motale: coly a fow alloys, howerer, possess much commercial imprortmae amb it in omly with these that we have to deal in comsidering their allaptability for forgings, etc. Mlley steels possess many alvantages ower callon steel for certain uses and motwithatanding their increased cons are finding a wider field of application every year.
Tunget"n steel was the first alloy steel to be exploited to any extent. It proved useful in metal cutting tools, and is move or less restricted to that use. Chromium steel was next exploited, arml found a wider field of usefulness, being largely used in met:l cutting tools as well as for other purposes, the mont notable of which is armor piereing projectiles. Manganese steel was next introduced to the market. This steel is remark able for its toughness, combined with hardness when quenched in water. but. owing to the fact that no means have ever been found of softening it. it cannot be machined. Nickel steel was
next brought out, and found a much wider field of usefulness than the preceding, and is to-day the most largely used of any of the alloy steels.
Vanadium steel is the last applicant for favor, and while it holds out more promise than any, it has probably not fully passed the experimental stage that leads to wide application. It is being manufactured in increasing quantities every year.
Much has been done in combining two or more of the alloys in steel, with such beneficial result that it is hoped to reach almost any desired quality through the proper combination of the metals now at our disposal.
Chrome and nickel produce an alloy steel combining the good properties of each in a large measure, i.e., strength, elasticity and toughness. One desirable feature in this alloy steel is that, with proper heat treatment, it can be made fibrous like wrought iron, whieh gives it great resistance to shock, with less liability to crack at comers. It is highly susceptible to heat treatment, and requires exact temperatures in order to ohtain the best results.
Nickel and manganese produce an alloy steel of high elastic limit proportion. and give great endurance qualities. The combination increases the susceptibility to heat treatment. Silicon and manganese produce an allor ateel of hioh elastic limit proportion. and also give great endurance qualities.

## FIRE RECORD

The August fire losses in the United States and Canala aggregate $\$ 20,248.000$. Total for the eight months, $\$ 155.965,650$. There were 361 fires in August where the loss reached $\$ 10,000$ or over in each case.
A disastrous fire occurred at Lacombe, Sas.. in the Queen's Hotel on the 16th. In about one hour the following were destroyed: Queen's Hotel block; Pulford's drug store; Cameron and Brown, furniture; I. McInkey, men's furnishings: W. Read, barler shop, and some residences.
The wholesale block of Tees \& Persse, manufacturers of paper for newspapers, caught fire on Saturday and two storeys were destroyed. The loss to Tees \& Persse is $\$ 40,000$ and to John Robertson \& Co., distillers, stock of liquor, $\$ 20,000$.
The plant and buildings of the Intervest Peat Fuel Co., just completed, located at Lae Du Bonnet, 4.5 miles northeast of here, has been destroyed by fire. The loss is $\$ 40,000$, partially insured.
On the 14 th inst.. a honse on the corner of St. James and Carmarthen streets, Winnipeg, was damaged by fire to a slight ertent. The building sustained about $\$ 500$ damage and was i.s.sured. Robert Foster, a tenant, sustained $\$ 1.50$ damages to his furniture. His loss is more than covered by insurance carried with Tilley and Fairweather. The other tenants suffered little damage. Hugh Sweeney occupied the second floor and sustained some damage.
Considerable excitement was caused on the 18th in the Vito*cop: Yoving Picture Theatre 359 Mount Rayal l:emue, by a blaze !nosking out in the room, occuped ly the electrical apparatus. It took less than a minuta to empty the theatre, and no cue wra injured in the rush. It is not thought that the damage will amount to more than $\$ .00$.
A blaze that b:oks out on the 19t! in tie verni-hing rom oi the Dominion Oileloth Company, East St. Catherine and Parthenai streets. was extinguished by the -prinklers in the building, and the blaze confined to the varnishing room and drying cell adjoining. The loss will not he heary.
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The: buildings and plant of the Inter-West Peat Fuel Co., at Lae du Bonnet, Man.. were destroyed by fire together with 150 tone of finishel product. on the 14th. The loss is set at $\$ 40$,000 , pirtly covered by insurance.
A fierce electrical storm struck St. Thomas and vicinity on the 1 'th inst. lasting s voral hours. F. Smith's, Malgrovesend, barns were burned to the ground with the season's crop. The barns of Geo. Mitchell. on the concession of Heward, near Ridgetown, were destroyed. They were partially insured. The
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Advices reoeived from the surrounding country show that the storm was general throughout Western Ontario. Other barns were struck by lightning and destroyed, in Middlesex, Lambton, and Kent Counties.

## ONE OF THE MOSELEY TROUbLES.

It was an open secret during the last year or two of E. Frank Moseley's career in Montreal that he did not hesitate to lay under tribute many of those whom he claimed as friends from a social as well as a business standpoint. This habit was referred to in passing in a late issue. It was not surprising therefore to many persons to learn that his wife's estate was made use of also in his endeavours to combine business and pleasure successfully. A law firm in the city, the head of which was professionally identified with the lady's property, is announced as demanding from a third party about $\$ 35.000$. claimed to have been given the now absent husband for the exclusive purposes of his affairs from time to time, which under the peculiar marriage-contract laws of the Province of Quebec he had no legal claim to, or the person or persons benefitting by the loan any legal right to withhold. This is doubtless not the only case. The evils that men do linger after them.

