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The petition to be addressed to the Covernor-(ieneral-mCouncil, is as follows :-

The Petition of the L'ndersigned Merchants, Importers and Nanufacturers Humbly Sheweth, ...That your P'etitioners suffer from want of uniformity in the application of the Tariff, and from the circunstance that there is no satisfactory recourse or remedy in matters of dispute as to classification for duty, value for duty, or in cases where Customs
officials inflict injustice upon importers by erroneous and arbitrary rulings ;

That your Petitioners believe that these grievances could be removed by the establishment by Parliament of a Board of Experts, with power to deal with all questions and disputes between Collectors of Customs and importers as to rates of duty or classification, and as to value for duty, also to act as a Board of Refrennce in matters of seizures to the end that the technical facts of a case may be established prior to publicity, and with a view to avoiding practical injustice through error or precipitate action of irresponsible employees in the Customs service ;

That your Petitioners suggest with respect to the establishment of such a board of experts :
(a.) That it shall consist of five members, being one for each of the principal branches of trade as follows:-(1) Dry Goods-(2) Hardware, Oils, Paints, \&c.-(3) Drug', Chemicals, Fancy Goods, Stationery and Jewellery--(4) Groceries, Provisions and Fruits--(5) L.eather and Shuefindings;
(b.) That appointments be made on the basis of competence for the Office ;
(c.) That sufficient remuneration be given to secure men technicaily competent and with business experience, so that the Board should enjoy the confidence of merchants.
(d.) That the Board be empowered to administer oaths and subpoena witnesses ;
(c.) That the Board's decisions be published periodically and sent to Collectors of Customs and Boards of Trade throughout the Dominion, which would promote uniformity as to classification and value for duty, and ;
(f.) That both the Government and importers should have the right of appeal from the Board's decisions to the Exchequer Court ;
That such a board of experts has for some years been in operation in the United States where it appears to have well fulfilled its purpose of insuring to the Government the full customs revenue intended by the Customs Act, of sccuring uniformity in valuation for duty, and of affording satisfaction to importers;
Wherefore your Peritioners do pray your Excellency in Council to approve the enacting of legislation for the establishment of a board of customs experts as hereinbefore suggested, and so relieve them and importers generally from the serious disabilities now suffered by reason of lack of uniformity in the administration of the tariff.

## THE CVRSE OF CHEAPNESS.

The fact that large departmental stores exist in all of the larger cities and towns of the country, and that they are rapidly driving smaller concerns out of busiress, has awakened an interest in which the whole community participate. As with all other questions, to this there are two sides, some disputants cortending that laws should be made for the suppressior of the innovation upon old established methods, others averring that eren if the smaller dealers are crushed out of existence by the new order of things, it is for the general welfare that the selling price of the necessities of life should be brought as low as possible. The question affects manufacturers in
varions ways. The impression prevails that not only is the small dealer being driven out of business, but that the middleman will have to go also. It is a fact that some of the larg ? departmental stores in one transaction frequen. ly purchase larger -upplies of certain lines of goods than are usually carried by pretentious wholesale houses. Why, then, should the middleman stand between the manufacturer and the retailer who distributes the grod, to the consumer? Is it not better for the manufiacturer in sell his products direct to the retailer than the jobber? If this is done the payment of the middle profit is atoidethe change inuring to a certain extent to the constaxt. Perhaps this fact has its influence in developing the of position shown to departmental stores by the wholecsle men and the jobbers.

Anotner featu- - of the $p$ dution of the departmental store is, that in the ciiving out of business of the smaller concerns, the rental ivs e of the premises cccupied by them is inevitably liwel $=\mathrm{d}$, to the great disgust of the landlords. In Toronto, as in other large cities, hundreds of small stores are vazant, and the little fellows who cen. tinue to hold out experience a precarious existence. What is to be done with these vacated places of business:

The only apparent use to which they can be put is to convert them into residences - in which people of small means may live. For such a purpose they camnot be as remunerative to the landlords as before; but the change of use would have a tendency to lower rents throughou the city, to the great relief of the people generally.

But these are side issues, the great question being asto whether departmental stores, bargain days and bargan ccunters are demoralizing in their tendency to the zeneral good, and particularly to the welfare of these who are most affected by them. A clear setting forth of an im. portant phase of the question is contained in an American coritemporary in which it is shown that the ruling spint in the mercantile world is cheapness, whose throne is upn the bargain counter. Before this tyrant every interes must bow. He exacts tribute from manifacturer, michant, mine-, planter, farmer, salaried ofictal and wage earner. It is not surprising that the way $=$ workers of tire whole world are in a state of unrest bordering uponar. archy. They see that the steady tendency of the age st lessen the cost of production. They are taugh ilat . other costs have a limit beyond which they may : 1 to except the cost of flesh and blood as paid for in $v$, These must decline to meet the prevailing cry for weargt products, but there is no mile-stone 0 mark the phat where the may say thus far and no further.

There was a time when consumers dewanded gow groods and at reasonable prices. Employers coald then pay fair wages for a faic day's work, and merchants pad tribute to quality, knowing that price was but she fackt in a sale. But less thant a gencration ago there came ina trade circles a new class of manufaceurers whose sole ida of gaining and holding trade was by uoderselling all co:petitors. They ignored every guestion as to qually ard harpea solely upon their prices. If the buger pointed to the inferior finish, the poorer worknanship, the doublel quality, he was met with but one answer: "I.ook at ite price!".
$\mathrm{T}_{\text {wo }}$ classes of dealers welcomed these new producers, those who saw of dealers welcomed these new producers,
old profit in selling inferior goods at old prices, and another class who was able to foresee that cheapness would become the gospel of trade. Both classes $f_{\text {found the venture a paying one. In one place the carc- }}{ }^{\text {less }}$ or less or confiding customer accepted the poorer goods at the same prices he had been paying for better wares. The and stores were plastered over with notices of "bargains," af people hastened there to do their buying. The advent of the Cheap John manufacturer, and the eagerness of ${ }^{\text {people }}$ the forgains, compelled other producers to reduce their prices in order to hold their trade. As the campaign Proceeded they cheapened the material, they slighted the Workmanship and they reduced wages. Trade in every Order became a keen hunt for something lower priced, in than that to-morrow's announcement might be lower ${ }^{0}$ man to-day's. This spirit has permeated every branch of all merce, and bargains are the lodestone that attracts all sorts and conditions of men and women.

Wherever the bargain counter has a home, it has monoPolized the talent and brains of all concerned in its management. But where can one go and not meet it? It has tations special organs in the daily papers, and its glaring invi$\mathrm{ing}_{\mathrm{in}} \mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{i}}$ to those who worship cheapness are the controllinfluence in the next day's shopping. Who shall be so foolish as to rail against economy? Is
it not the crowning Christian virtue? Why shall not
the the workingman's wife make her few dollars go to the
farthe farthest possible length in her purchases? The answer is
ready ready: Because her keen scent after bargains is the con-
trolly trolling Because her keen scent after bargains is the con-
and and sons and daughters. If she must have cheaper goods, for less wars must do their share towards it by working price than wes, so that the wares may be offered at less Of ban before.
$\mathrm{Of}_{\text {what }}$ value is it that the wage earners form unions to keep wages at a higher level, when their own house-
holds are searching the ${ }^{1}{ }^{0}$ wer pre searching the columns of the daily papers for of starving sewing. When one reads the piteous stories ments of sewing women, do not the loud announce$\mathrm{C}_{\text {ost }}$ of the dealers, Finished Garments at Less than the ${ }^{\text {Onst }}$ of the Clath, at once appear before his eyes? Is not earth complement of the other? There is nothing on $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{im}} \mathrm{l}_{\mathrm{m}}$ so cheap as flesh and blood, for it now touches a $\mathrm{H}_{0}$ of cost of production; everything else does.
${ }^{\text {terial }}$ own there be perennial bargains if wages and maceases are not perpetually scrimped? And as a bargain ${ }^{\text {to }}$ dases to so be a bargain to-morrow if not at less price than ${ }^{d e} m_{\text {mand }}$ must wages drop lower and lower to meet the the next for cheaper wares. In the political economy of prominext generation there will be one axiom made more Meninent than all others: Cheap Goods Make Cheap world unitan must surely rejoice when he sees the whole When uniting in the one cry of Cheap! Cheap! Cheap! Price of dealer advertises a garment a few cents under the $\mathrm{f}_{0}$ a of his neighbor is there a single woman who stops has to moment to consider her sister in the garret who $\mathrm{m}_{\text {tade }}$ work for less that this may be done? Is the saving very rare the buyer a matter of actual concern to her? It But to produce the article so that it could
be sold at this lower price women went hungry to their wretched beds.

If one did not know that every bargain offered meant sorrow to wage workers somewhere in this wide, wide world, if not at his very doors, he might rejoice that so much could be bought for so little money. But any article is sold too low when-the man or woman who made it was not paid living wages. And when the wage earner's purchasing power is reduced every other interest must necessarily suffer.
The gauge of the times is the condition of the wage earner. Give him fair wages, increase his power to supply himself with the comforts and even the luxuries of life and his demands for these will accelerate the wheels of business in every line and bring prosperous times for all interests. But the bargain counter must have cheaper goods. It encourages bankruptcy. It offers a premium for inferiority. Nothing is out of its line from summer silks to mess pork, from pianos to liver pills.
Is it nothing that these toilers are without joy and with. out hope? Only despair is theirs. Only a dark to-day followed by a doubtful to-morrow. They are the slaves of the modern Moloch, the bargain counter, that monster who knows no mercy and serves no god but cheap John.

