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-The population of Edmonton, N.W.T., according to a census just taken, is 5,445 .
-Messrs. J. S. Lovell, W. Bain, R. Gowans and E. W. McNeill of Toronto appear as incorporators of the Pacific Coal and Oil Co., with a capital of $\$ 17$, 500,000 .
-The Department of Agrioulture is advised that, although large supplies of apples are arriving in England, the demand is still good. Canadian apples fetch three shilling more per barrel than those from the United States.
-Sir Charles Ross, inventor of the Ross riffe, with which the Canadian militia is to be armed, states that the first batch of vifles has been finished at his factory in Quebec, and that the first consignment of the new weapon will shortly be delivered to the Militia Department.
-The Department of the Interior has arranged with the railways to grant reduced rates at Chistmas to the United States settlers in the Edmonton distriot, in order to enable them to visit their former homes on the other side of the line. The reduced rates apply to territory as far south as Kansas City. It is expected that the returning farmers will spread abroad news of the good land to be obtained in the Canadian Weot.

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-Ottawa Clearing House. Total clearings for week ending Nov. 26, 1903, \$2.259.24237: muresponding week last year, \$1,733,501.81.

[^2]-The steamer Toronto, the last ocean vessel to arrive at this port, cleared for Quebec on the 28th ult., where she will finish discharging her cargo. She will In: reloaded at Quebec, and will then sail for Europe.
-The London Board of Trade court of inquiry into the case of Capt. Williams, who stranded off Newfonndland, lays the blame partly upon the shore offcials and upon the strong undercurrent. Fog signals, it appears, were not given owing to the lack of coal at the lighthouse.
-To import lumber from the United States into Canada seems a very unusual procesding, yet the Maitland arrived at Owen Sound, Ont., recently, with the barge Canton in tow with a cargo of 250,000 feet of maple lumber, from Bay City. The cargo was consigned to Seaman \& Kent, furniture manufacturers, at Meaford.

The office and workshops of the Rairig Engineering Company at Sydney Mines, N.S., were completely destroyed by fire on the 29th ult. This will delay the company greatly in completing the work of erecting the blast furnaces for the Nova Scotia Steel \& Coal Company, which it was hoped would shortly be finished.
-Mr. F. Hagus, for years secretary 20 his father, Mr. George Hague, while general manager of the Merchants Bank, and for the last few years prominently connected with the stock and dividend departments, has resigned. Mr. Hague joins the Liverpool \& London \& Globe Insurance Co. as city agent, in which capacity his many friends will wish him every success.
-Mr. J. W. Todd, lumber merchant of Liverpool, England, is reported to have arranged for the purchase of the entire next season's out of the Hull Lumber Co., and is now nego-
tiating for the purchase in the Ottawa Valley, which will total between fifty and a hundred million feet of lumber. Mr. Todd says the British lumber market is in good shape, with a strong demand for good timber.
-The Controller of Mounted Police has forwarded to Winnipeg a quantity of mail matter for the officers and men of the Hudson Bay expedition, consisting of letters from relatives or friends. From Winnipeg the letters will be taken by a courier of the Hudson Bay Co., and a dog team to Fort Churchill on the southwesterly shore of Hudson Bay. The mail packet may not reach its destination until May next.
-Mr. J. R. Roy, Inspector-General of Public Works, has been investigating the proposed water-power developments on the Assiniboine and Red rivers. Applications have been made to lease these powers for industrial purposes. In the absence of fuel these franchises are of great importance. Mr. Roy will make a report to the Minister. He states that the growth and development of Winnipeg within the last two years is simply astonishing.
-The statisties of the earnings of the Canada Atlantic Railway for the period from March 14th, to Nov. 14th, show a considerable gain. In these months the railway earned $\$ 1,124,702$ as compared with $\$ 1,109,387$ last year, or a gain of $\$ 15,213$. During the same time the railway carried $2,127,648$. 940 pounds of freight as compared with $2,116,891,180$ pounds in the same time last year. From the first of January to November 14th, the passenger train earnings this year were $\$ 290$, 994 , as compared with $\$ 263,829$ last year, or an increase of se2,165.
-Minneapolis, Minn., millers report an extraordinary in crease in the flour export trade with Japan. In September the trade more than doubled in size. In the nine monthis ending Sept. 30, 1901, the exports to Japan were 243,540 barrels; in the same period of 1902 they were 307,736 , white in the nine months of this year they were over 800,000 barrels. This tremendous increase is believed to be significant of preparations for war with Russia by Japan. While the purchas:s have been made through the ordinary channels, it is believed that the Mikado's Government has inspired them.
-The Inland Revenue Department has recently concluded the analysis of whiskeys and brandies sold throughout Canada, and the examination failed to show the presence of any pois onous adulteration. The analyst looked especially for alka-

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loids like morphine and quinine, but have not found that these are used in the liquors either of domestic manufacture or imported from abroad that are consumed in this country. in the collection of samples the department officials were in--tructed to be sure to take those of which they had any suspicion, so the tests include practically all the brands the Hulity of which might be questioned.
-The shipment of lumber from Montreal for the United Kingdom is considerably less than last year, due to the fact that the greater portion of sawn lumber is exported to the 1 nited States. There has been a steady increase in demand and value of lumber, the average price being fifteen per cent hivher than last year. The shipments to Great Britain during the past season by the principal firms are as follow:Mensrs. Watson \& Todd, 51,801,668 feet; W. \& J. Sharples, 11, 182,232 feet; R. Cox \& Co., $24,162,470$ feet; Cox, Long \& $C^{\circ} ., 8,941,100$ feet; MeArthur Brothers, $15,412,412$ feet.
> -Director of the U. S. Mints Roberts, who is gathering information looking to a revision to the statement as to the Stock of gold in the United States, has received data concernlune the amount of United States gold coin in Canada. On Tune 30 last the stock of American gold in the Dominion it casury was $\$ 23,554,485$, and the stock by chartered banks on the same date was $\$ 10,875,890$, making the total $\$ 34,430$,385. According to the table showing the amount of American gold coin held by the Dominion treasury on June 30 for a series of ten years, since 1893, it has increased to its present "mnunt from a little more than $\$ 6,000,000$.

-We learn from Hamilton that a meeting of the policy N(N)ders of the Vietoria Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Nait city was held recently to consider a proposition to subirribe a capital of $\$ 100,000$, and to discuss the advisability of introducirg the cash premium method of insuranae business, is well as having the premium note system at present in vogue. According to the act 10 per cent. must be paid in 30 days, and 2n additional 10 per cent. in another 30 days. President S .
. Kittson and the other directors present favored the move, and it was understood that each of the directors would subscribe $\$ 2,500$ toward the $\$ 100,000$. Defnite action, however,
was not taken.

- It has been learned at London regarding the reported
restrictions placed on emigrants by the German Government
to throw the emigration business out of the hands of the British steamship companies and confine it to the German lines, that emigrants whose tickets were prepuid for Canada via the Liverpool lines and not by the allied German lines, were stopped on the frontier of Saxony. Following the text of an order just issued by the Saxon Government, emigrants are only entitled to use the Saxon railway if in possession of tickets for the North German Lloyd or Hamburg-American lines. Tickets of the foreign steamship companies are not
available.
-The Department of Justice has received instructions to immediately take action against the J. M. Wilson Company, of Chatham, Ont., for selling short weight and short length binder twine. Some time ago Inspector Haycock made a large seizure of the product of this company, whose, excuse was that this particular twine was being manufactured for a firm in the United States, which desired to convert it into rope. This excuse might have been accepted had not the inspector discovered twine made by this company short in weight and short in length on sale at Blenheim and other points in Western Ontario. The penalty varies all the way from $\$ 20,000$ to $\$ 150,000$.
-A settlement has at length been reached in the matter and has and has been ratiffed by the court. Under the agreement, says a Toronto letter, Ames \& Co. will pay the Atlas Loan
$\$ 84,341$, in fonir $\$ 84,341$, in four equal payments, and litigation is thus avoided. The offer of settlement, which was put before the committee appointed by the creditors, and approved of by them, was
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the Atlas Loan are at an end. The liquidator has reeive the Atlas Loan are at an end. The liquidator has received Co., and Mr. Wallace has retired from the firm.
-The extensive improvements under way on the Grand Trunk Railway system between Toronto and Montreal, west of Port Hope, were completed last Wednesday, and trains are running over the new portion. This work completed the double track of the Grand Trunk between Montreal and Niagara Falls. In many respects the improvements solve engineering problems new in Canada, and render the line between Toronto and Montreal the equal, if not the superior,


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of any railway in North America. This is the estimate of practical men who have watched the work from year to year Every mile of the track is supplied with eighty-pound rails Gravel ballast makes the roadbed solid, and yet contributes that elasticity that all engineers seek to secure. The gradients have been reduced. curves straightened out; in some cases the mileage has been lessened.


"Canadian Contractors" is the name given to a company incorporated by letters palent with a capital of $\$ 3.000,000$ The ineorporators are: E. L. Sawyer, broker; W. T. Mc Nahom, accountant; F. M. Holland, loan company manager W. Bain, bookkeeper; R. Gowans, solicitor's clerk; E. Ernest William Mc-Neil, solicitor's clesk; and k. Richardson, solicitor's clerk, all of Toronto.-Henry M. Whitney, the Boston capitalist. proposes to engage in asbestos mining in Canadn. Associated with him are Frederic Tudor, of Boston, and Benjumin F. Pearson, of Halifax. Letters patent of incorporation have been granted under the title of "American Asbestos Company," and the headquarters will be in Montreal. The capital stock is $\$ 1,000,000$.-The Pacific Ooal and Oil Company of Toronto has been incorporated by letters patent, with the enormous capitalization of $\$ 17,500.000$. The incorporators are James Steller Lovell, accountant; William Bain, bookkeeper; Robert Gowans, solicitor's clerk, and Ernest William McNeill, solicitor's clerk, all of Toronto. It is proposed to carry on the business of producing and refining oil and mining, milling. reduction and development enterprises.
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-Advices have been received at Ottawa of an arrangement entered into by a company of Canadian and United States sapitalists with the Goverument of Newfoundland, whereby the company will receive from the Government of the colony a bounty upon every ton of fish taken in Newfoundland and exported to the Dominion and the United States. The company will begin operations next summer with a fleet of steamers manned by Newfoundlanders, and expects to ship ten carloads of fish daily, most of it to Western Canada. The will be landed at North Sydney, N.S., and shipped in refrigerator cars over the Intercolonial Railway. In addition to fresh fish, the company will deal in cured boneless fish, and manu facture the refuse into by-products, such as oil, glue and fertilizer. The headquarters of the company at North Sydney will be inspected by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who left recently for the Maritime Provinces.
-A despatch from Tokio, Japan, says that the Government will introduce in the Diet, this month a bill creating a tobace monopoly, somewhat similar to the Government monopoly in Hrance. It is proposed to appropriate $36,000,000$ yel (about $\$ 18,000,000$ ) to compulsorily buy out the manufacturer: at the appraised value of their lands, buildings, stocks and machinery, while only a year's income will be paid for theil good-will. Inasmuch as there are 6,000 manufacturers and 70 leaf tobacco dealers in Japan owning 17,500 machines, traders regard the appropriation as absurdly inadequate. A number of British and American capitalists are interested in the matter. It is understood that despatches concerning their protests are passing between London and Washington.
-It is reporbed that all along our eastern coasts this year the fishing has been greatly interfered with by the dogfish. The Department of Marine and Fisheries, reports show that hardly a locality has escaped. An offer has been received from Nova Scotia to establish a reduction factory, where these fish can be turned into glue and fertilizers, They are mot used for food, but the only question is how to capture the dogfish without injuring the coast fisheries.


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-The Bank of Montreal has established a sub-agency on Sherman avenue, Hamilton, under the charge of Mr. George Dean,

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-Canadian sheep and lambs took nine of the twelve prizes awarded at the National Stock show, Chicago, for entries in two classes, and exhibitors frgm the Provinee of Ontario point to this in connection with the refusal of the St. Louis World's Fair to recognize the stud and herd books of Canada. Of this international complication a prominent visitor from Toronto, remarked:-"The canadian exhibitors are much concerned over the proposed changes in the United States Customs relating to the entrance of stock from the Dominion: $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ intense is the feeling in Canada just now that the Gov arnment has formally declined to make any display at the t. Louis Fair, notwithstanding that $\$ 100,000$ has been appropriated to pay freight on the animals which were to have
heen sent to St. Lonis.". …
-We learn from Halifax that Hon. Arthur Drysdale, Commissioner of Works and Mines, who returned from England ome days ago, succeeded in floating a loan on most favorable cerms to enable the Province to pay subsidies and advances from account of the Halifax, Southwestern Railway, being built the Fanifax to Barrington, by Mackenzie. \& Mann. Under the contract the Province advances Mackenzie \& Mainn to huild the road $\$ 13,000$ a mile, secured by first mortgage bonds Dryedard. The total length of the road is 200 miles. Mr. in the stated the credit of Nova Scotia stands very high sidered "gilt-edged." ${ }^{\text {sidered }}$ " "gilt-edged." The rate at which the loan was obtained was very low, but it will not be announced until the Iegis-
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## CONDITIONS.

It is quite useless in these days to protest against any form of speculation, so thoroughly has the gambling spirit entered into the life of the community. Betting was never before so prevalent, nor so eccentric.
A bet was made in one of the city churches last Sumday as to the time the sermon would conclude, and the bet was paid in the pew! To pay a lost bet a New York merelant, dressed in a fantastic costume, recently wheeled a barrow along several streets. Here a highly respectable trader had to pay a lost bet by shovelling snow for

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The Lancashire spinners early in the Fall were greatly harassed by raw cotton's being advanced to seven penc: per pound by a speculative movement. There was a certain degree of shortness in the crop, but nothing like such a deficiency as was represented by the rise which took place last August. Had the speculators let the market alone no such advance would have occurred. But they stepped in and created a temporary scarcity, and wo little distress to the mill owners who had either to
thut down or buy at exorbitant prices, thus disturbing he trade for months to come.
After no end of mischief had been done by the gamblers, and they had fleeced the trade as much as was leasible or advisable, a reaction took place in Sepitember up to a recent date, "middling American" having been reduced from 7 pence to 6.26 d , and then to 5.72 d per pound. There is a tendency upwards. Latest Liverpool advices speak of the market's bsing active, but irregular, the bulls being confident of their ability to down the hears.
"Middling" is quoted at 6.28d. Futures are quoted: Dec.-Jan. 6.05; March-April 6.00; May-June, 5.97; Tuly-August 5.94. There has been some increase on the receipts so that those for November will probably prove to have been in excess of 1902. The maturing crop is rine of the chief factors in the price situation, even more so than the actual demand and supply, the market prices taking a much wider range than hand-to-mouth transactions.

Thotigh the manufacturing outlook is not over bright under such disturbing and incalculable conditions as arise from gambling in the raw material, the stocks of piece goods are considered to have been considerably reduced both in Lancashire and on the Continent, so that altogether there is no particular ground for anticipating trouble in the cotton market.

The proposed amalgamation among two or three large cotton manufacturing companies may come to a head as regards two of them. It would undoubtedly redound to the advantage of both. One wants a market for about half its output; perhaps, more economical managementt; the other could consume about that much more output in its prosperous specialty. But of this more anon.

THE MINERAL OIL TRADE.

Ever since the arrangements which were completed some years ago between the Canadian producers of illuminating mineral oils and their powerful rivals in the ueighbouring republic, little has been heard as to quality and prices in our own markets. It is evident that some extension and application of what is doubtless the highest standard of intellectual activity the world has ever scen, to the Petrolia field and its products have operated to advantage in Canada also. It was scarcely to be expected that the change thus brought about could accomplish a similar state of prosperity to that which has so long distinguished the great American company. The great captains of the mammoth oil company seumed to have the faculty of detecting extraordinary ability and of directing it to the best advantage. Its men in Canada have always been noted for their business acumen and zeal combined with an agreeableness of demeanour and tact of a degree which men pf the world are more apt to associate with diplomatic service than with mercantile pursuits.

Our transatlantic contemporaries have been giving some attention to the environments and conditions of the mineral oil trade latterly. One of them, the Economist of Tondon, refers to the comfort it is "in these days of slackening trade" and of general economic disturbance, consequent upon the fiscal agitation, to find a domestic industry that is really flourishing, and that has no complaints against either American methods or German comnetition. It is. he says, a chronic peculiarity of the Scotch mineral oil industry to be prosperous when other trades are dull. and to be unhappy when all other trades are booming, the reason for this being that the main factors in the cost of production by the destructive distillation of sil shale, are coal and laboum, both of which are ant to he dear in husv commercial times. and vice versa. Tt so hannens that now the Scottish industry is not benefiting narticularly bv cheap labor, and has indeed, iust come out of a sharn struggle which looked for a time nncommonly like becoming a proInnged lahour war. Coal is enmparativelv chean. but the real cause of the prosperity this time is an advance in the mrices of its mpoducts caused hv its own camoetitors. These competitors ame thajStomdard Oil Compary
of the United States and the two great producing and exporting oil syndicates of Russia.
The Standard Oil Company is probably the weal thiest and most influential industrial organization in the world, but it cannot control the operations of Nature as it can the railroad and steamboat companies, and the stream of distribution. It has not been able to prevent a shrinkage in the yield frotn the Perinsyivania oil wells, whith produce not only the best burning oil in America, but which also give'forth a crude oil which yields the largest supply of solid paraffin, or "scale," of any of the mineral oils of America. Hence, the Standard Oil Company have had to raise their price for "scale" in the European markets, and latterly to practically retire from the British markets, which they have been acenstomed to divite (on their owh terms) with the Scotch paraffin oil makers. Therefore, the Scotch companies have been nabled to get a large advance upon last year for their wax, or "rcale"-which is used for candle-making and match-making chiefly -and will prolably get a still furthor advance hefore the oil year expires at the close of March next.
The Pennsylvanian mineral oil is practically the only competitor the Scotch companies have in this product. The other mineral oils of America yield only a small proportion of this olid material, and the Russian natural cils do not yiold it at all. But the Russian companies are the chiol' competitors of the Scotch companies in the sale of lamp oil in the British Isles. Once upon a time it was American petroleum that drowned out Scottish paraftin oil. Nowadays it is Russian oil that rules, especially in Ireland and Scotland. And the competition between the two great Russian syndicates to obtain the sole control of these markets has during the لast year or two depressed the price of burning oil to a point unremunerative to the Seotch companios, who distil it not from natural oil, but from a mineral substance like slatey coal.