## COTTON CONDITIONS IN VALLEYFIELD.

Although absolute quiet has been restored in and around the precincts of the Montreal Cotton Co. at Valleyfield, there is as yet a substratum of discontent prevailing as is usual when wage-earners do not succeed in obtaining all they contend for. They do not seem to realize how much better is their condition as compared with some years ago, and that while their earnings and general comfort have meantime vastly increased, the emoluments of those who are supposed to direct and control the business have been reduced. The former president, the late Andrew F. Gault, for example, received from the Company $\$ 15.000$ a year, whereas his successor gets only $\$ 3,000$. The other directors receive about $\$ 800$ to $\$ 1,000$ a year, or only what two weavers may earn in the same period. But then. it may be remarked, the hours of atterdance are vastly different. The hands will, in future, receive 20 cents an hour for overtime.

## a mishap in wholdesale hardware.

Hardware men have been comparatiyely free from serious troubles of late. The saddlery hardware firm of Gravel \& Duhamel, st. Paul street, Montreal, who were instructed by their hamkers to prepare a statement of their affairs a few weeks ago. is the most important of its kind. The business of carriage hardware has not been invariably smooth here. but when the three partuers of the present firm started with $\$ 3.000$, $\$ 4.0100$. and $\$ 4.000$ respectively in 1890 , as successors to what remained of the old business of (G. R. Fabre with which Mr. Duhamel had heen associated. it was believed that their prospects were favourable. The firm, which was then known ats Giravel, Duquette \& Duhamel, proved prosperous beyond all antic:pations. Two of the partners made wealthy family connections, and the business showed profits of $\$ 13,000$ at the close of their first year. Mr. Duquotte retirel seven years ago with $\$ 18.000$ to his credit of which $\$ 4,000$ remained invested. The withdrawal of so much cash was doubtless too great ${ }_{\text {a }}$ a drain on their resoures. Notwi'h tanding the general prosperity in trade. they were obliged to have recourse to illegitimate paper--an Oakville (Ont.), firm with a branch in Montreal being the most congenial. An effort to form a joint stock company out of the business about a year ago did not meet with the approval of their bankers.
To these circumstances are probably due their latter-day attitude towards some of their customers. The total liabilities are about $\$ 125,000$, nearly one-half to their bankers, who
aro amply secured. Mr. Duhamel's conneetions are able, if willing, to help him. The estate is, meantime, in the hands of Kent \& Turcotte, who are preparing a statement with the object of summoning their creditors together at an early date. If the statement prove as favourable as is expected, some satisfactory arrangement is probable by which the firm may continue under more approved methods than have heretofore been found practicable, especially if they prove to have the surplus which they claim among their assets.

## BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

Recent assignments in Ontario include: Miss B. Y. Moyes, dry goods. Toronto; Crown Bottling Works, same place; Chas. Rosinter, grocer and shoemaker, Hamilton; E. Faulkner, grocer, Ottawa; Lehman Bros., bakers, Pembroke; A. \& A. Taylor, butter, Sullivan; Wilson Bros.. confectioners, Tilsonburg; M. Three Clothing Co., Toronto; Tylinski \& Co., tailors, Berlin; Wm. Robinson, grocer, Blind River. The Ontario House Furnishing Co., Ottawa, is asking an extension. An application has been made for a winding-up order against the Veterinary Specialty Co., Ltd., Toronto. The Uxbridge Piano \& Organ Co., Uxbridge, offers 50 c on the dollar.
In this province assignments include: B. Diamond, trader, eity; La Cie Latouche \& Lemay, furniture, Quebec, Sylois deMorass \& Co., general store, St. Pierre les Becquets; Gauthier \& Co., crockery, city; John Grant. carpenter, city; J. A. Provost, dry goods, Shawinigan Falls; L. J. Dubord, grocer. Vincennes; E. U. Brunet, printer, Quebee. Jos. Decarie \& Fils, mifrs., bricks, city, have obtained an extension. A petition for a winding-up order has been granted against La Societe de la Matawin, city. David Grenier, grocer, Montmorenci village. is offering 50c on the dollar, cash. The Quebec Transport Co., Ltd.. Quebec, is in liquidation and A. J. Colston has been named liquidator.