## THE COST OF GOVERNMENT.

There is not a free trade journal in the country that does not produce statistics to show that the expense of conducting the Dominion Government is constantly increasing, and this because the policy of the Government is in the direction of protection rather than free trade. Of course they ignore the fact that the advances of civilization require the expenditures of money to maintain and improve means of communication between different sections of the country, and to meet its rapidly growing demands; and to these critics we commend that portion of the budget speech of Hon. Mr. Harcourt in the Ontario Legislature, bearing upon the subject where he says :-
Recognizing that we had a large, new and promising territory in Northern and Western Ontario to open up and develop, we have asked the Legislature from time to time to further this work with liberal grants of money, and by doing so to bring home to the new settlers some, at least, of the many advantages which the older parts of the province so richly enjoy. Large subventions to railways, generous grants to schools, liberal votes in aid of agriculture and mining, new asylums and other public buildings, which are justly the pride of the province, costing in the aggregate millions of dollars, while supplying urgent, immediate needs, have, of course, greatly added to our gross expenditures. Session after session the Legislature has, without a dissenting voice, without word of protest or complaint, agreed in all these particulars to add largely to our yearly burdens. No interest, educational, agricultural, mercantile or otherwise, has in any way been neglected. These increasing expenditures are unavoidable. Growth, expansion, development call for and require an ever-increasing measure of aid from the public chest. As population increases, as our new and rich norland is developed, as settlers from year to year enter upon and occupy portions of the province hitherto unsettled, demands for new and increased grants must be expected. These demands are inexorable, and a progressive government and legislature dare not refuse them. As to these matters, we are by no means alone in our experience. It is the common
experience of all progressive countries. Progress, Expansion and development have been won and secured in only one way the world over, and that is the way I have briefly indicated.
Commenting upon Mr. Harcourt's speech the Montreal biactlesays:-

This language might fittingly enough be employed by a lederal Finance Minister in a review of expenditure upon Domınion public service during the past decade and a half. The reasons which Hon. Mr. Harcourt believes to amply justify the increasing cost of government in Ontario apply with equal pertinence to Dominion affairs, with this difference that in the larger sphere the demands for grants of money for purposes of public utility are ten-fold greater. Every section of territory opened up and developed in Nurthern and Western Ontario imposes new charges upon the Dominion Treasury in the establishment of post offices, the administration of justice, the collection of customs and excise evenue, the provision of public works, and so forth. The growth, expansion, development which the Ontario Government has found to require an ever-increasing measure of aid from the public chest that to progressive government and legislature dare refuse, impose like charges on the Dominion purse. And yet, while liberally meetung the demands for new and increased grants thus created, the federal Government has succeeded in administering public business more economically than the Liberal ministry at Toronto. Between 1888 and 1894 , the Dominion expenditure rose from $\$_{3} 6,718,494$ to $\$_{37}, 58_{5}, 025$, or by 2.4 per cent., while in the same period the expenditure of Ontario increased frum $\$_{3,536,248}$ to $\$_{3}, 8_{39}, 338$, or by 8.6 per cent., the ratio of increase having beer nearly four times as rapid in provincial as in Dominion expenditure. In the case of civil government, the On tario expenditure rose from $\$ 200,685$ in 1888 to $\$ 240,474$ in iS9t, or by 20 per cent., whereas the charge for the same service at Ottawa has been augmented only 12 per cent. in the last six years. In every item of the ordinary expenditure of Onta-:in the tendency has been steadily upward, without exeeption, whereas in federal affairs many reductions have been made in the cost of government, and in no instance, when like services are contrasted, has the percentage of increase been so great as undar the Liberal Government of Ontario.

## DOES PROTECTION PROTECT:

No forcign vessels are peri itted to participate in the coastwise traffic of the Unite States, that privilege being reservel to the shipping of that country. Thus no foreign vessel is allowed to carry freight or passe.gers between any two American ports, cither on the Atlantic, Pacific or Gillf coasts, or on the Great lakes. inder the lav: regulating such traffic what are undoubtedly the fastest and most elegant steamers in the world are found plying between American ports; and in no part of the world has the development of the shipbuilding industry shown such marvelous advancement as in the Great Lakes.

The Marine Review, alluding to the American lake trade, says:-
The books of the linited States treasury department contain the names of 3,341 vessels, of $1,227,400.72$ gross tons register in the lake trade. The number of steam ves-
sels of 1,000 gross tons and over that amount on the lake on June 30, 1894, was 359 and their aggregate gross tonnage $634,467.84$; the number of vessels of this class oxned in all $\mathbf{0}$ ther parts of the country on the same date was 316 and their tonnage $642,642.50$, so that half of the best steamships in all the U'nited States are owned on the lakes. The classification of the entire lake fleet on June 30,1891, was as follows:-

| Class. | Number. | Gross Tonnage. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Steam vessels. . | 1,731 | 843, 239.65 |
| Sailing vessels | 1,139 | 302.0 \% 51 |
| Canal boats.. | 386 | 41.065 |
| Barges. | 85 | 39,214.51 |
| 'rot | 3,341 | ,227,400.72 |

The gross registered tonnage of vessels built on the lakes during the past five years, according to the reports of the C'nited States commissioner of navigation, is as fol. lows:-

| Year ending June 30, | $$ | Net Tonnage 108,515.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| " " | 1891...... 204 | 111,856.43 |
| " | 1892...... 169 | +5,168.93 |
| " " | 1893...... 175 | $\left(x^{\prime}, 271.24\right.$ |
| " " | 1894...... 106 | 41,984.61 |
| Total. | 872 | 406,976.28 |

Speaking of the traffic through the St. Mary's Falls canal and the Suez canal, that journal says:-

The traffic of the great Suez canal is no longer to be compared with that of the St. Mary's Falls canal, which connects Lake Superior with other ports of the great lakes. Official reports of the traffic of the Suez in 1894 are at hand, and although they show an increase over the buciness of 1893, the net registered tonnage of vessels is more than $\mathbf{5}, 000,000$ tons less than that of vessels passing the St. Mary's Falls canal during a navigation season of only $23+$ days in the same year. The figures are given in full at the head of this page. The number of vessels passing the St. Mary's Falls canal during 234 days of 1894 was $1+491$ and their net registered tonnage $13,110,366$, while the number of vessels for the full year passed through the Suez was 3,352 and the net registered tonnage only $8,0,3$, 105.

The official reports of canal officers in these two canals show the traffic through them for the years indi, tted te have been as follows:-


FANCY VERSUS FACT.

That rival nations cripple their own energies in endeas: oring to exclude Great Britain's competition is undoubted. ly true, and while her industries are often upset and de. ranged by the efforts of other peoples to keep her oul of their markets, many far-sighted Englishmen perceitemary advantages to the grea! trating nation under precent com. ditions.- They feel that so long as other peoples find their ideal in restriction and high taxation Britain's nremier position in the commercial world will be assured.-Torenio Glob $\cdot$.
Thic very optimistic, and is intended to induce Canadians a. is with favor upon free trade as they have it in

Great Britain, which is now the fad of The Globe. But Britishers do not thus view the question ; and we commend to The Globe and its free trade friends a careful perusal of the following article reproduced from a representative British journal, the Macclesfield Courier and Herald. That paper says:-
Are cheap goods a boon to the producer? In other words, is free trade a blessing or a curse to a nation of nanufacturers? In these parts the subject has been so fully and freely discussed that it seems as if nothing new could be said on the question, but it is one of those topics which so vitally affect us all that we cannot have too much insight into it. The question has been raised by Mr. Blatchford, author of "Merrie England," whom that young and smartly-written periodical, To-day, describes as "a gentleman with beautiful ideals but childishly impracticable methods," and proceeds :-

- In arguing this question of free trade, Mr. Blatenford has, beneficially for his cause, put his Arcadian dreams behind him, and has dealt with this world of strife and struggle as he finds it. Free trade, half a century ago, was the panacea of all human ills. Under free trade everybody was to be happy, he althy, wealthy, and wise. To even now hint a word against it is considered rank blasphemy by the older school of political thinkers. But the young men everywhere are asking themselves if we have not given the drug sufficient experiment, or, at all events, whether the surroundings have not changed and the conditions altered to an extent sufficient to render a new treatment advisable.
"Cheap foou is excellent if you have the money to buy it; but a threepenny loaf is of very little value to a man with only three halfpence in his pocket, and of less value still to the man who has nothing. Free trade has given us cheap goods, and it has taken away employment from English workers to an alarming extent. If we were all consumers, living on an income derived from an investment in consols, free trade could not be too highly praised; but our political guides forget that we have to earn our income as well as to spend it, and many of our leading industries are being completely killed by the unchecked competition of countries where, living being cheaper, labor is con'ent with a much less wage.
" Ja the measurable future it will be a question whether any English manufacturer can pay his way, and then what is to become of our army of workers? To offer them 'a free breakfast table' will be no answer to a man looking for employment. Free trade has practically killed agriculture already, and made us of necessity a land ot zoalpits and smoky factories. That may be very good as far as it goos, but what is to become of us when free trade, having rendered it impossible for us to grow our own food, also renders it impossible for us to earn our living by manufacture? To save a few pence on our wife's print frock We pay the price of thousands of ou:-Jf-work operatives in Lancashire. We hold up our hands in horror at the hard-hearted farmer, but it is we, my good friends, with our cheap loaf made from imported corn who have driven the agricultural laborers to swell the useless swarm of unneeded life in our great towns, and who pay the few remaining on the land a starvation wage that does not enatle them to keep themselves and their families from actual daily hunger.
"I shall be told that all this has been thrashed out years ago ; that the thing has all been settled and done with. But who are the people who have so kindly 'settled and done with ' $t$ ' for us? and will the members of the Cobden Club rive ne some proof of thear superhuman wisdom that will force ine to believe that when once they have considcred a thing there is no further need for thought upon the subject? Catchpenny phrases invented to bamboozle votes from fools are our stock political argument. The big free trade loaf stuck on the end of a pole can win a.a election,
but it does not fill the belljes of our unemployed thousands. Free trade has been of immense benefit to the political wire-pullers. It is time now that the subject was considered from the point of view of the nation."

