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-The Toronto Builders' Exchange refused the laborers' request for an advance from 25 to 28 cents per hour.
-The Railway Spring and Supply Company of Montreal has been incorporated with a capital stock of $\$ 49,000$.
-A $\$ 35,000,000$ mortgage from the Norfolk \& Western Railroad Company to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York was filed for record at Columbus, Ohio, some days ago.
-The Cornwall Paper Manufacturing Company, has elected the following directors: President, M. P. Davis, Ottawa; vice-president and managing director, S . Greenwood; directors, Col. R. R. McLennan, R. J. Pitts, J. A. Cameron, C. P. Deroche, E. H. Brown.
-The Minister of Inland Revenue is now determined to prosecute manufacturers of jams, jellies and spice who resort to adulteration. An analysis of samples procured by the official analyst shows that considerably less than 50 per cent. of these products were genuine. The spices were adulterated in the most flagrant manner. In future samples will be obtained from manufacturers and importers instead of from retailers only.
-The Canada Foundry Company have closed a contract with the Canadian Northern Railway for a bridge over the North Saskatchewan and northwest of Battleford, at what is known as the Second Crossing. It will consist of eleven spans, and the total length of the steel superstructure will be approximately 1 , 870 feet, not including the length of the approaches. The total weight of steel entering into the structure of this bridge will be approximately three million five hundred thousand pounds.

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The stock of Benson \& Co., general merchants, Waterford, Ont., valued at $\$ 10,000$, was sold by auction at Toronto some days ago, to (i. T. Fuller, Forest, for 68 cents in the dollar.

The Island Club House, of the R.C.Y.A., Toronto, was burned on the evening of the 15 th instant. The building was valued at $\$ 15,000$; insured for $\$ 0,000$ in the London Assurance Company.
-Halifax, N.S., advices state that the purchase of $\$ 330,000$ worth of Sydney bonds by Coates \& Co. of London was completed some days ago. The price was 84 , with accrued interest, delivered at Sydney or Montreal.

The firm of Powell \& Co., of Tilbury, Ont., who for a number of years have carried on business as general merchants, have assigned. The total liabilities are estimated at from $\$ 15,000$ to $\$ 18,000$. Montreal wholesale houses are principally aftected.
-We learn from St. John's, Nfld., that Sir Alfred Harmsworth and a number of newspaper proprietors of London have closed negotiations for 1,500 square miles of timber areas in the interior of Newfoundland on which they propose to erect the largest pulp mill in the world.
-The Department of Mines expects to receive a valuable report from Mr. J. Walter Wells, who is now investigating the lime, clay and shale deposits of Manitoba, in the interest of the cement industry. If these materials abound to any extent, it will mean much accommodation for settlers in the west, where lumber for buildings is searce and costly.
-The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Valley \& Manitoba Land Company was held at Winnipeg recently, Reports showed a most prosperous year. The election of officers resulted as follows:-Col. A. D. Davidson, president; F. G. Kenaston and Hon. Peter Jansen, vice-presidents; Donald H. Macdonald, treasurer; J. A. Macrae, secretary.
-The assigniee is advertising the assets of the Enterprise Hosiery and Underwear Company, Toronto Junction, for sale on August 23. Mr. Clarkson was appointed interim liquidator of this firm, on a winding-up order granted July 12 . The assets are $\$ 3,481.53$, and the liabilities $\$ 5,678.08$. It is expected that the estate will pay about ten cents in the dollar.

Six by-laws, involving an expenditure of $\$ 111,500$ in all, were voted on at Calgary, on the 13th instant in comection with pubilc works and improvements. The only one passed was that for $\$ 39,100$, to provide for an extension of the water mains, renewing the old mains and purchasing a new pumping engine for the waterworks, which has just been installed.

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-The contract for the new immigration hall to be erected at Wimnipeg, has been let by the Dominion Government. It will be built by the Manitoba Construction Company, and the contract calls for its completion on January 1st. The net outlay will be about $\$ 200,000$. The building will be about 200 feet long and tio feet in width, with four stories and a deep basement. To the first floor it will be of stone and the balance brick.
-The Yorkshire Post, commenting on the boom in wheat, says: "A witness before Mr. Chaplin's commission stated that Argentina is capable of producing enough foodstuffs to feed the world. A similar claim has been made on the part of Canada, but the progress made in Argentina greatly exceeded that of Canada. In 1897 Argentina sent out less than a million awts, of whont. During the first seven months of 1904 she sent out $13,520,000$ and Canada only $12,200,000$.
-Wlectric railway lines are spreading further into the sub urbs until we hear of comparatively remote towns being con nected. A South Bend, Ind., report states that Walter C Nelson, president of the Northern Traction Company, filed there a mortgage of $\$ 3,500,000$ to the Knickerbocker Trust Com pany of New York and Benj. L. Allen, New York, co-trustee The mortgage covers a proposed electric car line to extend from South Bend to Chicago, through New Carlisle, La Porte, Valparaiso and Hammond, Ind.
-The draft convention for a reduction of the postal rates between Canada and Mexico has been received in Ottawa from the dovermment of the latter country, and Sir William Mulock will execute the formal convention. It will then be despatched to the Mexican Government for them to execute. The reduction will probably go into effect on September 1st. The letter rate is lowered from five to three cents and the rate on newspapers and periodicals mailed from the office of publications drops from eight cents to one-half cent a pound.
-Improvements in farm machinery are keeping pace with those of the factory. We find the following in the Guelph, Ont. Mercury, from a correspondent in Wellington County:Messrs. D. and J. Duff tested their new threshing machine with straw cutter and blower combined, on Monday. It work ed like a charm and is beyond doubt the best threshing outfit ever introduced into this neighborhood. Only six men are re quired to operate it, whereas the old time threshing machine required 12 to 15 men to work it successfully.
-We learn from Chicago that two of the most important business deals that have taken place in the mercantile life of that city in recent years were annaunced a few days ago. If. G. Selfridge \& Co. have sold to Carson, Pirie, Scott \& Co., the stock and leases recently purchased from Schlesinger \& Mayer H. G. Selfridge, best known as general manager for many years, of the Marshall Field \& Co, retail establishment, passes out of the retail business and the stock of both firms will be combined, the business of Carson, Pirie, Scott \& Co. to be conducted thereafter in the store now occupied by Selfridge \& Co
-The Allan Line steamer Parisian, which arrived at Mont real this week, established another record for the St. Lawrence route, by making the voyage from Quebec to Montreal in ten hours. The previous record for the quickest passage from Quebec to Montreal, ten hours and fifteen minutes, was also held by this steamer. On this trip, besides breaking all re cords from Quebec to Montreal, she also broke her own record from Moville to Rimouski, making this passage in six days, ten hours and forty-eight minutes
-Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows the total visible to be $1,332,831$, agaiost 1 , 450,438 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 555,831, against 672,438 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 777,000 , against 787,000 last year Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 747,000 , against 759,000 last year; in Egypt, 89,000, against 8,000 last year; in India, 376,000 , against 471,0000 last year, and in the United States, 141,000 , against 223,000 last year.
-Several rumours have been current of late, says a Tilsonburg, Ont., report, that the Tilsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific Railway had been sold to the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is now apparent that the rumour, while not correct, was not en tirely baseless, and that the line from Port Burwell to Inger soll is soon become a part of the C.P.R. system under a lease. An advertisement in a local paper announces that " $a$ special general meeting of the shareholders of the Tilsonburg, Lake Frie and Pacitic Railway Company will be held at the head office of the company in Tilsonburg, on Tuesday, 20th September, to consider whether it is expedient to lease the company's railway to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and, if so to approve of the terms and conditions and form of the lease."

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#### Abstract

-The Grand Trunk Railway Company's half yeạrly report shows gross receipts of $£ 2,559,300$, working expenses, $£ 1,895$, 600 , and net receipts, $£ 063,700$. Net revenue charges, less credits, were $£ 519,700$, leaving a balance of $£ 144,000$, which, deducting a deficiency of $£ 19,400$, leaves a surplus of $£ 124$, 6010. This, added to the balance from December, makes £ 127, 300 a vailable for dividends. -We learn from Washington that details of the largest wireless telegraph station in the world, to be erected at Pisa, Italy, are communicated to the Department of Commerce and Labor by Richard Guenther, Consul-General at Frankfort, Germany. The station will be called Coltano, and it is designed to establish wireless telegraphic communication from there with Great Britain, Holland, the United States and Canada, as also with vessels in the Mediterranean, the Baltic Sea, the Red Sea and the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. The buildings will be of the most approved style and will be construeted entirely of stone. As it will take some time to put the machinery and apparatus in place the station will probably not be ready for receiving and transmitting messages before the beginning of


 next year.-The pneumatic tube system for transmission of mails will shortly be in operation here. Mr. Galt, of Toronto the en gineer in charge of the pneumatic tube system, was in Ottawa, recently, says a dispatch from that city, and had an interview with the Postmaster-General. He submitted speoifications for iron piping, which were approved of, and tenders will be invited at once, both for TMatate and Montreal', the idea being that the installation of the system in those cities should proceed concurrently. The piping used will have an inside diameter of 10 inches. Some delay in commencing the Toronto building was occasioned because of uncertainty as to location of the new Union Station: But for this the Postmaster-General expected to have had the Toronto system in operation before the end of the present year. This, however, is now impossible.
-At the meeting of the Civic Finance Committee, Ottawa, some days ago, tenders were received for the purchase of debentures to the amount of $\$ 829,972.08$. The best offer was 97 for four per cent. short-term bonds, while but 92 was tendered for those bearing interest at $31 / 2$ per cent. The last time Ottawa four per cent. debentures were placed on the market, says a correspondent, they realized par, and the $31 / 2$ per cents. brought 96. The debentures offered are to cover an accumulation of expenditures for the city's share of local improve-ments-drainage construction, public schools, fat stock building, water works and police stations. None of the tenders were deemed satisfactory, and action was deferred. The tenderers were:-The Dominion Securities Corporation, of Toronto; Aemelius Jarvis \& Co., Montreal Districty and Savings Bank, J. M. Robinson \& Sons, of St. John, N.B., and Wm. C. Brent, of Montreal.
-Sir William Mulock has been appointed to represent Can ada at the conference of co-partners to the Pacific cable, to be held in London early in November, and will leave for England about the middle of October. The other co-partners are Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand. Lord Jersey will act for Greate Britain and Sir Sandford Fleming will be New Zealand's representative. The object of the conference is to consider the complications which have grown out of the action of New South Wales in having granted privileges to the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company which seriously prejudice the financial success of the Pacific cable. The pther governments identified with the project feel that their interests have been gravely affected by this action, and the conference will endeavor to reach a conclusion as to what should be done by Australia to overcome the disastrous results flowing from the course adopted by New South Wales.
-The rising towns of the West are gradually asserting their interests. From Lethbridge, N.W.T., we learn that the Galt coal company are busy getting a stock of coal mined and sent forward while cars can be obtained. At present about 800 hands are employed, with a pay roll of about $\$ 60,000$ per month. This, with several industries, is making business good ,and the prospects for the future of Lethbridge are very bright. To help on with this, system of waterworks and sewage is rapidly being installed, and it is expected will be completed in November.' There is nó question about the sewerage proving a success, as the town is built on the bank of the Belly river, 300 feet above the bed of the stream of pure mountain water. The irrigation system is used throughout the town, and many of the streets are already lined with nice shade trees, principally elms and cottonwood. By being watered with the irrigation ditches and laterals some beautiful lawns are kept green and luxurious the same way. Already large shipments of cattle are being made to the English markets and are in good condition.

## -Negotiations are on, says an Ottawa letter, between the

 Government and the Anglo-American Cable Company, which latter enjoys a monopoly of the telegraph business between Prince Edward Island and the mainland, looking to a reduction of telegraph tolls and a night service. A preliminary conference was held some days ago between Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Chas. Hyman, on behalf of the Government, and Mr. Markey, of Montreal, solicitor for the cable company, and Mr. McMichael, representing the Great Northwestern. Messrs. D. F. Mackinnon and Hassard, two of the Ministerial members from Prince Edward Island, were also present. The idea is that in return for an increased subsidy, reduced rates and a night service shall be granted. The negotiations are being carried on not only with the Anglo-American Company, but with the Great Northwestern and Western Union, who are also. interested. The probability is that the Government's announce ment of their intention to instal Marconi wireless stations Las rendered the cable company willing to consider modificar tions of the existing monopoly.
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Emilia: "You told a lie, an odious damned lie; Upon my soul, a lie, a wicked lie!