Advices from the northwest state that W. L. Potlet. trader, Alix, has been granted an extension. Late assignments include: Wm. Lansdowne, grocer, (algary and Geo. Trawford, electrixian, same place. A. C. Johnstone \& Co., general store. Valley City, Alb., are reported to be in financial difficulties; and a meeting of creditors is to be held. The firms of Soderberge \& George, restaurant, Nanaimo, and the Burrard Canning Co. packers. Vancouver, have been closed out by the wortgagees. Wolfe \& Scarpe, traders. Ochre River; John Berry. general store, Solsgirth \& Minnedosa and S. (s. Westaway, North Battleford, Sask., have assigned.
Jas. Mcharthy wholesale and retail liẹurs. it. John. N.B., and A. R. Latz, general store. Victoria Mills, N.B., are reported absent.
Commercial failures in the Lnited states, as reported by R. (i. Dun \& Company, are 189. against 178 lant week. 203 the preceding week and 174 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 24, against 22 last week. 11 the preeoding week and 24 last year. Of failures in the United States, 60 were in the Gast. 49 sonth. 44 West, and 36 in the Pacific States, 62 report liabilities of $\$ 5.000$ or more. Liabilitice of commercial failures reported for September to date are \$7.081 238 , empared wth $\$ 1,310,876$ a year ago.
-It is officially estimated that tramps co 2 t $\$ 25,000000$ a year to I'nited States railways. How great a body they comprise may be gathered from the fiet that within foul years 49,200 tramps were either killed or injurel in that country by trains.
-Mr. Andrew Halkett. a fishery expert from Ottawa is at present looking for a lagoon on the Pacific coast. wharein to deposit lobster spawn from the east. Former attompt have failed it is lelieved becaluse the egga were deporited in deep water.

The curions rise in cocoa is calling enguiry in *ome of the trade papers Probably there is a combine somewhere, which has something to do with it. though the fact thit young misses have more pocket money mast not be lost of.
-An immense blue sapphire, weighing 466 carats, when cut and poliched, recently found in Ceylon, and supposed to be the largest in existence has been bought by M. Marker, a wellknown dealer. The price has not been disclosed.
-The increase in the price of anthracite coal is not caused by any diminution of the supply. This year's production is the $y$ rateat in history, the excess over former years being $48: 57.704$ toms for the first pight months.

Exhanstive surveys made in the harbour of Prince Rupert. the poposid terminus of the (is.T. P., show a depth close alongside of forty feet and an average depth throughout of from twenty-five to fifty fathoms.

A letter from the spanish olive growing district states that, a good average crop of Queens and Manzanillos is expected than year. linfavorable weather conditions, however, may reduce the size.
-The new cable of the Commercial cable Co.. connecting New York with Havamalh, ('uba, has been made in England and shipped on the British cable steamer "Silverton." It is 1,300 miles in length.
-There are great plans affoat for the improvement of the important inland harlenur of fort William, ineluding the building of a million dollar dock ly one of the railways.

The U'nited states ciovermment reports indicate a shortage in the wheat (rop of the year of $103,000,000$ bushels as compared with last year.

It is said that a fast line of stemaships between France and Montreal is to be established next year with first class stamern of the largest size.

Nany of the camning factories along the Pay of Quinte are closed on account of the searcity of material, especially corn and tomatioes.
-smelting plants in the extreme west of the Dominion are importing large glantitien of coal and coke from Australia in sailing hips

Nix thousand furriers were out on atrike on Monday last in New York. The police are endeavouring to maintain order.

Lomdon (learing Homse. Total clearings for week ending Siept. 12. 1907, $\$ 1,270,623$.

FINANCIAL SLMMARY
Mont real. Thursilay, Sept. 19th, 1907.
The feature of the week wan the raling of Judge Longley in the celebrated case between the steel and coal companies. which was altogether in favour of the former, as referred to risswhere. The decision appears to have been discounted on 'Change the previous day for althongh the quotation of Steel common :dwanced to $231 / 2$ for one lot, the endeavours to realize threw it back again to the figures of last week. There be many percons who value the article for voting purposes if nothing more. What the Man of Ross may have "up his -hese in puzaling some miands within the precincts of the Te, ple of Plutu-. Transations in Common since our previous stmmary anomited to (6, lis.) shares, ranging from 20 to $231 / 2$, closing at 21. Preferred advanced in sympathy with the movement but there is little in it to warrant the hope of early dividends to the credulous holders. (ieneral sympathy is ex pucted to bo with the steel people whose success is so murh dependent upon public bounties which have yet some time to rum. Rank stocks continue firm and steady at quotations subjoined. Bank of Montreal sold up to 240 ; Royal to $22.51 / 2$; Merchant- to 161 .

The following is a comparative table of stock prices for the week ending Sept. 19th. 1907. as compiled by Messrs. Meredith and Co.. Stock Brokers. Montreal:-

| stocks. |  | High | Low | Last | Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Banks: | Sales. | est. | est. | Sale. | ago. |
| Montreal | 99 | 240 | 2363/4 | 240 | 254 |
| Commerce | 6 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 1791 |
| Molsons | 27. | 1991/2 | 197 | 197 | 225 |