We most heartily endorse every word uttered by To-Day On the subject, and so must the poor silk weaters of Macelesfield and Congleton, whose industry has been so severely hit by the one-sided system of free trade asystem which enables the foreigner to come into our markets and purion our trade while he hedges his own witi a high wall of prohibitory tariffs, and practically shuts us out from anything tike fair competition. And the tamentable thing about it all is that the commerce of the countr) is the ser! last thing that Parliament will address itself to. This was shown by the miserable tactics of the Government on Tuesday night, when they tried to count out the House on a commercial subject on which they had ultimately to eat humble pie. Time after time has the hon. member for Macelesfield division (Mr. W. Bromley-Davenport) tricd to bring the depressed condition of our shaple industry and the inequalities of the present fiscal system before the House of Commons, but the Radical Government bas successfully prevented him being heard -the appeal of the suffering thousands dependent on the silk trade is nothing to L.ord Rosebery and his satellites-the welfare of the commerce of the country has to "play second fiddle" to such absurdities as Home Rule, Welsh Disestablishment, Local Veto, One-Man-One-Vote, etc. How long will the constituencies be content to tolerate this iniquitous condition of things? The trade of Lancashire is being hit hard, and Lancashire is calling out with no uncertain voice. We have always felt in regard to this question that when the great cotton industry was attacked the silk trade and other industries would be heard in the great appeal to the nation. It is coming. "What Lancashire says to-day, Eugland says to morrow," Lord Eeaconsfield once declared. He was prophetic in many important utterances, we trust he was in this.

AS TO ARCHITECTS PI.ANS.
The Customs Department has decided that the duty on architects' plans, either original drawings or copies for use as original drawings, shall be 2 per cent. on the estimated cost of the building to be erected in aecordance with them. If accompanied by details the duty shall be 3 per cent. of this estimated cost. Additional sets are to be valued for duty at $\$_{5}$ each, in addition to the original estimate of the cost of the building. According to this decision an imported set of plans and details for a buildins to cost Szu, oon would be taxed $\leqslant 600$, which is by no means a modest impost. The Ministry must have discovered in architectural designing the lost industry which could not operate without encouragement. The weak spot in that theory, for all such theories have their weak spots, is the fact that Camadian architects were doing as well and better before the introduction of the National Policy than they are doing now. - Toronto Globe.

There is no good reason why the Government should ever be benefitted to the amount of one dollar by duties collected upon architects' plans imported mo Canada. The country is well supplied with archtects thoroughly competent to make plans for any buildings which it may be desired to erect, and as this industry is entitled to tariff protection as well as any other, that protection should be extended to it. It is true there are those in Canadat who imagine that nothing really good can be produced at home and therefore must have the plans of such buildings as they may desire to erect made abroad; and these are the ones whis object to any duty being imposed upon their plans. Eut generally such buildings are for residential purposes, where the wealthy owners call well afford to pay the duty
on the plans. In the makians of plans by foreign architects, but few if any of whom are familiar with the different styles of materials produced in Canada for bailding purposes, the specifications call for foreign articles; and thus it is that while the serices of competent Cianadian archinects are rejected, the products of Canadian factories are also rejected, the labor expended in the production of them going to foreign concerns. We have knowledge that in many buildings recently erected in canada not a dollar's worth of Canadian hardware was user the contractors explaining that the specifications called tor articles :u come from foreign factories. Remonstrances disclose the fact that these foreign articles were named in the snocifications simply becaus: the foreign architect preferred to specify them in preference to similar articles produced in Canada.

The Globe tells us that the duty upon architects' plans " might make it profitable for an . American architect to load up his head with a design, cross the river, and work it out on the Canadian side." Of course if the architect located himself in Canada and carried on his business here, he would cease to be an American and become a Camadian architect. But in so doing he would contribute to the general welfare of the country by payitg taxes, etc., and as such be entitled to tariff protection against foreign competitors, which would not be the case if he remained on the other side of the river. The Globe well knows that there are foreign architects who make plans and specifications for fine buildings to be erected in Canada, and who do not put themselves to the trouble of even crossing the river to work out their designs on the Canadian side, thereby saving themselves the so per cent. duty; and it is asserted that although the plans and specifications of the Provincial Parliament Bualdings in Toronto were made in Buffalo, they were introduced into Canada in a manner that resulted in not a dollar of duty thereon being paid into the Dominion treasury. The Customs Department have not changed the tariff, but a ruling has been made by which such insidents will not in the future be so casy of accomplishment. This new decision is intended to enable the Customs officers to collect a long evaded duty. The Globe will please notice that it is not a blow the force of which will fall upon the head of the poor man ; and if it reaches min who can afford to build residences that cost $\$ 20,000$, and the plans and specifications must be made in a foreign country, certainly the rich man must be allowed to pay his $\$ 600$ duty. It is very much like the fine wines the rich mara likes to have on his table. The fine house and the fine ivine can afford to be taxed as luxuries-necessuties they are not.

## FIECTRICAL RAILI:IYS.

Few persons know that there is a model of an electrical railway extant, dating as far back as the year 1835-iust about sixty years. It was designed and made by a Yankee blacksmith, Thos. Daven!.ort, whose inventive 3 :nitis led him to make, between 1835 and 1841 , about one hundred electric motors, one of which was large enough to drive a printing press. He was so enthusiastic about his inventions that he published a weekly journal in New York City, called The Electro Magnet and Mechanics' Inteligencer,
and printed it by electric power. This motor priceded Morse's electric telegraph.

The model railivay was small, but it worked; the luwmotive having a fixed field magnet below a rotating arnature, in which latter the current reversed twice each rota. tion,-quite the modern way. As an interesting lensen to inventurs who don't know a grood offer when they got it, I may mention that he refused $\$ 250,000$ for his invell-tion,-and then had the disgusting experience of realizing nothing for it.

From this time on, there were various more or lew unsuccessful attempts to make electric motors, includings ons i 11851 or 1852 by Page, for which こongress appropriated §50,000, and the failure of which turned public interest away from electric motors as offering opportunities fir pro. fitable investment of capital.

As far back as 1855 , an Italian, Bessolo, propurad a trolley road, one of the principle claims of which was the impossibility of head collisions between trains on the same track. In the same year there was a practical dutrin road belween Paris and St. Cloud, with the rails ats a circuit and an insulated third rail conductor between them.

Some Detroit people saw a suceessfully working modld of an electric railwas (l'anDepole's) there as far bak as 1874, but it was nine years later before any public cahibitions were made.

In 1877 a motor for the San Francisco railways was urdered from Europe by Field, but it was lost at scat. . 1 second one reached him and gave good experimemal resilts, but his money gave out, (he got to fighting wealthy csrporations,) and then his health followed; but his plat, with the conducting wire in a subterranean conduit, "小 well worked out and is still employed.

In :882 Finney showed a trolley road in Alleghen!, Pia, -the conductor from the trolley being a flexible cord, instead of a rigid rod as at present.

In 1883 Daft worked a regular electric passenger ...t cn the Mt. McGregor railway at Saratoga, and Van Depwie had one in Chicago, while Field's electric locomotise at the Exhibition of Electrical Appliances, at Chicacre, car ried in all 27,000 passengers, the car being slung from the truck.

In $188{ }_{4}$ regular trips were made by an electric car (Bentley \& Knight's) on a mile section of the East Cleveland (O.) S.R. Co.; being the pioneer for regular service. The motor was liung from the car-body, between the anki, to which latter it was belted by spring wire cables. The conductors were insulated in a wooden conduit and a sliding contact through a slot in the conduit took the current from the. conductor to the motor.

In 1884 Toronto had at its Exhibition a 3,000 feet electric railway (conduit) with a current of 1,000 volts and a locomotive of $30 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$.

In 1898 Allegheny City opened an electric road, part of which had a concuit and the rest a trolley. From this year the electric railway as a steady runner and as a monelearner maty be said to date. Richmond and Washineton, and then Boston, followed Allegheny. Richmond seems to have been the kindergarten in this matter, for the whditions were so unfavorable that about all kinds of trouble
possible manifested themselves; and by the costly lessons there learned, Boston and other cities profited.
To-day, probably half the strect railways of the L . S. either use electricity, or are arranging to use it, as a motive power. In Europe, also, it has a firm foothold; a d the far-away lands of the Orient and Australia are commencing to employ it also.