That it is utterly incredible we propose to show. The calumniator distinctly declares her description to be applicable to England, not to the United Kingdom. Now, the population of England in 1903, in round figures, was $33,300,000$. If there are $12,000,000$ peoplle "never sober except by accident," as Mrs. Murray says, then, over omethird of the people in England are continuously, chronically intoxicated ; therefore, not at work, therefore earning nothing. How, we ask, do these perpetual inebriates get the money to buy drink, and food, and lodging? They are not "on the rates," as out-door recipient of Poor Law relief are said to be, consequently they must be provided with drink, food and lodging from some mysterious source-which calls for explanation.
Official returns give the number of paupers in receipt of relief in England and Wales in 1903, as 939,400, of whom 235,800 were inside workhouses. Basides these there were inmates of jails, hospitals, of all kinds, numbering about a million. So that, altogther; :ncluding Mrs. Murray's black list, there were 14 millions of the preople in England and Wales last year not only out of work but, as she says, "too incapable for anything," which gives over two persons in every five as either "bold, bloat'ed, dissolute, degraded, debauched, never solber except by accident," or, from misfortune dependent upon the community for a living. A person must have the swallowing capracity of Jonah's whale, to be able to gulp down -uch a Mruchausen story as that.
Twelve millions of persons, who are chronically intoxiated, must be adults; they therefore represent a total ?opulation of not less than $35,000,000$; so that, according to Mrs. Murray's figures, the entire population of England is made up of families, the heads and older members of" which are "never sober except by accident." What a wonderful country England must be, for all the men and women in it to be "incapable of anything," always idle and always drunk! Yet, American papers of the best class republish such idjotie, sulch glaringly foolish descriptions of the Old Country.

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One question we should like to ask is this: If all the adults in England are "never sober," and are "incapable of anything," by whom were the British goods produced that sold last year in foreiggn markets for $\$ 1,454,400,000$, and who paid for the goords imported that were valued at $\$ 2,714,500,000$ ? With one exception, and that a trifling one, the exports of England lalst year were the largest on record. Somebody must have been sober, bury, and capable to have produced goods for export at the rate of $\$ 5,000,000$ every working day last year in Eng'and.
We cannot but express regret that slanders so tramsparently false, yet so calcullated to do British interests incalculable mischief and so certain to tarnish the industrial fame of England,, should have beee given publicity by any journal.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON FREE TRADE AND HIS PROPOSALS

The greatest speech yet made in ffavolur of a change in the British tariff looking towards some form and degree of protection to agricultural and manufacturing interests was made on the 4 th inst., in the Riding School, Welbeck Abbey, Nottinghamshire. The scene was probably unprecedented outside a great city. The Riding School is part of the improvemets carried out some years ago by the Duke of Portland at anf emormous expense. The building is of stone, 385 feet long, 112 feet wide, and 51 feet high. It is lighted by 7,500 gas jets. The stables, attached have stalls for 96 horses. There is an arcade in a line with this unique.builiding 1,270 feet long, covered with glass and hard by are hothouses 800 feet long. We give these figures to show our readers who are not familiar with England some idea of the enormons establishments maintained by the great magnates of the old land.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech was addressed to an audience of 12,000 persons, including many noiblemen, membens of Parliament, farmers, labouners, and manufacturers from towns in Yorkshifire, and buther countlies. No stuch audicnce was ëver before astemibled.

The pith of the speech wha an attack upon Free Trade,
points against which were rattled out like rifle shots. The absence of competition by foreign nations in past years was declared to have been caused by their lack of capital, of skilled labour and machinery. Within the last 30 years foreigners have gained these things and the result has been that, under a system of protection to native industries, Germany, France, the United States have progressed more quickly thran Great Britatri, which, from a pacisition of supremacy has fallen into a secondary place with crery prospect of further receding. To check this it is pre posed to impo e taxation upon foreign made goods. unlens Brit'sh goorls are allowed to enter free into foreign countmis as theirs do into England. We will fight with eompetitors, said Mr. Chamberlain, "with their own weapons."

The efferts of Free Trade were thus de-cribed. In the last 30 years the acreage in wheat in Fngland has lessened $1, y 3,000,000$ acres and the green crope by threefourtho of a million. A large area bas gone out of cultivation, and an enormous amount of land has passed from aranle to pasture, which has reduced the demand for agricultural lalrourers. The stock of they eatititry has decreasen by two millions of head, and the farmers' capital by $\because 00$ millions sterling ( $\$ 1,000,000,000$ ) .... In ormsequence of these changes the number of people cultivating the land and caring for the animals has decreased by 600.000 in the last 30 years and by a million since Free Trade was established.

These conditions were conitrastied with Mr. Cobden's propheries. He said the repetal of the Corn Laws would stimulate the demand for and so increase the value of agricultural labour, whereas it has thrown one-half of the labourers out of employment. He said, not a single acre would the thrown out of cultivation, or production be lessened by a single bushel, whereas the production of corn (wheat) in England has been diminished tor the extent of 60 millions off bushels. He said that farmers' profits would mot be affected and they would always get a fair, paying price for wheatt. He did not anticipatie the heavy deceline that has taken place until it cannot be produced at a profit, while the price of bread has not fallen in anything like the same proportion.
The effect of driving such a mass of labour away from agriculture has been to overcrowd the cities, so that over the entire field of industry in. England the value of labour has been adversely affected, owing to the reduction in the demand for labour in agricultural distriets. Owing to emigration this has been relieved to some extent, but, said Mr. Chamberlain, 'the agricultural labourers are the worst paid of any class in the United Kingdom,".

He plassed on to discharge a sarcastic phillipic against those who speak of cheap food as the greatest human blessing. Since Free Trade was estitablished thene had been no subistanitial decrease in the price of bread. The main thing desirable was noit cheap food but plenty of employment at good wages.
Mr. Chlamberlain, at this point, said: "I propose to putt a tax of two shillinga a quararter upon wheatly" which be proceeded' to show would not add to any appreciable extent to the cost of living, while it would inconease the opt portunities for employment and for securing higher wages.
'A"statement was made showing that the duty on wheat in Frunce is over 12 shillings a quarter, or six times what Mr . Ohlamberlain proposece, and the duty on meat is one peniny a pound', which is double what he suggests. Yet
with thear doutties the cost of living in France is much lower and his margin at the end of the week is much greater than that of the labouner in England. Those duties were imposed in 1892 and returns came down to 1900. In those eight years the price of wheat fell in France 20 per cent., while in England thee fall wae only 11 per cent. The price of beef fell 10 per cent. in Figance aftier the duty was improsed and it rose 2 per cent. in England. The protection given agriculture in France has stimulated production of all classes of products and developed greatly the business of raising cattle.
 words in flull in regard to the effect of the duties he proposes on the price of food:
"Now what is the recult of these figures? The result is this- that the duty, any duty, placed on the praducts of agriculture does not necessarily increase the price of food, and I will say more than that; I will say that it never has in our experience, or in the experience off any foreign country, increased the price of food to a proportionate or equivalent amount. Buit if it doee not inerease the price of food it does, in all cases, extend the producton iof food, increase the employment of labour, and cheapen the ultimate colst to the consumer; my proposals, tharefore, I say, will bring tho the labourer more employment, and will not raise the cost of his living. But I am not satlisfied with that. I want tio do something mone for him and for all the ploor in this country. I want tho reduce the costt of living, and I believe it can be done under this system. These duties that I have spoken of will be paid in the main by the forefigner, they will be the foreigner's contributtion-land it is a' very small oneto our expenditure; but they will bring in a great number of millions a year. Whatt are we going to do with those millions? We are not going to bury them; we are not gofng to spend them. We are not going to use them to reduce the cost of living and the cost of food for the people of this country. There are politicians who tell you they are free-fooders. I suppose theey do not know what they are talking about. There are no free-fooders in this coluntry. They seem to think that you live by bread allone. On the contrary, every laborer will tell you, every class in the community knows, that we have to live upon a good number off other things as well, and most of them are heavily taxed. There are heavy taxes on tea, on sugar, on coffee, on cocoa-and on tobacoco, all of which would be reduced."
In his peroration Mr. Chamberlain paid a very eloquent tribute to the people of Canada and Australlasia for their coming to the assistance of the Mother Countrity in itime of stress and trial, upon which he blased a stirring appeal for support of such a fiscal policy as would strengthen the bonds of Empire.

TEA AS A BEVERAGE.
Experts in thea are wont to say that scarcely ome penson in ten on the western continent seldom or nevers know the tasteriof tea, and it is safe to slay that outside oll its native country and Russia it is only in the United Kingdom that it is, as a rule, intelligenifly briewed. (A recent essay on the subject by the president of the National Tea Association, and published by the Jouronal of the Asiatic Association, containg much information of genesal. intereat to the trade and the public at large. .. Intelli-
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## The cup that cheers and not inebriates."

Tannin forms an acid which, if traken habitually to excess by persons in delicate health, is apt to affect injuriously the nerves or the digestion, The secret therefore of obtaining the beneficial properties of tea, without any deleterious results, is tor secure theine without tannin, and this can pe accomplished by never permitting the tea leaves to boil at all, nor even to draw in the usual way for more than sovem minutes, in which time tannin begins to develop, and after ten minutes in such quantity as to slightly affect the nerves. The average consumer approaches his grocer generally with a request for a pound or more of black or green tea, knowing little more than this about the article, and leaving the rest with the grocer. It is not suspected by either retail dealer or consumer that there are as wide differences in black tea alone as there are between tea and any other beverage, or as there are between coffee and chocolate.
Of China black tea alone there are five hundred kinds and grades, and two hundred yarieties of greten itea. Of Ceylon, or India tea there are more than five hundred varieties, and also at least one hundred varietiles of Japan tea. Now, as all these specimens can be blended together, it follows that it is possible to have about two thousand flavours of tea.

Until within a flew years green tea has been found chiefly in China, but recently excellent specimens have been produced in India and Ceylon. Green teas are known as Gumpowdens, Imperials, Young Hysons and Hyeons, according to the shapes which the leaves itake in the process of firing. They may all come from the same plant. the Gunpowders and Young Hysons being the smallest and the Impipirials lamd Hysons the largest leaves. They may all have thet same or simillar flavours when picked from the same planitation, but the flavours differ radically according tho the districts from which they come. Of every district there are seven gradee of quality, beginning with the largest leaf, which is called common, then fair, good, fine, finest, choice and choidest, with many intermediate qualities.
A prejudice once existed against gneen teas, owing to the colouring matter used to give their names, and oonsequently to the facility of imitating them by placing this colouring matter upon spurious leaves, which mght, be merely noxious weeds. The United States some yelars ugo passed an act to preventi the imporithation of such teas, and to exclude alll adulterate teas. 'Tea is the only beverage gularanteed to bee pure by the government. . If greon tea is desired in thle highest degnee of perfotion, the A mericans claim that the consumer should demand -that: he be supplied the Moytume articlle; but authorities are found to differ in this respect.

Black theas are far moine propular than green teas: thronghoint Europe, but in North Aivierica they Liave to divide hioniours noit only with the green teas, but with Japans, The people of Ontario haive long favoured Ja-
pans. Black teas are divided into four great familias, Congouis, Indias, Ceylons, and Oolongs. The first three kinds are fermented teas, while Oolongs are unfermented. By femented teas is meant those which are first exposed to the air after picking until a fermentataion takes place, in addition to the withering, which causes them to have after firing a mality, heavy flavour. In the United States it is aalled "English Breakfast," although that term is unknown in England, and the water shows a rich mahogany colour. There is, however, a great difference in Congous alone. 'They come from China and are divided into two marked varieties, called North China amd South China. The best known of the northern districts are those of Moning, Ning Chow, Keemun, Ichang, Hobow, Kintuck, Kutoan,, Liling and Shuntam, and of the southern districts, Pakling, Paklum, and Pan Yong. The Ning Chows, Keemunis and Ichange go largely to Russia. Oolongs. on the other hand, 1Fke greens and Japans, are fired almost immediately after picking, and consequently appear to be black tiea, with a green tea flowour, taking the place of a mixed tea. These are much favoured in the United States; the unfermented blacks, including Congous, Indias, and Ceylons, are the flavourites of Great Britain, Russia, Australia, and Camada, while the Oolongs are popular in the United States, and are consumed principally in New York, Plennsylvania, and Eastern States, the Middle and Western Staates, using green teas mainly. Every tea garden in India and Ceylon shows five distinct grades of bea, the coarsest leaf being termed Souchong, the nextt is Pekoe Souchong, then Pekoe, then Orange Pekoe, and the highest grade and smalleet, broken Orange Pekoe. Oolongs are divided into the Formosa Oolong and Foochow Oolong, named from the distinct from which they oome. Both kinids are separated into spring, summer and auttumn varieties, with about ten grades for each varriety. Oolongs are almost universally used in New York, and the Eastern Statee, Formosa, being the favourite of New York, and Bostom, while Philadelphia has always adhered to Foochows. Fully one-half of all the theas consumed ini the Unitted States is Japanese. They are the lighitest of all teas in the colour of the water, resembling green teas, with a bright amber hue. The May pickings are the best and most desirable. They are flar superior to the later crops, and arrive from the middle of June until the end of August.