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## Miscellaneous:

| Can. Pacific .. .. .. .. .. 180 | 1661/4 | 1645/8 | 1661/4 | 177 |
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| Mont. St. Ry. .. .. . . . 536 | 190 | 186 | 1873/4 | 2793/4 |
| Toronto St. .. .. .. .. 458 | 100 | 981/2 | 991/2 | 1161/2 |
| Halifax Elec. Ry. . . . . 200 | $951 / 2$ | $951 / 2$ | $951 / 3$ | 105 |
| Rich. \& Ont. Nav. Co. . 1 | 61 | 61 | 61 |  |
| Mont. Light. H. \& Power 796 | $931 / 2$ | 913/4 | $931 / 2$ | 95 |
| N.S. Steel \& Coal .. .. .. 169 | 68 | 66 | 67 |  |
| Dom. Iron \& Steel. com. . 6,085 | 231/2 | 20 | 21 | 281/2 |
| Do. Pref. . .. .. .. .. 1.245 | 57 | 501/2 | 503/4 | 77 |
| Dom. Coal, com. $\quad$. . .. 87, | 48 | 415/\% | 46 | 73 |
| Bell Telep. Co. .. .. .. 80 | 126 | 123 | 124 | 147 |
| Laurentide. pfd. .. . . . 50 | 106 | 106 | 106 |  |
| Ogilvie. pfd. .. . .. .. 8 | 112 | 112 | 112 | 125 |
| Can. Col. Cotton .. .... 4 | 50 | 50 | 50 |  |
| Textile, pfd. ... .. .. . 40 | 85 | 85 | $8{ }^{5}$ | 1021/2 |
| Lake of Woods .. .. .. 396 | $761 / 4$ | 73 | 73 |  |
| Lake of Woods. pfd. .. .. 2.5 | 1051/2 | 1041/2 | 10.51/2 | $971 / 2$ |
| Shawinigan.. .. .. .. .. 225 | 48 | 47 | 48 |  |

## Bonds:

| Dom. (etton | \$ 2.000 | 93 | 93 | 93 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dom. Iron \& Steel | . 811.000 | $741 / 2$ | 73 | $731 / 2$ |  |
| Ogilvie | .\$2.000 | 114 | 114 | 114 |  |
| Lake of Woods | .. $\$ 3000$ | 10. | 105 | 105 |  |
| Textile ( ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | \$ 1,090 | $831 / 2$ | 831/2 | $831 / 2$ |  |
| Winnipeg | \$ 3.000 | 101 | 1001\% |  |  |

montreal ivholesale markets.
Montreal. Thursday. Sept. 19th, 1907.
The closing of the vacation season coupled with the school openings has had a noticeable effect on retail trade. So soon as the weather turns a shade cooler the opening out of fall lines should have encouraging results. No marked improvement ain be expected in money remittances until the staple crops begin to reach the other side. The foreign demand is such that large shipments of Canadian products are already assured. European consmmers are in the market for grain, flour, cotton. lumbier. live stock, dairy produce. culted meats, ctc., and large remittances must be made to Canada and the I nited states for these necessities. The pastures and root crops have leen lenefitted by recent rains and the sunshine of the past few days will be of incalculable benefit to the fruit crops now ripening. Recent railway earnings continue well in excess of last year.

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The Beat CIGARS that money, akill and nearly half a cointary's experience can produoe.

BACON.-The Bristol steady and prices are Canadian selections of prices are ls higher th. 1s lower at 54s.

BEANS.-Fair jobbir $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.55$ for small

BUTTER.-There was was reflected here. $\Delta \mathrm{t}$ and this price was hid ers were asking 240 fo was moderate owing to boxes of butter were phgs., against 12,156 a were 62.682 pkgs ., agair

CHEESE--Business Canadian prices were fi western was quoted at $123 / \mathrm{sc}$; Quebec at l2c $113 / 4$ e. At St. Hyacint $121 / 2^{e}$ and cool, cured boxes, against $61,377 \mathrm{~s}$ May 1st, $1,313,850$ boxe 910 boxes. A Liverpoc adian at 59 s ; colored,

COAL--Business fair by dealers, at $\$ 7.00$ net less 25 c discount. Best paid on track

DRY GOODS.-The f bas delayed the sale of summer remnants $h$ cheerful from both ma steady to firm. Rem movement of the crop cline in the price of $\mathbf{c}$ the New York Cotton under 11c a lb. for th reached 52 to 5.5 points closing prices of last w level of September 5. heavy speculative liqu weaker markets for co options sold at 10.97 c , October had rallied to the world's visible sup shows the total visible week and 1,751,661 las cotton is $1,340.101$, agai year, and of all other etc.. 894,179 , against 92 Of the world's visibl and held in Great Brit against 784,000 last ye year; in India, 485.00 United States, 418,000,

FGGS.-Business fai 23c; No. 1. 18e to 19 ed, 17 e to 18 e .

FLOUR.-Export tra moderate at a further $\$ 5.50$ to $\$ 5.70$; second $\$ 4.65$ to $\$ 4.75$; straigh to $\$ 2.10$; extras, $\$ 1.65$

FISH.-Market firn Halibut, express, 10c Haddock, express, 4 c lake trout, 10 c ; whitef 10 c ; brook trout, 22c; Fish: New haddies, 15 mouth bloaters, $6 \mathrm{~s}_{\mathrm{s}}$ in b

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BACON.-The Bristol market for Canadian bacon has ruled steady and prices are unchanged at 54 s to 61 s . At Liverpool Canadian selections of light bacon have ruled stronger Mnd prices are ls higher than a week ago at 61s, while heavy are is lower at 54 s .

BEANS.-Fair jobbing demand at firm prices. We quote $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.55$ for small lots.