The Russian companies are now tired of this profitless competition. Last week the export price at Baku was raised by eight kopecks per pood, and crude naphtha was raised to ten kopecks, on account of the restricted output. During the first nine months of this year the yield was about 20 million poods less than in the corresponding period of last year, and it has been still further reduced by the stoppage of a number of wells which are the subject of litigation. Following upon this the Caucasian Petroleum Export Co. have advanced the price of their lamp oil to 12 cents per gallon delivered in England. Selling upon this basis the Scotch companies will obtain fully one cent per gallon more for their paraffin (burning) oil than they did last year. They will not get this advance for the whole season's make, because the contract season begins in August, and no doubt some contracts have been made for winter delivery at the old price. But the companies were not eager sellers, because they were looking for an advance in Russian oil, and alst because in September and Octoher they were in the midst of a wages dispute with their shale miners which threatened to suspend the whole industry for an indefinite period. These men whic mine the shale on which the whole industry depents claimed $n$ nt ouly an advance in wages (and they w sh already earning about 25 cents a day more than their fellow-workers in the
adjacent and more hazardous coal pits), but to be rated hereafter in relation to the fortunes of the oll industry, and not is friners. To this the oil somponies conld not consent, because there is butut ont labotur murket in so far as mining is concerned in Scotland, arld to inake a new market for shale miners would, in the long run, be is disadvantageous to the men as io the emploters. A general strike was only averted by a reference of the claim of the shale miners for an advance to arbitration, and the case is still awaiting decision. A very disastrous strike was averted at a time whan the fortunes of the Scotch oil companies were more promising than they have been for matly years:
The advantage to be gained in paraffin oil from the advance in Russian petroleum is to a large extent prospective. But in another respect Russia competes with Scotland, and that is in certain qualities of heavy oils used for machinery and lubricating purposes. These oils were held down all last year by the fierce competition of two Russian syndicates, but this year these syndicates have come under a compact not to sell under certain fixed standard rates. On the basis of this arrangement the Scotch companies are, and have leeen for some time, receiving about $\$ 7.25$ per ton more than last year for their production of this particular class of oils.

In other classes of heavy oils the chief competitor of the Scotch companies is the Standard Oil Company of America. But these oils of the Standard Company are extracted mainly from the crude oil of the Pennsylvania wells, and are consequently, reduced by the shortage of these wells. Hence the Standard Company have had to restrict their sales and raise their prices, so that on their production of equivalent oils the Scotch companies are obtaining about $\$ 9.50$ per ton more than last year. In naphtha, another important product, an advance of about one cent per gallon is being realized.

In sulphate of ammonia, of which the Scotch oil companies make a great deal, but of which neither the American nor the Russian companies are producers, an advance was being obtained earlier in the season of first about $\$ 8.50$ and then about $\$ 4.85$ per ton over the average of last year. The price is now down again to about the average, but the net results of the current year in this item must show a considerable improvement on last year.

On the whole, proceeds our contemporary, with the higher prices which are being realized for the principal products, the Scotch oil companies should be able when the accounts are made up in March and April next to show an increase of $\$ 1,000,000$ in the year's earnings. They will doubtless also be able to show some further savings in the costs of manufacture, but not very much need be expected under this heading, because during the past two or three years all the resources of their scientific attainments and technical experience have been taxed to the utmost in order to make ends meet under low markets. But some appreciable saving should be effected in coal and in general material.

On the other hand, labour is even now costing as much as last year, and is more likely to be higher than lower as the nil year advances. There are fully four months of the oil year still to run, and, of course, much may happen in that time, but from present appearances one may count both on larger dividends and on material
improvement in the financial and industrial condition of the companies when accounts are next squared. The prospect is, indeed, so good, that there is now a project 1.. reconstruct the long derelict and never very prosper.us Burntisland Oil Company across the Frith of Forth from Leith. It is to be hoped, however, that there will me mo undue haste in reviving shipwrecked oil concerns. The industry has suffered too much in the past from hoth under and over capitalization, and it could easily 1., squeezed out of existence altogether by a combination of North American and South Russian producers.

## NEW DOMICILE OF THE MONTREAL INSURANCE INSTITUTE.

The Insurance Institute of this city up to this week has been without a settled domicile. Its meetings were lield here and there, as chance accommodation offered. Naturally these conditions were not conducive to prosperity; no such organization can carry on its work when it has only "the key of the street." However, thanks to the energy of the Governing Council, the Institute thrived; it secured a large measure of support from the officials of the insurance companies.
Un Monday last the days of its wandering were over. Three rooms were rented for use of the members at the corner of St. Catherine street and McGill College avenue. One is for use when lectures are delivered, or general meetings held. Another room is a library-parlor, very well lighted and supplied with literature, while a third is a snug little place to be used for writing and Council meetings. The accommodation is not sufficient, but it is a beginning; it gives the members a rallying place, and puts the Institute before the public as an urganization with a home of its own.
Un Monday night Dr. Macphail read a paper upon, The after history of rejected lives." He had made a thorough enquiry into 235 of such cases, and the result of his investigation was to show that in those cases the mortality had been far from being as unfavorable as was generally supposed to be the rule with rejected lives. By "rejected lives" is meant persons whose applications for life assurance had been refused because of some physical defect, or symptoms of future ill-health that would shorten the applicant's life. In regard to this we may say that persons who are so rejected are thereby cautioned against habits tending to sickness. This caution giften leads to their taking precautions against ill-health by care in diet, taking exercise, avoiding over-work-and general observance of sanitary habits. Owing , to this policy many rejected lives last longer than robust one which are neglected.
The chair was occupied by Mr. E. P. Heaton, manager for Canada of the Guardian Assurance Company, Who is bent upon making the Institute prosper while he is President.
-A contract has been awarded for the construction of the
sub-structure of two new bridges across the Lechine Canal at sub-structure of two new bridges across the Lachine Canal at
Cote St. Paul.

## THE MUIR LIFE AND ACCIDENT OASES.

A notable case is that of the claimants under certain policies on the life of George Ernest Muir of this city. This matter, which has been already referred to in these columns, is again to the fore, owing to the judgment pronounced a few days ago in the Court of Review, before Acting Chief Justice Sir M. M. Tait, on the claim egainst the Metropolitan Life Insurance So. of New lork, doing business in Canada. The amount of the claim was $\$ 8,500$, and the action was brought by the Montreal Coal and Towing Co., with whom the deceased had been an employe. The policy is dated 6th August, 1908.

The grounds of defense set up by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. were substantially: (1) That the deceased had not informed the company that he carried other insurances on his life, among them $\$ 10,000$ in the Travellers' Life \& Accident Co., and $\$ 10,000$ in the Ocean Accident \& Guarantee Corporation; and (2) that he died by his own act, by shooting himself on the 14th November, 1902.
The case was tried before a jury, and after their verdict had been given the plaintiff moved for judgment in its favour in accordance with the verdict. For special reasons stated in certificate of record, judgment was reserved on the verdict and upon such issues that might be legally raised for the decision of the Court of Review. The plaintiffs renewed motion before the Court of Review, and the defendants moved that judgment be rendered dismissing plaintiffe' action with costs, the motion being founded upon the answers of the jury to certain questions, and they moved, alternatively, that inasmuch as the answer of ten jurymen that said Muir did not die by suicide was clearly against the weight of evidence, judgment be rendered voiding their answer or in any event granting a new trial with costs.
In his application to the defendant company for insurance, the late Mr. Muir was asked: "State amount of insurance you now carry on your life, with name of company or association, by whom granted and year of issue." Enumerate each. His reply was:
"Canada Life, $\$ 1,000$; Manufacturers' Life, $\$ 5,000$, 1901; Standard Life, $\$ 5,000$, 1901-1902; Imperial Life, $\$ 3,000$, 1902; New York Life, $\$ 5,000$, 1902; British Empire Life, \$8,500,1902.
"Standard Life refused in 1901, then discovered their error, and wished to issue a policy. I was annoyed and would only allow them to issue one for $\$ 3,000$. They are now issuing one for $\$ 7,500$.'
At the time the insured, Mr. Muir, gave this answer he was carrying, as pleaded and found by the jury, two accident policies for $\$ 10,000$ each. The jury were asked the following question: (6) "In answer to question E of section A, of the application did the said late George E. Muir omit to state that amongst the insurance he carried on his life was a policy for $\$ 10,000$ in the Travellers' Life and Accident Insurance Company, and a policy for $\$ 10,000$ in the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited?" They replied "Yes, they being accident policies." By the term of the policy now sued on, the answers and statements contained in the written and printed application for it are made warranties and part of the contract. In the application it is stipulated that any false, incorrect or untrue answer, any suppression or concealment of facts in any of the answers
shall render the policy null and void and
forfeit all payments made thereon. According to the second condition of the policy, if the insured within two years from september 24,1902 , die by his own hand or act, whether sane or insane, the company shall not be liable for a greater sum than the premium paid on the policy.
What remains to be decided is whether the policy sued upon was void hy rearon of Muir's not having stated the existence of these accident policies in answer to the question so put to him, and if not, whether the verdict is clearly against the weight of evidence, in finding that he did not commit suicide, as claimed.
I am of opinion that the policy should not be voided. I think that he understood, and that anyone would understand, that he was asked by the question what life policies he was carrying. The insurance business is, as is well known, divided into different classes or branches. There are marine, fire, life, accident and guarantee insurance policies, and although there may be features common to some of them, each has its own distinct ones differing from the others. A marine insurance policy may insure against fire as a peril of the sea, but it would not be called a fire policy, nor do I think that an accident policy should be understood to mean a life policy simply because thele is an undertaking in it to indemnify the insured in case of death by accident only. It undertakes at the same time, dufering therein from a life policy, to idemmify him lor certan accidental bodiny injuries according to a certain scale, the consideration payable by insurea, not even in case of death, bemg ontingent as in a life policy, upon his age or condition of health. I believe, said his Lordship, there is a disturcion in the mind of every business man between a lnte policy and an accident policy, in other words, that ilu common partance an accident policy would not be called a life policy. For instance, 11 anyone obtained a (ran from a business man upon a promse to hand him a policy upon his life as security, I am sure he would nut consider the promise fulfilled if the borrower offered flim an accident policy. In answer to this question which was put to him by a company carrying on a life Lusiness only, requiring Muir, to state what life insurance he carried, no impression would be conveyed to liss mind that it was meant that he should state also what accident policies he carried, and he telt sure he believed so, that he truthfully and honestly answered by giving the list he did of what are generally and popularly called life policies. If the company had desired to know what accident policies the insured was carrying, it ought to have, as it could have, made the question perlectly clear. If this question has not been answered as they desired it to be, it is the defendant's own fault. If there is any ambiguity or doubt as to the meaning of the question his Lordship said he would give the insured the benefit of the doubt, and hold that he answered it rightly. He was also of opinion that the answer of the ten jurymen who found that the late Mr. Muir did not die by suicide, is not clearly against the weight of evidence and that the verdict in this respect should not be interfered with. He should dismiss the defendant's motions and grant the plaintiff's motion. The defendant company will be adjudged to pay plaintiff the sum of $\$ 8,500$, with interest from date of action and costs of suit.

The olther claims in the matter, save one which has been settled, will receive due attention.

## EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK

The annual meeting of this prosperous and popular lank was held in Sherbrooke on the 2nd inst. The Ineeting is called "annual," but in fact it was held only half a year after the previous meeting, owing to its having been decided to hold the annual meetings in the future in December instead of June. T'his change seems likely to become the custom amongst a number of the banks. It has advantages, no doubt, oue of which is that it leaves the summer holiday season more free, a time when many shareholders are absent from the city.

The report, as usual we may say, is a very gratifying one. The new general manager, Mr. Mackinnon, is doing excellently well, and the business in this city is thriving under the capable and popular management of Mr. Austen, and his efficiont assistan't, Mr. Patterson. The bank will commence its new office burding in this eity next Spring. St. James street is bound to become a fort of bankers' avenue, the Lombard street of Montreal.

The Directors report as follows on trade conditions: "The crops, contrary to indications in the early part of the season, turned out very satisfactorily, and prices for produce, both of dairy and field, are fully equal to those of previous years. The lumber busineas, however, owing to the severe drought which prevailed and prevented hringing logs to the mills, has been very bad. What small stocks were on hand have realized better prices, but it really means in most cases the loss of one year's business, if not more, by loss of logs as well."

A feeling reference is made to the death of Senator Cochrane, for 11 years vice-president of the Bank, and 27 years a Director.

The net profits for the half year ended 14th November, 1903 , amounted to $\$ 144,359$. If to this we add $\$ 67,486$ brought from last statement, and $\$ 112,857$ received for premium on new issue of stock, we get \$324,703 as the amount for distribution. The appropriation was made as follows: dividend of 4 per cent., payable 2nd January next; \$95,200 transforred to Reserve Fund; $\$ 65,000$ applied in reduction of value of assets; \$5,298 bonus to employees, the total of these items being $\$ 397$.055, which, taken away from $\$ 324,703$ leaves $\$ 27,6+7$ as the balance to be carried to next year.
The deposits, circulation, and discounts have each expanded considerably since the same date 1902, but a detailed comparison is not possible, owing to the above named change in the date of the annual statement. It is misleading to compare the figures in May with November figures of the year, but from the monthly returns we are justified in stating that the business of the Eastern Townships Bank has been growing rapidly and shows most gratifying signs of further expansion.

## IMPROVING BUSINESS.

The merchant who is not taking advantage of every moment, during the present month, to aid his business by arranging his store and stock to the beds advantage, will be much less likely to give them more than ordinary attention during the other months of the year.
It is quite natural for some merchants to $g$ ght so accustomed to their store and stock that to their way of thinking it would be but waste of time and unneces
sary ltrouble re-arranging things around and putting them, as it would seem, out of place, so that when called for they would in all probability be more difficult to locate than were they left in their accustomed places. This, however, is not the point at issue.

The month of December is the one month of the year when a merchant can either make or break the reputation of his store. If he is fully alive to business instinct and recognizes that his customers during the Holiday term are each and all of a different.order to that of the ust of the year, it is his duty as a man of business to make his store equal to the occasion. Does he do this ly merely being on duty during the full hours of busiwess and being cheerful and attentive to the wants of all? No. He is acting a very necessary part, but much more is required. Goods nicely arranged, neatly and Hainly marked will more than equal extra store help, for while silently appealing to visitors, they offer that chance for inspection and decision which no other arrangement can afford. Therefore, the retailer who has not his goods marked and arranged suitably for inspecthon, at least all that can be reasonably placed, is not doing for his business all that he might and should do. The show windows have much to do with the Holiday trade. As these are the most conspicuous features from the street or road, they should be always kept so invitingly attractive as to be a standing advertisement-an appeal to those on the outside to come in. How can they be such if not constantly looked after? There is a reason why many merchants grow careless about these matters and that reason is not that they are naturally inclined to be so. This is proven by the appearance of a new store, or a store which has been subjeot to change of ownership, etc. The real reason is that such details are apt to become monotonous. Yet were the owner, Who may have grown into this idea, to be so situated as to be compelled to give up his store and take the management of another under a superintendent, it would astonish him how much reserve energy he possessed and (muld readily call into active play. He does so now beraluse he is under the supervision of another, but he dulayed doing so before because he was his own dictator. Treating of this a Western writer sent out recently the following pointed sentences:-In a rut?-Are you getting ou't of yout business all there is in it? Or-are you in that rut which many merchants frequently drop into where you can see no possibflities beyond the regular routine? Do you ever set yourself outside of your lusiness entirely and look for its weak spots like you would criticise the work of your competitor? Has your advertising the snap and vim you like to see in other people's ads? Are the clerks up to date and taking good care of their work? Are they attentive to the trale? Is your stock in good shape? How long since it was cleaned of its odds and ends? How often do you lonk around the store to see what you have in the way of old goods? Are you getting all of the cash trade you can? How long since you canvassed the possibilities for adding new and desirable customers to your list? Have you arrived at that stage where you think there is no use trimming the window and no use adopting those many little devices to brighten the store?
If you find any of these symptoms, shake yourself, go and visit some merchant in a hèighboring town Who has the reputation of being up-to-date. Ask him how he does it. If you can spare the time a trip to the
city may do you some good. You will get new ideas. You will get away from the old cobwebs which have been building in your brain. There's nothing like a change. It will do you good. Then go back and taakle the problems with a vim. If it is the collections get them in the best shape you can. If the wholesale house s after you for a remittance, take it up with them and explain why, instead of neglecting it as you do any disagreeable proposition from day to day. Then go into every department of your store resolved to improve it in some way. Get away from that old loafing habit. Wear better clothes and see that you are in a better frame of mind. You can do a lot if you try. The crouble is you have not half tried. You have sat there at the desk day after day and asked, "What's the use?" You are like the backslider in the church. You need to grab on to yourself and pull yourself back up the incline. When the clerks and the customers see that you are hustling they will line up with you fast. Dig up the bargains in your stock. Get a paint pot and brush and tell about them. This is the time of year you need to be wide a wake.