## EDITORIAL NCTES.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, has fur nished to the Department rf State at Washington a cupy of a circular issued by the West India committee of London, concerning sugar production. The Ambassador explains that it is not to be regarded as an expression of opinion by his Government, but only of the committee's views. The circular calls attention to the fact that the sugar industry, beet as well as cane, is passing through a crisis of the most serious description, and expresses the hope that in attempting to provide a remedy the various Governments should avoid taking any steps which may aggravate the crisis instead of relieving it. It is shown that while the production is increasing at the rate of $1,000,-$ ovo tons per annum the consumption grows slowly at the rate of 25,000 tons per annum. Naturally prices are depressed, and the bounty system is ascribed as the cause of this state of affairs. Therefore it advocates the entire abolition of the bounty and the stimulation of coasumption by the reduction of the duties levied on sugar which ate excessive in Europe, and prevent the people as a whole from using sugar.

The United States Consul-General at Frankfort has furnished a description and also other interesting data of a gas motor street car now being successfully operated at Dresden, Germany. The cars being in experimental service at Creydon, England, and of the same general type as those in use at Dresden, have not only furnished interesting matter for a previous report, but have developed the close and critical attention of capitalists and others interested in the economics and service of tramways. A car of improved type and of higher motive power, better suited to American conditions, according to the report quoted, has been constructed or exhibition in this country. It can be applied to cable; electrical and horse cars already in use, e:onomizing all but the running gear of such vehicles. "The following modifications," says the Consul, " have bsen made in the Dresden model: The motor has been condensed in compass so as to be readily set upon a four wheel truck, wholly independent of the upper portion of the car. The fly-wheel and driving machinery are haid in a horizontal position between the wheels, and two sets of springs are provided, those supporting the machinery resting directly on the axles, and those supporting the car body bearing on the truck frame, the two sets of springs being entirely independent of each other. The whole apparatus is so simplified that when the body of any crdinary street car is bolted to the springs and the cool-water reservoir and its connecting pipes arc attached, he car is ready for service. The motor has been increased from 8 to 20 horse power, and its maximum speed, with the larger
friction clutch in engagement, to twelve miles an hour." In describing the Dresden car, the same authority says, "all the machinery is enclosed and concealed from sight; there is no smell of gas, no noticeable heat from the engine, and no undue noise or jar when the car is stopped, or set in motion. The motor is placed under the seat at one side of the car, and reached f.: purposes of oiling, cleaning, or repairs by doors which form panels in the outer wall of the car, and when closed are not noticeable. The gas is ignited at each stroke by an electric spark from a small battery located in the engine space, so that the car is put into or out of service by turning a knob which opens or closes the circuit. The gas reservoirs are filled at the end station by mean, of a flexible hose, leading from the condenser, and the filling process occupies from thirty seconds to a minute, according to the caliber of the hose and the degree to which the gas in the reservoirs has been previously exhausted. The car costs in Germany, 82,856."

The Engineering and Mining Journal speaking of the low prices at whtch coal is being scld in the United States, says:-

The great distances from our seaboard at which our chief bituminous coal fields are situated, have been held, by foreigners especially, to preclude the possibility of very cheap coal in our ports. The extremely low transportation rates on vur railroads have, however, offset the long hauls and we have recorded a price of $\$ 2$ por ton $f$. o. b. Newport News and Norfolk, Va., for coals, coming over the Chesapeake \& Ohio, and Norfolk \& Western roads with a haul of fully 400 miles. As the prices paid for the coal at tho mines was then about 80 to 90 cents per ton, this left only $\$ 1.10$ to $\$ 1.20$ for hauling and terminal charges, or about 1/f cent per ton-mile for hauling. These extraordinary figures created much comment abroad, and brought orders to this country that had formerly gone to England. Equally low prices were taken for Alabama coal f. o. b. Pensacola and Mobile, but the haul is shorter and the railroad rate a little higher. We confess we considered \$2 a ton f. o. b. at our tide water ports as being a minimum, below which it would be almost impossible to go, nevertheless, this record has recently been lowered. Good steam coals have recently been sold f. o. b. Newport News at $\$ \mathrm{r} .80$ per ton of 2,240 lbs., and Clearfield coal has been delivered f. o. b. Philadelphia at $\$_{1.75}$ if not at $\$_{1.70}$ per ton, the haul being less than 300 miles.

With coal delivered in the railroad cars at the mines for from 60 to 70 cents a ton, and railroad freights at $21 / 2$ to 3 mills per ton-mile it would seem as if the very bottom had been reached. These rates leave no fair return to capital invested in either mines or roads; it is not surprising, therefore, to find reductions being made in wages at some of the mines. On the other hand this remarkably cheap fuel benefits manufacturers who are now quite active and are extending their markets in all directions both abroad and at home.

Toronto is being taught the difference in having incompetent theorists and good practical business men as representatives in the legislature. No doubt the city members are adepts at taxing bills of costs in suits at law, and they may be eloquent orators either in the court house, on the hustings, or in the legislative halls of the province, but they are no match for the land sharks and boomers, and the country members through whom they work, in obtaining legislation which exempts vacant lands in Toronto from
such taxution as is imposed upon the little holdings of mechanics and other men of small meatus. It is of no avail for our sleepy members to excuse their neglect of duiy by saying that while they slumbered the enemy sowed the tares that will bring torth such an abundant crop of increased taxes to those least able to bear them. To him that hath, more shall be given, while from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

Manufacturers can very aceurately gauge the value to their interests of the Hanilton Spectitor by observing that its advocacy of the National Policy does not prevent it from uttering uawarranted and malicious talsehoods asainst their organization becallse it declines to be bled to support such sleepy heads as represent the Consertative party in the Ontario Legislature.

If it may be called such, the only political mission of the Camadian Manufacturers' Association is to support, defend and maintain the National Policy of protection to Camadian manufacturing industries. Those who imagine that the Association may be used for any other purfose are mistaken.

The action of the Ontario legislature in compellitig municipalities, in which are vacant lands, to assess the same for taxation as farm lands, wheh is a much lower rate than occupied lands, is a premium given to the land speculators, and an additional burden upon those who have small holdings, used for residential and industrial purposes. The first are rewarded for withholding their lands from ocellpation until the unearned increment in value makes it profitable to them to sell the second are punished for their temerity in improving their possessions. The incident emphasizes the contention that there should be ne: property qualification Eemanded for representatives in legislative bodies. If an enterprising manufacturer invests his capital in a factory where human beings may find employment, he is severely punished therefor by having heavy taxes laid thereon. If a land shark holds his vacant luts for a rise in their market value, he is encouraged in so doing by a remission of taxes. But this condition will not last forever.

The farmers of Cinada must not forget that farm products excluded from the Dominion by at tariff are quite as effective in reducing prices as if they had been imported. Such products meet the Canadian farmer in the British market, which decides the price both here and there. - The Globe.

That is to saly, the duty upon such articles ats fruits, vegetables, poultry, etc., such as are produced upon Camadian farms, is effective in reducing prices obtained in, the Canadian market by Camadian farmers. Ender fiee trade American farm products would have free entry into Canada and be brought into full competition with Canadian farm products, which, according to The Globe, would be to the advantage of the Canadian farmer, because if the American products were shut out by the tariff from the Canadian market they would be sent to the British market where they would compete will: -imilar products sent
from Canadia. The logic of The (ilobe is most remarkable.

I few weeks ago, when several great fires in lurento destroyed property valued at hundreds of thousauds of dollars, the people realized that the city possessed no steam fire engines. It the panic that ensued, when every one demanded that engines should be purchased without delay, the incompetence of the City Council led to .a timie. wasting discussion regarding the merits of engine, built by several different concerns, and although it was well known that steam fire engines built in Canada were equal to the best made elsewhere, and although one of these engines was bought and delivered without delay, it was deemed expedient that one should be purchased in Eingland. An order was therefore placed for one, for immediate delivery, yet it has not yet been delivered, nor is it expected that it e:er will be. Perhaps the Councll will wait until anoties conflagration destroys a few more hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property sooner than make a small outlay for another Canadian engine. This sort of incompetence is exceedingly wearisome.

For some days past a rumor has been in circulation to the effect that the General Electric and Westinghouse interests have been negr: ating with a view to an agreement ending the present expensive patent litigation between the two companies. That such a negotiation is now under way we believe to be true, and at this writing it seem probable that an agreement will be arrived at. W:ether the understanding will go beyond a modus vivend with respect to patents alone, or include an amicable arrangement as to prices, can only be surmised at present, but it is improbable that its scope will extend to any general combination of intere ts. The case seems to be rather similar to that of the Westinghouse and Thomson-Houston companies some years ago. The latter had entered into an arrangement with the Sawyer-Man Company in regard to the manufacture and sale of incandescent lamps, which was continued when that company was merged in the Wistinghouse interests, notwithstanding the competition between the two rivals in other directions. As concerns the electrical industry at large, there can be no doubt oi the wisdom of a course which will not only cut ofl enormous expenses for litigation, but give a great impelus to electrical development by removing from the minds of purchasers the fear of trouble from infringement suits. Istw the effect on outside manufacturers, nothing call, ol course, be known until the agreement, if completed, is divuls'cu. In the meantime, we think it sate to assume that the unfortunate experience of the General libetric Company in its attempt to ride rough-shod over smaller concerns, and the consummate business acumen displayed ia recel years by the Westinghouse management, bolh grive assurance that no undue alarra need be fell on this score- Electrical World.

We are requested by the Packard Electric Co., Mumreal, to state that they have obtained a large and suitable factory building at St. Catharines, Ont., where they will manufacture all ther lines of electric goods. They will
occupy their new factory the latter part of this month. A large and rapidly increasing demand for their high grade lamps has rendered it necessary for the company to seek more commodious quarters where their output can be increased. In the meantime, while the new factory is being equipped, all orders will be filled from stock on hand.