An entire revolution in taste has odcurred within the last twenty-five years, not onily in the Uniitled Staties, but in England. Previously to 1860 Ceylomis, Iridias, Japanis, and Formosa Oolongs were unknown to' the world, 'whereas to-lday they are the favourites. Up to 1862 the Northern Stlates consumed fully 80 plier cenitt. of "greeth teas, whereas the Eastern States took Foochow aind Amoy $\mathrm{Oo}^{-}$ longs, while Englänid preferred Coingou beas almost exclusively. Darjeelings have belen fatouned of late years in Canada. Since the above datie green bedos have given way to Japans in the Western: Staties, Foochow ©olongs have boen abiandonedr in the "lastiv for Formosas, while Amioy Oolonge have disappeared altogether: . .The reason for this change may bie wioribed to the greater flavourand body given to teas ffrbme new soile

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cheapest beverage in the world. There are between two hundred and three hundred cups of tea to the pound, consequentlly at the very high price of $\$ 1$ per pound the consumer receives at least two cups for one cent, and generally three cups, if great strength is not required, whereas at 50 cents a pound he receives from four to six cups for one cent. On the other hand, there are only forty cups of coffce to a pound, and perfaps twenty cups of chocolate or cocoa. A thorroughly good tea can be purchased at retail at 50 cents a pound, but by no means a choice one, if one desires both bouquet and maximum tonic properties.
But more important than the choice off teta is the preparation of the same. It is for this reason that tea in the C. S. is only consumed at the rate of one pound per capita per anmum, while in Englamd the consumption is six prounds per capita, in Australia sevent pounds, and in Camada four to five pounds. It is safe to say thatit every seven out of eight never know what good teaa is, although they pay a good price and receive a good article. It would be far better to buy the lowest grade and draw it thoroughly and well, than to buy the best and ruin in the preparation.
There are four to six rules to be followed in preparing tea, and the neglect of any one of them will render the article valueless. Nearly every housewife neglects at least one. In the first place, the flavour of tea never appears unless the water is fresh drawn, and is boiling furionsly when poured on the leaves. Nine cooks out of ten never empty the kettle of water which boiled for breakfast when preparing the tea at 5 or 9 oclook, and if they should awoid this fatality they seldom, in their, haste, wait for the water to boil thoroughly before pouring it on the tea. It seems sufficient for them that the slightest curl of steam emanates, when the water is promptly used, with the result thlat the choicest tea in the world tastes like catnip. If both these pitfalls are avoided, then the tea is permitted to draw hardly two minutes when the maid with a mad rush pours it off into the cups. and again the supertb aroma of the rose is invisible, and a wild, weedy eolution offends the plallate. If again this mistake is escaped, then the herb is allowed to soak for fifteren or thirty minites, while the familly converses, and when served the bouquet has come and gone, and nothing but a bitter tannin has developiped, which when taken into the human economy pllays upon the nerves so insidiously as to fill the divoree courts with wild and untamable cases. Therefore tea shoulld never be served atherwise than in small poftis. It is most beneficial as a tonic when taken at 5 oclock in the afternoon without much fond, and if our brain fagged people did but know it, they could regain their jaded nerves daily by the use of this innoeent stimulant.
To have tea in parfection it is only necessary to follow the four following rules: First-I Tet the water be fresh from the fancet.-Second-Let the water boil furiously five minutes before uaing.-Third-Let the water seemain on the leaves not less than, seven nor more than teen minititrs. and then pour off into another heated ves-sel.-Fourth-Tse one full teaspoonful of tea for every cup of water, and if too strong reduce the quantity.
Adherence to these simple rules procures the best and most harmless tonic, the most exquisite flavour and the most inexpensive beverage known. Neglect of them is simply money thrown away with a probable recourse to viefly more expensive stimulants.
giving false alarms is costly
It is a punishable offence to ring a fire alarm for sport or mischief, as it may have costly consequences by the fire brigade being dispatiched where it is not needed and so be delayed reaching a fire when, collled for.
Something like this has beem done in regard to the water supply of this city, and for this needless alarm the citiens have to pay very dearly. The plant of the Water Works has long been known to be in an unsatisfactory condition. One pump is undergoing repairs and two boilens are reported to need replacing. Some weeks ago the purchase of two new boilers was discussed by the Water Committee and action postponed. Thereupon the Superintendent of the Water Works wrote a lettier to them declaring that such conditions existed as might "become disastrous to the city." He went on to state that by delaying the instlallathion of new boilers we "expose ourselves to the consequences of at catastrophe with loss of life and property." Now, a catastrophe having such result ts could only be from an explosion of one or both boilers, and the disaster to the city foreshadowed meant' a shortage of water when al fire was in progress that needed a full head of water for its extinguishment. If such were redally the situation iti would certainly be most alarming. The insurance companies thought it so much so as to call for an increase in rates to the extent of 50 cents. Naturally, this increase has raised great indignation. The Superintendent was asked for an explamation of his alarm and he quietly told the Water Committee that he had merely written this startling letter in order to hlurry up the purchase of netv boilers, that thene was no immediate danger of any disaster or catastrophe; that, so to speak, he had rung the alarm without there being any justificication

That is satisfactory in one sense, but, how about the inereased insurance rates, which will cost the property owners not less than $\$ 140,000$ to $\$ 160,000$ additional outlay. That is a dear price to pay for an alarm, which is dleclaned to be gratuitous. The question is now being f.sked with considerable intiensity, will the insurance companies withdraw their claim for an increase of 50 cents which was causend by the alarm over the water supply which is now known to hiave been a bogus scare? It neems only right for this course to be taken, and it would relieve the fire insurance complamies from the odium brought upon them by the high rates.

THE ALIEGED PHYSiCAL DETERIORATION OF THE BRITISH RACE.
Some time ago no little amxiety was creatied in the Frited Kingdom by statements made which, if authentic and properly collatied, went to show that the people in the British Isles were deteriorating physically. One piece of evidence was the experieno of recruiting sergeants who reported their difficulty in finding the needed stpply of young men of the requisite height and stamina for the army. This was truve, but it did not prove that the young men of the classes from whom recruits are drawn, are lower in physical standard than those of earlier years; it simply and only proved that those offering for recruits were less robust and shorter tham in past days. This might be fully accolunted for by the spread of education which indisposes young men to offer themselves as
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A Committee has been investigating this most important question and has reported to the effect, genarally, that there is not evidence emough available to support the deterioration theory. One weak feature in this discu*sion is the very common one of making comparisons between things respecting which exact data is wanting. To establizh the theory that the British race is physically deter:orating two things must be definitely known, viz.: What standard of nhysical condition existed in past years, and what standard of physical condition now prevails? Tnless these data are established there is no comparison poss ble, but only a mere vague surmise or guess.
It is incredibl that the present generation of Britisher: in the old land are physically below their fathers, becallse in the last thirty or more years the sanitary conditions of the people, both in rural and town districts, have been matarially improved. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent in sewers and drains, in removing dangerous nuisances, in clearing away foul habitations. in providing water supplies, in preveniting epidemics, in improving the sanitation of workshops, factories, and achoo!s. The effect of this movement is shown by the lowering of the mortality rate all over England and the raising of the average term of life, both which conditions are now heyond controversy. Another point is the greater solviety of the proople, and the passion which has developed in recent years for out-door recreation.
But all this improvement has led to the survival of a largar number of weaklings who, in earlier days, would lave been cleared away by death in childhood, or youth. The Government's Committee, while regarding that the facts are against the deterioration theory, raport strongly in favour of more thorough prosecution of sanitation in cities, towns, and villages. They regard this movement as calling for the most earmest attention of all municipal authorities. We, in. Montreal, can endorse this heartily. The samitary conditions prevalent in large sections of this citty are disgraceful. Whole areas are disease gardens, feeders of the cemetery, labattoirs of infants. This beautiful city ought to have a very low average mortality rate and it will have when our rulers hring themselves into trouch with modern intelligence and modern meeds.

## FLATOLRS IN CANDY, ICES, \&c.

Few persons are aware that the fruit flavours employed in imparting to confectionery, ices, cake, \&c., the particular taste which so pleases the palates of the gentler sex and children are noti generally derived from the fruit after which they are named. The flavours of strawleerry, raspbeary, currant, pear, peach, pineapple and ianana cannot be extracted advantageously ; consequentI y the chemist is employed and any of the flavours in' the ahove series is artificially produced from derivatives of coal tar. For example, pineapple oil or essence is common ether combined with butyric acid and dissolved in alcohol. Butyric acid is a liquid having the sour, disagreeable odor of ramcid butter. Pineapple oil is prepaed by making butter into a soap, and then distilling gently with alcohol and sulphuric acid. This transformation has given rise to the statement that essence of p:neapple is made from putrid cheese. Pear "oil" is an alcoholic solution of amyl acetate, which closely re-
sembles the pleasant odor of the pear. Cheap balls of sweetened starch paste and glue ane flavored with this substance, dyed and sold as candy pears. It is not difficult to purchase other artificial fruits, of the samel geLeral character-plums, peaches, apples, etc.; the difficuily lies in the digastion of them. Candies Ilavoures with almond may be regarded with suspicion, unlests they are made by reliable manulfacturers. While almond extract is readily prepared from the nut itself, much of it is simply nitno-benzine, a compound formed by the action of nitro-sulphuric acid upon benzine. It is known commercially as essence of mirbame, and its vapour is poisonous. Synthetic flavours, by which is meant those artificially produced, such as strawberry, pineapple, banana, etc., are far less wholesome than the true flavours, and candy which contains them shomld be eaten sparingly, if at all.

## SALE OF SPURIOUS FOOLS IUFFS.

In the Recorder's Court, this city, some days ago a manufactiurer of jams, etc., was fined $\$ 40$ and costs for making a jam out of figs and selling the same as the product of raspberries and strawberries. Nor was this the only alleged misdemeanour on the part of the jam manufacturer, for the case arose from an inspection of his premises wherein was found a large quantity of figs which were proved to be in an adranced state of decay. The figs were destroyed, the owner given a severe lecture by the Recorder, the daily papers printed the dettails, and the curtain dropped over the questionable jam, the figs and the owner.

This is but one case in which deception in foodstuffs was brought to light, and meagre fime inflicted. How many more would be revealed were diligent search instituted, may not be readily conjectured, blut it seems very apparent that stricter laws should be provided and enforced for the protection of the public against deception in whatever is placed on the daily tamble. That the Government are seeing the seriousness of this state of afiairs is evident from an Ottawa reports of recent date which reads:
"Hon. Mr. Brodeur inttends tho take action against manu'acturers, importers, and storekespers throughout Camada who have been defying the provisions of the Food Adulteration Act by selling foods that are not what their labels purport. Sometimes the substitutes are harmless. In other cases the mixture is injurious to the health of the consumer, It is expected that a few prosecutions will probably have the desired effect. A recent anal ysis of jellies and jams showed that only 14 samples out of 74 were genuine. Fifty-five were classed as adulterated, and five as doubtful. The examination included samples of rasplierry, strawberry, pllum, peach, and mikeellaneous jams and jellies, and revealed the presence of many substitutes and of glucose, coal tar dyes, and salicylic acid. An analysis of ground pepplers, cloves, ginger, cassia, cinnamon, allspice, anid fixed spicel showed only 88 pure out of 188 . There were 93 adulterated and seven doubtful. The test showed that the spices were mixed with stone, husks, shells, sand, sweepings, charcoal, hair, chips and dirt. Instead of having samples from retailers alone, the department officens will visit the premises of manufactureis and importers."