BUTTER.-There was a strong market in the country which was reflected here. At Farnham, 198 pkgs . were sold at $237 / \mathrm{sc}$ and this price was bid for 82 more but refused. On spot, holders were asking 240 for choice township creamery. Business was moderate owing to the high prices. At St. Hyacinthe, 50 boxes of butter were sold at $241 / \mathrm{s}$. The exports were 5,098 phgs., against 12,156 a year ago. Shipments since May lst were 62.682 pkgs., against 293308 a year ago.

CHEESE.-Business on European account was limited but Canadian prices were firm especially at country points. Finest western was quoted at $12 \% / 8$ c to $123 / 4 \mathrm{c}$; townships at $121 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ to $123 / \mathrm{cc}$; Quebec at 12 c to $121 / 8 \mathrm{c}$ and lower grades at $111 / 2^{\mathrm{c}}$ to $113 / 4 \mathrm{e}$. At St. Hyacinthe, white sold at $125-16 \mathrm{c}$, colored at $121 / 2^{c}$ and cool, cured at $125-16 \mathrm{c}$. The exports were 68.972 boxes, against 61,377 same week last year. Shipments since May 1st, $1,313,850$ boxes. Total receipts since May 1st, 1,496, 910 boxes. A Liverpool cable quoted new, finest, white, Canadian at 59 s ; colored, 60 s .

COAL-Business fair at the late advance. Grate is quoted by dealers, at $\$ 7.00$ net and egg, stove and chestnut at $\$ 7.25$, less 25 c discount. Best American steam coal, $\$ 4.75$ gross, duty paid on track.

DRY GOODS.-The fine, open weather of the past few days bas delayed the sale of fall wear somewhat but bargain sales of summer remnants have been numerous. Reports continue cheerful from both manufacturers and jobbers and prices are steady to firm. Remittances will be irregular until the fall movement of the crops is more advanced. A sensational decline in the price of cotton occurred amid excited trading on the New York Cotton Exchange. The October options sold under 11c a lb. for the first time since last June. Declines reached 52 to 55 points. or about $\$ 2.50$ per bale, lower than the closing prices of last week, and $\$ 7.50$ a bale below the high level of September 5. The leading factors in the decline were heavy speculative liquidation, and selling in apprehension of weaker markets for cotton south. At the lowest the October options sold at 10.97 c , and January at 11.14c. At the close October had rallied to 11.02 c . Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued at New Orleans, shows the total visible to be 2.198,280, against $2.211,364$ last week and $1,751,661$ last year. Of this the total of American cotton is $1,340.101$, against 1:288.389 last week and 919,661 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India. etc.. 894,179 , against 923,348 last week and 823.000 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 1,275,000, against 784,000 last year. In Egypt, 20,000 against 27.000 last year; in India, 485.000, against 565,000 last year, and in the United States, 418,000, against 376,000 last year.