The Cotton Situation,-The steadily increasing cost of cotton goods is something requiring careful attention. While it is always a safe plan to buy as needed, provided available funds are all invested, it is far more hazardous to buy ahead when goods are comparatively dear. All cotton goods are in that position to-day. The New York cotton market this week shows the highes't point yet reached. Canadian cotton manufacturers declare that another advance of 5 to 10 per cent. will be made within a few days. This is imperative now, because the Canadian mills are running very low on supplies of the raw material, and must of necessity buy to some extent at prevailing prices. The market cannot be expected to hold its present position long because the great consuming publice, the middle classes, will not buy as much calico, sheeting, muslin or grey cotton at an advance of 20 to 30 per cent. as when apparent bargains are in view. Therefore, consumption will be greatly curtailed. It would, as a result, be well for merchants to sell their present stocks of cotton fabrics well down and let the future take care of itself. Doing this will always have one very redeeming feature, that of placing merchants in a better position to buy, and to pay for their purchases more independently.

## THE STREET-CAR COMPANY.

The new proposal of the Montreal Street Railway Co. calls for a lesser extension of charter than that of late before the city government. The year 1942 is the limit of the new periol, and it is to be hoped that some of those who take an early interest in the company may live to see the time when a further extension may be needed. The paving, cleaning and watering of the streets on which the cars run, are evidently of more importance than any reduction of fares. This differs but little from the current prices; however, it is not likely that many years will elapse before further concessions may be required by this well conducted institution, when it may be timely to make another swop.
-At Vankleek Hill, Ont., E. A. Hodgson was committed for trial on a charge of disposing of his goods with intent to defraud his creditors. The case arose out of Mr. Hodgson's connection with the insolvent estate of Wilson \& Colborne for which he acted in some matters.

## WHAT CANADA BUYS-(65).

We continue publication of a list of the goods import- manufacturers in the United Kingdom and their repreed by our own people during the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1902, with the view of affording information to those of our friends abroat' who may be desirous of opening up or extending business in Canada. This alphabetical list, compiled from the Customs returns, is unavoidably voluminous and will probably run through the greater portion of the "Journal of Commerce" for the current year: it should prove most valuable to those sentatives who would avail themselves of the advantages offered under our Differential Tariff which, it may be seen, allows one-third off the ordinary duty on goods of British manufacture exported to Canada. Any information which, alphabetically, must recur later on in our tables will be furnished meantime on application to the office of the "Chnadian Journal of Commerce," Montreal. Newer returns show considerable increases:

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Entered for Home Consumption. Tariff.
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spirit and wines Ethy! alcohol, or the substance known as aicohol, hydrated oxide of ethyl, or spirits of wine-

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| China.. | 145 | 65 | 151 |
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| Holland. . . | $\begin{aligned} & \cdots 1,280 \\ & 131,28 \end{aligned}$ | 28,885 | 8 |
| United States.. | 131,280 |  | - |
| Total | 131,604 | 29,044 | 568 |

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| United States.. |  |  |  |
| Total | 1,749 | 3,157 | 2,293 |


cordials and liqueurs of all kinds. N.E.S.; mescal, pulque, rum shrub, schiedam and other schnapps; tafia, angustura and


## CANADA'S DAIRY EXPORTS.

That Canada should produce an inereasing quantity of heese and butter each year is quite natural, ror the country steadily growing in population and is being as steadily. talught by dairy experts all the rudiments that-go toward fii perfection of make in these staple commodities. But that a a a should export these goods in such steadily increasing quantities, with prices so attractively high, is worthy of -omething more than favorable comment when consideration is given to the many other available sources of production, known and appreciatingly recognized in the days when Canath was merely supplying her own tables. From out contemporary the Gazette, we take the following report of the expert dairy trade of the Dominion during the season just closing, together with comparative fatistice whill show at a Fance the progress Canada is making in one of the most -tap'e of industries.
The exports of dairy produce from the pore of Montreal fluring the season of navigation represent a return to Canatian dairymen of $\$ 26.369,000$, and if to this is added the storktill carried in store in Montreal both of butter and cheese. nir export busines in these products during 1903 approaches lose to $\$ 30,000,000$. This is an average increase of over $\$ 2$. . Not 0.000 per year during the last half decade and illustrates the great importance of this great industry to the agricultural community of central Canada. In fact Great Britain's app. tite seems to expand each year sufficicntly to absorb all the increase in output that the steady development and improvement in the industry untails. In 1898 Canada mxported ninetwen million dollars' worth of dairy produce, so that this yar's record represents an incrave in five years of over 57 fer ant in revenue derived by the farmers from the output of wir Canadian herds. The cheese branch of the indnstry for
the season of 1903 makes a showing to satisfy the most Wacting optimistic, and has disproved again in the most posiWe way, the prediction made half a decade ago. that it had then nearly reached its maximum volume. One has only to Hance at the record in th, interval to realize this. Compared with lat year's exports during the season of navigation there las been an increase in quantity of over $131 / 2$ per cent, while (a) mpared with five years ago the gain is over 26 per cent.. and during the full decade over 42 per cent. I favorable weompaniment of this satisfactory gain is the fact that it haw It ell accomplished without any serious sacrifice in the shape If dureased prices. This year, for instance, values averausd "orth of cheese being exported between the opening and clowime of mavigation on the St. Lawrence, compared with sevenwan million mime humdred thousand odd last year, or a gnim "rom $201 / 4 \mathrm{per}$ cent. in the returns to the Canadian choes molucers. Compared with half a decade ago, the increase in
their returns has been almost nine and a half millions, or the remarkable gain of over 78 per cent. The prophets, theretome have been agreeably disappointed. Varyous influences metated to produce the gratifying resulte this season, of a - increas in production, without any was in average lue. In the first place there was a slight extension of the -making industry $y$. "Noplt for a short interval. were favorable to a large producthen of milk, and, thirdly, th high prices induced dairymen throughout the country to turn the r milk into cheese instead af hutter. The most intersating point in this commection, and which contains a valuable lesson for Canadian farmers. is thit the high priees have undoubtedly been due to the fact fhat the cheese were of such a superior quality ns to promote 4. - mady strong consumptive demand. which prevented the accumblation of stocks in sufficient quantity to ghot the market. As a matter of fact it was the strong consumptive demand which kept the price up.
In fact, the remarkable season we have experienced makes it a fair assumption that Great Britain can take , all the whense we can produce. Previously it has been customary in the apring for a considerable quantity of Canadian cheese to he left nuer in England from one season to another. For the last two years this has not been the case, and it yet remains to be seen whether it will be so next spring, as the bears nesert. It is interesting to note right here that up to the middle or end of August, there had been littlo or no accumula-
tion of stocks at distributing centres on the other side. This -howed forcibly the heavy volume of the consumptive demand this season, considering that up to that time we had shipped over 300,000 l:oxes in excess of the same period last vear. Another explanation of the small accumulations was that retailers in England, in view of the high prices ruling last winter, and fearing a repetition of the swome during the ensuing non-productive serson, laid in stocks in advance, in--tend of following their msual hamal-to-month policy. This may have been done to a certain extent, and, if correct, it will mean so much loce demand for importers and jobbers to -atiofy during the comins winter and spring. At the same time there can be no doubt that the continued good consumption of Camadian checse has been due in a large measure to the fact that English consumer - have albandoned the bighes priced domestic chereo for (anadian, at the quality of the latt r has been sufli ient to ati fy their taste at a lower sumption of milk in the raw state by the dense population of lingland, that the domestic make of that country is steadily decteasinge and yielding to lower priced importation- in which Canala takes the lead.

Giantily this hypothesis is well found d. it would account for the greater demand for Canadian cheese in England during the past fow senson- A few years ago the domestic produce tion of cheere in Eurame wa- 4.500 .000 boxes of 56 lbs . each. 'irs little figuring will show that a sinall reduction in this large output would mean a considerably greater outlet for our cheese in Br:tain. Speculation, of course, cartiel prices to an umhealthy hase a few weeks ago, but on the whole the market's movement has been based on essentially healthy conditions, and although the Canadian fall make has been a reary one this yeur, there is fair foundation for the belief that the stocks in hand, both on this side and across the water, will be wanted before the new season opens. Recent returns from Britain favor this. During August, for instance. the importations of cheese into Britain were 349,000 cwts.. of which quantity Canada supplied 300.000 cwivt... thus monopolizing Great Britain'* import trade in cheese. If we ar: called upon to contribute to the mother Country's wants at a proportionate rate betwen now and next May the chances fayor the assumption that the six months consumption will be quite mual to absorting the fom months' production yet to - marketed.

It is instructise then to determine the factor or factors which have been instrumental in placing us in this acellent position. The marked improvement which hav characterized the quility of our cheese during the pa- two rears is owing to the better methods employed in it protinetion and the greneral improvement in buildings and equipment, and also ") the fact that a large quantity of cheese was carried to lontreal in the iced cars arranged for by the bepartment of Agriculture as well as by individual shippers, but there is no Wenlit that the remarkably cool weather whicin prevailed was Whe main factor in eld vating the standard of our ch ese during the past two yars. On the whole the present sitmation is
full of enmomgement to chese prodncers, out very clearly how the cheese industry niay be placed on a safer and more romumerative basis. No stronger areument is needed to show the ereat importance of maintaining lower temperatures in the curing and transpotation of choces. We might go on to show how these somewhat abstract deductions are fully corroborated by the practical results of curing cheose at different temperatures under varions aus. pices, but space will not permit. The following figur s show the season's results with comparisons for a serjes of years te

## Boxes. Per Box.

Quantity. Price.
1903.
1902.
1901.
1900.
1900.
1898.
1897.
1890.

③95.932 \$9.00 \$21,563.388 2,109.171 8.50 17.927 .000 $\begin{array}{lll}1.791,613 & 7.00 & 12.541 .291\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}2.077 .000 & 8.00 & 16560,000\end{array}$ $1895.49 G \quad 7.75 \quad 14,698000$ $1.900,000 \quad 6.3 .5 \quad 12.065,000$ $2102085 \quad 6.75 \quad 14.195000$ $\begin{array}{lll}1.726,237 & 6.75 & 11605,040\end{array}$

The course of prices since the season opened, with the exception of the reaction which set in a few weeks ago, was a consistently normal and steady one throughout. Durng May prices averaged 2c per pound above the level of the May of the preceding year, and also for the same month for the past five years back. This was the visible effect of the bare shelves in England at the opening of the season.
Another feature of the primary month was the prolonged drought which prevailed, and which aroused serious apprehension of the pastures proving a failure, which also exerted an influence. Such a long spell of dry weather was never before experienced, and it is satiffactory to note that it was tided over without any serious ressltss to the dairying community. It was broken by the middle of June, and the pastures, though somewhat stunted in growth. supplicd a moderate amount of verdure, which, along with bran, old hay, and other dry food, kept up the supply of milk ramarkably well jultying by the receipts of cheese here during the period in yucstion. Before the end of June values had fallen to loe, the average for the month being le per pound above Juve, 1902. There were complaint, of shipments of green cheese at this time, but this fuult wal- due to the shippers, and not the factorymen, as the former kept urying the latter to ship their goods as young as powible in order to meet the urgent requirements of English buyers. It was also admitted that prices, had been pusted up too high owing to a certain amount of sueculation liased on the bericf that the drought would have more serious results than it actually had. It was de-mon-trated, however, by the end of the month that a very lig make was in progress, and this proved more than sufficient to prevent prices beiny forcecl to a point where it would havie checked demand. The result of this was a level of value during July on a parity with that which prevailed in 1902. In fact, losses incurred by English honses in June cheese coupled with a heavy volume of receipts produced a rather dull feeling during this month, and toward the beginning of August the dominant feeling was that prices, which then ranged from 9 to $91 / 4 \mathrm{c}$, were bound to go lower.
The suceess which had attended the process of selling the market short up to this time accentuated the feeling of uncertuinty. But this was soon dispelled and it turned out that 9.c was the bottom price for finest Ontario chesese and not S1/w as the brars predicted. Before the end of August values land once more risen to $10 \% \mathrm{k}$ at country points, and steadily nulvinceal after that until under the speculative outburst in sepptember factorymen realized as high as $121 / \mathrm{kc}$ for finest fall checere. Thi* wats clearty a foolish piece of business, for, even admitting the grood consumptive demand. the first coast in U14 - tion wa- rather extreme. for the time of the year, for cooll to be carried until a market was found for them. The reaction since then ha- lrought matters to a more normal lasi- and holders of these dear goodx have no doubt been :uble to average up so that they can handle them without a loss. The average level of prices asked for finest fall goods ©s now nhout where it stoond a venr nao. and while Englich importers for the present seem to prefer the cheaper seconds. there is fair reason to hope that fine fall chese will not have to wo begring between now and next May. The following table shows the range of prices at country points during the season, with compraisons:-


May-

| West | 13 | 101/2 | $111 / 4$ | 91/4 | 9 | 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jast. | 121/2 | 103/8 | $1]$ | 91/4 | 85/3 | 8 |
| Tunc- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weat | 103/4 | 10 | 10 | 93/8 | 97/8 | 81/4 |
| East | 101/2 | 10 | $95 / 8$ | $91 / 4$ | $913-16$ | $81 / 4$ |
| July- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 101/s | 9 | 10 1-16 | 91/8 | 97/8 | 81/4 |
| East. | 95/8 | 83/4 | $97 / 8$ | 9 | $97 / 8$ | $83 / 8$ |
| August- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 10\%/8 | 91/4 | 991/4 | 91/4 | 9\%3/4 | 83/4 |
| East. | 103/8 | 9 | 95/8 | 91/8 | 95/8 | $83 / 4$ |


| September- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West .. | 121/8 | 105/8 | $10 \quad 1-16$ | $93 / 8$ | 10 | $83 / 4$ |
| East. . . | $121-16$ | 105/8 | 10 9-16 | $91 / 4$ | $97 / 8$ | $83 / 4$ |
| October- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West .. | 11 13-14 | 101/4 | $111 / 2$ | 105/8 | 9 5-16 | 83/4 |
| East. | 111/4 | 101/4 | 111/4 | 105/8 | $91 / 4$ | $81 / 4$ |
| November- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West .. | 103/8 | $91 / 2$ | 123/8 | 111/8 | 9 | $81 / 4$ |
| East | 103/s | $91 / 4$ | 121/2 | 111/4 | $83 / 4$ | $81 / 4$ |

Fluctuations in special London cable were as follows:-

|  | 1903. |  | 1902. |  | 1901. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Munth. | $\begin{gathered} \text { High } \\ \text { s d. } \end{gathered}$ | Low. <br> s. d. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { High. } \\ & \text { s. d. } \end{aligned}$ | Low. <br> s. d. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { High. } \\ & \text { s. d. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Low. } \\ & \text { s. d. } \end{aligned}$ |
| May | 690 | 630 | 580 | 540 | 520 | 440 |
| June | 600 | 550 | 540 | 480 | 500 | 430 |
| July | 540 | 490 | 500 | 470 | 480 | 460 |
| Ang. | 万10 | 490 | 500 | 470 | 500 | 450 |
| Sept | 500 | 530 | 520 | 470 | 490 | 460 |
| Oct . | 470 | 550 | 570 | 510 | 400 | 420 |
| Nov. | 550 | 540 | 600 | 550 | 480 | $44^{\circ} 0$ |
| Bristol cables show changes as follows:- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1903. |  | 1902. |  | 1901. |  |
| Month | $\begin{aligned} & \text { High. } \\ & \text { s d. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Low. } \\ & \text { s. d. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { High. } \\ & \text { s. d. } \end{aligned}$ | Low. s. d. | High. <br> s. d. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Low. } \\ & \text { s. d. } \end{aligned}$ |
| May | 870 | 630 | 570 | 540 | 520 | 450 |
| June | 590 | 530 | 540 | 490 | 530 | 450 |
| Inly | 530 | 500 | 500 | 480 | 480 | 450 |
| Ang. | 510 | 490 | 500 | 470 | 490 | 470 |
| Sept. | 570 | 530 | 530 | 470 | 500 | 450 |
| Oct. | 570 | 540 | 580 | 490 |  | 430 |
| Nov. | 540 | 530 | 610 | 550 | 490 | 450 |



The Liverpool public cables ranged as follows:-

|  | 1903. |  | 1902. |  | 1901. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Month | High. s d. | Low, <br> s. d. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { High. } \\ & \text { s. d. } \end{aligned}$ | Low. <br> s. d. | High. s. d. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Low. } \\ & \text { s. d. } \end{aligned}$ |
| May | 680 | 590 | 550 | 540 | 470 | 460 |
| Tune | 570 | 540 | 530 | 496 | 47 | 450 |
| July | 516 | 480 | 496 | 480 | 47 | 4.50 |
| Alyg. | 510 | 470 | 496 | 486 | 47 | 450 |
| Sipt. | 560 | 52 ¢ | 496 | 47 | 46 | 450 |
| Oet. | 560 | 540 | 556 |  |  | 450 |
| Nov: | 546 | 640 | 590 | 550 | 460 | 450 |

Total shipments of cheese:- 1903, 2,395,932 boxes; 1902, 2,109.171 boxies: 1901, 1.791.613 boxes: 1900, 2,077,695 boxes: 1809. 1.893,496 boxes.