Acrone the Southern border, where adulteratioh of foodstuffe had been running riot for many years and was
rapidly growing worse stringent laws are being enforced and a stop has been put, for the time at least, to such deceptive practices.
We are daily confronted with watered milk for which the advanced price of the pure produict is exacted. Yet how skilfully-or innocently-this is done while relieving the manipulator of the terrible crime of swearing falsely is sometimes revealed through accident. Wh:le strobling through a suburb recently the writer was tempted to halt at a spot. which invited comfort. Near by was a well. Not far from the well was ar man with pails which he filled and then wended his way leisurely toward where a number of cows were feeding. Three assistants awaited his coming. On arrival he emptied a portion of the water in four other milk pails. which made each more than one-fourth full. Then the four undertook ito milk the cows. The honest toilers woeked assiduously till their pails were filled when they were next emptied into the regulation tin milk-cans which the owner next placeed in his delivery cart and startied om his evening round. He pout no water in the millk
Spices and jams offer the greatest shield from exposure, hence it is that they are the most frequently adulterated. Yet we are told that the strict laws which are supposed to keep "buitterine" in its native country does not prevent large quantities of this greasy product from fineling ite smooth way down the St. Lawrence to Montreal, where those who consume make no complaint because they do not know.
A much larger quanttity of fruit and fruit products are heing used in proportion to population than was the case in earlicur years, this keeping prices well up and allowing of a good profit to all handlers whils permitting of a minimum loss through decay.
People who avail themselves of the comforbable electric rallway service afforded by the Terminal tramway from Montreal ito Bout de l'Tsle, through clover meadows and wayside flowers, have had till recently their noses regaled by a stench that was wont in former years to be carried hy the south wind from heaps of miscarried canned berries and other fruits dumped in a little sewer a few hundred yards beyond La Salle avenue.
It :- not in the heart of the citios that we find all adulteration. Far from the towns and beyond hearing of the railway whistle may be seen the "up-to-date" farmer's wife gathering, in a season when her strawberry patch is thin, hundle after bundle of rhubarb which she cleverly mixes with her strawberries, this more than doubling her supply of "pure hom?-grown" preserves on whom the unfeeling and unchristian city dealer never set an eye.
life insurance sutt.
Suit was begutr in the superior Court, Chieago, this week, by the estate of J.J. A. Dahmke against the Illinois Life for $\$ 5,000$, the amount of a life insurance policy the deceased carried in the Bankers' and Merchants' Life Association, which was taken over a few years ago by the Illinois Life. The declaration states that Dahmke took out a policy September 15, 1897, and died September 16, 1903. It is claimed that the premium came due the day before he died, but at that time he was unconscious and not able to attend to business, and no one else 'was informed as to the premium falling due. The petition claims that the company advertised that its policies were non forfeitable after five years for non payment of premium.

## WORLD'S IRON ORE PRODUCTION

The report of John Birkinbine, to the U.S. Geological Survey on the production of iron ores in 1903 shows that that oountry has surpassed all others in its yearly output of iron ore. It says that the quantity of iron ore produced in the United States in the year ended December 31, 1903, was 35,019.308 long tons, a decrease of 534,827 long tons from 1902. The quantity mined in 1903 is, however, the second largest recorded, and is greater than the combined totals for the year 1902 of Germany, Luxembourg and the British Empire, which are the nearest competitors of the United States. The iron ore obtained in 1903 came from twenty-two states and two territories. Minnesota, Michigan, Alabama and Wisconsin were the leaders in production. Nevada was added this year to the list of producing States, while Vermont and Montana reported no ore mined in 1903.

## A DRESSMAKERS' TRUST.

All the principal dressmakers of Paris, it is reported, have joined in a trust of an altogether new kind, nothing more nor less than a trust "de l'elegance." The members of the new combine include such well known names af Beer, Callot, Doucet, Diemert, Paquin, Laferreire, Redfern, Rouff, Raudnizt, et
For many seasons the German and Austrian dressmakers have been buying the best models of the big Paris houses, then selling at reduced price copies of these models to second-rate bouses all over Europe and America. As a result, when the gemuine client of a Paris dressmaker had bought a high-class original it was often merely to find on returning home that the same model had already been produced by the wholesale. Complaints were frequent and wrathful. To offset this the trust has been formed.
As concerns the Autumn fashions, the members of the new organization have decided to show none of the new models to foreign buyers before Aug. 16, and to deliver no model to the Continental trade before Sept. 15. American buyers, however, may have their models one week earlier.

## Cosses by Lightiving.

Heary loss through lightning was caused in many parts of Western Ontario on Saturday evening last, even lightning rods proving of no avail. Near Woodstock the barn of Wm. Clark was struck and burned, with 20 tons of hay and 500 bushels of grain. Insurance, $\$ 1.500$, in Blenheim Mutual.- In the vicinity of Wingham the barn of Wm. Robinson was destroyed, with contents.-In Elgin County the barn of A. P. McCallum was burned, with 50 Lons hay and farm implements. Insurance \$300. Barns of Mrs. E. Nicolls also burned, with season's crops. implements. etc.-In Wellington County barn owned by Thos. Talbot, with 1,200 bushels oats, implements, etc., were burned. Insured for $\$ 1,800$ in Eramosa Mutual. Large barn of W. Cook, same vicinity, burned, with season's crops. Insured in Halton Mutual, Near Preston a barn owned by the Oliver estate, with crops, implements, etc., burned. At Preston a transformer in the power house was burned out; loss, $\$ 600$. Near Guelph, the barn of W. H. Poole was struck and burned, with season's crops. Insured for $\$ 1.000$ in Puslinch Mutual. Barn of S. Mays, same vicinity, was also burned.-Near Grimsby the barns of W. B. Ross, with season's crops, etc., burned. Loss on buildings, $\$ 2,000$; partial insurance.-Near Cooksville, the barn of John Hopkins, with valuable implements, threshing machine, etc., struck and burned. Loss about \$1,500, partly inusred.-Near Brampton, the barn of Robt, Reid, with season's crops, etc., burned. Lo: about $\$ 2,000$.-Near Guelph the large barn on the homestead of the late John Kitching, Corwhin, was struck by lightning, and consumed, together with the hay and all the grain harvested. Insurance in the Halton Mutual. The barn was recently equipped with lightning rods. - Near Camden, a barn, with hay, horses, grain, etc., owned by B. Eckhardt, was struck and burned.-At Beamsville, the residence of J. MeCurrah was badly damaged.-Near Hapilton, a barn, owned by J. Smith, and rented by Geo. Miles, was struck and burned, also 70 tons of hay, 50 loads of wheat, hogs, fowl, cattle, etc. Barn was valued at $\$ 3,000$; Miles' loss about $\$ 1,700$; fairly well insured.

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## REPORT ON HUDSON BAY.

Major Moodie, who is in charge of the Mounted Police detachment in Hudson Bay, and has been designated colloquially is Governor of that region, returned recently to consult with the authorities. He does not profess to give expert opinion upon the question of navigation of Hudson Bay, but believes it is feasible for four months, or from June 20 to October 20 , each year. Vessels would require to be of special design, capable of encountering any ice that might be met. The west coast of Hudson Bay is low, and on the east it is high. The expedition wintered at Fullerton, on the northwest shore.which is a rendezvous for whalers. One American sealing vessel, the Era, was there, from whom duties were collected. The coldest weather experienced was in March, when the temperature dropped to 53 degrees below zero. This lasted five days, during which time a heavy gale blew. It was simply impossiWe to go out of doors. Last spring was supposed to be late, hut navigation was possible on July 18 . According to the tmerican skipper, the ice generally clears about the 8th or loth of June. In summer the temperature went up as high as 57 , and it was then very hot. Whales were reported to be cather scarce. Last year whalebone was worth $\$ 10,000$ a ton. This year the price is said to have gone to $\$ 15,000$ a ton. All along the coasts of Hudson Bay there is an abundance of salmon, but there are no cod, herring or mackerel in the waters of the bay.

## CARBERRY'S HEAVY FIRE LOSS.

A disastrous fire occurred at Carberry, Man., on the 14th instant, The Stickle block, one of the largest and most substantial buildings, was burned to the ground. The loss will total between $\$ 35,000$ and $\$ 40,000$, partially covered by insurance. The principal losers are:-T. D. Stickle, business block, $\$ 16.000$ ) insurance $\$ 9,000$, distributed in the London \& Liverpool \& (ilobe, National, Atlas, and one other company; S. H. Gilmour. departmental store, stock, $\$ 14,000$, total loss, insurance $\$ 3.500$, in London \& Liverpool \& Globe, $\$ 3,000$ in Royal, $\$ 3,000$ in Phoenix; Miss A. Jones, grocery store, stock $\$ 3,000$, total loss, insurance $\$ 2,000$, in London \& Lancashire; J. E. Rowe, merchant tailor, stock largely saved, loss $\$ 200$, covered in Occidental: G. B. Richardson, jeweller, loss probably $\$ 800$, insured in Ottawa and $\$ 200$ in London \& Liverpool \& Globe; G. S. Haslam, book store, etc., stock damaged by smoke, loss about
$\$ 400$, carried in Canada; Noble Dickie, building damaged $\$ 1,000$, covered in Canadian; Brown \& Armstrong, plate glass windows broken; W. D. Monro, plate glass windows broken in building, owned by C. J. Meclocklin; Carberry Lodge, I.O.O.F., regalia, lodge furnishings, etc., $\$ 1,000$, insured; Carberry I.O.F., K.O.T. M. and L.O.L. lodges also lost all their regalia; Western Histel, F. T. Hallett, house and furnishings, damaged by water, loss about $\$ 1,000$, covered by insurance in the Phoenix of Brooklyn. The fire started in Gilmore's departmental store. Origin is unknown.

## DEVELOPING NEW WATER POWER.

Plans will be filed in the Ontario Crown Lands Department this week, we learn, for the new power development plant which the Backus-Brooks syndicate of Minneapolis will erect at Fort Frances on the Rainy River. The Ontario Government have passed the order-in-Council granting the water-power privilege under which the syndicate have until January 1, 1907, to complete the power plant and erect a flour mill with a capacity of not less than 1,000 barrels a day. The company, however. intend erecting a 3,000 -barrel mill, and a pulp works as well. They have also secured the water-power privilege on the Minnesota side of the river. The Government have insisted throughout the lengthy negotiations that half their total power development shall be done on the Canadian side, and this has been at length agreed to. The company will pay $\$ 5,000$ for the water-power, and a patent will be given them when they cumplete the undertaking, which may be revoked in case of failure to live up to the terms of the contract. Provision is made that the municipality of Fort Frances will be given all the elec-
tricity it requires for lighting and municipal power purposes at almost cost pirce.
It is estimated that between 15,000 and 25,000 hogrse-power can be developed at this point on the Rainy River, according to season. The result of this industrial development will be to revolutionize that part of the Rainy River district, and convert what was until recently a remote Hudson's Bay post into a small city. The Canadian Northern Railway from Winnipeg to Port Arthur passes through Fort Frances, and will be a direct route for the carrying of grain for flour mills. The water supply for the power plant comes from a long chain of inland waters extending almost to Lake Superior.

## THE WORLD'S WHEAT CROP

Preliminary estimates of the world's wheat crop for the year now opening are being offered by different authorities. Dornbusch's "London List" makes the indications show about 90 ,000,000 bushels less than the high record of 1903 and slightly below the 1902 total. Beerbohm's "London List" calculations reach a result $160,000,000$ bushels below 1903 and about 104,000,000 below 1902. Dor̀nbusch recognizes $87,000,000$ quarters, or $6 \% 6,000,000$ bushels, for the United tSates and Canada, for the new crop, and Beerbohm adopts $84,000,0,0$ quarters, or 672 , 000,000 bushels, for these countries-a difference of $24,000,000$ bushels. For all European countries Dornbusch gives 209,200,000 quarters, and Berbohm, $193,950,000$ quarters a difference of $15,250,000$ quarters, or $122,000,000$ bushels. Broomhall's "Corn Trade News" gives 382,000, 000 quarters for the year, or $\mathbf{a}, 000,000$ quarters $(40,000,000$ bushels) under last year.
Beerbohm's "List" makes comment as follows: "It is interesting to note that the average world's wheat production in the six years from 1888 to 1903 , inclusive, was 360 million quarters $(2,800,000,000$ bushels), so that we shall not be far off when we assume that the world's wheat consumption is not now less than 375 million quarters ( $3,000,000,000$ bushels), a total which the present year's production does not seem likely to reach."
Dornbusch's "List" says of the $383,200,000$ quarters ( 3,065 ,000,000 bushels) estimated for the year: "It will be understool that the above attempt to gauge the wheat yield is merely a suggestion of possibilities of this year's harvest results, and cannot be handled as if the figures were definite. Considerable uncertainty prevails as to the outcome in France and the United tSates, where even the experts reveal a wide difference of opinion in their efforts to forecast results. Russia is always a mystery, but the wheat crop will probably not be far short of the previous yield.. The Australasian and South American figures for 1904 are pure guesses, based upon reports of agricultural conditions and sowing operations in these countries, but between now and December, when the crops should be ready fur cutting, weather will be the main arbiter of results. Taking the above figures generally, it would appear as if 1904 was not going to be a year remarkable for large supplies; but these early estimates are frequently falsified by unforeseen conditions, and the prudent trader will await developments."