FGGS.-Business fairly active. Sales of selected at 22 c to 23c; No. 1. 18e to 19c; seconds, 14e to 16 c ; straight gathered, 17e to 18c.
FLOUR.-Export trade quiet. The local business has been moderate at a further advance. Choice spring wheat patents, $\$ 5.50$ to $\$ 5.70$; seconds, $\$ 4.90$ to $\$ 5.10$; winter wheat patents, $\$ 4.65$ to $\$ 4.75$; straight rollers, $\$ 4.25$ to $\$ 4.35$; do., in bags, $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.10$; extras, $\$ 1.65$ to $\$ 1.75$.
FISH.-Market firm, and there is a good demand. Halibut, express, 10 c ; new mackerel, 12c ; lobsters, 30 c ; Haddock, express, 4 c to 5 c ; steak cod, heads off, 6 c ; lake trout, 10 c ; whitefish, 9 c ; dore or pickerel, 12 c ; flounders, 10 c ; brook trout, 22c; Gaspe Salmon, 13c. Smoked and Prepared Fish: New haddies, 15 and 30 lb . boxes, per "lb., 8c to 9c; Yarmouth bloaters, 6 n in box, per box, $\$ 110$; kippers, per half box,
$\$ 1$; smoked herrivg, new, in small boxes, 10 c ; boneless cod, 1 and 2 lb . bricks, assorted "Favorite" brand, 20 lb . boxes, per ib., 6c; boneless fish, 20 lb . boxes, 2 lb . bricks, $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; boneless 3sh, 25 lb . boxes, loose, $41 / 2 \mathrm{e}$; shredded cod, 2 dozen cartons, $1 / 2$ tb. each in box, per box, $\$ 1.80$ : skinless cod, 10 C lb. cases, 25.50. Pickled Fish-No. 1 Labrador herring, in barrels, $\$ 5$; half barrels, $\$ 2.75$; No. l N.S. herring, half brls., $\$ 250$; No. 1 mackerel, in pails, $\$ 1.75$; No. 1 sea trout, in 100 lb . kegs, \$5.75; Nu. 1 sea trout, in 200 lb . brls., $\$ 10.50$; Labrador salmon, in brls., $\$ 12.50$; Labradur salmon, half brls., $\$ 6.50$; No. 1 green cod, per $200 \mathrm{lbs} ., \$ 6.50$; small green cod, per $200 \mathrm{lbs} ., \$ 4.50$; large green cod. per $200 \mathrm{lbs} ., \$ 8$; No. I green haddock, per 200 lbs., $\$ 6$. Good she 11 oysters at retail, 30e per dozen.
GRAIN.-The week has been one of disturbance caused by conflicting reports on the frost damage. Exact conditions will not be known until the close of the month, and in the meantime, prices have ruled strong owing to wet weather and unfaverable harvest statistics. English buyers are holding off in the meantime and few sales of Manitoba wheat are reported on this market. Wheat and flour exports from the United States and Canada this week were the heaviest in two years. The week's shipments aggregated $5,291,000$ bushels, very nearly double those of last week, and 338,000 bushels heavier than in this week last year. The last occasion when as heavy a movement as this week's took place was in the closing wesk of October, 1905. when 6.283.399 bushels were sent abroad. Excepting that week, this week's shipments were the heaviest since the spring of 1903. Owing to small offerings and a strong western market, oats were firmly held on spot. Sales of car lots of No. 2 white were made at $521 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, and some holders were asking 53c, ex-store. Prices in Toronto were telegraphed as follows: Wheat-Manitoba, steady; No. 1 northern, $\$ 1.07 \frac{1}{2}$ c ; No. 2 northern, $\$ 1.031 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; Ontario, No. 2 white or red, 88 e to 89 c . Corn-No. 2 yellow, 75 c to arrive; No. 3 mixed, 73 e ; American fed corn, 85̄., lake and rail freight. Bar-ley-No. 2, 57 e to 58 c ; No. 3 extra, 55 c to 5 8 e ; No. 3. $501 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to 51c. Oats-No. 2 white, 44 c to 45 c for new; 46c for old: Manitoba. No. 2 white, 4 fe to 47 c . Peas-No. $2,77 \mathrm{c}$ to $781 / 2 \mathrm{e}$. Rye-No. 2, nominally 70 c.
GREEN FRUITS.-A good market with larger receipts but prices fairly steady. California fruits: Peaches, Crawfords. $\$ 2.25$ to $\$ 2.50$; pluns, Tragedys, Burbanks. Abundance and Clinax $\$ 2.50$ to 43 ; Bartlett pears, boxes, $\$ 5$ to $\$ 3.50$; grapes, $\$ 3$ to $\$ 3.50$ per crate. Oranges: 96 size $\$ 4.00$; 126 size, $\$ 4.85$; 150 sizes, $\$ 5.25$; 176. 200. 216 and 250 size, $\$ 5.50$. Lemens: New Verdellis, fancy stock, 300 sizes, $\$ 4: 50$; 360 size. $\$ 4.25$; ex. fancy. 300 size "Purity Brand" Messinas 44.00 ; extra fancy, 360 size, $\$ 3.75$. Almeria grapes: finest tinted stock, per keg, $\$ 4.50$. Blueberries: Boxes about 22 quarts. $\$ 1.85$ to $\$ 2$ per box Jamaica bananas, $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.25$. Peanuts: "BonTen" roasted, 14c; "Coon" brand roasted, $91 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Dates: Persian, 1 lb. packages. 30 packages to box, per pkge.. 7e. Evaporated fruits: Extra fruits: Extra fancy evaporated, $30-40$ prunes, 25 lb . boxes, per $\mathrm{lb} . .10 \mathrm{c}$; $40-50$, 9 c ; $50-60.81 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.
GROCERTES.-There is a good jobbing movement and commtry storekeeepers seem more eager for supplies than usual at this time of year. Stocks of old nuts are low and the lateness in foreign shipnents will make it impossible for the new crop to be here in time for the Thanksiving trade. Sardines, especially foreign kinds ara firmly held and salmon is artive and firm. Tomatoes have improved in tone in spite of good ripening weather and evidences of a large pack, jobbers demands being large. Cocoa is unchanged as large consumers are well supplied. Rice is active and prices sustained. In spices. cloves are steadier to arrive. Tapioca keeps firm but consumers hought in moderate lots. New York prices were: Small flake, fc to $61 / 4 \mathrm{c}$; medium pearl, fe to $61 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ and small pearl, $41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to $43 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Corn starch is firm at the recent advance. In teas, low grades were chiefly taken and at high prices. Foreign markets were firm and dealers look for an improvement all round. The crop news on sugar from Europe and Cula was favorable at closing. The beet market is entirely influenced by the weather at this season. Louisiana crop conditions continue favorable, and the prospects of turning out the larg-
est crop，in the history of Louisiana are improving．The largest crop，on record was the one of 1904－05，when the crop outturn－ ed 335,000 tons．The coffee market at New York was de－ preseed by Wall street interests selling on some old deals but the large opperators came to the support of the market and held it in check．Brazil was no factor as prices were too high Spot．quiet：Rio，No．7．61／2r；Santos，No．4，8c．Mild．dull． Cordova，90 to $121 / 4$ c．New York molasses，steady；New Or－ le：ns，open kettle，good to choice． 37 c to 48 c ．New York sugar． raw．wteady．fair refining．3．45c；centrifugal， 96 test， 3.93 c ；