London, Liverpool and Bristol took leading positions respectively as the point of destination for shipments, Glasgow and Manchester come next, and the other ports follow in the order given herewith:
London ..
Liverpool.
Bristol. .
Glasgow ..
Monchester
Leith ...
('ardiff ...
Aberdeen.
Yeweastle..
Belfast...
('ape Town
Dublin...
Other ports
Total....

| 1903 | 1902. | 1901. | 1900. | 1899. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boxes. | Boxes. | Boxes. | Boxes. | Boxes. |
| 1,131,637 | 925,200 | 717,199 | 865,353 | 747.010 |
| 548,784 | 515,325 | 422,847 | 465,036 | 526.364 |
| 388.392 | 398,043 | 409.421 | 451,054 | 487,476 |
| 154,3,34 | 124,125 | 108,247 | 127,929 | 70.013 |
| 65,269 | 58,301 | 38,553 | 43,313 | 39,213 |
| 55,403 | 52,643 | 33,262 | 50,775 | 32.633 |
| 31.499 | 17,554 | 30,015 | 37,996 | 33.464 |
| 11.723 | 9.275 | 8,348 | 10,397 | 6.112 |
| 4,337 | 1,241 | 17,871 | 8,882 | 39,749 |
| 4,161 | 6,794 | 5,800 | 14,972 | 12565 |
| 360 | 89 | .... | .... |  |
|  | 581 | 50 | 1,989 | 590 |
|  |  |  |  | 1,307 |
| 2,395,932 | 2,109,171 | 1,791,613 | 2,077,695 | 1,896496 |

The Butter Trade.-Export business in Canadian butter during the present season has been disappointing in a certais 109.171 boxies: 1901,
xolume of imports into Britain, and retrouraded in thet nes cet from last season's performance. From the opening to he close of navigation the decrease in our exports compared with the previous year was 59 per cent. This serious step backward amost offisets all the advance we have made in previous years, for our exports this year are only a paltry $21 / 2$ per cent. in excess of what they wene five years ago. It is hopeful to note that the decrease this year was principally due to the exceptional conditions ruling in the cheese market and the relatively low price which butter realized as compared with the form $r$ product. The shrinkage in the Canadian farmers' revenue from butter exports this year has been 65 pe cent, or $\$ 3,139,000$ odd. That it returned over $\$ 4.800,000$, however, with prices averaging 50 c per package less than last year shows what possibilities there are in this branch of the trade for the Canadian dairyman. The latter must bear in mind also that we meet much keener competition in supplying Great Britain with butter than we do with our cheese. We have practically no competition in cheese. New Zealand sends a comparatively small quantity, which varies greatly Trom year to year, and on the whole is likely to decrease. The United States' supply is also diminishing, and will undoubtedly reach the vanishing point before very long, as theirhome market grows. Some people are fond of dilating on the fact that we have captured the trade from the Americans, but that is hardly correct. The output of cheese has in reased 18 per cent. in the States during the past 10 ylears but the bulk of it now finds a better market at home, and only the surplus is exported. It must not be assumed that we an afford to be careless or indifferent becaume we have the rade practically in our own hands, for if we do not furnish the British consumer with the kind of cheese that he wants he will eat very much less of it, and the trade will be lost in hat way
Our competition in butter comies principally from Denmark, New Zealand, Australia, Russia and the Argentine. Large uantities are imported from other continental countries, but heir product does not meet ours in such direct competition is that from the countries named. The superiority of Danish utter is well known. It sells for 1 to 2 cents a pound more in the average than Canadian. Yet some Canodian butter is inst as fine in quality, as evidenced by the face that it is freIruently sold for Danish. New Zealand butter is securing a firnt place for quality, and it has the further advantage that "ery box of it is exported under a thorough grading system, hy which it is divided into three grades, so that a buyer knows exactly what he is getting.
The imports of Russian butter into Great Britain have in eased 700 per cent. in eight years, and the authorities there
re sparing no effort to increase the production, and at the ime time improve the quality. The "Siberian Butter Gazette": authority for the statement that $\$ 90000$ is being spent this ear on dairy instruction alone, in European Russia and Sihoria. These facts are mentioned not to discourage butter Thotucers, but to show exactly what we have to contend with. That is a very important thing in anv eontest. Our splendid fatural facilities for butter-making and the intelligence of ul dairymen should enable us to cope with any completition hat we may meet, but we must exert ourselves to do it lipshod methods will not succeed. The paramount need of anadian buttermaking to-day is better facilities for controling temperature, and keeping the butter cold immediately If er it is made and until it reaches the consmmer. Butter is It en found by actual test to have a temperature as high as degrees when delivered to refrigerator cars. How many cimery managers ever put a thermometer into a box of lutter to find out how the temperature is maintained in the rfrigerator? The average creamery refrigerator is only an Nong for that necessary part of the creamery equipment. AnWhir defect in our system is that there are too many men Werating creameries who are almost wholly ignorant of the luttermakers, but to proprietors or is not a reference to the uttermakers. but to proprietors or managing directors
Is it is to the export creamery butter of the finest quality that we must look for the further expansion of the dairy inwistry in Canada. it is important that we face these questions a determination to improve
The shimping arrangements, although much improved of late vears, yet leave room for further improvement before they
can be considered satisfactory. Steamers with cold storage facilities should leave Canada at weekly intervals, especially for such important ports as London and Liverpool, as untit weekly arrivals can be relied upon to fill retailers' require. ments for fresh butter, Canadian butter will have to fight its continental opponents-who adopt this system-at a very great disadvantage. Canadian butter should be shipped im mediately it is made, and the shipping arrangements should be such as to allow it to go into direct consumption.
The results of the seacon, with comparisons for a series of years back, are as follows:-

and Price Movement.-The course of prices at country points, and their relative standing compared with last season explains why cheese production was more attractlve to our dairy men than butter. The seasom opened with priees all thairy from le to 3 c per pound lower than they until after mid-summer or alm hed elapsed. the best price obt half the producing season pound less than that summer. The fact is thealized during the same period last summer. The fact is that the make under these circumstances was larger than most people in the trade anticipated. To ward the end of July the diminishing offerings of Trish and Russian butter, as well as the falling off in the English make led to improvement, though the level of values at leading English centres of 92 s to 948 was not very attractive to Cading adian produce, in vienv of the prices at which cheese was aell ing. Before the and of Aumist however, the relief from pressure of Siber ffrings eansed better adian butter, and by the beginning of September the cream eries were realizing $191 / \mathrm{c}$ per pound for their output at the factory. a most rensonable price, all things eotput at the that period of the season. During this month, howere, to ulative buying drove th. Da ap to $211 / 4 \mathrm{c}$, and finally to 22 c per pound at factory point This was not only above an export basis, but from in to $11 /$ above the price which prevailed at the same time last fall. and a decided cessation in the export enquiry was the natill result. And as modi stock, limited arrivals, and competition of domes from receding to an export basis the since prevented prices foreign shipment this fall has been vory light. The fluctuation at country points, with comparisons for four years was as follows:-


Fluctuations at London, Eng., as reported by special cable

| Month | 1903. |  | 1902. |  | 1901. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | High. <br> $s \mathrm{~d}$. | Low. s. d. | High. s. d. | Low. s. d. | High | Low. |
| May .. | 96 | 92 | 104 | 90 |  |  |
| June | 96 | 92 | 102 | 94 | 104 |  |
| Juty .. | 94 | 92 | 102 | 96 |  | 70 |
| Aug. .. | 98 | 96 | 102 | 09 | 104 • | 96 |
| Sept. .. | 100 | 98 | 106 |  | 106 | 06 |
| Oct. .. |  | 102 | 104 | 88 | 110 | 98 |
| Nov. .. | 104 | 100 | 106 | 86 | 111 | 70 |


| At Bristol the season'* range in Canadian creamery was:- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1903. |  | 1902. |  | 1901. |  |
| Month | $\begin{aligned} & \text { High. } \\ & \text { s d. } \end{aligned}$ | Low | High. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Low. } \\ & \text { \&. d. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { High. } \\ & \text { s. d. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Low. } \\ & \text { s. i. } \end{aligned}$ |
| May | 96 | 96 | 110 | 97 | 98 | 92 |
| Inne |  |  | 101 | 97 | 106 | 92 |
| Tuly |  |  | 102 | 98 | 106 | 104 |
| dug. | ! | 98 | 102 | 97 | 106 | 104 |
| - 11 |  |  | 10.5 | 9 | 113 | 101 |
| (e)t. |  |  | 104 | 84 | 116 | 102 |
| now. | $10 \%$ | 10.1 | 110 | N\% | 117 | 104 |

Total whiments of latter: 1903 338.277 boxes: $1902.839,84.7$ bexes: 1901.410 .893 boxe-: 1900. 2.56 .363 boxis: 1899, 4.51.0.50 Bri-tol this vear hat di-placed London from first place as the point of distribut on for the bulk of the Canadian butter exports which is aboul the only whange in this respect worth of mention. Th shipment s to the varions ports follow:
1903. 1902. 1901. 1900. 1890.

Forls. Bxs. Bxs. Bxs. Bxa. Bxs.
$\begin{array}{llllll}13114 t 01 & 134.012 & 114.880 & 8334.5 & 28.105 & 158.210\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { londton . . . . . } & 84.176 & 214.823 & 136.534 & 67.340 & 105.135\end{array}$ laverpool
Changow.
Vanche-tol
Belfa-t.
Cxpe Town

Total
$338.277 \quad 339.845 \quad+10893 \quad 256,563 \quad 4.51050$

## HONTRELL PORT STATISTICS

In kroping with the larg amome of money being epent in mproving the port of Montreal and th. St. Lawrence route in general, it is highly mratifying 10 mote the heary and teady increase of tratlic. That this wih coutinue in much Lrater d gree may radily be judged from the heavy increase in immigration into the North and Nor thwent, from which sonces larger retums will be shown each year according as hose portions become settled. From the opening of naviga-
 tion to Nov. 24. last year. ther was collected by the year, an increase of $\$ 1.241$. 075. This year's collections are the largest in the history of the port. During the spason 797 vessels entered the port. arge gating 1.977.693 ton-. While last year the arrivals to-
 alled 7.58 of T..nd last ocean vessel left this preft on Saturdar 136,421 ton-. The last ocean vessel left thes peft on same of our southern frionds to keep in mind wh $n$ writing about the axen seavon on the St. Lawrence.
The revemue of the port for the seacen just closed was at ea.t $\$ 3.50000$ and may be found to have been a little over That. The figures from 1896 follow:- 1896. \$258.131: 1897 (2055.416: 1898, \$296503: 1899. \$296,598: 1900. \$287.069: 1901 ※270.411: 1902. $325.033: 1903 \quad 350.000$

The number of eattle shiped was the largest on record the total for the season being 147.216 head, an increase over 1902 of 70.023 hrad , of which 44.857 were Amerient. The total of shenp reached only. 60.017 head, the largest season on record in this regard being in 1895 . when 210,807 were shipped Thi semen' shipmente however, show an increase of 15,18 , is eompared with the total of 1902 . The expert horse trade has fallen away almost to nothing, as the shipments for the season were only 373 head. showing a decrease of 175 . com pared with 1902.

The total grain exports for the season cannot be given a et. as there are nineteen ships' manifests not yet filed. The fllowing figures show the exports up to November 21 of this year and the same period of last year:-

|  | 1008. <br> Bushels. | 1902. <br> Bushels. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat. . | 15,058,945 | 16,853,235 |
| Uorn. . | 6,717,937 | 107,560 |
| Peas.. | 252.586 | 383,775 |
| Oats. | 1,048,789 | 1,810,976 |
| Barley . | 322.035 | 222,057 |
| Rye. | 594,640 | 759.283 |
| Buckwheat | 40,829 | 103,609 |
| Flasseed. | 115.569 | 275.892 |
| Flour shipment- wer 981.870 | cols, as uga | 5t 599.842 |
| last year. |  |  |

Exports of cggs were $128.7 \mathrm{i}^{0}$ cases as against 122,526 last
pple exports were about 250.000 barrok ahead of last Apprer but as the shipments on the later boats wor very large exact comparison cannot be given.

Hocer shows a total of $2,600,702$ boxes. compared with 2.100.045' in 1902 and 1.791 .619 in 1901.

Butter shipments wer. 338.277 boxes, compared with 534.957 in 1902 and 410893 in 1901. Prices of butter, however, ate said to have boen better than formerly, largely making up the shortage in quantity.
Ithough the amount of business done throng this port this season was highly satisfactory from the standpoint of vol ume, shippers are generally agreed in saying the net earnings were not in keeping with it. The chipf cause was the lack of cargoes at some of the principal Atlantic ports to the south, and the eonsequent reduction in rates to attract mip. pers. Vessels here found that in order to keep the treide hit seamed to eaie thi way naturally they had to meet these reductions to a reetain extent. The removal of the canal tolls had a great deal to do with the increase in volrome. especially in grain. and it was noticeable that cargoes that used to find an outlet by way of Buffalo by rail to the tmerican seaports came on down through the eanal to Mont ral. thenee hy Camadian bottoms to Great Britain and the entinent.

## SUGAR BEET RAISING

The experimental stage seems to have been passed in th rowing of sugar beets in Canada. It has been proved a most gratifying success. Nor must the ayernepe returns of a whole ection for the first year or two be deemed a eorrect estimate of what the soil will yield, for first experimente are always expected to show considerable improvem ant as knowledge though experience becomes generally diffused.
The closing session of the sugar beet convention was held ently at Bridgeport, Ont. It was, says a Berlin report, the most largely attended of the three sescions, and was also the most interesting and profitable from a beet-growers' standpoint. Dr. James Mills. Prosident of the Ontario Agricultural College. Guelph, was in attendance, and conducted the session. An informal discussion took place as to whether the growing of sugar boets had proved proftable during the past season. Dr. Mills, in his opening remarks, said he We regarded the Germans of Waterion connty as and that Berlin was the most sutable place for
in Canada a sugar refinery, on account of being in the midst of a German settlement. The success of the sugar industry depended on the regular supply of sugar beets by the farmers, the management of the refinery and the price of sugar. He regarded the pulp of the sugar beet as one of the best fattening foods in existence. Dr. Mills then questioned the farmers regarding the results of the season.
One farmer, living three miles from Berlin, had 25 acres, and his expenses amounted to $\$ 353.51$. He will receive in the neighborhood of $\$ 1.500$ for his beets, at the rate of about $\$ 525$ per ton. Another farmer raised ten acres, and hauled to the factory 130 tons, which netted him about \$850. His expenses were $\$ 147$. The general opinion of the farmers present was that the raising of sugar heets was profitable. It is not likely that the farmers who asked for $\$ 4.50$ per fon for beects will rease growing beets, in the face of the facts from the farmers at the convention.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE ST. LAWRENOE ROUTE.

It is ph.asing to all who have the interests of Canada at heart to notice that those at the head of public affairs are not unmindful of what is yet required in order to "clear the road" still better for the commerce of the continent. On Monday lavening last the Bom. Raymond Prefontainc, Minister of Marine, who spent the day in Toronto, was entertained at dinner by Mr. F. B. Polson. The gathering, says the Globe was most enjoyable, and although the guest of the evening was compelled to withdraw at an early hour, he dia not leave hefore paying a compliment to the ability with which a Canadian firm had carried out an important contract. He also delared his intention whenever possible to give Canadian firms the preference in awarding contracts, and announced that in pursuance of that pulicy he had given another contract, for a fast cruiser for the protection of the upper lake fisherfes to the Polson firm. Incidentally, he mentioned the fixed determination of the Premier to make the Canadian routse second to none in the world. Among those present were Senator Kerr. M. sors. A Campbell, M.P., Robert Jaffray, G. H. Watson. K.C. H. M. Mowat K.C., John Flett: Jut Clement, private secretary to the Minister; A, F. Rutter, A. G. Pruchen, H. H. Dewart, K.C., Dr, J. E. Elliott, Dr. McMahon, Hugh Blain, Dr. Thompson, S. F. MeKinnon and H. Janes.

Cruiser to be Built Here-Hom. Mr. Prefontaine express d the great satisfaction which his visit to Toronto had afforded him. He complimented the Queen City on her magnificent trade, on her position as a distributing centre, for the whole if western Canada, and expresed the hope that the interests of Torento and the interests of lower Canada would be found in be identical in the matter of providing an outleet for the trade and comm ree of the Dominion. The contract he had lately awarded to the Polson Company for the construction of a cruiser dusigned for the fisheyy protection service on the upper lakes celled for the fastrest boat on the lakes, second to none.
Referring again to the question of improvement of Canadian waterways. he told the company that the Premier hat inimself recently assured representatives of mercantil marine who had interviewed him, that no reasonable expense would lin spared in making the Canadian route from the Dominion -o perfect that it would be equal to any in the world, so , hat there would be no excuse for any Canadian company to ship by any other route, neither would the insurance companies have any plausible pretext for raising the rates on the St. Lawrence higher than by competing routes.
the pakenham pork packing company
In the case of the Pakenham Pork Packing Company, Ltd. rerence to which has already been made in our columns, t now seems as though as much money will be expended in "inding the concern up as there was in attempting to make it a success. In the statement of claim in connection with the writ issued by Mr. Osler Wade, liquidator, against Messers. lames Pakenham, Jonas Royer, Jno. Kienrick, and Rachel E. Forsythe and the Standard Bank, says a Toronto letter, the sum of $\$ 53,222.90$ is asked.
It is alleged that when the Pakenham Pork Packing Company was converted into a limited liability company an agreement was executed providing for the sale of the plant, business, assets, and good-will of the Pakenham Pork Packing Company, consisting of James Pakenham. Jamws Boyer, John Kendrick and Rachel E. Forsythe, to the limited company Por the sum of $\$ 20,000$ in eash and $\$ 10,000$ in fully paid-up chares, and the further sum of $\$ 0,008$ flxed as the value of certain additions to the plant.
The sums mentioned were paid to the partnership, and the $\$ 10,000$ paid-up shares were issued to Jamos Pakenham, and the business became the property of the limited company.
It is held that on Jan. 21st, 1902, the directors of the Pakenham Pork Packing Company, Limited, composed of Pakenham and Boyer, H. J. Morden, local manager of the branch
of the Standard Bank at Stoultville, Neil Clark, of Camington, and W. C. Renfrew, of Stoufivile, without authority trom the shareholders, made an agreement whereby the limited company asemmed atl the thatifitifes and obligations of the Pakenham Pork Packing Company, amounting to $\$ 30.736 .85$, tue the Standard Bank, and a further sum of \$3,040.10.
The liquidator holds that this resolution and agreement was nltra vires of any powers of the directors, and is not binding on the limited company, who purchased the business free and clear of all encumbrances. The apovement is alleged to have been made as the result of a plan or scheme entered into by the defendants to unload their indebterness on the limited company.
This indebtedness, composed of sums of $\$ 30.73685, \$ 3040.19$. as well as an additional sum made up of $\$ 7,000$ paid out of the assets of the limited company and other sume amounting to $\$ 12,445.86$, were, it is claimed, paid out without due anthority to the Standard Bank and the other defendants, and that those parties were well aware of the wrongful diversion of the assets. The liquidator is asking for the return of the se sums.
There are about 230 shareholders in the limited company, and they are now being proceeded against for the balance due on their stock at the time of the suspension of the concern.