While it is quite reasonable to adopt the view that the world's wheat supply for the year now begun may fall considerably below the high record for last year, it is not necessary to assume that the deficiency may not be partly overcome by lessened consumption under advanced values, nor that an actual stringency will occur. And it is well to consider the fact that the early estimates of Beerbohm last year were not equal to the present estimates of that authority for the coming year, so that if these calculations be equally at variance with figures finally accepted the result will be an increase and not a decrease in the year's comparison with the high record for 1903. Summariizng the world's wheat estimates of the three English authorities, the comparisons are indicated in the following, reduced to bushels:-

|  |  | 1904. | 1903. | Decrease. |  |
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| Beerbohm | $\ldots$ | .. | $.2,926,000,000$ | $3,088,000,000$ | $102,000,000$ |
| Dornbusch | $\ldots$ | $. .3,065,000,000$ | $3,157,000,000$ | $92,000,000$ |  |
| Broomhall | .. | . | $.3,056,000,000$ | $3,097,000,000$ | $41,000,000$ |

TENDER ACOEPTED FOR ICE-BREAKER
Three English firms tendered for the construction of the icebreaker for the River St. Lawrence. They were: Vickers Sons \& Maxim, $\$ 393,780$, afterwards reduced to $\$ 350,000$; Sir W. G Armstrong, Whitworth and Son, $\$ 350,000$; Fleming \& Fergu son, $\$ 272,500$. The last named firm secured the contract, ther tender being lowest. They guaranteed to deliver the vessel on the Clyde by November 20th. The dimensions are: 200 feet long, depth 18 feet, and breadth 43 feet. There will be two sets of triple-expansion machinery
The ice-breaker will demonstrate whether communication by water with the port of Montreal can be maintained throughout the winter season. If not what is the latest date in the fall and the earliest in the spring on which occan ressels can ply between Montreal and Quebec. Investigation will be made as to the possibility of preventing the ice bridge from forming at
Cape Rouge by keeping navigation open during winter, and, if that is not practicable, obviating all chance of inundation ow ing to the jam of ice at that point by opening the channel earlier in the spring.

The Canada Cabinet Company, of Camanogue, Ont., will probably cease business. The directors, it is said, will consent to liguidation proceedings. The company was incorporated in August, I901, as the Modern Manufacturing Company. In 1902 it was re-incorporated as the Canada Cabinet Co., with a capitat
 winding-11p order. The bank holds direct and indirect claims of $\$ 3.0 .000$ and has judgments aggregating $\$ 11,150$. It also holds a promissory note for \$., ,000. The pretition says: "Your petitoners also ask that the affairs and hasimess of the company whould be investigated, and that it should be made to appear in the interest of the creditors how the insolvency has been brought about. Also that the per sonal aceounts and dealings of the directors and shareholders should be investigated, and that the claims of the ereditor should also be investigated." The directors of the company are chiefly Montreal business men. Henry Miles and E. Heaton, both of Montreal, recently resigned as directors, and no Thecessors were appointed
The directors and whareholders of the company will not contest the application and have filed affidavits in the courts there stating that the company is in an "unfortunate position." Mr. Henry Lpton of Gananoque, the general manager, states that the goods now in process of manufacture are worth $\$ .50 .004$ Both sides agree on Mr. George Taylor, M.P'. as provisional liquidator:

## RSSA'S NFW POSITION IN EUROIE

The final demonstration which is being made of the military weakness of Russia will very seriously modify the influence
which the (iovermment of the Crar has been accustomed to wield in the councils of European statecraft. Russian defeat in the Far East means not only a distinct lowering of Russian power and prestige in the Near East, but a marked diminution of the fear or the respect in virtue of which Russia has been able to play the role of dictator in Europe. On the sea Russia has ceased to be reckoned among the great powers; as has been aptly said, "She will be as permanently commanded by Japan in the Yellow Sea as by Germany in the Baltic." By land, she has proved herself only less unequal to the career of conquest which she has so blindly followed, and a foreign policy that has been commercially as reckless as, in a military sense, it has proved disastrous, will have to give place to something less ambitious and less disturbing to the peace of the rest of the world. If there be enough statesmanship or patriotic devotion left in high places to save the Russian Empire from utter ruin and dissolution into its component parts, the problems of the future will differ very materially from those of the past. Russia has enormous undeveloped resources, which at the touch of intelligently direct ed effort could be made to yiold wealth beyond the dreams of
avarice. Education is not arore necessary for the mass of the Russian people than the creation of an enterprising, selfrespecting and fredom-loving middle class between the peasants and the bureaucracy. A system of taxation that takes the peasant's bread out of his mouth to minister to the insatiable greed of a governing class whose pervasive dishonesty has not even the palliation of conspicuous ability in the execution of its schemes of conquest must bo reformed altogther. That would mean the surrender of much that the foreign polic. of Russia has striven to compass in the past, and the indefinite postponement of more that it contemplated in the futhre. But if the best the existing system can do is to impoverish millions and still leave the empire weak; to provoke internal discontent without shielding the nation from external hmmiliation, even to the dense intelligence of the men who guide the destinios of Russia, it must surely be a demonstrated failure.
It has bene said that the rise of Japan in all probability has alone prevented a colossal military struggle between Eng. Jand and Russia. The British control of the Persian Gulf, and the uncompromising British attitude in regard to any division of that control, was as much of a bar to the secular imbition of Russia as Japanese paramouncy in Korea. It was merely the force of circumstances that made the Far Eastern, and not the Middle Eastern, question the more pressing one, and probably a blind confidence as to the ease with
which the first could be disposed of had something to do with mecipitating the conflict with Japan. Russis has been rustomed to pay British power the homage of threatening it only through a coalition, or when it was pre-occupied, as was the case when the Russian preparations were made to move on Afghanistan during the Boer war. The European coalition which Prince Lobanoff tried to organize against Great Britain was defeated ony by the refusal of France to join it. when offered the bribe of the substitution of French for British rule in Egypt. Russia has consistently pursued in Turliey, in Persia and in China a policy which has been compared to that of the vulture with the dying ass-that of leaving the Fody until it is sufficiently decomposed to become an easy prey. In other words. Russia shields the (iovernment of weaker neighbor from the consequences of its own foly and mables it to continue to misgovern its subjects, thwarting attempts at internal reform. financial and administrative. It is part of her p'an to respect the technical frontiers of country which she hopes to annex: to refrain from snatching a part, in order ultimately to obtain the whole
Russia has been able to pursue this policy alike in the Near. the Middle and the Far East because she was supposed to possess a practically inexhaustible reserve of military strength, an army which, even if below the modern standard of training and equipment, was, for purposes of offense, a weapon of unequalled power. How absolutely the position of Russia among he great powers has been changed by the revelation of Ja pan's ability to defeat the best army which, after months of preparation, could be brought into the field, can be best.appreciated by reference to the kind of discussion which, only two years ago, was provoked by the conclusion of the AngloJapanese treaty. A more than usually well-informed Englishcritic of that agreement said that "A more demented attempt than that to which we are committing ourselves was never embraced by dull imagination." Anticipating the ultimate of fect of thic convention on Russia's position in the Yellow Sea this authority went on to ask whether his fellow-country men supposed that Russia would be easily penned in, blocked and dominated all around in this fashion, and that she would not set herself to devise ways of breaking out. While the alliance of France might be insufficient for that purpose against England and Japan, the adhesion of Germany could be had for a price, and thus England would find the Continent united against her. It was argued that if the three great European powers were to throw in their lot togetlier, they would command immeasurable military forces, they would have the in terior lines of two continents at their disposal, they would be able to agree upon the retrenchment of their armies in order to develop their fleets, and they would be able to shut out English trade in case of conflict. The conclusion seemed un answerable that against such a Continental coalition even the sictory of the British fleet would not prevent the ruin of British commercial supremacy; and so it appeared to be possible that a statesmanship designed to save the island kingdom in the Japanese seas might end by endangering the existence
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of Great Britain in her own. All this sounds like the empti est kind of alarm to-day, but it is so because Japan has proved her ability not only to take care of herself but to lift the thadow of Russian aggression from the face of Asia and of kinrope.

## FOREIGA TRADE GROWING.

The agrgegate foreign trade of Camada last year. consisting of the total imports and total exports for the fiscal year ending Jume 30 th last is estimated to amount to $\$ 473,000,000$, as compared with $\$ 467,000,000$ for the previous year, an increase in round numbers of $\$ 6,000,000$. On the basis of imports entercol for consumption and domestic exports the increase would be $\$ 1,68,1986$. There was a falling off in domestic exports for the year just closed amounting to $\$ 15,987,235$. In the exports of torign goorls from Canada there was an increase of $\$ 4,000,000$. The decrease of domestic exports is very largely accounted for 1, s. the fuct that there was a large decrease in the export of whent. In 1904 we exported only 16,779,028 bushels, as compared with $32.985,74,5$ bushels in 1903 . There was also a large falling off in the export of hay, and a decrease in the export of egges. The export of butter decreased by 100,000 pounds. On the other hand, the export of checese shows a gain of 300,000 pounds. Following are the details of the trade returns so far as compiled:-
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## LABOUR IN THE COTTON FIELDS.

If the present promise of a cotton crop approximating, if not exceeding, $12,(000,000$ bales should be realized, there will be difficulty in garnering the entire supply from lack of labor in the picking season. The planters have already encountered this difticulty in years of less prolific production. The negroes have shown a disposition to drift away from the plantations to the cities and towns, or to raise small patches or fields of cotton of their own, and it has thus far been impossible to supply their places by immigration from other sections or from foreign countries. The few Italians who have settled in some of the cotton States of the Southwest are said to have become in some instances successful cotton growers, but they prefer small farms of their own and are averse to working in any considerable number on the large plantations.
The primary difficulty is that a much larger force of labourrss is required in the picking and ginning season than throughout the year, and a working population cannot be expected to adapt itself to the requirements of two or three months in the veat. They must have employment either on the land or elsewhere for the rest of the time. Cultivation of a greater va-
riety of crops does not offer any effective remedy, for while it would provide for an increased population there would prolably not be a much larger surplus of labour for this particular use, as other harvest work comes at about the same time. Neither would there be much gain in raising cotton on a larger number of smaller farms, instead of large plantations. There is economy in large seale agricultural production, as has been proved in the grain fields of the North-West.
But this large scale production would never have been pos-
sible but for the use of machinery in harvesting, which takes the place of many hands. Even with this advantage there is always an extra demand for men in the harvest season, and western farmers have difficulty in getting labour enough to pather in their great crops of grain. Cotton picking is still in the primitive stage and must be done by hand. Fortune and fame await the inventor of a successful cotton-picking machine. Until he appears the problem of labour in the picking season will continue to be a perplexing one on account of the need of a so much larger number than can find employment the rest of the year, even between the winters, during which Where is little to do in Southern farming communities at best. The planters having learned that there may be more money in a moderate crop than in a large one, there is danger that this labour difficulty may result in an imperfect harvesting of the votton crop at a time when it is needed as never before.

## NEWLY INCORPORATED COMPANIES.

The following corporations have been reported, within the week: Dominion Roller screen Company, Limited; share capital, $\$ 150,000$, with head oftice at Torento, and provisional directors Ford Addison Mansell, Elmer heetz, Jabez Nathan, Lynde, ('ephas Thomas Rodman, and William John Coutts. week:-Dominion Roller Screen Company, Limited; share capi\$40,000; provisional directors, James Simpson, Alfred John Rayor, JohnHill Huddleston, John Alexander McIntyre, George Cooper, Frederick John Wilson, Samuel Halfyard Garland and Robert Glockling.
The Alpena Oil and Gas Company,, Limited; share capital $\$ 100,000$, with head oflice at Chatham; provisional directors, Samuel Thomas Bell, Solomon Eagle, Thomas Robinson, James Rutherford, and Richard Lawrence Gosnell.
The Victor Varnish Company, Limited; share capital $\$ 40$, 000, with head office at Toronto; provisional directors, Arthur ('arson McMaster, (ieorge Reginald Geary, and William Patrick Brodie.
The Laurentian Club, Limited, Ottawa; share capital, $\$ 40$,000 ; provisional directors, Gordon Cameron Edwards, William Alexander Cameron, Robert George Cameron, John Lorn McDougall, jr., and others.
The Southern Light and Power Company, Limited; share capital $\$ 300,000$; provisional directors, F. J. A. Davidson, C. A. Stone, and D. A. Dixon, with head office at Toronto.
The Stratford Chair Company, Limited; share capital $\$ 60,000$; provisional directors, Wm. Hall Crowe, Alfred Pames McPherson, Frank Augustus Nichols, Arthur Murray Panton, and John Alexander McFadgen.
United Cigar Stores, Limited; share capital $\$ 25,000$, with head office at Toronto; provisional directors, Robert Callum, Archibald Lang and Frank Gerow,
International Varnish Company, Limited; share capital, $\$ 100$,O00, with head office at Toronto, and provisional directors, Herman Rosenberg, Max Wolf, Wm. Rosenberg, Ferdinand Wolf Herz, and Oscar Rosenberg.
The Godson Contracting Company, Limited; share capital $\$ 100,000$, with head office at Toronto, and provisional directors, Margaret (Godson, Frederick William Godson, and Arthur Ferguson Godson.
lmperial Leather Company, Limited; share capital, $\$ 40,000$; with head office at Toronto, and provisional directors, Charles Adelbert Crawford, Thomas Lyle Bray and Henry Hunter.
The Stewart, Howe and Meek Company, Limited; share capital $\$ 100,000$, with head office at Toronto, and provisional directors, Arthur James Stewart, Lucian Flanders Howe, and Chas. Samuel Meck.
The Goderich Cement Brick Company, Limited; share capital $\$ 40,000$, and provisional directors, George Acheson, James Clark, James Alfred McIntosh, Wm. Proudfoot, and Job Parsons Brown.
Typograph, Limited: share capital, $\$ 80,000$, with head office at Windsor, and provisional directors, James Benjamin Allen, Prank Herbert Macpherson, and Sylvester B. Best.
Rhys D. Fairbairn, Limited; share capital, $\$ 50,000$, with head office at Toronto, and provisional directors, Rhys Dakers Fairbairn, Ida Aikins Fairbairn, and Robert Benjamin Harrison.
The Aylmer Iron Works Company is permitted to increase its capital from $\$ 30.000$ to $\$ 0.000$, and the Barrie Carriage Company from $\$ 40,000$ to $\$ 100,0 c 0$.