 No．12．4．2．er：No，13．4．20c：No．14．4．15＂；confectioners＇＂$A$ ．＂ $4.90 \mathrm{c} ;$ monde＂． 1. ＂ 5.3 se ；cut loaf， 5.70 c ；crushed， 5.70 c ；pow－
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HONEY．－Market dul and prices easier．White clover． comb．12e：buckwheat．！1／er and extracted． $81 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ ．Extracted white alower comb，10e per 11 ．
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 markut fur piy tin came with apparently small warning．but in the face of the weakness of other metals it is only a surprise that tin has not reflected the general conditions more accur－ ately．For bar iron at Xew York there is a moderate demand and the market is steady，with holders asking 1．60c base Pitto－ burg．wr $1 . \mathrm{T} / 1 / \mathrm{e}$ e tilewater base half extras．The jobbing trade is quict at er lase full extras from store．Quicksilver is dull at $\$ 9.50$ per flask of 15 pounds in 100 flask lots and $\$ 40.50$ for jolling lots．The London market is weak．with Roths－ chin！＇s price at e 7 first hands and e 615 s 3 d second hanls． New England manufacturers who have been negotiating for be－ tween 5.000 and 6.000 tons of foundry grades during the week have finally closed contracts for shipment during the fourth quarter of the year．It is not understood at the moment just
how the distribution was made，but it is believed that prices were a little under $\$ 21$ delivered，which means the shading of $\$ 19$ for No． 2 X at Eastern Pennsylvania furnaces．One feat－ ure of interest is the new inquiries coming into the market for railroad cars．The Denver \＆Rio Grande Railroàd has or－ dered 1.000 cars from the Pressed Steel Car Company，while the Harriman lines are inquiring for 6,000 cars and the Balti－ more \＆Ohio for 5.000 cars．This means renewed buying of steel plates and shapes．

LIVE STOCK．－The exports from Montreal were 3,718 cat－ tle and 343 sheep，against 2.855 cattle and 355 sheep last year． The Liverpool market was weaker at a derline of $1 / 2$ c．Best steers sold at $11 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ to 12 c ．and ranehers at 11 c ．In London， Canadian cattle sold at $111 / 2 \mathrm{e}$ to 12 c and ranchers at $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ ． The Glasgow market was steady at $11 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ to 13 c ．A fair busi－ ness has been done in ocean space for the fall months and rates have advanced a trifle．Liverpool has let at 30 s ；Lon－ don．at 25 s to 27 s 6 d ；Manchester at 30 s ；Glasgow at 35 s ，and Bristol at 25s．In this market really choice beeves were scarce at 5 c to $5 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c}$ per lb．．while good stock was plentiful at $41 / \mathrm{c}$ to $43 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ ．Northwest ranchers of medium quality were of ffred at $31 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per lb．Lambs were in demand at lower prices， salce being reported at $5 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c}$ to $53 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ ．Sheep sold at 4 c to $41 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ ． Calvec． 83 to $\$ 12$ each．Hogs easier owing to large arrivals and depressed cables on Canadian bacon．Sales of selected lots at $\$ 6.25$ to $\$ 6.50$ ，weighed off cars．

MAPLE PRODUCTS．－Trade quiet．No changes．Syrup． $51 / 2^{c}$ per lb ．in wood； $61 / \mathrm{c}^{\mathrm{c}}$ in tins；maple sugar， $61 / 2^{\mathrm{c}}$ per lb ．

MEAL－Steally trade especially in rolled oats at $\$ 2.50$ per lag．Cornmeal．$\$ 1.70$ to $\$ 1.75$ ．

MIIJ．FEED．Trade active at an advance．Manitola bran， lays．about $\$ 22$ to $\$ 23$ ；shorts．$\$ 2 \overline{5}$ to $\$ 27$ per toll；Ontario lnan，in bags．$\$ 21$ to $\$ 22$ ；shorts，$\$ 24$ to $\$ 25$ ；milled mouillie， $\$ 2 . \bar{T}$ to $\$_{2} \bar{z}$ per tom；straight grain，$\$ 30$ to $\$ 32$ ．

NAVAL STORES－Business good at firm prices．Pine pitch， $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.50$ brl．；pine tar $\$ 9$ to $\$ 9.50$ ；oakum， 4 c to ze lb ．；coal tar，$\$ 4$ brl．；roofing pitch，$\$ 1$ per 100 lbs ；cotton waste，col－ oured， 5 c to 7 c per lb ；white， 8 c to 11 c ；rope：Sisal $7-16$ and and upwards． $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ ； $3 / 8,11 \mathrm{c} ; 3-16,11 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ ；Manilla， $7-16$ and larger， $15 \mathrm{c} ; 3 / 8,151 / 2 \mathrm{c} ; 1 / 4$ and $5-16$ ．16c；Lath yarn， 10 to $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ ．