Office of Commercial Agency of Government of Canada, Syinney, N.S.W., March ${ }^{1} 3^{\text {th, }} 1895$ -
Editor The Canadian Mancyacterer:--
In response to your request for notes on prospects of trade for Canadian manufacturers in Australia, I may say that my two months experience in these colonies have confirmed the opinions I had formed and to which I gave expression at meetings of the Boards of
Trade before leaving Canada. There is a trade here for Canadians which at the outset will, in most lines, be small, and which will need special efforts for its development.
It will be small at the outset not only because it is a new trade, but because business at this time is depressed. As a Canadian here remarked to me, "talk of hard times in Canida, atter a visit here I have concluded the, "talk of hard times in Canida, alter a meaning of the term is not known at home." The concluded that the meaning of the term is not known at home. Tome ollowing figures relating to the two chief colonies will give some conception of the state of things here.


It will be seen that Victoria has suffered the most; simply because t was the seen by its decline in gold production. The city of Melbourne has lost in these decline in gold production. The city of Mears over fifty-one thousand of its population. There
are some bright features in these unpleasant figures. In the case of Victoria the cessation of borrowing is the principal cause of the shrinkage of imports, and the decline in values largely accounts for the falling off. The more satisfactory feature of the comparison is that instead of an excess of five and three quarter millions in the imports in 1891, there was an excese of over a million and half in the exports in 1894 , showing that the colony had ceased from borrowing, or at any rate was not borrowing so freely as in the earlier year.
In the case of the New South Wales trade there was also a drop of nearly $91 / 2$ millions sterling in the imports, about the same decrease as in the case of Victoria. The exports in 1891 exceeded the imports by about half a million, indicating that the colony was borrowing very nearly the amount of its interest on public and private debt There was a decrease of nearly $+^{1 / 2}$ millions in the exports in the three years, but in 1894 the colony exported about fout and threequarter millions, more than it imported, which would not be far short of the amount of interest payable on public and private debts. The panic is working out the salvation of the colonies.
There are signs of a reaction. I am not sure that real estate has yet got to the bottom. Reats in the cities are too high although considerably reduced. Building can be done at nearly one-half the cost of erection of a large majority of buildings now leased, and boom prices were paid for the ground on which they stand As yet the reduction of rent has not more than kept pace wi hthe reduction of interest on money, and has not yet got to a reasonable return on present values. Beyond this there is in business circles a much firmer feeling. Prices of stocks have gone ur, showing a return of confidence, and the revenue of the Government in this colony from customs and railways for the past two months show a comfortable increase, showing better trade. Orders, however, are not increasing in size, and it does not appear that the trade of this year will vary very much from that of last
Canadian trade will be slow in developing because communication
s slow. The San Francisco line steamers sail once every four weeks, the Canadian line once per month. The consequence is that at this season of the year they arrive and leave about the same dates. Later on it will be better. Just now it requires three months to get at reply from Ontario. It is hoped that arrangements will be made with the Government of the colonies that will enable the Canadian line to put on a third steamer and alternate with the San Francisco line, giving a fortnightly mail service to Canada.
Not withstanding these drawbacks I am still of the opinion that now is the time for the Canadian firms who can afford it to open up trade. There are changes going on here that should be taken advantage of. Old firms, crippled by the losses of the past three years, and a de-

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crease of profits from a decreased trade, are going out of business or curtailing expenses, and therefore decreasing their machinery for pushing business, giving opportunities for new men and new lines, The chances for bad debts, still considerable, are much less than for years back. An opening made now uill put a firm in a position to do
a good business when the trade tor a good business when the trade turns, as turn it must within a year or two. Canada is in good repute and Canadian goods will be re-
ceived with favor.

What can Canada sell? Perhaps the most practical way of ansswering this query is by sending the following copy of the manifest of the barque Gratia, one of the two vessels which arrived at this port from New York within a week of each other, a couple of weeks
ago :ago :-

Gratia, bqe., from New York: For Sydney-21,000 es oil, 166 cs lubricating oil, 125 bbls lubricating onl, $1,650 \mathrm{cs}$ turpentine, 650 bbls plaster, io cs benzine, 62 bbls salad oil, 50 cs salad oil, 50 bdls oak 621 cs axes and hatchets, $10,176 \mathrm{ft}$. whiter, 136 pcs walnut, 48 bdls boards, 621 es axes and hatchets, 43 cs advertising matter, 3 drms ammonia, 28 es agricultural implements, 26 cs axles, 20 cs agate ware, 55 bbls beer, 15 cs bolts, 164 pkgs blacking, 24 bls broom corn, 8 es brooms, 177 kgs casings, 8 bbls casings, $2,+00$ bxs clothes pins, 12 pkgs carriages and waggons, 59 pkgs carriage ware, 351 pkgs carriage woodware, 21 cs clocks, 8 cs clothing, 6 cs castings, 6 cs confectionery, is cs catsup, 305 cs canned goods, i 31 cs chairs, 7 bls corks, 18 pkgs crackers, 15 crts churns, 50 cs crayons, 198 cs drugs, 16 es druggist sundries, 102 cs slates, 37 cs shovels, 35 cs seats, 41 pkgs shellers, 278 cs soap, 14 cs scales, 1 es shade rollers, 8 bls strawboard, 35 pkgs mfd tobacco, 15 hhds tobacco leaf, 18 pkgs dry goods, 8 bls duck, 8 pkgs dairy goods, 2 cs eyelets, 17 cs furniture and desks, 84 cs firearms and cartridges, 33 pkgs forks, hoes, and rakes, 25 cs flypaper, 309 pkgs grease, 120 bbls glucose, 8 cs grain mills, 82 grindstones, 554 pkgs hardware, 637 pkgs handles, 9 hay presses, 16 cs harness, 50 cs iron rings, 49 pkgs ink, 20 es kalsomine, 39 cs leather, 493 pkgs lamp and glassware, 48 bdls leatherboard, 32 cs myrbane, 7 cs machines, 25 bbls marble dust, 110 cs mucilage, 18 cs machinery, 87 pkgs nails, 57 pkgs odrs, 127 cs oiled clothing, 22 cs organs, 387 bdls paper bags, 419 rls paper, ioi cs paper, 19 pkgs paint and varnish, i i cs perfumery, 4 pkgs platedware, 2 pkgs pumps, 2 cs pitch, 12 bdls pails, I cs perambulators, in pkgs rubber goods, 118 pkgs sundries, 6 bxs tobacco shapes con'd, 83 cs tools, 44 cs tinware, 2 trucks, i 3 cs tricopherous, 95 pkgs trunks, 16 cs wood pulp board, 290 pkgs woodenware, 195 bdls washboards, 1,905 rls wire, 10 cs wringers. For Newcastle - 3,250 cs kerosene, 300 es turpentine, 20 csks plaster, 25 bxs axes, i bx advertising matter, 2 cs baby carriages, 43 pkgs blacking, 75 bdls boards, 5 crts churns, 200 bxs clothespins, 7 bxs clocks, 6 cs
cartridges, 1 cs forks, hoes, and rakes, 5 bxs flypaper, 30 cs grease, 21 es handles, 56 pkgs hardware, 2 es harness, 3 pkgs lawn mowers, ${ }^{14}$ pkgs lamp and glassware, 3 pkgs paint, I cs primers, 2 cs platedware, i box pumps, 3 bls rubber goods, io es sewing machine oil, 9 cs sundries, 2 es shovels, 3 crts shellers, 35 cs soap, I crt seats, $2^{\mathrm{cs}}$ travel bags, 7 cs tinware, 7 es tools, 10 es tricopherous, 2 pkgs traps, 2 cs woodenware, 1 cs waggons, 36 bdls washboards.
The first item is illuminating oil. With the exception of this oil, turpentine, benzine, raw tobacco, clocks, wire, and one or two small be able to duplicarcely an article on the list that Canada ought not to be able to duplicate. Two, and sometimes three, ships per month sail from New York for these colonies laden with just these goods. In spite of the decline of trade during the last three years the United States manufacturers have materially increased their sales.

Let it be noted that this trade is done by sailing vessels from $\mathrm{New}^{\mathrm{W}}$ York. This brings up the question of freight. The C.P.R. and the Vancouver line have done all they could to cultivate this trade by quoting low rates of freight, but it is not possible yet for all goods going over three thousand miles of land haul to compete with those paying sailing vessel freight. I wish they could. Goods via Vancouver are practically certain of delivery within thirty-five days, while via New York will require from 95 to 135 days. A higher rate can be paid for the prompt delivery by the overland routes, but the difference is too great for the bulk of goods. Canada ought to have at least monthly sailings from the St. Lawrence. Quebec and New Brunswick can furnish the timber, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia the plaster and grindstones for a bulk cargo, thereby offering 10 w freight for manufactured goods. As it is now, some vessels loaded with timber do come, often with poor results. When in Melbourne a short time ago I was pointed out three ships that had sailed from the St. Lawrence, arriving so closely together as to overload a poor mar-
ket. Canada sent pine and ket. Canada sent pine and spruce to New York, from whence it was shipped here, some as clear stuff and other as manufactured wooden ware; and Nova Scotia, gypsum, where it was manufactured into calcined plaster, and five or six thousand barrels and casks of it sent to these colonies. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick send grindstones across the burder, some of which no doubt follow the course of the timber stuff here. If New York can make money by doing this middlemen's trade could not Canada profitably do some of this trade
directly? directly?
To do this trade I still know of no better method than I recommended to manufacturers before leaving, "Come over or send a thoroughly competent man to look over the ground." If a traveller comes he must know the goods he represents thoroughly and have broad powers of action. It will be the exception if the mere sending