THE U. S. FARMER IN CANADA,
It is a most gratifying feature of the future of the Canadian West to find so many thousands of United States farmers coming over each year from the fertile valleys of the Mississippi, Missouri, and Ohio, to settle down and cultivate a section, more or less, of the finest wheat-growing land under the sun. And better still, these shrewd prosperous Western American farmers are not settling in groups but are picking out their ground as individual fancy dictates, the result of this being that the country will be filled by a mixed population each of which will profit by the ability of his neighbor.
Just now, there is, as it were, a Yankee boom on. Our U.S. . settlers are nothing if they are not joyful and crowing loud when they have "found things coming their way." This is all right. The more of such is heard the quicker will the country fill up and towns and cities grow. The following Winnipeg correspondence to the Globe gives a pretty fair estimate of the hopeful feeling prevailing in Manitoba and the rapidity of its growth:
Winnipeg, Aug. 10.-That the dauntless "American" should have a hand in opening this northwest empire was evident from the moment the first joyful whoop of the homesteader echoed over the border. The Dominion Government is being praised by its friends and frowned upon by Uncle Sam for its aggressive missionary work in the United States, but the Minister of the Interior is not to be praised nor blamed for all things that came to pass out here in the open. God put the "goods" in the ground, and put it in the soul of the Yankee to go after them. And he's going-going with a cheerful optimism
that inspires others to follow. So great is his speed that he picks up those who have been resting by the wayside, sleeping, as it were, on the road to success, and carries them forward as waste paper and dead leaves are drawn in the wake of "The Limited."
A few moss-grown grumblers sit tight to the stones upon which they have been resting for a quarter of a century, hitch their shoulders, smile knowingly, and name the Yankee "fool." A fool he is to these-a fool who would rush in where the oldtime native "angel" has feared to tread. And when, a few
years later, they see the Yankee there with the goods, these same sneering, pessimistic, parasitic pullhacks make doleful prophecy anent the Yankee invasion. However, this type of Englishman, is rapidly disapporing, or is rather being lost in the excitement incident to the settling up of the west. The new, younger generation are in the running. They are to shoulder, with the Yankee for the conquest of the great northwest, whose wealth they wot of, and in whose future they
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beem to te working well together, and yet I can't stem to te working well together, and yet I can't forget what I marked at the luncheon given at the opening of the Dominion Exhibition at Winnipeg. The Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, and principal speaker upon that occasion,
ceferred with pride to the thousands of desirable Americansand he seemed to count them among the best settlers obtainable who had settled lately in the northwest (no applause), and expressed the hope that the thousands might grow to millions, or words to that effect.
I hushed my heart and hearkened, but never the faintest hint of a hand-clap for the Vankee. "Poor devil." I said, softly, meaning the Yankee, not the Minister, who seemed to have touched the wrong chord.
And yet the Yankee seareely deserves my commiseration.
He's doing fairly well. under the circumstances: half a dozen years since he first heard the "Call of the wid ", and already he owns half the land that has passed from the Crown in the Canadian northwest. Half the large land operabelow the line. The United States are full of Con been built
bere have met with success. Just run over in vour mind who reader, the Canadians you have known, and note how many single Canadian tramping or begging. Almost invariably he single Canadian tramping or begging. Almost invariably he
had the last job in the shop. He seemed to have a happy faculty for finding himself. I have the greatest admiration for Canadians-the live ones. But when I sit writing as I sit now, in what is erroncously called the best hotel in Winnipeg
-sit writing from noon till night, listening all the while for the footstep of the bell boy who should bring the card of a man who has wired of his coming-and then go down at dinner time to find my box bulging full of cards, notes and telegrams, I protest to the chief clerk, showing some spirit. And when the chief clerk, who has held this job, I'm told, in this same house for twenty years, and will probably never have a better one, is almost insolent in his indifference, I damn the dead ones without stint or stammer. Leave them where they belong, on the rocks by the roadside; they can only retard, they can never prevent the development of the great north-

It is not in land alone that American capital is being employed. American money moves half the grain handled at Winnipeg, where more wheat is bought and sold than in Chicago. The Yankee is by no means unknown in the lumber business. At Rainy River, in western Ontario, an American company have bought a million dollars' worth of Crown timber, put up extensive factories, built the largest sawmill in the world, and are to spend two million more American dollars developing power at that point. The Red Deer Lumber Com-
 American money. A Minneapolis man is as much at home in the Winnipeg Grain Exchange as he would be on his native heath. To be sure, many of these aggressive Americans are Canadian-born, but they are Yankees by years of training. shrewd, careful business men, they were first to mark the awakening of their native land, and among the first to profit by the exceptional opportunities it afforded.
And thousands there are in the middle walks of life, who are homesteading, and yet more buying lands upon which they propose to make homes. North of the main line of the Canadian Pacific there is a wide strip of territory settled almost entirely by Americans. On the first day of July they gathered by Day at Regina to help the Canadians celebrate Dominion Day, and on the Fourth of July came again by thousands, and together with the natives, who joined as heartily as the Yankees had joined them, made the eagle scream far into the night. This bit of history is interesting, not as an evidence of Canadian disloyalty to the empire, but as showing that the Canadian's outlook is widening, and that the Yankee is able to adjust himself to his surroundings, and that the two peoples so similar in so many ways are going to fraternize and live happily ever after, hoop-la, world without end, etc.
But it is not because of the coming of the capitalist, nor is it all due to the persistent proselytism of the Department of the Interior-this Yankee activity. It is due primarily to the fact referred to in the opening of this sermon. It's in the soil. It is because Joseph Glenn gathered in the summer' of 1901, from a single section of land, 22,000 bushels of wheat. And because, also, this same Joseph Glenn bought another quarter section and sowed it to wheat. For this quarter section he paid $\$ 000$ cash, and from these new fields theshed 44 bushels of wheat to the acre. After paying for this land, for ploughing and sowing, reaping and threshing, he had, from this quar ter section alone, $\$ 1,900$ left. The story of Joe Glenn reads like extravagant fiction, but those who came to verify were convinced of its truth, and so the eagle screams along the line fence here on the fourth day of the seventh moon. Mr. Shanks, a roadmaster on the Canadian Northern, heard the story of Joseph Glenn, and threw up his job. Midway between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie he bought a quarter section in 1902, from which he harvested 35 bushels per acre. This land cost Mr. Shanks $\$ 12$ an acre. The other day the man returned to buy his farm back, He offered Shanks cighteen dollars an acre for the same land he sold for twelve, but he had to go back without making a trade; Shanks likes the place
From the earliest development to the present day the Yankee has left his mark upon the Dominion. Think of the Canadian Pacific and you think of Van Horne-Shaughnessy. These two figures bulk largely on the canvass when you point to this Canadian railway. And now, in the dawn of a new century, comes another American manager, who has cleared the right of way for one of the grandest and boldest pieces of road-making ever undertaken on this continent. And if he shall succeed, as he surely will, despite countless obstacles and snares set by the unscrupulous, his name will be written indelibly, upon the minds and held in the hearts of the pioneers of the northwest. This for the reason that the Grand Trunk Pacific is called for
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oy the growing settlements, now twenty,fifty, and even seventy miles away from any railway. The children of these lone settlers, when they hear the first joyful cry of the steed of steel, will rise up and call him blessed.

## THE CROPS.

The Canadian crops are, on the whole, all that could be desired. Winnipeg advices of the 14th state that the wheat area in Manitoba and the Territories this season is greater than that of last year by about 10 per cent., $3,420,000$ acres in all. Last year's crop in Manitoba was $40,116,000$ bushels, The increase in the area planted should mean a total crop in Manitoba alone of more than $50,000,000$ bushels. But the Manitoba average last year was only 15.42 bushels per acre, while in 1901 it was 25.1, and in 190226 bushels. Those who are now sstimating this year's crop say with reason that it may safely lie predicted that the average yield will be much greater than last year.
If one reckons this year's yield at 28 bushels to the acre, the rrop in Manitoba and the Canadian North-West would be nearIv $90,000,000$ bushels. If the average were not better than last cear the crop would be $56,000,000$ bushels. If the yield per acre were midway between that of last year and that of 1902 , the crop would reach $73,000,000$ bushels. There is no reason to expect that it will at least reach the latter figures.
A report of the 17th says: William Cross, assistant to Second Vice-President of the Camadian Pacific Railway, has returned from a trip over the western lines. Regarding the crops in the west, everything is looking excellent, and from Hoose Jaw east the prospects are for an unusually heavy yield of wheat. In the Moose Jaw section, the crop is greener than in Manitoba. Cutting will commence in a day or two west of Portage la Prairie. Things could not look better. That the wheat crop of western Canada will come near breaking all previous records for abundance and yield is about assured, by the tenor of the latest bulletin issued from the offices of the general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway at a late hour last night. From almost every section of the expansive system come reports that the grain is heavy, that wheat is most favorable, and that farmers are confident of garnering one of the best harvests in the history of west. In Manitoba, cutting will be general by the end of the present week, or the beginning of next, at the latest.
Bulletins state that in the Brandon section, grain is ripening rapidly and cutting will begin this week. It is estimated that the return will be twenty bushels to the acre at least. In the Broadview section, the yield will be still heavier, reaching as high as 25 bushels. Cutting will commence this week. In the Swift Current district, the crop will be an average one. Around Prince Albert, wheat, though a little late, is ripening well and the crop will be heavy. Cutting will begin about the 18th in Portal section: the crop is quite late, and reports from that sectiou are not so favorable. At Minnedosa, and Yorkon. the prospects are brilliant. Along the Arcola branch, cutting has commenced, while from the towns of Cypress and Glennoro, on the Souris branch, it is reported that rust and smut lave done some damage.
-We learn from Quebec that Mr. J. G. Scott, general manager of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway, who has returnail from Europe, announces that he has succeeded in making thal arrangements for the immediate construction of the branch line of the railway to the headwaters of the St. Maurice River at La Tuque. Operations will be commenced as soon as the surcy, which is now being made, has been completed.
-The imports of sugar from Germany into Canada amounted during the fiscal year ended June 30th to less than $\$ 500,000$. On the other hand, the imports from British Guiana and the British West Indies amounted to between five and six millions of dollars. The surtax on German goods has thus had the effect of transferring the sugar trade from Germany to British possessions. It is a complete reversal of the state of things which existed before the surtax went into force.

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-(irand Trunk Railway System-Earnings from August 8th to 14 th, 1904, $\$ 387,238$ : $1903, \$ 715,13$; decrease, $\$ 27,875$.
-The by-law re purchase of $\$ 20,000$ first mortgage bonds of the Ontario Electric Railway Company was defeated at Brighton, Ont., by a majority of 23 .
-Powell \& Company, general storekeepers, of Tilbury, Ont., have assigned to R. Osler Wade, of Toronto. The creditors are principally Toronto firms.
-The opening of the Dominion Brass Works, a new industry for Port Colborne, Ont., took place on Tuesday last. Over 250 guests attended a luncheon given by the representatives of the company.
-The Toledo, Ohio, Stock Company, which manufactures shovels, and kindred hardware, is selecting a site at Hamilton, Ont., for a factory. It is said the company will employ 150 hands.
-The Berlin Piano Co., of Berlin, Ont., is in financial difficulties, a $\$ 7,000$ chattel mortgage having been foreclosed and the stock seized by the bailiff. There is also a $\$ 21,000$ mort gage on the building and plant. It is quite probtable that the establishment will be sold at an early date, and operated under different management.