OHS，DRLGS，ETC：－A good business is reported locally ＂ith prices gencrally firm．Camphor is in demand at $\$ 1.60$ to $\$ 1.80$ ．Cocaine．$\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.50$ ．（oil of peppermint，$\$ 3$ to $\$ 4$ ．Po－ tash iodide．\＄2．75 to $\$ 3.25 . \quad$ Quinine， 22 c to 30 c ．New York rosin．－teady．Turphtine，steady，54s．Pittsburg．－Oil open－ ed and closed $\$ 1.7$ s．Slvannah，Gah－－Spirits turpentine．mar－ ket fir！n；regulars． $501 / 2 \mathrm{e}$ to 5 c ；rosin closed firm；quotations， A．13．（．\＄． 8.75 to $\$ 3.95$ ；D．$\$ 4.60$ ；E．$\$ 4.30$ to $\$ 4.35$ ；F．$\$ 4.50$ to ＊4．5．5；（,$~ \$ 4.56$ to $* 4.60 ;$ H．$\$ t .65$ to $\$ 4.70 ;$ I．$\$ 4.7 .5 ; \mathrm{K}, \$ 5.20$ ； M．\＄5．40；N．\＄5．90；W．G．\＄6．00；W．W．\＄6．15．

Potitoes．－A good demand has been continued and sup－ plies are increasing．Prices steady at $\$ 150$ to $\$ 1.60$ per barrel．

PROVISAOAS－Market steady and fairly active．Abattoir fresh killed logg at $\$ 9.25$ to $\$ 9.50$ ．Heary Canada short cut mess pork in tierces．$\$ 33.50$ to $\$ 34$ ；barrels．$\$ 22.50$ to $\$ 23$ Compound lard in tierces． $375 \mathrm{lbs} ., 91 / 2^{\mathrm{c}}$ to $93 / \mathrm{c}$ ；boxes， 50 lbs ， parchment lined． $93 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ to 10 c ；pure lard，tierces， $113 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ to 12 c ； tins， 3 to 10 lb ．cases， 12 c to $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ ．Hams．extra large sizes， 25 lbs．and upward， $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ ；large sizes， 18 to $25 \mathrm{lbs} ., 131 / 2 \mathrm{e}$ to 14 c ； medium sizes，selected weights， 12 to $18 \mathrm{lbs} ., 141 / 2^{\mathrm{c}}$ to 15 c ；extra small sizes， 8 to 12 lbs. ， 15 c to $151 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ ；English boneless hreakfast bacon，14c；Windsor bacon，backs，15c ；spiced rolled bacon．loneless， $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ ；Wiltshire bacon， 50 lb ．sides， 15 c ．

WOOL．－－Business unchanged．Canada fleece tub washed， 26 c to 28c；Canada fleece，in the grease，18c to 20c；Canada pulled， brushed．30c；Canada，pulled，unbrushed， 27 c to 29 c ；pulled lambs brushed， 30 c to 32 c ；pulled lambs，unbrushed， 30 c ； N ． W．merinos，18e to 20 c ．

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Our contemporary, The Gazette, of this city, has compiled a useful article upon "the U.S. paper industry." A bulletin of the U.S. Census Bureau gives facts relating to the paper and pulp industry that are of interest. A comparison of the records in 1900 and 1905 gives the follow-

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## News paper

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Tissue paper .
Blotting paper
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The newspapers, it will be seen, are the second largest consumers of paper mills' product, and the only consumers, it may be added, that sell their prepared output for less than the cost of the raw material. Many journals in their striving for circulation actually receive less for the printed sheet than is paid for it as it comes to the mill. The cost of materials used is given as $\$ 111,251.000$, of which $\$ 27.633030$ represents the cast of wood pulp or fibre purchased. This statement of itself is, seemingly, misleading, as much pulp is made by mills for their own use and is not, it would appear. included in the allove figure. In the paper and wood pulp industry, over three million cords of wood. having a total value of over $\$ 20$. 000.000 , were used in 1905. The consump tion of rags was in tonnage 24,972. and in value $\$ 8,864607$. Of old or waste paper, 588,543 tons was used at a reported cost of $\$ 7,43033$. The ralue of sulphur and other chemicals represents a total of $\$ 8,-$ 333.380 .

The Northeastern states lead in the industry, New York being credited with $\$ 37,750.000$ of the total. Massachusetts stands next with $\$ 32.012 .000$; then comes Maine with $\$ 22,951,000$. There follow. in the order named, Wisconsin, $\$ 17,444,174$;

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Penisyivania. $\$ 15,411,032$; and Ohm, $\$ 10.961,527$. These six states produced in the aggregate products to the value of $\$ 136,930.709$. representing 726 per cent. of the total production of the United States. The three latter named states, with Maine, probably draw little or no raw material from Canada, which, however, supplies considerable wood to the mills of Massachusetts and New York. which it is sought to deprive of a source of supply by a Canadian export duty."

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Before the civil, war the Virginian who
had a cow or a horse or even poultry and worked a vesetalle garden, however small, gave a corner of his lot to the raising of the goober peat, known to the outside world as the peanut and to science as Arachis hypogea. Somebody brought it originally from Brazil as a cheap and mutritious food for stock. The gardener pulled up the rines with the nuts clinging to them and stortd them in the hayloft to be fed to the animals
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