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of circulars or catalogress will lead to gobal business. It is the ald stor, "Goods seck good men, poor men serk the grools." Busmens mendre as reliable here as in Canada, but men unguatilied, or worse, are wo beund; and unfortunately too many Canadians hats con signed their goods to the hatter chass at considerable tons. Gne of the letters that go by this mail is a reply to the engumy of a Comadian tirm No whether they shonded send guods 10 at party whan had hent vers high testimonials: I hatd to write that the paty is unknown here, and had managed previonsiy to get a consmederable quantity of gonds from anothey Canadian house, which hats never been aceombed for. No Canadian has yet cone over whbont havorg done some bunters with a prospect of more. Mr. Boswell, What came over in Davomber, has haken fair sample orders; Mr. Girvin, vho canme in Wecember, has sold a considerable quatutity of rubber goud to tiretclawhouses, for the Canada Rubber Co.; Mr. MeL.aren, who came in Janary, representing D. Morrice N Co., plated lines of cottons, noturlintanding lie canne in the off seatson, and is likely 1 , do mare belore he leaves for South Afraca next momelh. The Febrnary steather bought over Messers Dietrich, Scoll and MeGregor from (iall. Mewr. Dietrich and Scott sold the goods which they brought that were - mited to the market, and have a fair oullook fien lhe future, atthough they have practically contined themselves to this city. Mr. Metiregor struck a bad time for wood working mathmerer, but is armughy with a firm to handle his goods. The Missey-llarris Co. are making steady progress in the introduction of targer ynamt en and hatger carieties of their mannfactures.
The season has beon in bad one for agriculturists. What would a Camadian farmer think of getting only eight bubluels of wheat to the acre, putting it in sacks, carrying it in a two-wheoled cart twenty miles to a ratway station, paying railway freight for a thu dred miles to the seaboard and thengeling fifty cents per bushel, sateks meluded? That has been the lack of a good many Victoria farmers. P'unhing the sate of agricultural implements under such conditions is not cherful work, but the Massey-Harris Co. ded it the year, and atre gteadily getting an increasingly latger shate of the trade. In rasmanal 1 found that the largest house in the wand had conchoded to abandon the lines they had hitherto imported to tater up the MasseyHarriv machines.
The Wiarimoo which arrived on Monday last brought wor Mr. lirie representing the Santord Ifg . Co. and some other Itamition firms. He has got his samples through and has promptly settled down to business. The Bed Orgatn and Patho Cob. have atonice hare and are not only selling organs but hate intronduced thear pianos with good results. The last vessel from Sew Sork bronghin over some sixty or seventy cases of musical instruments, all Comadian. With
the nest mail there will go letters from leadug firms here to matnu ficturers whohave written from canada, asking for samples and prices for paper, cigits, machanery, boots and showes, axise and edge tools, harness, "indmills and bicgeles. Two Australians are now on their way to Canadit to look into goods it which they are interested.

Coundians coming over must not be in a hurrs. To stay a monht is at but litlle bervice, but business is slower hore than at home. The givals are minkmun and there are only about thred dats in the werek whel you and depend on to meet buyers. Mondays and Tuesdey are Eivopean math days, and Saturday is a half holiday a and it 14 not east to get the altention of a business math on these dans. if time confl be spared to visit not only the seaports, be: the heating interior towns, it :rould be of great advantage. In this waty atl expleyt could introduce his goods to the leading retailers, and if the came un to the mack a ceminnance of business would be certain. The dustradian busincess man in baturally comervative. Ile is inelined to stick to goods that wit him. Orders from the interior genterally ant for peocifie brands and jobbers send new goods at their own risk. Thas makes it slow to opentrale, but it hats ins adtantages when it suate opened. It necorsitates the visit to the retail trate by a competent traceller.

Trade wouls be mach facilitated by the opening of a cianadian thow and sample room. The wholesatle and agrency firms shonk be insted to examine the goods, and if prices were contidemtially semt with the sample it would at once decide whether buniness coild be done There is a good feeling here towards Canadian grods, and 1 anm asked "What hame you to sell and where can I buy it?" locat ing the howrooms on the leading street would bring the geods before the cousumer, abd, by placardmg the nathe di the people handling them, would enable ham to learn where they could be obtained. Kenis are ligh, but such it room could he opened, if at anficent number of mandafaturers took part in it, at at cont of about threce dollars pea symare foot of hoor space. I lhank it would abondambly pas the mannfacturer for the mestment. I should he glad to gen the apinion of Comadian monufacturers on this matler.
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## Electrical Entergrises.

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The rapid increase in the number of electric lightang and electric railway colerprixes in Canada, renders oppotane a consideration of their inethods of inception and operation: and it in interesting and inntructive to note, that not only ar. they quite different to those recognized all over the Comtinent of liurope, and rapidy becoming

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more general in the United States ; but that those principles which are established as standard in all other enterprises of the same nature, even in Canada, seem not to apply to electricity. The success that seems to have attended the operations of most electric stations, is really wonderful, when one considers the absence of business principles in the management of all of them, except the few really large ones, and the disadrantageous conditions attending both their organizations and subsequent operations.

An examination into the details of the design of the large najority of smaller stations, leads to the conclusion that the unity -the fitness for a purpose-that should exist in the plant taken as a whole, is not recognized as being a very important factor governing the payment, or non-payment of dividends. One finds a high-class, expensive engine, running an old-fashioned, inefficient dynamo, or a large slowspeed engine purchased because it was cheap at second hand, to run a small dynamo that would not require, on the average, more than $50 \%$ or $60 \%$ of the engine capacity ; these combinations being made regardless of the facts that the low dynamo efficiency will probably more than counterbalance the high engine efficiency in the first case; and that the waste of power in the large engine running light, will probably represent a considerably larger annual expenditure, than the interest saved on the difference between the prices of a large second-hand, and a proper sized new engine.

One also finds, even in stations where everything has been purchased new, and of standard makes, a want of proportion between the various parts making up the complete plant, that to the professional eye, accustomed to regard an electric station as such, and in relation to its fitness as an electric current factory, and not merely as an exhibition of first-class, but quite unconnected machinery, is just as irritating in its incoherence and numberless sources of petty, but expensive wastes, as the fumbling of the piano learner is to the finished performer.

The causes of this want of balance are not far to seek; and station owners have only themselves to thank for it, that their disidends are not so satisfactory as they might be. The whole trouble is caused by the letting of contracts, piecemeal, for various portions of the plant, without reference to any distinct specification embodying the exact requirements of the enterprise, and arrived at after a careful scientific consideration of local conditions. About all the consideration these local conditions receive is that the proprietors think 1 ,ooo lights will be sufficient, or two or three sixteen foot cars ; and with this information they place themselves absolutely and entirely in the hands of one particular manufacturing company for electrical machinery, and in those of another for steam plant ; allowing these manufacturing companies to furnish their own
specifications, and to decide what is or is not necessary, just according as the interests of their respective manufacturing businesses dictate. As every manufacturing company desires to sell large orders. and has not the same interest in reducing investment as has the puch chaser who has to pay the money, it is perfectly evident that suplipurchaser does not consider his own interests, when he relies impirs citly on the advice of an agent whose salary depends on commissions on sales; moreover, as he thereby eliminates the competition should desire; and that by purchasing different pieces of machinery on his own responsibility, without any better guide than that affor ply by the interested eloquence of a professional drummer, he is sinply inviting the electrical and mechanical chaos which is found to ex in to the prejudice of dividends. A roo h.p. engine being sufficie sible one of $125 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. is purchased "just to make sure" on the irresponsi ${ }^{2}$, recommendation of a salesman whose "personal magnetism" huiregiven him an influence over a person ignorant of e'ectrical requir ment.

This shortsighted policy results to the disadvantage of the purchaser in two directions, and its effects are permanent. It first te ${ }^{n} a^{n^{n}}$ to raise the investment higher than necessary; and second, the waces ${ }^{2}$ of due proportion between engine, boiler and dynamo, introduce ents. permanent waste of power-which is waste of dollars and cent Is What is a manufacturer but a contractor, and a human being? and he to be blamed for taking a little advantage of the confidence who will childlike trust reposed in him by the innocent purchaser who "fixings"? cheerfully pay good money for all sorts of little elegant "fixings The purchaser, who in every other walk of life, is probably a shre ${ }^{\text {led }}$ business man, allows himself, in electrical enterpises, to be to gently by the nose, by a silver-tongued agent, whose object is price sell his goods, as much of them as possible, and at the highest obtainable.
Another peculiarity of Canadian electrical practice that points $t^{\text {the }} \frac{\text { te }}{}$ personal influence of agents, rather than to the acceptance of a ${ }^{\text {a }}$ trical machinery on its intrinsic merits, is the fact that wherever ${ }^{\text {er }}$ il particular "system" is adopted, it is adopted to the uttermost de fac" thereof. to the complete exclusion of any trifling apparatus manu der tured by the exploiters of a rival "system." Manufacturers, in orge to to obtain entire control of any business coming to them, arrange hit make a complete line of apparatus-from dynamo instruments- fill ${ }^{2}$ through to lamps, a "system," as it is called, so that they may f purchaser's entire order; and, of course, every agent will clain suil of iority for evely detail of his own system over every parable detafac any rival one. But is it to be supposed that any particular man detail turing company can own the best patents for every individual dable of apparatus comprising an electric plant? Is it not more suppo

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that a plant using exclusively one system contains good, bad and indifferent, and that a perfect one will include the best features of all systems, excluding the weak?