## Datry produce.

A private London circular, date 20th ult., treating of the dairy produce situation, says-Butter.-The demand for Australian and New Zealand butter, although not so good as was expected, is still increasing; the amount of incrase being retarded by many retailers and some wholesalers having on hand small stocks of various other butters which they desire to clear before purchasing on the Australian market. The stooks of butter in cold store are not more than a third to a half of what thry were last year, and of choicest and best goods not more than a quarter of last year. There is a very large proportion of inferior butter in cold store, especially siberian, most of which is not table butter. The S.S. "Australia" teft Australia this week with about 850 tons of butter on board, which is io tons more than last week in the "Oroya," but 25 tons less than the week before in the "Oceana," so that it looks as if the shipments from Australia this season to the United Kingdom had already reached their zenith. It may be that the "Australia" is carrying a larger quantity of other refrigerated produce, for her capacity is a third greater than that of the "Oceana," or there may be an outside steamer carrying butter. The "Ionic" has just sailed from New Zealand for London with 920 tons of butter. Pricas for Australian and New Zealand butter are about 2 s per cwt. lower than they were last week.
The Copenhagen official quotation has been reduced another three kroner this week, and it now stands at 96 kroner, which is 3 s 6d per cwt. below last year, while New Zealand is 10 s below, so that the comparative value is much in favor of the Colonial article. The receipts of Russian butter during the last four weeks were only 31,870 cwts., against 48,840 for the previous four weeks, which shows a deeline of 16.970 owts. The total receipts of foreign butter during the last month were 230,530 cwts. against 255,900 cwts. for the previous month, which is a fall of 25,370 ewts.
Cheese.-There has been only a fair demand for Canadian cheese this week at the values of previous sales. Referring to the difference between the imports of Canadian cheese as represented by the British Board of Trade returns and the ship ments of cheese from Canada according to Canedian statis tics mentioned in the last circular, furthee light is thrown on this matter by comparing the total shipments of Canadian and United States cheese with the total impores of the same as given in the Board of Trade returns. The total imports from May 1st to October 3lst this year, from these two sources, were $1,611,448$ cwts., against the total shipments of $1.583,721$ cwts. from lst May to 13th October, which show only a difference of 27.727 cwts ., and as the "Monterey" was wrecked with about $14,300 \mathrm{cwts}$. of cheese on board, the diff erence is 40,000 ewts., but os the imports during the first
half of May, consisting of $17,800 \mathrm{cwts}$., were shipped in April, the real difference between imports and shipments is about 24,000 ewts. instead of 95,000 mentioned last week. It, therefore, is certain that a very large quantity of American cheese "as shipped via Montreal, and entered in the Board of Trade returns as Canadian. The first shipment of new season's New Zealand cheese, consisting of 85 tons, left in the "Ionic." Quotations for choicest Canadian are 54 to 555 , and for finest, 31 to 52 s . A year ago choicest fetched 59 to 60s, and finest 56 to 57 s .

## IN(REASED VALIE OF ONTARIO FARMS.

Thing whirh keep an Ontario farmer friendly to the old homestead at, the reont steady increase in the value of his land, its greater producing capacity because of the larger returns owing to the better prices, and the encouraging knowledge that the old mortgage (if it still exists) can be cleared off on any hanking day. A significant reduction in the number and amount of chattel mortgages given during the past year in the Province is contained in the report of the Bureau of Industries, recently isswed.
Last year, despite the growth of business, 15,826 chattel mortgages were recorded, as against 21,789 seven years ago. since 1895 the number of chattel mortgages given in the province has been steadily decreasing, and the amounts borrowed have shown a similar shrinkage. For instance, last year the mortgages regi-tered repmesented loans of $\$ 11.989,000$, while in 1895, when the volume of busines was considerably less, the loan- on mortgages amounted to $\$ 13,561,716$. Nearly $\$ 1,500,000$ of the loans last year were made to railway and tumb r companies.

The number of chattel mortgages registered against farmerlast year was 7,235 , the smallest in ten years at least. The aggregate of these mortgages was $\$ 2,850,000$. In 1895 the mortgages were 12,288 , over 5,000 more than lase year, and the amount of money borrowed was correspondingly greater, being \$3,257.046.
The value of live stock sold in the Province during the past year amounted to $\$ 53.083 .396$, an increase of nearly seven millions upon the previous year, the totals of which represent an increase of five millions on those of 1900. Farm lands in Ontario since the end of 1901 have appreciated in value by over nineteen millions of dollars. Farm buildings do not show the same increase. although there has been an inerease of over eleven million dollars.
The farm proparty. including land, buildings, implements and stock. is now worth a billion of dollars, the exact valuation being \$1.044.894.332: Farm property appreciated over forty-there millons in 1902. The number of cheese factories has decreased be fifty. but the output iner ased by twelve million pounds. worth over two million dollars. Whale the
mumber of patrons was reduced by over four thousand, three million dollars more were paid to them, an average increase of tell cents per hundred pound of milk being given by the factories.

## LATEST IDEAS FOR VELKET GOWNS.

Velvet reception gowns or visiting gowns to be worn with an elaborate fur wrap are almost universally made with full skirts and are far removed from any tailored simplicity. "Tops" take the form of the bolero or the bfouse coat, and are characterized by drooping shoulder effects, and sleeves full at the elbows. The weight of opinion seems to be in favor of a close cuff, with upper slecve full at the elbows, and generally a loose, much trimmed piece over this. It is a modification of the cape slceve that came in during the late spring. A coat to be worn over a blouse is sometimes made with a single slecve, close at the top and increasing to great width at the wrist, but this mode is not generally wsed. There is always an attempt to cover the arm seams by means of deep collars and trimming.

The skirt made in several tunics is an excellent model for a velvet visiting gown. In the case of a gown of puce colored velvet the skirt is built in three parts and trimmed with set-in pieces of wool lace, dyed the color of the velvet. On the coat blonse there is a deep collar of velvet and lace, pick: ed out with a little gold lace, and a belt is made of gold lace. On the front of the jacket at the bust are two ornaments that resemble tulips made of velvet with gold centres. The sleeve has a loose upper part made after the idea of the collar, This is loose only on the outside of the arm at the elbow and is held down on the inside by a gold button.
The trimming of velvet gowns generally takes the shape of some kind of lace. The dyed fibre laces and the colored wool laces are both popular. There is an excessive use of Irish lace, and the Burano and renaissance laces are good. Laces come in all possible shades of cream and recru. There are the warm, yellowish tones and the colder drab shades. Buttons are good, as well as all forms of cockades and odd, made-up ornaments. These are vaking the place that passementerie held last season. A great deal of fur is used, especially moleskin, combined with ermine. Fringes are employed discreetly, but with excellent effect. A lot of the full skirts finish with a row of fringe at the bottom.
Chenille trimmings are having a good deal of popularity There are chenille embroideries done on net, often dyed the same color, and beautiful chenille fringes. A lot of the fur garments are trimmed with ropes and tassels of chenille. A beautiful reception gown of mauve velvet has a sun-plaited *kirt, inset with pointed panels of guipure lace, edged with à fleap chenille fringe. The blouse is full all about, and has a belt of stiffened lace, embroidered with chenille and fastened with a clasp of purple stone. The true blouse bodice is en: joying a return to popularity. Even soms of the outside garments "blouse" over the belt all about. The effects seem to go nicely with the full, drooping shoulders.
Belts are either unimportant or conspicuons. Leather belts are worn with the most elaborate costumes, such as lace-trimmed velvet gown- or as a part of fur coats. But these belts are most expensive affairs. In the first place, the leather is so fine and supple that it can be crushed into folds like? ribbon, then it is stamped, embroidered, painted or treated to repousse work. They are all shaped, and are generally broadast in the back. Buckles are of gold enamol, and fancy stones

## FRUIT GROWING AND PACKING.

'The closing day of the fruit-growers' convention at Leamington, Ont., says a recent letter, was devoted almost exclusively to reports of the different experimental stations. Mr. Pettit. of (irimsby, gave his experience with grapes. For profit to the grower he advised plantirg Worden, Concord, Niagara, and Agawam. Niagara needed to be prumed well to get a good quality. Growers in Essex county have been almost driven from the field because of the rot. Dr. Fletcher, on being asked for a remedy, said that the applicution of copper sulphate in strength of one pound to 25 gallons of water would overcome the trouble.
In the discussion on apple varieties considerable, difference in results was noted in the different districts. Mr. Caston. of Simcoe county, recommended a number of new sorts, among them being Gano, Coopers, Market, North-West, Greening and Stark. On the St. Lawrence River growers are beginning to recognize that while they can grow Baldwins and Northern Spies, the most profitable apples are those of the Fameuse. group. By producing these in large quantities the attention of the markets can be caught and the present trade with castern cities increased.
By resolution the association recommended that the commercial apple box for Canada be about one-third the capacity of the commercial apple barrel, and of the inside dimensions 10 inches by 11 inches by 20 inches. The pear box would be half the depth and half the capacity of the apple box. The secretary is instructed to communicate this important decision to horticultural societies in other provinces with a vew to securing the general adoption of this standard. The Board of Directors fixed upon Toronto as the place of meeting next year.

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of life there is an evidence of retrogression. During the first years of the great national prosperity that marked the 19th century, the effect in the lengthening of life was not marked, for prosperity was "not a little heartless." But in later year" for prosperity was "not a little heartless." But in later years
humanity and philanthropy had left their mark in the growth of hospitals and organizations for the care of the poor and suffering, while contemporaneously there was a great advance in hygiene and surgery, which also helped to extend the period of life. These developments have acted with more marked beneficial effect on childhood and youth than they have upon middle age; for in the later periods the intenser strain and keener competition which characterize modern life, its higher pressure, and special forms of diseases, are causes of mortality from which the earlier perions of life are exempt.

## IN A MINOR KEY

Dooley on Harvard, Old and New.-Wanst th' worruld was full iv little Harvards. Th' counthry swarmed with thim. Ye cud tell a Harvard man at wanst be a look at his feet. He had th' unmistakable cradle fut. It was no sthrange thing to se an ol' Harvard man comin' back to his almy mather pushin' a baby carredge full iv twins an' ladin' a fam'ly that looked like an advertisemint in th' newspapers to show th percintage iv purity iv bakin' powthers. Prisidint Eliot was often disturbed in a discoorse pintin' out the dangers iv 'th' counthry, be the outcries iv th' progeny iv fair Harvard. Th' campus was full iv baby carredges on commincemine day, an specyal accommydations had to be took f'r nurses. In thim happy days somewan was always teethin' in a Harvard fam'ly It looked as if ivinehooly th' worrld wud be peopled with Farvard men \&n' th' Chinese wud have to pass an Exclusion Act. But something has happened to Harvard. She is pro-

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ducin' no little rah-rahs to glad th' wurruld. Th av'rage the jackass is practically th' same. Th' Harvard man iv the prisint day is the last is his race. No artless prattle is heerd in his home. Not f'r him th' joys iv thrundlin' th' little pushcart in th' park of th' blind reach f'r th' soothin' sirup in th darkened room. Whin Harvard needs a fresh batch iv scholars an’ quartherbacks she has to call f'r a new deal. An' me frind Pli-idint Eliot is sore about it, an' he has communicated th' sad fict to th' clargy.

Wintipeg advices state that over 12,000 homestead entries, representing an area of nearly $2,000,000$ acres, were taken out this year in the Yorkton Government agenev. The settlers are mainly Americans, one-third Englishmen, and the remainder consists largely of Swedes, Germans and Galicians. From 500 to 600 came into the district, and about 300 Germans. The Doukhobors in the district will erect four manufactories The Doukhobors ind spring, including a felt mill, a saw mill. and a four mill, foxt spring, including a felt mill, a saw mill, and a foom There so that they can have houses like the English people. There are now forty villages of Doukhobors, and in each village there are forty farms.

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## THE ZIONITES.

Were since the dawn of civilization semi-religious movements "1 prople in large bodies have been occurring from time to time. according as some one with a mission felt himself callea "pon to establish some new following, based more or less upon preconceived religious and political notions. The Mormons in the United States endeavoured to restablish such a condition of things, but the moral sense of the Christian civilization of the nation was too overpowering for its success, and at the death of Bringham Young and his principal leaders, the -chume lost its cohesiveness, and Utah is now subject to the monogamic and other laws of the republic. There have been other attempts meantime, but the one which has attracted most attention of late is that which is now tottering to its fall under the name of the "Zionites," of whom the celebrated Dowie is leader. It is but rarely that religious activity and ousiness ability are found in the one person. The training which clergymen, as a rule, receive is not conducive to success in business affairs, and it is therefore not surprising to those who watched Dowie's operations during the last few years that watched Dowie's operations during the last few he and his assistants failed to see, or, seeing, were unable to
remove. The liability of the Zionite community of Illinois is about three-quarters of a million, and its affairs are now in the hands of a receiver. What an examination of the bank may disclose is dreaded by the creditors.

## THE OTTAWA UNIVERSITY FIRE.

The disastrous fire which occurred in the University at Ot tawa bears heavily upon the non-tariff companies, as owing to the advance in rates many of the policies in the regular tariff ottices were allowed to lapse. The following are the insurances on the property:-Mercantile, $\$ 10,000$; Alliance, $\$ 20,000$; London Mutual, $\$ 10,000$; Queen City, $\$ 10,000$; Ottawa, $\$ 10,000$; Quebec, $\$ 20,000$; Merchants, $\$ 5,000$; Anglo-American $\$ 8,900$; Equity. $\$ 8,900$; Economical, $\$ 5,000$; Northern, $\$ 20,000$; Insur ance Co. of North America $\$ 20,000$; Scottish Union, $\$ 30,000$; total, $\$ 178,800$. The Scottish Union is re-insured for $\$ 5,000$ in the Commercial Union, the latter's only low.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Marine, Quebec.-In the interest of justice, reference to the fiasco you refer to as concerning Toronto and Montreal professionals, has been held over. Much credit is due to one of the gentlemen chiefly interested for having exposed the plot so effectively; but a firm of Montreal insurance brokers must feel pretty cheap under the ciroumstances.

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## WESTMOUNT STREET CAR BY-LAW

The Westmount Town Council, in adopting rules governing the speed of street cars at street intersections to four miles Tu hour, and ordinariy to ten miles, made a move in the right direction, but, doubtless. owing to the slippery state of the walks, moved too far. It is claimed by many ambitious transgressors that a man cannot do a great deal of good in this world without doing a little harm. Our Westmount peodo however seam to have reversed that order, if we must indge from the majority of comments

Vine-tenthe of the sious aceidents by street care are caus ed through the merting of two cars at stret crossings and not to the speedy pas-sing over a crossing of any single cart. The pedestrian can always be expected to guard against the car tre sees, lut when his carr stops to let him off. and another car is approaching in the opposite direction. and has no pa suger to let off or on, the chances are about even that this gill wat th aros the track immediately in rear ot buck cal he alighted from, which means to step directly in front of the other car which he cannot see.
The whole matter could be simplified ly having the street cars slow up, equal to walking time, whenever two cars meet at any street crossing. this applying to both eity and suburbs. Danger would then be averted. Ruining time would be changed but in the slightest degree, and that only occi sionally. Lastly, Westmount would not be deemed slow.

Meetings, Reports, \&c.

## Eastern Townships Bank

The forty-fifth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank was held in the Board Room of the Bank at Sherbrooke, at 2 o'clock, on Wednesday, the 2nd December. There were present a good number of shareholdDeornal Manage ers. The President took hr. C. W. Cate and Mr. Wm. Morris were appointed scrutineers of votes.

## THE REPORT.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read. he President, on behalf of the Directors, read the following report:-
In consequence of the change of date of holding the annual Toeting from the month of June as heretofore, to December. the statements submitted herewith cover the operations of the bank for six months only.
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TRIFL ORDER SOLIGITED.