## FINANCIAL

## Montreal, Thursday, 18th Aug.. 1904.

The financial topic uppermost to-day and likely to be for some time is the extra charge made for fire insurance, owing to a report from the Water Works Superintendent that the boilers might explode and a water famine ensue. This report will add $\$ 3,000$ a week to the cost of fire insurance in this city vet the Superintendent now declares there is no such danger as he described as imminent. The extra charge ought to be cancelled right away.
Now that the harvest has commenced attention is drawn to the financial movement it always involves. The gain of the New York banks in currency from the interior this year has been largely in excess of 1903, 1902, and 1901. The decrease

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in this inflow is the first sign of the crop movement, as th
moncy in the interior is now required for local use
Mr. I. J. Hill estimates the American wheat crop at 540 mil lions of bustuels, which is 100 millions less than in 1903, but he belieser the farmers will receive 35 millions more for their grain than last yrar, owing to the adrance in price. The wheat growers in the North-West have larger crops this year, so they will have eplendid returns from this season's harvest. ('apital for building the James Bay line is loeing supplied
from England, and Mackenzie \& Mann express confidence in their transeontinental mailway system leeing carried out. The Camadian Pacific is reported to be arranging to rom its vessels to Xew Grleans and Gatveston, the winter traffic of which ports will make up what is lost by the retirement from Montreal during winter
It is rumoured that the (ir ond Trunk lacific will put on a It of cramers to compete with the Pacific Heet of the C.P.R He we well to think this well over, there is not enough busi ness to maintain another line on that route
American exports to end of July were $\$ 758,658,208$ and imports $\$, 579,461,073$, the excess of exports being $\$ 179,197,135$ which is considerably less than in any year since $1899^{-}$.
The steerage rate from Liverpool to Phitadelphia has been cut down to $s \mathbf{i} . .50$. which is intended by the Morgan ('ompany as a blow at the Cunard Company. The blow will hurt the assailant, hut do no harm otherwise. There is no money in carrying passengers across the Athantic at the rate of a dollar per
This week has seen the highest point reached bey most stocks since the slump. Will the adrance hold and continue, are the questions of the day in the steel market, there is so much uncertainty, ne mo sooner is there a spurt upwards than reanction sets in. Richeliew and Ontario directors are hoping to pas the usual dividend as eeonomies offected have offset losses considerably
(irand Trumk gross earnings to 14 th inst. Were $\$ 19,869,309$, against *21.345.595 last year. Consols. $881 / 8$. A little tremor in stocks was caused by a bear report about the crops. Such reports are always sent out on the eve of harvest. C.P.R. has has been selling at 126 to $1261 / 4$ : Mont. st., 190 to $1901 / 2$ : Twin City. 99 ; Richelieu, $591 / 2$; Montreal Power, 74 ; Detroit Railway. $661 / 2$ to 67 ; Dom. Coal, common, $491 / 4$ : N. S. Steel, $571 / 2$ : Bell Telephone, $146 \frac{1}{2}$ to 147 . Bank stocks quite neglected. Paris. exchange on London, 2.7 f . 25 c .: Berlin, 20 m . $461 / 2 \mathrm{pf}$. Foreign exchange, 60 's, $91 / \mathrm{s}$; demand, 9 11-16. Money in New York, on call, 1 per cent., trade paper, 2 to $31 / 2$ per cent. Money here standst at $41 / 2$ to 5 per cent.. for call loans and 6 to $61 / 2$ for
commercial bills. The difference between local rates and New ork is exciting widespread comment and dissatisfaction.

The following comparative table of stocks for week ending Aug. 18th. 1904, is furnished by Charles Meredith \& ('o., Stock Brokers:-

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| Canadian Pacific. | 84,500,000 | 84,500,000 |  |  | 100 | 127.00 |  | April Oct. |  | 127 |
| Commerial Cable .. | 15,000,000 | 13,333,300 | 3,947,232 | 75 |  |  | 1* | Jan. Apl. July, Oct. |  |  |
| Detroit Electric St. | 12,500,000 | ${ }^{12,500,000}$ |  |  | 100 | ${ }_{106}^{67.75}$ | ${ }^{*}$ | Mar.Jun. Sep. Dec. |  |  |
| Dominion Coal, ptd . | $3,000,000$ $15,000,000$ | $3,000,000$ $15,000,000$ | 592,844 |  | - 100 | ${ }^{106.00}$ | 8 | Jan. Apl.July,Oct. | ${ }_{\substack{106 \\ 504}}$ | ${ }_{498}^{106}$ |
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| Dom. Iron do Steel, ${ }_{\text {domm }}^{\text {pra }}$ | comen | 5,000,000 |  |  | 100 | 28.00 | $\cdots$ | April Oct. | 35 | $\begin{array}{r}89 \\ 294 \\ \hline 29\end{array}$ |
| s. S. \& Atlantic .. .. .. .. .. | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | ...... | ..... | 100 |  | $\ldots$ |  |  |  |
|  | 10, $1,5000,000$ | ${ }^{10} 1350,000$ | 107, $17 \%$ | . 00 | 100 | 93.00 | i\%. | Jan.Apl.July, Oct. | 94 | 93 |
| Hamilton Electric Street, common .. | 1,500,000 | $1,500,000$ 2500000 |  |  | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |
| do dreel, pid. .. | 2,250,000 | 2,250,000 | 29,000 |  | 100 | 10,12k | 2\% | Jan. July. | 10 | \%i |
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| Merchants Cot. | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |  |  | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montmorency Cotton | ${ }^{7500,000}$ | ${ }^{750,000}$ |  | , | 100 100 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{\text {27,000,000 }}$ | 17,000,000 |  |  | 100 | 74.00 |  |  | ${ }_{75}^{105}$ | ${ }_{74}^{100}$ |
| Montreal Street Ry. .. . | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 | 8,9 | 13.81 | ${ }^{50}$ | 102.50 | 23/3. | Feb.MayAug.Nov. | 205 | 2044 |
| ntreal Telegraph | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |  |  |  |  | $2 \cdot$ | Jan.Apl.July, Oct. | 160 |  |
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|  | ${ }^{\text {cheo,000 }}$ | 500,000 | ${ }_{89,642}$ | ${ }_{7.98}$ | 100 | 105.00 | 8 | Mar.Jun. Sep.Dec. |  |  |
| Toledo Ry. \& Light Co. .. .. .. .. .. | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 |  |  | 100 | 19.87\% | ... |  |  | 1961 |
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tainable to-day at 8c to $81 / 8 \mathrm{c}$ and Eastern at $77 / \mathrm{sc}$. A I Iondon cable of 15th quote as follows: Choicest 42 s to 43 s , finest 40 s to 41 s . There has been a good general all-round demand, and an absolute absence of any speculative business has resulted in an advance of three shillings per cwt. on spot cheese during the week, and four shillings advance on c.i.f. quotation.-Liverpool, 17.-Cheese higher. Finest white strong, 40 s ; finest colored strong, 41 s 6 d .

MiGK. Market firm, demand active and sufficient business passing for all supplies. Selected bring 20c, straight gathered, fresh, 17 c to $171 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. No. 2 show a wide range at 12 c to 15 c , as to quality.

FIOUR AND FEEB.-The activity in wheat which has caused it to pass the dollar mark at Winnipeg has naturally inclined flour to a certain extent, a leading milling company having further advanced prices 10 c this week. Mantoba patents are now worth $\$ 5.30$ in 98 lb . bags. "No low-priced flour this year," was the remark of a leading dealer yesterday, who recognizes that while a bountiful wheat yield is being assured for the Can adian West, $60,000,000$ bushels plays but a small part in offsetting the world's admitted shortage. Manitoba wheat-growers will be specially benefited. A Winnipeg report, of the 17th says: The weekly crop report issued by the Canadian Northern Railway to-day, covering practically all districts in the province, is one of the most satisfactory that has yet been given out. In only one instance, at Giroux, is there the least complaint, and that is because of the dry weather, Over the entire province weather conditions during the week have been ideal, wheat is filling out and ripening fast, and cutting will be general in a week or ten days.-Feed is in good demand at unchanged prices. Baled hay in fair demand on local account, and, as supplies are not excessive, prices are maintained. We quote: No. 1, 80.50 to $\$ 10$; extra good, No. 2 , $\$ 9$ to $\$ 9.50$; ordinary, No. $2, \$ 8$ to $\$ 9$; and clover mixed, $\$ 7.50$ to $\$ 8$ per ton, in carload lots.Winnipeg elosing prices for Manitoba wheat in that market, No, 1 northern, $\$ 1.031 / 2$; No. 2 do., $\$ 1.007 / 8$, ex store, Fort William, for August delivery.-There was considerable excitement and a decided strong feeling in the Winnipeg option market Wednes-

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any and pricess ndvanced 4e to $41 / \mathrm{sc}$ per bushel, elosing at $\$ 1.131 / 2$ August, $\$ 1.1223 / 4$ Octoter, $\$ 1.005 / 8$ December.
(iRMobribs - Sugars unchanged at last week's advance to \$4.(0) fur granulated, bris. A German statistician estimates a continental sugar beet crop of 20 to 25 per cent. under average on account of the drouth: Molasses holde steady at 28 c in puncheons. (auned salmon situation very firm. A Western report status that the season in British Columbia is now closed with a pack of 192,000 cases. In the northern rivers in this section the run of sockeye has been fair. The pack of the Fraser River, the greatest salmon-producing stream in the world, was, up to August 1, 16,000 cases, with the season appar ently about over. Some idea as to what this 16,000 cases means can be formed from the fact that the pack of the Fraser River in 1901 was nearly $1,000,00 \mathrm{~g}$ cases of sockeye. The pack of the British Collumbia this season is estimated at 225,000 cases ns compared with last year's pack of 475,000 cases, with a pack of 625,000 cases for 1902 , and $1,236,000$ cases in 1901 .

- GREEN HIDES.-Lambskins are worth ( 60 c ; beef hides steady at 9c. Sc and ic 1b., as to grade. While hides are proportionately high in the Toromto market, competition has reached a pitch there which dealers here are not inclined to follow. New York reported on Wednesday a quiet market for packer hides, business being held in check awaiting the settlement of the labour troubles. Prices were unchanged at. 12c for native steers, and 11 c to $11 \frac{1}{2}$ c for branded. The supplies of Orinoco lides received at the opening of the week received prompt adtention from buyers, sales being made to the U. S. Leather Co of about 7,000 Orinoco at $211 / 2$,
(iRREN FRUITS, ETC.-The berry season is practically over; a few black berries are seen and sell at 9 c to 10 c box. Apples are reported as' a plentiful crop although the samples thus far on the market do not represent much by way of quality. Duchess brls., sell at $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 2$ baskets, 15 c to 25 c. Other quotaions are: New Vérdelli lemons, 360 size, $\$ 3$. Oranged Jamaicas, the only kind now on the market, per brl, 87 to 97.50. Watermelons-Georgias, best stock, 25 c each. (Co coanuts-Selected stock; 100 to bag, $\$ 3.50$. Spanish OnionsCrates, about $50 \mathrm{lbs}, \$ 1$. Banarizs selling low at $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.50$ per bunch. California Evaporated Fruits - Apricots ${ }^{\text {S }}$ 25 lb . boxes, 12 c ; pears, 25 lb . boxes, 12 c ; peaches, 25 lb . boxes, 10 c ; prunes, $40150,25 \mathrm{lb}$. boxess; 9 c ; prines, 50160 , 25 lb . boxes $\mathrm{s} 1 / \mathrm{c}$. $\quad$ Nuts--Grenoble walnuts, 12 c ; Tarragona almonds, 12 c ; Sicily filberts, 9c; shelled walguts, 18 c ; nêw Brazilis, 14 c , Jumbo pecans, ${ }^{1} 14 \mathrm{c}$; large pecarts, 12 c ; 'ghelled almonds, 22 c . Yeanuts-Bon Ton; roasted, 114 kco Sun brand, rosted, 100, Sparish, shelled, 12c;-Virginiat, shetied, 11c; Coon brand, roast cal, izale. Cal. pears, shipping stock, 82.75 to $\$ 3$; do. peaches, $\$ 1.60$ to $\$ 1.90$; do. plums, $\$ 1.25$.