(To be continued.)

## A Case of Defective Riveting.

The driving of rivets is such a comparatively simple operation that it might be supposed that it would be almost always well done. This is far from being the fact, however, and bad riveting is one of the commonest defects Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company. The rivets may be too short, or too long, or too small; they may have heads that are too flat, or theo long, or too small; they may have heads mave not fill the holes, or they may have projecting "fins, or they may not fill the are many ways in which riveting may be bad.
A case that recently came to the notice of the inspectors of the above company question were in vertical pulp digester io feet in diameter and $3^{0}$ tet high, which was to be so constructed as to be safe under a presure of 90 pounds to the square inch. The plates were of steel fiveeighths of an inch thick, united by lap joints, which were triple riveted on the straight joints and double riveted on the girth joints. The pitch of the rivets in each case was $31 / 2$ inches, and the distance between the parallel rows was two inches. The rivets were threequarters of an inch in diameter.
Before the digester was accepted, the inspectors were called upon to inspect it and pronounce upon its safety. The inspector found the rivets "d driven very low "-that is, the heads were entirely too flat. he had a number of these rivets taken out, and found that the holes in the two sheets did not come opposite one another fairly. This defect is a common one, and it is very serious, both becatise it reduces the shearing area of the rivet, and because it greatly increases the difficulty of making the rivets, fill the holes perfectly. A shop that turns out work of this kind is particularly censurable, not only because the work itself is poor and weak, but also becatuse the defect is not easy to discover after the rivets are in place, and the owner of he boiler is therefore likely to be deceived by a fair external appearance, and to carry more pressure than the boiler can safely withstand.
The inspector also found that the heads were not driven evenly over the holes, the centres of the heads often lying well towards the side of the rivet. This defect, although not so dangerous as the unfairness of the holes, would not be tolerated in a good shop having any pretensions to turning out first-class work. It is very easily detect

ed, even by one who has had little experience in inspecting, and there is no excuse for it, whatever. The rivet holes were not countersunk, as they should be in all good work; and, taking everything into conideration, we think this case presented the finest example of notoriously bad work that we have seen in some time. The only thing that could be done to it, in the way of improvement, would le to cut ut all the rivets, ream out the holes until they should be true, and ivet them up again with larger rivets. The most reprehensible thing bout the job, perhaps, is that the builder used rivets that he knew o be too short. At least, we presume he knew them to be so, for any one who had the smallest idea about the business would know it. A boiler io feet in diameter, to carry 90 pounds of steam and with five or six men working about it, cannot be built too carefully ; and any such reckless performi nce as putting in rivets that are too short and too small comes dangerously near being criminal negligence.
The joint used in this digester is far from being beyond criticism. To begin with, a lap joint should not be used at all; a butt joint would be much safer and better in every way. Taking the tensile strength of the plate at 60,000 pounds per square inch, and the hearing strength of the rivets at 38,000 pounds per square inch, a ittle calculation will show that in the joint that was actually used the ivet area is far too small, so that with three-quarter-inch rivets and a factor of safety of five, the safe working pressure is only about 56 pounds. If a triple riveted lap joint were used at all, the rivets should be an inch in diameter (holes 1 i-I 6 inch, and the pitch should be about $3 \%$ inches. This joint gives an efficiency of 72 per cent., and a safe working pressure (with a factor of five) of just 90 pounds per quare inch. But a double welt butt joint is the proper thing for this case.

## Relative Cost of Iron Lumber.

An estimate has recently been obtained from a practical builder in which it is claimed that a building of sufficient size for ordinary manufacturing purpuses can be covered with iron roofing and siding manufactur per cent. less than lumber. The cost of lumber is now o low that this may seem a rather improbable statement, but as the one figures were made on a contract it is at least reasonable to builder's figures we can do what he claims. Nor is the first cost the suppose that he can be considered in the matter of saving. The exonly item thating the iron is claimed by a competent expert to be at pense of applying. less than wood, while still another point in favor of east 35 per cent. ir. $n$ is the about one-fourth that of clapboards, so that what is practically a waste in lumber is reduced to a minimum in the case of iron The use of corrugated iron for the purposes indicated is so rapidly.
extending that one is apt to forget it has had but a comparatively re cent origin. Within the last few months, galvanized iron has come forward into more general use as a substitute for the painted sheets and at a price that is but slightly above the sheets before they are painted. Galvanized costs no more than did plain iron a year ago and is so manifestly better for many purposes that it promises to supplant the other quality in a great measure. The low prices of both products have had a great deal to do with increasing the demand, but it is probable that the change in their favor would have come in time with the reduction in cost and the lesser expense as compared with lumber. This would be the case aside from the matter of first cost, since sheet iron and galvanized have a decided advantage over umberin the way of insurance and repairs in additionto theirbeing more substantial. The day is not far distant when wood will be sent to the background in all buildings of an industrial character. Even brick and stone have had their best days in such buildings. A new manufacturing plant in this vicinity is an evidence of this. Every thing about it is of iron or steel, except the foundations for the pillars, which are made of concrete. Even the doors and window frames are steel, while the roof and sides are covered with galvanized iron. This building is a type of the class that will come generally into use, for the very pertinent reason that they are better adapted to manufacturing purposes, are erected at a smaller comparative cost when their utility is considered and last longer and cost less in repairs than any other kind of work. -Stoves and Hardware Reporter.

## Higher Standard of Boiler Material.

In writing to the Ohio Valley Manufacturer on the above subject, H. R. Barnhurst, secretary of the Union Iron Works, Erie, Pa., refers to his 14 years in boller making and makes these points as the result of his observation and experience :
"Never before have boiler materials been of a better quality than to-day. The qualities of high ductility and elasticity, coupled with high tensile strength, are attained to a remarkable degree in the very cheapest grades of boiler steel. When I say this I, of course, exclude tank steel, that no honest boiler maker would permit to enter into the construction of a boiler, nor do I believe the makers of boiler steel would sell tank steel knowing that it was to be used for such purposes. A boiler maker driven to such a course would doubtless soon be listed among the black sheep, as well by the seller as by the
buyer. buyer.
" Boiler plates are bought of a given tensile strength and ductility and constant tests are carried on at the mills to see that the stan-
dard is maintained. At any time the boiler maker can obtain a swort certificate of the test of the steel entering into any given lot of plate, and if still in doubt he can have test pieces tested by disinterested parties, not connected with mills. In addition to this every boiler maker of any experience observes carefully the behavior of the steel plates under the various manipulations of the shops, and this test is so severe as to lead at once to the detection of inferior plates.
"The greatly reduced price of steel plate is not alarming, but the reverse. It shows the more complete mastery of the art and by lessening the margin between good steel and inferior, reduces the temp tation to use the latter. It costs the mills as much to melt, cast, and roll, poor steel as it does grood steel, and the whole difference figures back to the cost of the raw materials, which difference expressed in cents per pound, would make a small fraction.
"The danger in boiler making, lies less with poor material than with poor workmanship. Badly spaced tubes, rivets and braces, plates too thin for the work, deficient safety attachments, ill-proportioned settings, these are the points where the dishonest or ignorant get in their work, and for it they excuse themselves by the price they bind themselves to accept. A boiler shop fitted out with a complete equipment of modern tools costs a large sum of money and carries with it the assumption of good work. Contrary to popular prejudices, bad work in a boiler shop is the most expensive. Badly matched rivet holes take longer to rivet and caulk than true holes and the
fittirg up and testing, when poorly done, cary with them increased fittirg up and testing, when poorly done, carry with them increased expense. Aside from this, sooner or later, bad work of any kind destroys the reputation of the shop from which it comes. In the matter of proportioning thicknesses, rivets and braces, the work usually speaks for itself to the educated eye, and, if the eye is not educated, the best plan for a purchaser is to put himself in the hands of a responsible builder, who has capital and reputation at stake, and trust him. Because a man can hammer up rivets or put a patch on a boiler creditably, is no token that he has mastered the art of boiler building. The proper proportions of all parts of a boiler, and its setting and the best methods of doing the work, is a kind of knowledge rarely found in the man that swings the hammer, and, not always in the head that governs the shop.

The man who is always wanting something for nothing, who always 'has a lower price,' is the man who is always getting the value of his money, but not a cent more. He always buys 'cheap' goods and puts cheap men in charge of them. You can't guess where his troubles will end. I will say two things in conclusion : that never is the history of the world have boilers been as well made, and of as good material, as to day, and second, that I don't want an iron boiler at any price.


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Place Bros., Stony Creek, Ont., are building a new sash, blind and door factory at that place.

Mr. Babcock, of Odessa, Ont., will build a grist and saw mill at Bath if the village gives him a bonus of $\$ 500$.
The Niagara Central Railway Co. is applying for power to extend its line from Hamilton to Brantford, and thence to Woodstock, Ont.

Mr E.W. Stickney, Newburg, Ont., is negotiating for the purchase of the old Newburg paper mill property, for the purpose of putting in a plant for the manufacture of agricultural implements.

The McLaren Match Co., of Buckingham, Que., has been incorporated with a capital stock of $\$ 40,000$ to carry on the business of manufacturers of matches, woodenware, and articles made from wood, etc.