The result of the business for the half year has been most atisfactory, showing a balance of profit after providing for current expenses, interest on deposits and all curnent losses. If $\$ 144.359 .75$. Out of this amount a dividend at the rate of cight per cent, per annum has been declared, payable on the Ind January mext, and sufficient with the balance of premium on new stock, has been transferred to reserve fund to bring that account up to $\$ 1,450,000$, leaving a balance to carry forward of $\$ 27,647.57$. All the offices have given satisfactory poturns.
The crops, contrary to indications in the early part of the season, turned out very satisfactorily, and prices for produce. loth of dairy and field, are fully equal to those of previous years. The lumber business, however, owing to the seyere diought which prevailed and prevented bringing logs to the mills, has been very bad. What small stocks were on hand liave realized better prices, but it really means in most cases the loss of one year's business, if not more, by loss of logs 1. well.

The large addition to head office building is nearly comWhated, and we have now a fine and commodious premises Xew buildings are under construction at Richmond and Huntingdon and will be roady for occupation, it is hoped, early in the year. Plans for Coaticook and Rock Island are pre mared and work on them will be commenced early in the -fring. Plans are also being prepared for the Montreal building.
It is with deep regret that we have to refer to the loss the Bank and the Eastern Townships have sustained by the teath of your vice-president, the late Senator Cochrane, which arcurred on the 12th of August last. He was a membor of the Board for twenty-seven years, for eleven of which he ${ }^{1 f} \mid d$ the office of vice-president. $H^{\circ}$ always took a great inrrest in the success of the Bank, bringing his wide and ${ }^{\circ}$ aried business experience and good judgment to bear on all puestions affecting its interest. His place on the Board, and In the country, cannot readily be filled
In conclusion, your directors have much pleasum in recording their satisfaction with the zeal and attention shown $6 y$ the General Manager, the Inspector. the Managers, and all other officers of the Bank in their close attention to the interests committed to their charge

Respectfully submitted.
WILLTAM FARWFIT
President.

## PROFIT AND LOSS

The statement of profit and loss account for the half-year ending November 14th, 1903, shows:
Balance at credit of Profit and Loss brought forward from May 15, 1903.
Profit of Head Office and branches, after
deducting charges of management, in-
terest due depositors, and provision for bad and doubtful debts.

114,359.75
remium paid on new issue of capital stock.

Appropriated as follows:
Dividend of 4 pr cent., payable 2nd
January, 1904.
$\$ 95,200.22$
transferred to reserve fund. 131,557.50
Applied in reduction of value of assets 65.000.00
5.298.00

- $\$ 297,055.72$

Balance carried forward.
$\$ 27,647.57$
J. MAOKINNON,

General Manager.
THE GENERAL STATEMENT.
The Gen ral Statement on the 14 th November, 1903, is as follows:

Liabilities.
To the Shareholders:
Capital paid up.
Reserve fund.
$. \$ 2,426,780.00$
Balance protit carried forward
Dividend No. 88, of 4 per cent., pay
able 2nd January next
Dividends unclaimed..
Reserved on account of rebate on
bills discounted unmatured.
$-95,200.22$
2,337.50
$35,000.00$

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A by-law was also passed increasing the number of Direc-
tors from nine to ten.
Votes of thanks were passed to the President and Directors for their attention to the affairs of the Bank; also to the (ieneral Manager and staff for the efficient manner in which they have performed their duties during the past year. THE DIRECTORS.
The ballot resulted in the election of the following Direce tors:-
IIm. Farwell, Israel Wood, N. W. Thomas, Gardner Ste vels, C. H. Kathan, H. B. Brown, K.C., Jas. S. Mitchell, H. C. Miner, A. C. Flumerfelt, Frank Grundy.

At a meeting of the new board Mr. Wm. Farwell was retlected president and Mr. Wood was elected vice-president.

## financial.

Montreal, Thursday Evening, December 3, 1903.
The non-payment by the Grand Trunk Pacific of its stipulated deposit of 5 millions of dollars is puzzling financiers as to the cause. Probably there is some negotiation afoot looking to the mode of financing of the interprise being altered. As the Grand Trunk is entering the territory of the Canadian Pacific in the North-West and in the East, to some extent, it is on the cards that the Canadian Pacific will enter G. T. R. territory in Ontario by building a spur line or branch southe of its main line and north of Cobourg and Port Hope. The banks are paying $\$ 2,155,000$ in dividends this week, and several Industrial dividends are also due. These funds will soon be

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Ought to know the Marvellous value we oan give them.


We employ no Travellers.
Our Goods once seen sell themselves
back in the banks, as they will be largely spent in stores, back in the banks, as they will be largely spent in stream of Christmas money is already rumning. The "earty bird," or luyer will get the choice, but traders are not so fresh as they advertize themselves, for they do not allow the cream to be skimmed off their stocks by impatient buyers, leaving only kim-milk woods for Christmas week and New Year's, stocks are unusually heavy in anticipation of larger sales than ever known. We shall be glad if these anticipations are fultilled. Those who have calculated on dividends going into stocks will be disappointed, experience shows that such income resources are not so invested. The advances in stock and bond prices will not be calsed by dividend payments, but by a complete change of heart on the part of operators in regard to the market and its prospects. Distrust still is abroad and not a few empty purses. The one must give way to confidence and the other must be filled before stock values make any permanent advance. The Eastern Townships Rank statement is highly gratifying. This bank is doing well at a'l points and well deserves all its success. The Stock Exchange has had a tiny little boom to amuse it. Street Railway advanced
to 203 to 206 on a canard. C. P. R. has been selling at $1183 / 4$ to 119; 'Toronto Ry. $981 / 2$; Richelieu 81 to 82 , N. S. Steel, $723 / 4$; Montreal Power $761 / 2$ to 77 ; Twin City $941 / 2$. On the whole the market is improving. Consols $88 \% / 8$. Paris, exchange on London, 25 f 19 c ; Berlin $20 \mathrm{~m} 461 / 4 \mathrm{pf}$. Foreign exchange, 60 's $7 \% / 8$, demand 8 11-16. Call money in New York is up to $61 / 2$ and 7 per cent. Here the rate seems a fixture at 5 to $5 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

The following is a comparative table of stocks for week ending Dee. 3, 1903, as supplied by Chas. Meredith \& Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal:


## Joseph Waine \& Co.,

## Imperial <br> Lock Works,

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Rim, Dead and Mortice Locks, Drawback Locks and Iron Gates, Brass and Iron Cabinet Locks, and Pad Locks

## RIM, NICPT \& BOW LATCHES,

And all kinds of Keys and Steel Traps for Home and Export.

|  | (Cute will be inserted when reoeived.) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Merchants. . | 106 | 151 | 1491/2 | 160 |
| Eastern Townships | 28 | 161 | 161 | 161 |
| Commerce. | 65 | $1501 / 4$ | $1491 / 2$ | ... |

Miscellaneous:
('an. Pac. Railway C Alontreal Power Co. Aontreal Street Railway Ditto. new
Toronto Street Railway.
Halifax Street Railway Toledo Railway.
Tivin City Transit Richelieu \& Ont. N Iontreal Telegraph Bell Telephone Dominion Cotton.
Merchants Cotton.
City 4 per cent..
Dom. Coal, common.
Ditto. pref..
ciwitch, pfd.
Ogilvie pfd.
letroit United Elec. Ry
Dom. Iron $1 / 2$ Steel, com.
Ditto. pfd.
Gitto.

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| 2221 | 119 | $1161 / 2$ | $\mathbf{1 2 8}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3452 | $773 / 4$ | $743 / 4$ | $891 / 8$ |
| 1243 | $2061 / 8$ | 197 | 275 |
| 476 | $1931 / 2$ | 188 | $\cdots$ |
| 645 | $983 / 4$ | 97 | 113 |
| 55 | 90 | $881 / 2$ | $1041 / 2$ |
| 4578 | $241 / 4$ | 21 | $301 / 8$ |
| 4466 | 95 | 91 | 116 |
| 663 | 82 | $791 / 2$ | $943 / 4$ |
| 4 | 165 | 165 | 164 |
| 36 | 160 | 155 | 160 |
| 50 | 34 | 34 | $521 / 2$ |
| 25 | 40 | 40 | 65 |
| 5000 | 102 | 102 | $\cdots$ |
| 620 | 73 | $705 / 8$ | 127 |
| 62 | $1123 / 4$ | 112 | $\cdots$ |
| 50 | 84 | 84 | $\cdots$ |
| 50 | 120 | 120 | $\cdots$ |
| 4545 | 69 | $651 / 4$ | 85 |
| 160 | $83 / 4$ | 8 | 55 |
| 50 | 25 | 25 | 95 |
| 180 | 73 | $711 / 4$ | 101 |
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teached 12. today in New York. The London wool sales coosed roterday without the expected reaction in values. Dry weather is seriously interfering with water power paper and pulp mills in this province. Country wells are going dry, while the -1. Lawrence river shows a drop of two feet from the average at this date. There is, likewise, danger of some of the Montreal water-works machinery being rendered temporarily useless, owing to low water. Navigation is practically closed, though some local service vessels still plough through the strengthening ice.

BUINIER.-Market very quiet all week. Prioes have shown an easier tendency and holders have been more anxious to unload so that all qualities under finest were offering at lower prioes. Finest is not over-plentiful, and is held firmly, with

## GEO. D. WOOD, <br> 8oarboro' Lock Works.

Wednesfield Road a Clothier Btreet, WILLENMALL, Eng.
Largent Maker in the Trade.



Ho difficulty found in getting top quotations. Sales of finest Oct, are being made at 21 to $211 / 2 c$, whereas it is difficult to make over 20 to $201 / 2$ for later makes, with second grades uffering at 19 to $191 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Quality of Nov. butter is very disappointing, largely running poor and lacking that quickness necessary to bring it before buyers. The dairy market is reported very quiet, and as receipts are large, show considerable increase. Finest selected Western is hard to sell ovel $161 / 2$ to $163 / 4 \mathrm{c}$, with grades under dragging at 15 to $151 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, and not finding buyers. Roll is coming in freely, prices ranging from 17 to $171 / 2$ e.

OEMENTS, ETC-LLarge order on market not yet closed. Season's arrivals were: German cement 20,600 brls and 223.55 bags; Belgian, 80,270 brls. and 304,850 bags; English, 28,851 bris. and 15,600 bags. Firebricks, $3,372,755$. Prices have advanced 5 to 10 c brl. on cement and $\$ 1.50$ on firebricks.

OHEFSE.-A dull and unsettled market, buyers being not very plentiful. Everybody appears to have all the stock required, and with export demand coming very sparingly there is little chance for business. Finest Western is quoted at $103 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ to 11 c , but to push sales it would be difficult to make over $103 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Finest Eastern $101 / 2$ to $103 / 4 \mathrm{c}$; late makes $93 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.

DRESSED POULTTRY, ETO.-Good market, with active demand and firmer prices ruling. All fine stock meets with ready sale, turkeys reaching as high as $131 / 2 \mathrm{c} \mathrm{lb}$., and down to 12c; geese 8 to 9 c 1 lb .; chickens 10 to 11 c ; fowls $71 / 2$ to $81 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; ducks $121 / 2$ to 13 c. Venison in slow demand at $51 / 2$ to $61 / 2$ c.

HGGS.-As usual at the opening of the holiday season, the movement shows a large increase. Bakers are taking 50 per cent. more, so that there is a large business passing, with firm prices ruling. Select are worth 24 to 25 c; good straight fall gathered 22 to 23 c ; held fresh 19 to 20 c , and best limed $17 \frac{1}{2}$ to $18 \frac{1}{2}$ e.

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FISH.-The season of Advent has added the full share of activity usually noticeable, and dealers report a very satisfactory trade, assisted by favorable weather. Prices show consid. erable variations. Quotations:-Fresh Fish-B. C. salmon; frozen $83 / 4$ to 9 c ; Gaspe chilled, 15 c ; halibut, frozen, $83 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ to 10 c ; frozen pickerel or dore $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; fresh steak cod, ic; haddock $41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; dressed bullheads, 8e; frozen pike $51 / 2$ c. II hitefish $71 / 2^{\mathrm{c}}$ per lb.; fresh frozen herrings, $\$ 3.10$ per 100 fish; fresh frozen smelt in boxes 10,15 and 25 lbs . each 8 c per lb .; frozen mackerel 12 c per lb .; frozen shad 8 c per ib. Salt Fish-Loch Fyne herrings, $\$ 1.25 \mathrm{keg}$; No. 1 salt mackerel, in $20-\mathrm{lb}$. kits, $\$ 2$; No. 2, $\$ 1.50$; new salt herrings, Labrador, $\$ 5.50$; do half barrels, $\$ 3$; green cod, No. $1 \$ 6$; do., No. $2 \$ 5$; salt pollock, $\$ 4.50$ per brl. of 200 lbs ; larger;

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$\$ 0.50$ : No. 1 salt haddock, $\$ 4.75$ per brl:; new B.C. salmon, $\$ 15.50$ per brl; and $\$ 7.25$ per half-brl; new C.B. salt herring $\$ 0$ per brl.; ditto., $\$ 3.25$ per half-brl. Smoked Fish-Haddies 7 c ; kippered herrings $\$ 1$ per half box; smoked herrings in bundles of five boxes, 15 c a box: St. John bloaters, $\$ 1.00$ per box; Yarmouth do., $\$ 1$ box. Prepaned-Boneless cod in bricks, 6c lb.; boneless fish, in bricks, 5 c ; boneless fish, loose, in 25 1b. boxes, $41 / 2^{\mathrm{c}}$; dry cods, in cwts., $\$ 5.00$ per ewt.; skinless cod, in cases, $\$ 4.75$ per case. Oysters-Selects $\$ 1.60$ per galIon, standards $\$ 1.40$ gall. No. 1 handpicked Malpeque cup oysters, $\$ 8.00$. No. 1 handpicked Malpeques $\$ 5$ to $\$ 6$ per brl.;


 and common $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.50$.GREEN HIDES.-Lambskins have advanced to $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{c} e}$ for city and 65 to 70 c for country. Other hides unchanged.

GROCERIES.-sugars unchanged at $\$ 4$ for standard granulated in bags, 5c extra in brls. Yellows $\$ 3.35$ to $\$ 3.90$. Molasses steady at 42c for No. 1 Barbadoes in puncheons. New Orleans $25 t_{0} 40 \mathrm{c}$ as to grade. Fish unchanged; shore herrings $\$ 5.50$ per brl., and $\$ 3$ for half-brls. Salt salmon very searce, from $\$ 13$ brl. for B.C., to $\$ 17$ for Labrador. Canned sal mon unchanged, good brands sockeye very scarce at $\$ 5.50$ to \$6 per 4 doz. case; cheaper grades cohoes, etc., running from $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.75$ per case. Canned mackerel a little firmer, having advanced 50 c case from opening prices; now about $\$ 3.75$ per case. Lobsters are very firm and scarce, prices having advanc ed. They are now worth about $\$ 11$ for tall and $\$ 14$ for flat tins, per 4 doz. case. Half-lb. tins seem to be at a premium

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Eastern Townships Bank.
DIVIDEND No. 88.

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beclared upon the patd-up Oapltal Btocle of thit Ban I (but on new piock to apply from date of pay. ment only, and that the eame will be payable
the Head Omice and Branches on and after

> Saturday, 2nd day of January next.
> The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th
> The Transfer Books will be closed from
So the $\mathbf{3}$ Iet December, both daye inclusive.
> By order o: the Board,
> $\underset{\text { General Manager }}{\text { MAOKINNON }}$
> Berbrooke, 9nd December, 19:3.

## THE MONTREAL CIIY AND DISTRICT SAVIMGS BAHK.

Notice in hereby given that a dividend of elght Notice in arfous of two collars per bare on Ghe Caplan stock of this ningtitution have been deo. clared, and the same will be pay
Houne in thite clty on and after
Safurlay, the 2 nil ilay of January, 1504,
The transfor books will be cl -ed from the 15 th By order of the Board,
A. P. LREPRRANOE,

Manage
Montreel, November 30th, 190

Telegrams: "WROUGHT, WILLENHALL."

## WROUGHT IMON CONNEGTING LINKS.



WROUGHT IRON RAILING HEADS.
BAXTER, VAUGHAN \& Co feman Stapmer,
SEND FORGE STOCKS AT WORKS.
for general consumption, owing to high prices, and for that reason the market is a little stronger. Values now are $\$ 1.5$ per 8 doz. case. Canned corn is particularly ligh, utvancing from opening prices fully 10 c doz, being held now at $\$ 1$ doz. with prospect, of further advance, as pack is wery short. One dealer to-day reported a sale of nearly 1,000 cases in the West at $\$ 1.05$. Cammed tommenes unchanged at $\$ 1.05$, and peas unchanged at 9oc to $\$ 1$ an to grade. Canned fruits unchauged from opening prices. New evap. Cal. fruit have arrived. Prunes range from 5 to 8 Fc F . as to size; peaches 8 to 9 c as to quality; apricots show more firmness at advance' of $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ 1b. from opening quotations: pricese range from 11 to 12c 11). Tea market unchanged; Japans are showing considerable dulluess in the fight with Geylons and Indians, which seem the favorites at present. Prices of both are nearer a parity than formerly, ranging from 16 to 20 c. Black teas are holding their firmness as previously reported. The graden canging from $63 / \mathrm{d}$ to 7 d are scarce and show this firmes more than the higher goods and $1 / 2$ to ld higher is being asked on the former. The higher grades are not showing the same activity
hardware and matals.-A few changes in list are noted in prices current on another vage. Local trade quiet, as usual at this time. It seems a foregone conclusion that the common stock of the U. S. Steel Corporation will be passed altogether at the next meeting of the directors. Whilp low prices of iron and steel are always expected to encourage construction, there is a phase of the situation which indicates also the reverse, for these solid commodities are viewed as barometers of trade and are $g$ nerally low when not in de mand.
LEATHER.-The export situation is particularly good, with prices firm. A leading Ontario tanner writes this week that all classes of leather are being sold heavily on English account, and that an improvement in prices is not improbable after the turn of the year.-The Quebec strike still holds firm. Shoe men here anticipate no trouble and orders are coming in well. Shoe jobbers will be first to feel the need of the stock not being filled from Quebec; the regular trade can wait longer.