LEATHAR. The coming month is looked forward to as like1. to make up for a quiet trade during the past six or eight weeks shoe manufacturers are working on Spring samples and are not yet taking leather to any extent. The very encouraging reports from the Western wheat centres make for a con siderably better feeling here, another few weeks of fine weather Leing all that's necessary to general prosperity throughout Manitoba and the Territories and to cause still greater advertising for the far-famed whatfields. Export leather trade holds good and prices are steady
OUS ANID PAINTS.-An advance of $1 / 2 \mathrm{C}$ in turpentine was the only feature of the week. The price is now $821 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ net. Linseed oil is steady at 44 c to 47 c for raw and $4 \overline{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{e}$ to 50 c for boiled. Fish oils-The menladen fishing in the North and in the South is very slow and the total catch of fish up to date for the season according to latest reports is 50 to 60 per cent. below that of the corresponding period of last season. In the absence of offerings of crude oil, prices are entirely nominal. In the pressed oils the demand continues to be moderate and former prices are being maintained. Whale and sperm oils are in moderate request, and only small parcels are being traded in at previous steady prices. Cod oil is firm but busines in large lots is still being restricted, owing to light supplies.
Provisions.-No quotable changes during the week. Fresh killed hogs bring $\$ 7.75$ toss. as to grade. Altogther the tone of the market reflected a tendency to quietness. Quotations are as follows: - Heavy Canadian short cut mess pork, tierces, $\$ 26.50 ;$;selected heavy, Canada short cut boneless, barrels, \$20; heavy Canada short cut mess, $\$ 18.00$; Canada short cut back pork, $\$ 16.50$; heavy Canada short cut clear pork, $\$ 18$; heavy Canada long cut mess pork, \$17; heavy flank pork, $\$ 16.00$; light Canada short cut clear pork, $\$ 15.00$ - Compound laid - Tierces, $37 \overline{1} \mathrm{lbs}, 61 / \mathrm{c}$; tubs, $50 \mathrm{lbs} ., 61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; boxes 50 lbs ., parchment lined, $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; wood pails, parchment lined 20 lbs , $63 \mathrm{l} / \mathrm{c}$; tin pails, 20 lbs ., $61 / \mathrm{c}$ c; cases of six lb . tins, $67 / \mathrm{s}$; do. five Io lb. tinís, 7e;-three 10 lb . tins, 7 F . Pure lard Tiercess $375 \mathrm{lbs}, 71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; tubs, $50 \mathrm{lbs}, 73 / 4 \mathrm{c}$; boxes, 50 lbs , parchment lined, $73 / \mathrm{c}$, wod pails, 20 lbs, , 8 c ; cases, 80 to $\$ 1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Kettle lard-Tierces, 375 lbs ., $81 / \mathrm{c} \mathrm{c}$ tubs, 50 lbs ., $83 / \mathrm{c}$;
 C to 28 lbs., 11e to $131 / 20$; boneless hams, rolled; 18e f; Finglish boneless breakfast bacon, 13 c ; Wiltshire bacon, 50 lbss, sides $121 / 2$ c; Windsor bacon, backs, $121 / 2$ e. - For round lots abore priees would be slightly lowered.
Wovi:-The demand is so slight on the Canadian matiket that trade does дot show up, no matter how prices may go, Cape, greasy, is worth $171 / \mathrm{c}$ to 21 c, a lot being on the way over now to-a Montreal importing firm,' which cost arounds 1912e to 20c. Prices are very firm and inclined to further advance Interest is. shown in the coming sale of the Ontario syndicate mills on Sept. 15 .

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trict is getting a large quota, and the hotels and boarding houses are filling up. Many new cottages have been erectet since last season by wealthy Americans, Last week General Caldwell, Actint Governor of Jamaica, and wife, were refistered among the guests of the "Royal Muskoka," as well as many prominent people from across the border line.

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## AMONG THE FASHIONS.

## (Continued from last week.)

Many of the newest models, while not abandoning their simplicity, are cut down slightly in square, pointed or round line at the neck and worn with one of the oldfashioned tuckers dear to our grandmothers and restored to high favour this season. The tucker is cooler than the verage shirt waist stock, and when made $y$ hand and of fine materials gives a touch of dainty distinction even to the plainest and most inexpensive of frocks. Certain new cottons of fine weave and silky finish which come in very small checks of blue and white, lilac and white, pink and white, etc., are particularly effective for the shirt waist frock devoid of trimmings save for self-tucks or plaits, and a fine lingerie.
What the French call antique muslin embroidery is the most charming thing
imaginable for tuckers; but the old hand embroidery or its modern imitation is expensive. Many women have found treasures of muslin embroidery among family keepsakes and have utilized the tabs and lappets and collars and fichus; but as a rule the old pieces are too fragiie for general wear and will not stand tubbing.
Turned-down embroidered collars of muslin lying flat are being worn in Paris now that warm days have come, and are exactly like hand embroidered collars which almost any old lady who dressed well in her early days has tucked away among her treasures. The smartest of these new old collars are embroidered by hand in eyelet pattern or in a raised design, and have buttonholed scallop edges; but these little accessories are expensive unless a woman embroiders them for herself
Morning frocks less severe than the strictly plain shirt waist frocks, yet not overpretentious, have some slight trimming of wash lace or of contrasting co'or Buff lawn and butf embroidery are having much vogue in Paris, where all the yellows are in high favour. No color is cooler and more charming for a hotweather morning frock than a cool, clear luff relieved by touches of white.
The barred dimities, too, made up in the simplest fashion, make charming morning gowns, and Parisians have gone over enthusiastically to the printed per cales which were so greatly. liked by Maric Antoinette, to the horror of her la dies. The percales are brought out this summer in delightful designs, and the great French dressmakers do not rele gate the material to the realm of the incxpensive morning frock, but trim it with handsome lace, with ruches of silk, ctc., and even use it with fanciful little crats of taffeta harmonizing in color with the design of the percale.

One such costume, turned out by a ffinous house, and eulogized in all the Paris fashion journals, was of percale with a cream ground, barred off by lines of softgray and scattered with tiny pink flowers. It was trimmed with ruchings of gray taffeta and worn with a gray taffeta coat.
An exceedingly stylish little rival of the made girdle of silk or other fabric is the soft leather belt moulding itself to the waist in supple fashion.
These leather affairs are not limited in their usefulness to tailored morning suits. They are worn with almost every sort of frock requiring a girdle, even to the most elabroate afternoon toilettes.
A new belt finding considerable popularity because of the perfection with which it fits is made of softest kid or bucksin, and has a seam running around its centre. This seam shapes the belt at the waist, holding it firmly, and the soft kid stretches at the edges to fit smoothly over the curve of hip and upper waist lines.
Plain, severe buckles, of brass, silver or gun-metal, in oval, square, or oblong slape, are correct for these leather belts, a!though most fearful and exquisite buckles are used upon crush ribbon and silk girdles.
A welcome novelty which has apparently not yet been generally recognized is a shaped girdle foundation after the fashion of the stock formations so long in use. These girdle foundations are (s) varying width and shape, but they are all made of crinoline finely feather boned, well shaped, and cut to give the popular pointed bodice effect in front.

They lace up snugly with laces run through eyelets, so they may be adjusted to the figure; and any woman can ec:ver them prettily with folded ribbon or silk, and finish them with rosettes or bows of some sort. Sashes, too, may be adjusted upon the narrower foundations

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The flat antelope bag, which is merely a. large, flat wallet-like affair enclosing a small flat purse, and card case, and beautifully lined and finished, is one of the favorites of the season for visiting and similar uses and may be bought in all the delicate tints to match frocks.
A patent leather shopping bag, capacious, oblong, finished with a plain small clasp of dull gold, but lined with a delightful shade of fruit red or leaf green silk, and fitted elaborately with purse, notebook, pencil, vinaigrette, card case, etc., has met with marked success. It does not soil as the lighter leathers do, yet has, much more life and smartness than the other black leather bags.
Stocks multiply as the sands of the sea, but there are few very successful innovations of the severe type for wear with tailored shirt waists. Two of the new models are excellent.
One of linen or pique is in stock form with the ends crossing in the back-or rather with one end slipping through the other-and brought back to the front. Each rounded end has a large eyelet embroidered in it, and through these eyelets a soft scarf or ribbon is drawn and tied.
The other stock, also washable,
plain save for two little straps set ve tically in the front about two inches apart and held at their ends by tiny white pearl buttons. Under these straps a bow of silk or ribbon passes, held in place by the straps, but flaring out beyond them.
Many novelties are found in play suits for children. Jean, holland, and other sturdy, old-fashioned goods are employed for these, as well as khaki, linen, pique etc. In addition, to the "farmer suits," which are among the simplest and most popular, there are "Jap" and Indian rigs, cowboy outfits and soldier costumes.
For the girl going to college or boarding school in September a pretty gift is a silver hatpin with head in the shape of a mortarboard. These pins are strongly made, and cost but a dollar.
An excellent and inexpensive prize for a card party would be one of the silver or gun-metal score pencils having a wee clock arrangement at one end for answering the inevitable question, "What's
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Some made-to-order hair combs are in tortoise shell mounted with plain gold vands. The owner's monogram is often engraved upon the gold. These orna ments are not inexpensive, but they have the virtue of exclusiveness,

The general revival of green as a color has brought into favour a number of green stones of which little has been heard of late. Many of the prettiest of these are inexpensive. They make love ly chains, pendants, brooches and stickpins.
Cross stitch has invaded even the new bathing shoes, and some very attractive sandals seen at the shore are finished in this way. The canvas shoe is, of course, the best subject for the work, and stitchery must be in fast colors. White canvas can have decoration in black or red of blue, blue in white, or red, etc.
Some picturesque dinner and menu cards for out-of-town dinner-giving take the form of small English hunting prints, after the manner of Caldecott. The deep reds and greens of these cards make a brilliant color touch for the country house table, and the effect, as a whole, is distinctly novel.
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## Asbestos supply and consump.

The source of supply of commercial as bestos are deposits of two distinct min erals; one is a variety of serpentine known as chrysolite, and the other is a variety of amphibole.
The amphibole asbestos is usually found in granite or schistose rocks, sometimes in pockets, and again in well-defined veins. The chrysotile variety does not occur in a vein formation, but is in seams of varying width, which pinch out and widen, sometimes being thickly clustered together, and again occurring sparingly, and it is always found in serpentine rocks. The demand for the chrysotile asbestos is far in advance of that for the amphibole variety, on account of its being adapted to many more purposes. The amphibole variety can, however, be mined and prepared for market at less expense than the chrysotile variety, and as it makes a cheaper product there is some demand for it for those purposes where its nonconductivity of heat is the principal quality desired, as in the manufacture of fireproof paints, for wall plasters, for packing in the manufacture of fireproof safes, and of boiler coverings. Where, however, strength of fibre as well as nonconductivity of heat is desired, as in the manufacture of cloth, ropes, felt, boards, tubes, and washers, it is the chrysotile variety that is used.
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Nearly all the asbestos imported into the United States is obtained from Canada, and is of the ehrysotile variety. These deposits are associated with the basic magnesian rocks, extending from northern Alabama, in the United States, northeast to Gaspe Peninsula, in Canada. There are three distinct Canadian districts. all in the Province of Quebec, from (if) to 100 miles south and sonthwest of Quebee One is in the vicinity of Danville: the second is near Coleraine. Black Lake and Thetford, about 30 miles northeast of the first: and the third is near Broughton, about 15 miles northeast of the second. All these deposits have grod railroad facilities, those near Danville being on the Grand Trunk Rail-

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The general method employed for mining this kind of asbestos is by open cuts or pits, as in quarrying: the rock being worked out by benches as far as prac tical. In most cases drilling is by steam or compressed air, except in the smaller places, where hand drills are employed. Holes are drilled from eight to twelve feet and the blasting is only intended to thoroughly loosen and shatter the rock It is then pried out with crowbars, and the pieces containing asbestos are broken by means of heary sledges and steel wedges to such sizes that the asbestos can be readily broken out with small hammers. In the smaller mines the waste rock and asbestos are removed by means of a derrick, but in the larger ones cables are used. The asbestos is then trans frred to a drying room and when dry is hammered in order to separate as com pletely as possible all attached rock and also to separate the fibres. This mate rial is divided into three grades, accord ing to quality, which are known as 1 crude. No. 2 crude (white), and No. crude (red). It is shipped in bags of ashestos rock, whiel. remainder of the a minute fraction of am in to one-half inch in length is treated in the mills and made into the mill fibre paper stock. This material is first dried then crushed to the right degree of fine ness, and then passed into the "cvelone." where there is a nearly complete separa tion of the fibres from the rock. The fibres are thrown on the separating sieves from which they are drawn away by exprocess has been reduced to a sand, is ejected into bins. This still carries some asbestos, and it is beginning to be used in some quantity, being placed on the market as asbestic. The prices of these various grades of asbestos are about as follows: No. 1 crude asbestos, $\$ 150$ to $\$ 250$ per ton: No. 2 crude (white) asbestos $\$ 75$ to $\$ 125$ per ton: No. 3 crude (red) as bestos, $\$ 50$ to $\$ 75$ per ton; mill fibre pa-
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