The attention of intending purchasers of machinery is directed to the articles offered by W. R. Scott, Toronto, in his advertisement on another page. He has bought the plants of The Empire Printing $\mathbb{N}^{\prime}$ Pub. Co., and the American Brace Co., the machinery being of the best quality and in use but a short time. Correspondence addressed to Mr. Scott re machinery, etc., of any kind will have his careful and prompt attention.
Supplementary letters patent have been issued to the Massey-Harris company, Toronto, authorizing the extension of the undertaking so as to enable the company to carry on its business "within Canada and the United Kingdom and elsewhere, and to establish branches and agencies in any foreign countries." A proviso is added, however, that the company shall have no claims against the Government if their supplementary letters patent are not recognized in any foreign country.


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Lennox's planing mill, at Toronto, was destroyed by fire April 14: loss about \$7,000.

Alvarez Putney's saw and grist mill at North Hatley, Ont., was destroyed by fire March 31 ; loss about : 1,500.

Messrs. Costello \& McMoran have erected a new cannery at Stev ${ }^{\text {- }}$ eston, B.C., which will have a capacity of 40,000 cases.
Cushing \& Co.'s splendidly equipped sawmill at Union Point, ${ }^{\text {St. }}$ John, N. B., was totally destroyed by fire on April ioth ; loss aboul \$50,000.

The North American Graphite \& Mining Co., Ottawa, Ont., are applying for incorporation with a capital stock of $\$ 150,000$ to caite, on the business of exploring for, mining and manufacturing graphth etc.

The Black Creek Hydraulic Mining Company of Cariboo, B. C. $\mathrm{Sec}^{-}$ has been incorporated with a capital stock of $\$ 300,000$. The ${ }^{2}$ any retary is Mr. J. W. McFarland, and the head office of the comp at Vancouver.

The New Light Co., of Montreal, are applying for inco-poration with a capital stock of $\$ 60,000$ to carry on the business of genetc manufacturers, and to manufacture appliances, apparatus, plant, etc. necessary for lighting purposes.
The Brackman \& Ker Milling Co., of Victoria, B.C., will estahlisth an oatmeal mill and elevator at South Edmonton, Alberta, of Van$\Gamma$. W. Lines will be manager. They will also open a branch couver, of which $W$. H. Ker will have the management.
The Truro Casket Co., Truro, N.S., are applying for incorporation now with a capital stock of $\$_{15}, 000$ to purchase the factory, etc., no owned by Chas. A. Kent, and to take over the business at presets, carried on by McLeod Bros., and to manufacture coffins, ca etc.
A special press telegram from Port Arthur, Ont., says:-Thi. Ray are booming in the gold way in the Rainy river district. Cole now has refused an offer of $\$ 25$,0oo for one of his locations near the ${ }^{\text {est }}$ celebrated Weigand mine. A Philadelphia capitalist who is inten has ed with Messrs. Wiley Brothers in the Lake Harold location $\mathrm{p}^{2{ }^{\text {a }}}$ thirty men at work mining and building a gold mill of the la tern and most modern style at Lake Harold itself. The ing mill Drill Company have started a man in the district to sell mining, mave ing, and drilling machinery. Up to date hundreds of locations ands been surveyed and purchased from the Crown, and literally the to on of veins have been located. These all carry gold from five to thousand dollars per ton.

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The Pedlar Metal Roofing Co., Oshawa, On , wili matse extensive additions to their works.
Messirs. Situpson, Hall, Miller \& Co., Montreal, will shortly commence the manufacture of sterling silver goods.
The satw and grist mills of Andrew Jackson, at Strathroy, Ont., "ere totally destroyed by fise April 8 ; loss about $\$ 5,000$.

The MeClary Manufacturing Company, of London, Ont.; propose to establish a branch of its enameled ware manufactory in Kingston, Ont.
A new brush factury is to be established at Montreal. Those interested are 12 Bickerdike, H. I.aporte, Senator Desjardins, Lafontante and F. G. Lyman.

The Featherston liano Cu., of Montreal, Que, has been incorporated with a capital stock of $\$ 50,000$ to manufacture pianos, orgins, and other nusical instruments.

The Anglo-British Columbian Packing Co. are erecting a new salmon cannery at livers Inlet, B.C., whose capacity will be about 15,000 cases. The catnneries of this company are being overhauled, and some new plant introduced.

The Robb Engine Company, Amherst, N.S., are turning out dranings for a line of side crank engines, the first of which goes to the Dominion Coal Co. C. B. The object of this new venture is to turn out a cheap, strong engine for mill work, but in the above case the engine will be finished in class A style. These engines are to be sraduated in 6,12 , and 15 inch strokes.

The Westminster se Vancourer (B. C.) Electric Tranmay Co's line, rolling stock and property were sold a few days ago by the bondholders. The property includes the inter-urban tramway beween Vancouver and Westminster, and the street railway in the latter city. The purchaser was Mr. Frank Batrnard, manager of the Consolidated Railway and Light Co., the owners of the street railway at Vancouver. The price paid was $\$ 280,000$. The intention is to consolidate the whole system.
The Colonial Iron \& Coal Co., of St. John, 之. B., propose to erect a blast furnace at Carleton, that Province. The company has already secured coal areas in Queen's Connty and have also secured the right to build a railroad from the coat areas to Gibson, opposite Fredericton. The Central Railway is to build a line of railway from Chipman to the coal fields, about fifteen miles. Mr. Robt. G. Leckie and others are associated in this enterprise with English and American capitalists. The works are to have a capacity of 100 tons pig ron per day.

The Montreal Cariage Co., Montreal, Que., are erecting al lage carriage factory at that place.
Harold farvis, formerly a clerk in the Canadian Pacifie Raihay offices in Toronto now of the general freight department at the Northern lacific lay., in St. Paul, Minn, has applied stenogiapho principles to inctual practice, and his invention promises to make lim finmous and wealthy'. He clatims that he is the first man of a score or more who hate tried to introduce on ordinary typewriters word artachments, practicable in operation, who has been granted a phome from Waslington. The word attachment is for the purpose of printing it a single stroke frequentiy used words or phrases, or any -pe. cial words or phrases employers in the different lines of busine in mate desire, the paper carriage skipping and setting antomatically, athon. ing the word or phrase printed to take up its plate on the line with correct spacing, thereby sawing from four to filtecen strokes. Iuche additional words or phrases mity be attached to the typewriter, whoth can be operated without interference with the other keys. Thene ". also attached what the inventor calls a two-space lever to salse the time necessary to make the space between words, which citu be strack instantaneously, by the disengaged hand, with the last lefter of a Written word, thereby allowing the carriage to move forward two spaces. Mr. Jarvis says that he has taken and average of seloral days' letters, and estimates the numberiof strokes saved in printurgat a single stroke the frequently used words (suchasi and, the, for, trom, which, but, to the, of the, ete.) with the two-space lever also in une, from 8,000 to 12 ,000 per day, or an eighth of the operators time, which, if time is worth anything, will save enough to pay for the attachment in two or three months. Mr. Jarvis says that from his tests of the movement of the automatic spacer, it is safe to sity that il will never vary in the skip and set, and the operator can be assured of a fery neat result by its adoption. This machine, if what its insentor claims, will revolutionize check writing by hand, and its adoption hy railroads for turning out the employees pay-check may be looked for in the near future. The checks will be printed in roller form, periorated and set in a rack behind the machine. With the first check in position to receive the imprint necessary for date, roll and line mamber the first throw will bring the check into postion for the natme, the next for the amount, and the next off on the following check for the same thing. As the printed checks are turned out and fall back, they can be torn off in sheets of four, as in ordinary writing. Two men and a boy by this means will be enabled to do the work of about ien writing with the pen. One will dictate from the pay-roll, and one operate the enumerator, so that neither will have to take their eyes off their work where there is so much time lost even in writing by hand.

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The Kay Electric Works, Hanilton, Ont., have been purchased by Messrs. J. S. Jub and Robert Lynch, who will continue mannufacturing the Kay electric motors and apparatus.
The Ontario Steam Logger Co., Toronto, Ont., are applying for incorporation with a capital stock of $\$ 250,000$ to manufacture snow traction engines for the hauling of sawlogs, etc.
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Messrs. Ahearn 心 Soper, electrical engineers of Ottawa, were at Oshawa, Ont., a few days ago with Captain Carter, promoter of the Oshawa Fllectric Railway. They went over the proposed route, and Captain Carter has arranged with Mr. E. S. Edenondson for the necessary power, and will put in his own dynamo. Work will be
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The general design of this instrumem is chealy shown in firy 2 , at: interior view, from which it will be seen to consist ol: a stationary solenoid $A$, and an armature $B$ carred by a nom-magnetic shati through the centre of the solenoid, the shate being supported at it opposite ends on steel knife-edge spring supports ( and 1), the same as in the Bristol's recording voltmeter.
The recordiug pen arm Ef is secured divedy to the sted ping


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support D, and partakes of its angular motion as the armatare in allracted to the coil or solenoid he :s current :wsing through the solenoid. Although the actual distance that the armature itaref moves is small, it will be observed that it trammits atm anghar motion to the penarm, resilting in at wide range on the ehat without employment of multiplying devices between the spring and the pen.

A novel feature of tinis instrument is the form of iramature wheth is used to procuri ? chart with the divisons mearly whform thoughnut its rathge. I. consints of two parts, a fat abl weythin diace of iron and at small :deeve or corc of iron on a mon-magnetic shaft. The slecte is completely eomecaled from view within the solenoid; the dise is stiffened by it plate ef non-maturetic ane ald.

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tions or less. These engines are not, therefore, to be put in the same class as the highspeed engines, which make from 250 to 500 revolutions. The speed of the engines can be aftered while ruming, which is for many industries a great advantage.

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