OILS AND PAINTS.-No change in prices. Very litt!doing beyond preparations for stock-taking.
provisions, - The price of pork, cured or fresh, has not changed from last week's quotations, although Toronto
shows another decline in live and fresh killed hogs. Live hogs on that market are selling at $\$ 4.35$ to $\$ 4.60$ per 100 lbs . 'rices here are steady at $\$ 4.90$ to $\$ 5.10$. Abattoir dressed, $\$ 7.25$ and country killed $\$ 8.75$ to $\$ 7.00$ per one hundred pounds. We quote for cured meats:-bbls. heavy Canada short cut mess pork, $\$ 18.50$; tiérees, do., $\$ 27.50$; half-brls. do., $\$ 9.50$; brls. selected heavy Canada short cut mess pork, boneless special quality, $\$ 19.50$; brls. Canada short cut back pork (family pork), $\$ 18$; half-brls., do., $\$ 0.25$; brls. heavy C'anada mess pork, long cut, $\$ 18.00$; brls. heavy Canada short cut clear pork, $\$ 18.00$; half-brls., do., $\$ 9.25$; brls. light Can a! $n$ short cut clear pork, $\$ 17.50$; brls. heavy flank nork, $\$ 10.00$; finest kettle lard, in $20-\mathrm{lb}$. pails, $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; extra pure lard, in $20-1 \mathrm{lb}$. pails, $91 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to 10 c ; choice refined compound lard, 8 c to $81 / 2^{\mathrm{c}}$; hams, $121 / \mathrm{c}^{\mathrm{c}}$ to 13 c , and bacon, 13 c to 14 c per lb

The Eastern Townships Dairymen's Exchange held its last sale for the season of 1903, on Saturday, November 21. at Cowransville. During the season just closed, 31,350 boxes of butter were sold, representing a value of $\$ 343,694$, and 48,701 boxes of cheese, representing a value of $\$ 309,256$. The tntal sales amounted to three quarters of a million dollars. Taking the season through the prices were the best that have ever been realized. Especially is this true of cheese. The market for the latter started high, and profitable figures were realized in the flush of the make as woll as at the opening and closing of the season. The make was satisfactry, considering the exceedingly dry spring and fall. The 1 utter market was steady and on the who'e the butter makers have no reason to complain, making due allowance for the skim mi'k, butter was not much behind cheese. The business of the Board was well conducted and the friction between buyers and sellers was reduced to a minimum, if not to the vanishing point. Good quality and a buoyant market no doubt contributed to the good understanding.
-The Farnham (Que.) Wood Mfg. Co. is putting a plant for the cutting of lumber and manufacture of furniture in the building formerly used for a beet-sugar factory at Farnham, and is installing a first-class water, as well as steam power. Over 200 skilled laborers will soon be employed.
-The Royal Bank has acquired land for the erection of a new branch at the corner of Vietoria avenue and Sherbrooke street, this city.

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giving better value for the same money, tended trade, such as is possessed by The or otherwise so pleasing their distant Clothing Company, Ltd., goods can be customers that their name and their bought in such quantities as to greatly goods will be assured greater recognition aid in their being secured at the lowest and be given the preference in trading powsible cost. Right here we might cite to an extent sufficient to prove-them leveryday experience to more clearly show really worthy? In reply we can say of where capital and brains work so smooth the success of The Clothing Company, ly together.
Cimited, of 47 to 53 Moor Lane, London, Any merchant who has been in busiE.C., England, that in the flrst place they Any merchant who has been in busi-
possess all the sequirements which must of necessity go toward the successful large or small, will recall instances with

minion of Canada, knowing full well that achievement mentioned. These require- in that brief time where "ready cash" the same measure of success which they ments consist chiefly of capital, market would have saved him many dollars, or have achieved in other purtions of the and ability. With the necesssary capital made them for him, which is the same British Empire will be their experience the raw materials for the manufacture thing. The man with ready cash need here in Canada once their goods are given of clothing can be purchased at the clos- not go around seeking bargains. No, the test of enduring appearance by which est margin of profit over and above the The bargains go around seeking the man. all clothing is best judged. cost of wool and weaving, occasionally The man can stay at his desk, or his ready cash will purchase vast quantities counter, study out ideas at his leisure.
Why, it might be asked, can any indi- for less than first cost, and just here while the man with too much goods and vidual firm in the clothing trade in any is where success means greater and great- not enough money is compolled to do the part of the world excel beyond their er success, tact and market added. With travelling around. This but instances fellow tradesmen and manufacturers in a large and expanding market, or ex-every day the hard fact that money and

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ity in the successful management of large manufacturing clothing business and that ability of the highest order marks the management of The Clothing Company, Ltd., has already been as amply proven by the great strides of the lusiness itself as that the other two im-
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quid; A. MeRae, pump valves; M. G. Bristow, paper files; A. G. Ronah, raw liquid fuel measurers for explosive engines; M. McKellar, cloth measuring ma chines. American Patients.-S. Beauregard, tack-driver; F. K. Bell, oil-can; R' J. Chowen, warping-reel ; F. B. Corey time-limit device for motor-controllers; J. Frye, eyelet for boots or shoes; J. Frye, sieve or strainer; U. Graham, device for shifting threshing machine bodies ; W. J. Milne, bobbin-winder; J. A Proulx, limotype-leader; R. M. Hibet, bucket-grip for rope tramways; C. Stecher, machine for connecting can-heads with the bodies thereof; J. Waldbrook, drive or master wheel divider for har harvester-binders; J. A. Whyte \& G. C. Edwards, combined signalling and tele-

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Adbtedness due from Mr. Chardavoyne to
antrechess due from Mr. Chardavoyne to in having the blanks in the note filled up the company. The next day the note and then appropriating it to the payment "an discomutal by the company and the of his own indebtedness, did not render proceeds placed to Mr. Chardavoyne's her responsible thereon as indorser. An ardit. The president of the bank, when examination of the authorities, however He filled up the note, was ignorall ". will disclose that this contention is un the fact that it had been indorsed in tenable. The question to be determined Whank by Mrs. Chardavoync; and he took in a case like the present is not what i it in the negular course of busincss, the actual limit of authority conferred bs in gooll faith, without notice of any in. the indorser of a blank note upon the firmity in it. and in payment of the in person into whose hands she delivers it. delitedness then due to it from Mr. Char but. rather. what authority such an in davoyne. On this finding of facts, judg- dorser, by her conduct, holds out that ment was entered in the lower court in person as possessing, to one who takes favor of the bank against both the maker the note in good faith. for value, and and indorser of the note. without notice that the actual authority The principal ground upon which the conferred is a limited one only, and there New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals fore, as is stated by Mr. Parsons in his were asked to reverse this judgment is treatise on Notes and Bills (volume 1, p. that, upon the facts found, no liability 110), 'it is no defence against a bona on the part of Mro. Chardavoyne can be fide holder for value to prove either that predicted. The contention is that her the person to whom the instrument was linetand had no authority to fill up the intrusted in blank had no authority at note. except for the purpose of having all to fill the blank. or that his author it diseounted at the German National ty was limited to a certain sum, which Fank for her benefit: that when this pur- he had exeeeded, or that he was only pose failed, her husband's agency ceased, authorized to use the paper for a parand her indorsement became a nullity, ticular purpose, and had fraudulently con and that his subsequent fraudulent act verted it to a different purpose, or that

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cu=tady, and the legal conclusion is that laid down that "if a man indorses a blank is a part of the mercantile enser of the acted under the authority of that par- form of note, and delivr- it with the in the country, and, in order that its free ty, and with his approbation and consul." tention that the blank should be filled, circulation may not be impeded, it is the In Van Duzer $\because$. Howe, it was decided he thereby makis the person to whom he settled policy of the law that innocent that "a party who intrusts another with delivers it his agent, and is responsible holders thereof for value should have a his acceptance in blank is responsible to for whatever date, sum, or time of pay right to enforce payment of such paper a bena fide holder, albough the blank is ment he may insert, to a bona fide in against those who, by signing or indorsing filled with a sum "xcoeding that fixed as dorsee." In Breckenridge v. Lewis, it was it either in blank or otherwise, have causa limit by the acceptor." In Redlich $v$. decided that "one who intrusts his signa- ed it to become a part of such currency. Doli, the rule is stated to be that "if a ture to another for commercial use (that It is further contended on behalf of nete be obthined nom a maker by fraud; is, to have some bu-iness obligation writ. Mrs. Chardavoyne in error that, if it be if it be made for one purpose, and used ten over it) becomes holden upon a nego- considered that the indorser of a blank by the holder, for another; if it be deliv- tiable promissory note fraudulently so promissory note is liable to a bona fide ered in blank, with an agreement that written by the person so intrusted with it, holder for value under the circumstances the blank shall 1 , fillod one way, and it and negotiatod to an innocent holder." oxisting in the present case, still the be filled in another-in all these cases It is unneresary to multiply authoritios bank is not entitled to recover against the maker is liable to a bona fide holder Enough have been cited to make it clear her, hecause it does not occupy that posifor value. The maker, rather than the that one who indorses a promissory note tion. The fact is established by the findinnocent hodder, must suifer for his ne- in blank, and intrusts it to another to fill ing of the trial court, as has been alr ady gligence or misplaced confidence." In up, and hase it discounted for his (the stated, that the bank took the note "in lutnam $\therefore$. sullivan it was held that indorser's) benefit, is liable upon it to a the regular course of business, in good "where a merchant intrustn his clerk with bona fide holder for value, who receives faith, without notice of any infirmity in his blank indorsementa, and one by false it before matuity, in the w-ual course it," It is therefore a bona fide holder. pretenses obtains and uses them (by writ- of business, from the person to whom it The trial court further found that the ing and signing promissory notes upon was intrusted, notwithstanding that the bank took the note "in paymun of an the face of the blanks), aich fraudulent latter has filled it up for, and fraudu- indebtedness then due" to it. So far as 1se of them will not discharge the in. lently converted it to, a purpose entirely this state is concernel, the rute is entiredorser, against an innocent indorsee." In different from that for which he was ly sttfel that a party taking a
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Gilbert. But as the transaction out which the bank's rieht sprang took 4 in New York. the question to be whemined is whether, by the law of that mindiction one who so takes a promis note is a holder for value. It is - fud that the rule established in that is is that, where the holder has rectic the paper as payment for an antecelem: debt, he is not such a holder, and wifis us to a declaration to that effect mintained in the opinion of this court 11 Duncan Sherman \& Co. v. Gilbert. No inthority for this statement is cited in loc opinion referred to, and an examinaiinn of the New York cases does not justify it. On the contrary, the New York
diceions on this subject, so far as we have been able to ascertain br an examination of the published seports of such lecisions, are in entire harmony with our "n. In 1840, more than 20 years prior () the decision in Duncas sherman \& Co. Cilbert, the Supreme Court of New ork, in the case of Bank of St. Albans Gilliland, held that "receiving a note IT a precedent debt is receiving it for alue, within the law merchant, if it be taken in satisfaction of such precedent leht, and the indebtednes be cancelled." o the same effect is the decision of the Court of Appeals in Brown, Ex'r., v. Leavitt, in the later cases of Phoenix Ins.
o. v. Church, and Mayer v. Heidelbach.

It is further urged on her behalf that as she received nothing for her indorsemont, she is, at most, an accommodation indorser, and that section 5 of our mar ried women's act exempts her from liability on such a contract. In disposing of this contention, it is enough to say that it has already been decided by this court that where a note upon which a married woman puts her name, in this state, first conies into legal existence in the State
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## THE: CHINE:SE IN AFRIC

Although the ordinance permitting the mployment of chinese labor in the former Boes republics has not yet recoived the sanction of the Colonal Legislative Council, which mots in a fortnight, yet its enactment is to such an wient as--wred that the firs comsigm in of cooslie - is now being thiped from ('hina, and will reach its deatination :hout ('hrist-shat- time. The advent of these Mongols. valys a writer for a Lometon paper. becoming the adrance puaded of what is likily (4) develop' into a Chim se invasion of the. Dark ( ontinent, enastitutes so radion a departure in the history of the latter, that it menits comething nowe than mer. fasing mention, particulaty in the United states, where the prejudice against the almond-eyed, pig-tailed brother is so pronounced that it has taken the form of an exclusion Act.
While the South Africen anthorities may be assumed to have made a carefill study of thes. Chinese exclusion laws of America before elaborating a
$\because$ ystem of ordinances destined to keep the importation of coolies under comtrol. they cannot be said to have fol lowed the same limes. For whereas the I'nit d states shuts out coolies-that is to say, Chinese unskilled labormerehants, students artists, ete., being admitted-the South African allthorities walcome the Mongol mekilled labor, and close the bars against that element which is exempted from the exclusion laws in the United States. By the terms of the ordinances. which will become statutory in the former Boer republics before the New Year, the Chinese are precluded from embarkinge in ally me-cantile pursuit as trader or shopkeeper, and from carrying on any of the callings coming under the head of skilled latror: such as those of blacksmith. carpenter, engine driver: mechanic, etc.. and it is expressly stipulated that those who import un-killed labor from (hina for a stated term shall, at the conclusion $\mathbf{t h e r e o f}$, undertake the repatriation of the co lies at the end of the contract under penalties of both fine and im-pri-onment in the case of neglect to comply with the stipulation. In one word, no Chinaman, once his period of service is at an end, is to be allowed to domicile himself in the colony. He can never be registered as a voter, nor hold any. land, nor own any minerals or precir us stomes.
Now, these restrictions are all well so far as they go. But it must be remombered that they apply only it former Boer republies, and that when
once the tide of Chinese has started in the direction of South Africa, it is unlikely in the extreme that it can be limited to the Orange River and Transvaal colonies. The Dark Continent is vast, its opportonities precisely those calculated to appeal io the wirit of mere cantile enterprise of the enterprising Chinese, and the latt may be trusted to find many a device for evading the laws concerning him in the Transvaal and Orange River colonies as well as means of establishing himself in locali tiern ecali It may be remembered that all sorts of restrictions of the same kind as those now to be enacted by the South African authorities were adopted in connection with the employment of coclie labor on the construction of the Panama railroad. and that the mortality was so great among the Mongols that it used to be said that every tie of the track from the Atlantic to the Pa cific coast represents the body of a Chinaman. Yet to day trade, not only at both extremities of the line, but also in every town, village and hamlet in its vicinity, is almost entirely in the hands of the Chinese. So it may be in South Africa. Once the tide of Chinese emigration is started in the direction of the Dark Continent nothing will be able to stem it. It will flood South Africa. Shrewd, cunning, and possessed of keen commercial instincts, the Mon gol may be trusted in course of time to control the fount of the gold supply of the world
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Nat in the future rather than the pre(nt .it may be pointed out that there are her points which call for consfideration? " the matter. It is perfectly true that the. commersial and industrial dev lopment of South Africa has been retarded until now by the tromble in obtaining unWilled labor. Alre ady before the Boer war he difficulty was so pronounced that ceal Rhod s some ten years ago appa:aled to the Tran-vaal Gowernment for amission to import coolies for work in h,: Rand mines, but was met with a IIIT refusal on the part of President Kruger. Since the incorporation of 14. two Boer republics ber the scarcity of the yellow metal that -1 Empire matters have become still est capacity, and this can only be ac"orse in this respect. For, whereas complished by Chinese labor. To those in 1897 about 100.000 Kaffirs were work- who assert that the latter vould be dising in the mines, it has been found im- pensed with it may be pointed out that ing in the mines, it has been found immosible this year to sccure more than
in.000. and no less than 200.000 are ur(00.000) and no less than 200.000 are urnative labor from other parts of BritAl Africa have failed. owing to the inherent indolence of tho black man and herent indolence of the black man and ro. The consequence is that the obtaining the necessary African ners are umat laber or else the restriction of the output

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man as far as the mines and unskilled labor of an analogous character is cont cerved and the objection which has been put forward that the mine owners were bent on working their mines with Chinese lador in order to escape from the thraldom of the trades union, and to avert the oreation of a white laboring class, which would become sufficiently strong to dictate, not only on the question of wages, but also in political matters, as in Aus tralia, has no foundation, since under no circumstances could white labor be used for the work on which it is proposed to employ the Chinese.
Notwithstanding this, public feeling throughout South Africa is strongly against Chinese immigration. It is quite as pronounced among the Dutch colonists as amone the Pritish, and the Cape Par linment has condemned it by an over whelming majority. Lord Milner and the other authorities in the Boer colonies of Fngland are, therefore, using their power in an arbitrary manner against the wishes of the white population of South Africa, but in acorrdance with the views of the mine owners, and, incidentally, for the development of the trade and industry of South Africa, as well as for the bemefit of commerce all the world over

The importation of Chinese will be on a vast scale. It is estimated that some half a million coolfes will be re- and intets than the New York island, quired for the mines already opened, but it has many good beaches, no moun-
as well as for those projected in the
near future, while the British (Governnewr future, while the British Govern-
ment itself will require a force of some 60,000 for the construction of the extensive railroad system which has been planned and approved by Lord Milner. indeed, the Chinese immigration, when once inaugurated. bids fair, through the steady demands for this unskilled labor market alone in South Africa, to become so vast as to render the enforce ment of the restrictive ordinances a matter of impossibiliity. In fact, the Chinese Hood which Emperor William and others have always regarded as threatening to overwhelm Europe, may yet be diverted into Africa and the descendants of Shem oust those of Ham in the Dark Continent.

PRINCE EDWARD IsLAND.
Even those who are well arquninted with a stretch of territory, or perhaps may have spent their lives there, are nevertheless interested in reading another's opinion regarding it. The following was recently published in a New Ycrk paper: Prince Edward Island reminds the traveller of Long Island near New York. It is about the same size, being 150 miles in length and its great t width 34 miles. It has more bays

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There is some business in mackerel fishing and lobster canning, but farming is the chief occupation of the people, and mest of the farmers are in comfortable ircumstances; some are wealthy, and there are very few pror people. I salw none, except occasional Indians. Co-opera five dairying is carried on to a great extent, and creameries, cheese factories and milk separating stations exist in every settlement. Of course the tourist is sure of good food in sach a region and if he be a sportsman he can get all sorts of wild birds, like snipe, wootcock grese, brant. duck, plover, partridqe, with pares, rabbits, etc. If he is a fisherman there is no better place along the coast

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for him to throw or sink his line. I was disappointed to find so large a portion of the island still wooded, and the desolation raused by the fires which ranged during the drouth of last spring was sad to see. !3ut where there is such rich soil and so wiveh moisture, Nature repairs these rav-ase- rapidy, and a few years will oblit wrate all traces of the extensive confla yrations of this year in the provinces.
I had been to the southern and south-a-tern parts of the island, where George tomy and its fisheries, and Souris and it Thanting and bathing facilities attract the tuurist, and as I had determined to see the whole island before turning my face homeward, one morning found me in the mailway carriage bound from Charlottetowe to Summerside and Tignish.
The northern and western part of the i-fland is more wooded than the eastern enil. but all of it "ives evidence of having lywell long iwhabiter. It is said to have
tat or, in 1497, but Champlain landed on it gave it the name, "Aberweit," which in 1608 , and called it Isle st. Jean. Early means, "Resting on the wave," and it fulin the next century some Arcadians set- fills the tille as a reposeful retreat, green tled here, and when it became an English and healthful. oothing to wearied brain possession in 1758 there were more than or tired norves. The railway which trav4,000 Arcadians. In 1803 its name was erses the iland, at a leisurely rate, pubchanged to the present one, given in honor lishes a foider for tomists, with a useful of the Duke of Kert, the father of the map, and some inducements for tired late Queen Victoria. Thre: years later the workers to come here for rest, saying that Earl of Selkirk sent out 800 Scotch High- "many a victim of insomnia from an
lers, and the population rapidly in- over heated inland or southern city has creased during the last century
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here found sleep and rest."

Frutt transportation an issue.
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ers Asociation, at Leamington, Ont.. Mr. E. C. Caston of Craighurst, presenta the report of the Transportation Committee. They were partienlarly concerne. 1 in the matter of freight rates to the nothwest. which would soon be the greatest fruit markit for our prodmets. The fruit growers had hat some imbenes in having an ate put through to cotablish atalway comminsion. When it should be appointed they would hase 10 com wider the matter of having their interest - pros perly represented before the commission.
 -i..11. The arrangement- made by cooperation in some places had reduced the hurd $n$ of express charges. But -till, in reference to the service rendered. the capless charges were ont of all propertion. Mr. L. G. Rice of Miohigan asked whether any consideration had been given to the opportunity for shipping by steamor from Sarnia and neightoring ports to Port Arthur and Duluth. The vessels come from Lake Superior points with freight, and were glad to get freights lack at almost ballast rates. Mr. (i. C. Gaston pointed out the double handling that was necesary for a joint lake and rail shipment. which constituted a great difficulty.
Fruit Men's Needs.-Mr. A. MoNeill of Ottawa outlined the fruit men's needs. Thy wanted a change in classification of several kinds of fruit. Apples should be in class 8 instead of class 5 . They wanted different arrangements about mixed cars. They wanted better local rates and lower rates on cull apples. One of their
gleatest wants was better accommodation at stations, and for tracing cars en route. Mr. W. L. Smith, editor of the Farmer's sum. dwelt upon the necessity for cooperation among all the farmers so as to present their claims upon transportation companics betore the ratway commission. Mr. H. IV. Dallooll of Dawson Bros., Toronto, said that there was no class of freight paying higher and more disprol D. 'mith. M.J' of Winona said that th railway commision should have twe men representing the producers of Can ada and on should be a practical farmer. If two members should represent the railways the producers would be in mo bett r pocition than before. The following committee was appointed to attend to the ywr -tion of transportation: Messps II. H. Buntinge, St. Catharines: R. I. Graham. Belleville: H. W. Dawann. To. rento: D. D. Wilon. Seaforth: W. I.. smith, Toronto; D. .T. MacKinnon, Grim:,y. and I. M. Shuttleworth, Brantford. Ocean Rates.-Mr. T. Woolverton, Grimsly, introduced the question of occan rates. He had shipped Bartlett peare last summer, and much of the fruit had beell seriously injured by the temperature in the fruit compartments on the vessels being too high. If a certataty of temperatur) could be obtained on the ocean vessels a grood trade could be done in England. Mr. W. W. Moore of Ottanva, chief of the market division of the Department of Agriculture. explained that the diffinilty complained of by Mr. Woolverton was that the steamers' cold storage com-
partments were too closely packed, and the chamber could not be properly cooled in the centre. In another case, on the sttamer Cicilian, the fruits sent by Mr. Woolverton and Mr. E. D. Smith were over-ripe before leaving Montreal. quantity of California $f$ a dit sent in the same chambers turned out splendidly at Glasgow. Mr. E. D. Smith, replying. said that some of the blame was due to the railways for delay in delivery at Montreal.
In keeping with the suggestion for the appointment of a committee on organization, with reference to co-operative work. the following were appointed: G. W. Cody, Leamington; Robt. Thompson, St. Catharines: A. W. Peart. Burlington; A. E. Sherrington, Walkerton, and Wm. Rickard, M.P.P. A resolution was passed urging the Government to remit the duties on raw sugar for canning, and on fruit packages, and asking for legislation to compel canners to label canned preserves to show the actual contents, and that such goods be labelled "Made in Canada." Mr. A. C. Neill read a brief address upon fruit packages. Uniformity of packages was a great essential. He recommended the use of a standard apple box 10 by 11 by 20 inches. The matter was referred to a committee.
Benefit of Co-operation.-In the afterncon Mr. W. H. Owen of Catawba Island, Ohio, spoke of co-operative fruit packing and marketing. He dwelt most strongly upon the value of a central packing house system, where the fruit is collected and graded, and the commis-

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Lio: merchants and buyers come to buy. gcod records in Canada had not done Mr. A. E. Sherrington of Walkerton ex- well in Michigan. hlained how the co-operative system had The Government Expert.-Prof. W. T. "rosked in Bruce county, where it is be- Macoun, horticulturist at the Ottawa exinc given a trial. In the bandling of ap- perimental farm, spoke upon hardy fruits ples it had been a great benefit to the of northern districts. From the present (ruit growers. Many other members dis- northern limits of commercial fruit-growcussed the matter, all being convinced of ing there was a distict of some 500 miles the value of such a plan. Prof. L. R. to James Bay. There was no probable Taft of the Agricultural College, Michi- reason why apples should not be grown gan, gave an address upon peach-growing as far north as James Bay. Sun scald, in Michigan. The people of Michigan had root killing, blight and mice were the found the most profitable peach for their principal causes of failure at present in chards and markets to be the Alberta. rchards and markets to be the Alberta. northern localities. Prof. Macoun exbles could be overcome, as found by experiments at Ottawa. Dr. Wm. Saunders director of the Ottawa experimental farm, experimental farm in the way of testan account of the work done by the experimental farm in the wa yof testing fruit trees for use in the northern parts of Canada and in the north-west. Mr W. A. MacKinnon, chief of the fruit division of the Agricultural Department, Ottawa, spoke upon power spraying. In a district near Woodstock under unfavorable conditions the cost The FitzGerald and others which had plained the methods by which these trou- tree per application, and the result was


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that there was great difficulty ill finding scabs on sprayed trees. On unsprayed trees there was difliculty in finding any fruit trees free from scabs. Mr. W. II Owen said that the co-operative farmers of Catawaba Island, Ohio, had gone in for power spraying, and had had much sucorss. A vote of thanks was tendered to the American fruit growers present. Officers Elected.-The Nominating Con mittee reported the olficers for the coming year. Their report recommended the reeelection of all the officers and directors. The principal officers therefore are:-Pre-
sident, W. H. Bunting, St. Catharines; vice-president, A. McNeil, Walkerville Mr. W. W. Cox of Collingwood was replaced on the board of directors by A. E. Sherrington of Walkerton. A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. W. H. Bunting, A. McNeil and Murray Pettit, to act with kindred socie ties in matters of mutual interest.

## THE SCOTCH OIL TRADE

Scotch burning oil finds a very strong ompetitor in Russian petroleum, and were it not for the latter keeping down prices, the Scotch oil companies improved as is their position of late-would be even more improved, says a cortespondent of "Petroleum." As a leading gentleman in the trade, whom I interviewed, said: "The Americans have nothing to do with it. The Russians are twe people who presently rule the market. The only drawback to the petroleum is that the flash-point is so low. If this could be removed, then there would be a revolution in the trade. Advices from America do not show that the oil fields are drying up in the wholesale way that was once indicated. There is no doubt from thrir own trade reports that there is in America a larger consumption of their own oil products within their own territory, due partly, no doubt, to their industrial prosperity and increase of their population."
Naphtha is strong. It is extensively used in shipbuilding yards, and for en amelling purposes. This season's conamelling purposes.
tracts were quoted at $1 / 2^{d}$ per gallon
above those of last year. The spot price the price is likely to keep steady to firm has now advanced another ld.
Lubricating oils remain steady at the Some years ago lubricating oil was late advance, and as far as I can gather imported into Glasgow from America in


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Cylinder oils are in good demand at present. Light Scotch oils are preferred, as they evaporate when they become heated; and for batching oils the demand at the moment is also gratifying. Scoteh oils mixed with American suit the jute people, and large quantities of this class of oil are despatched through Glasgow merchants to Calcutta. As regards fuel oil, I hear on good authority that the Clyde Trust have had the subject before them of erecting fuel oil tanks for storage, so that vessels could be replenished which use liquid fuel instead of coal. Quite a number of ship owners are having their vessels fitted in such a way, that they could, without much alteration, have them adapted $t_{1}$ burn oil instead of coal. The ship-owners hene are quite aware of the results that have been obtained by some of the navies of European powers; they see this plainly, that were they going in for fuel oil their expenses would be lessened in having to pay for fewer stokers, while vessels could be replenished with oil in almost as many hours as it would tak days to fill their bunkers with coal. Once the black smoke difficulty has bern got thoroughly over, the Clyde ship owners will certainly look into the matter, for their fuel bills are enormous.

The Scotch shale miners are still agi-


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one man, that man would need at least $\$ 3,000,000$ to meet his pay roll next spring, for there are no shopping and hauling, samping and yarding, scaling and cooking, and doing other woods work, about 20,000 men, and they will get in about tive months each, at an average of $\$ 30$ a month. When this army of loggers shall have finished its campaign against the spruces and pines, poplars and hemlocks, says a writer in the Paper Trade Journal, there will be piled upon the landings and in the yards about 800,000,000 feet of timber, waiting for another army, less numerous but more agile, to come and navigate the sticks down stream to the booms, where still a third army, the rafters, will sort out the different marks of logs and send them along to the mills of the respective owners.
People who don't know much about the business talk of the "decline" of Maine's lumber industry. These people will probably be surprised to learn that more logs will be cut in Maine this coming winter than ever were cut in a single season before, and that a spruce $\log$ is worth more money to-day than in the best of the so-called flush - times. Twenty years ago, when many other kinds of business were dull, Maine's logging industry seemed to have fallen into a decline, but just then along came the pulp makers, and at once the prospect brightened. At first the mills for grinding pulp were small, and only small trees were cut for their supply, but bigger and bigger mills

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were built, and soon the pulp men be
gan to take logs as large as any that went to the saw mills. After a few years of buying logs the pulp men began to buy great tracts of timberlands, paying therefor the highest prices ever known in Maine. They sent in crews and cut their own logs, and gradually extended the scope of their operations, until now they rank about even with the sawmill men in the quantity of timber cut and consumed.
Just as the oldtime teambters and stage drivers cursed the first railroads as a damage to the country, so have some of the old-fashioned loggers declared that the pulp mills would be the ruination of Maine. But, although there is an inevitable and continual conflict be tween the saw mill and pulp mill interests, both industries seem to be getting along all right, and the pulp mill is regarded as a blessing by many thousands. Mien who owned timber lands and sold to the pulp companies got higher prices than they ever dreamed of getting, while those who retain their lands are getting a much higher rate of stumpage than ever before. More loggers are employed; competition between the two interests has sent the price of labor up, and the demand for logs tu make into pulp has ineneased the price of spruce at Bangor from $\$ 11$ to $\$ 13$ per 1.000 feet twenty years ago to $\$ 14$ and $\$ 17$ to-day. The pulp industry has revived sleepy and decaying sawmill villages, built up brand newv towns in the depths of the wilderness, and made valuable a hundred water power privileges that were idle and comparatively worthless twenty years ago.

The pulp men kave built dams and made other costly improvements on the driving streams, and are planning now, notably on the west branch of the Pe nobscot, for the storage of vast bodies of water that now run to waste in the

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spring freshets, causing great damage to
prcperty. Held in the lakes that feed the rivers, this water will be sufficient to keep up the driving pitch in dry wea. ther, and provide continuous power for many mills that are now often shut down in midsummer because of drought. Thiriy millions of dollars have been invested in the pulp and paper industry in Maine, and the business is yet expanding. One mill-that of the Great Northern Paper Company, at Millinocket, on the west branch of the Penobscot-represents an investment of about $\$ 4,000,000$. and about it has grown up a town of 2.300 people, where five years ago the only building was a $10 \times 12$ flag station on the Bangor and Aroostook road.
In the sawmills, too, progress is the order of the times. The old fashioned rotary and mulay have been superseded by the bandsaw and the resaw. The head sawyer is a man of genius, who gets out of a log every possible inch of lumber. In olden times the slabs were large and thick and overboard they went, as so much worthless waste. Now the slabs are few and very thin, and all waste that cannot be made into short lumber of some kind goes to the pulp mills. Some of the sawmills have pulp mills in connection for the utilization of this waste. Even the sawdust is used now.

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tution is being organized, and prominent physicians are the principal stockholders. Its purpose will be to provide milk for infants that is most like mother's milk, and is free from tuberculosis germs. The corporation will be known as the St Louis Goat Dairy Company, and will be capitalized at $\$ 150,000$. Of this amoun $\$ 50,000$ has already been subscribed, and application for incorporation articles, it is stated, will be made without delay.
This dairy company, says a St. Louis paper, will not deliver milk, but goats. The goat will be rented, the customer can keep her just as long as he wants, and milk her when he pleases. The dairy company will furnish food for the goat and the customer must see that the goat eats nothing else. This is the plan. The physicians interested stated that the plan solves the proposition of pure, fresh milk of a kind that will agree with baby
The physicians have authorized A. B. Hulit, of Springfield, Mo., who is one of the biggest breeders of goats in the West, to make a three months' tour of European countries noted for their fine goate and bring back with him to St. Louis a large herd of goats of as many breeds as he thinks advisable, These animals will be turned loose on a goat ranch of 5,000 acres to be provided in the meantime in the Ozarks, and will compose the dairy herd until such time as scientific tests show whilh breeds are best adapited to the peculinar wants or which this corporation is organized, Mr. Hulit, who is now in St. Louis, will leave for New York on his mission about the middle of the month. He will visit France, Germany, Holland, Swit zerland, and the Island ot Malta. When he returns Mr. Hulit will be in charge of the farm and the breeding end of the dairy company's business. From this farm will be shipped the goats to be used in the dairies and also those that will be sold outright. The kids

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Most of the Eskimos in Alaska are gathered at the missions, but the trav-
eller will find a few in villages of two or three dozen ingloos in places convenient for fishing, as fish is the staple diet of these people. Starvation and disease have left but a remnant of once populous tribes.

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Perhaps the doubting gentlemen who figured on the motors burning out
from overload at 80 miles per hour to 100 miles per hour will now be coninced that kigher speeds are both possible and practicable. One hundred and forty miles per hour is a decidedly hot pace, but it will more than likely be beaten before we go to press. It has taken a good many years to evolve the two-minute trotting horse, but this year we have him in triplicate, and just so it has been with electric railroading. Once the records began to break they fairly flew up and left only small fragments. One hundred and forty miles per houl even if not outdone by a considerable margin, still means that the hundred-mile. an hour train is much nearer to reality than it has ever been before. That speed is quite feasible whenever it is demanded, and it is, moreover, quite high enough to meet the requirements of humanity for some little time to come. Its real importance lies, as we have often remarked, in its application to long lines on which the saving of time would be material. Cutting down the running time to Flatbush or Hackensack may defer the dyspepsia of the commutor for another season or two, but it is not commercially important. It is cutting the time to Washington to less than three hours, and converting the trip to Chicago into a mere night's run.
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the idea of the early application of the system to the railroad connecting Berlin with Hamburg, distant by rail 176 miles from each other, and that an early conversion of that line is by no means improbable. Somehow the hundred-mile-anhour train looks дeaper than it did a rew months ago, and our spyglass is still trained in the direction of Germany

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