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-The Northern Elevator Company's elevator building at Morden, Man,, was burned on the 12 th instant, with about three thousand bushels of wheat. Loss about $\$ 10.000$; well insured.
-Bowmanville, Ont., ratepayers carried a by-law to sell the town hall site to the Dominion Government for a postoffice and custom house to be erected, and anthorizing the Council to build a new town hall and library.
-The Engineering and Mining Journal of New York contains a notice that the French mint is about to issue a now coin of nickel. This is the first use of the mstal in France as a coln. Th new caln will be of the face value of 25 centimes, about equal to 5 cents. It will be of nickel to be at least 930 fine. It will weigh 7 grammes and be 24 millimeters in diameter, about the size of our quarter.
-The Canadian Northern Railway officials anticipate laying about 400 miles of line this season of the 600 necessary to connect Edmonton, N.W.T., with the company's Manitoba roads. In addition to this western extension the company have arranged several extensions and connections in Manitoba as well as in the Sudbury district. The company is also purchasing freight cars wherever these can be obtained, as well as ke ping all the railway waggon building companies in Canada busy constructing cars.
-The C. P. R. land sales, says a Winnipeg report, continue to be very brisk, and! at the present rate the whol of the company's grant will be disposed of in four or five years. The prices now quoted are from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 10$ per acre, according to qualify and location; in some cases the prices run much higher than the last-named figure and the road thas already sold land close to towns and villages as high as $\$ 50$ per acre. Seeding has commenced in many parts of the province, and there is a brisk demand for farm hands.

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-The London, Ont., City Council struck the tax rate for the year at 23 mills in the dollar.
-The capital of the St. Lawrence and Chicago navigation has been increased from $\$ 500,000$ to $\$ 1,000$ 000, that 0 , Northern Elevator Company from $\$ 500,000$ from $\$ 50,000$ to $\$ 100,000$
-Winnipeg bank elearances for the past week totalled $\$ 3,620,079$, a sum almost double the amount recorded for the same week two years ago, and over a million and a half dollars greater than the clearings for the same week last year.
-A return brought down at Ottawa shows that there are 22 Canadian emigration officers at work in foreign countries. One is in Iceland, one in Belgium, and twenty are employed in the United States. The average salary is $\$ 1,200$ per annum.
-The Canadian Freight Association elected the following officers:-President, Mr. W. P. Hinton of th: Canada Atlantic; vlce-presidents, Mr. Carl Howe of the Michigan Central, Mr. W. R. MeInnes of the C. P. R.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. John Earls, who was also appointed chairman of the committees.
-The Dresdener Cigaretten Fabrik, the name under which the American Tobacco Company operates in Germany, is being presented in the Berlin courts by a combination of dealers for alleged unfair competition, in placarding that the company's cigarettes can be bought everywhere, which the complainants aver is not true.
-We learn from Peterboro, Ont., that the stock, plant and machinery of the Stanley Piano Factory there have been sold to a Toronto gentleman, who is said to represent a piano firm in that city, which will reopen and conduct
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the factory on an enlarged scale. The creditors of the company will get 75 cents in the dollar, or 50 cents if the bank's claim ranks as preferential.
-Messrs. A. E. Pond and A. B. Turner of Boston, capit alists connected with the Torcnto-Cornwall Electric Railway, in Belleville recently, stated that the road will be built this year. The Belleville Portland Cement Co. have offered $\$ 1,000$ towards the building of the line from the city eastward.

The Belleville, Ont., Board of Trade held their annual meeting recently, when the following officers were elected: President, C. M. Stork; vice-president, Chas. M. Reid; treasurer, H. C. Hunt; secretary, J. P. Thomas; assistant secretary, Jas. H. Reeves; council, W. P. Hurson, W. B. Deacon, C. J. Bowell, A. E. Lewis, A. McGie, D. V. Sinclair, W. N. Pontom, C. H. Vermilyea, S. S. Lazier, C. P Molton and W. J. McCamon.
-Niagara Falls, Ont., advices of recent date state that a party of Pere Marquette engineers are surveying eastward through Stamford Township. The line they are running crosses the Welland Canal between Allanburg and Port Robinson, and runs directly towards Falls View. From there the line would parallel the Michigan Central's, and then cross it near the Langmuir residence and run through the Bush and Bender properties to a bridge across the gorge.
-It is announced by cable from Longon that an agreement has been concluded whereby Britain, France and Germany will participate equally in the control of the proposed Bagdad Railway. The revenue will be guaranteed by the Turkish customs. Three British directors have already been chosen, and two or three more will be appointed as soon as arrangements can be completed. Some such announcement was foreshad'owed by Premier Balfour's statement in the House of Commons last week.
-It was announced that Mr. F. S. Pearson, direetor of the Dominion Iron \& Steel and Dominion Coal Companies,

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has closed negotiations for the formation of the Mexican Telephone \& Telegraph Co. Ths undertaking is reported as an outcome of the formation of the Mexican Light \& Power Co., in which a number of Montreal and Toronto capitalists are interesied. Mr. Pearson thas left for England, where it is thought he will confer with Mr. Jas. Ross, one of the largest stockholders in the original company.
-A royalty of ten cents per ton of two thousand pounds has been imposed on the gross output of the coal mines of the Yukon. The right is reserved of altering this rate at the expiration of ten years.-An order in Council has been passed transferring 84,659 acres of swamp lands to the Province of Manitoba, and! reserving 90,840 additional acres for transfer after they have been surveyed.-In addition to reducing the cost of free miners' certificates from 10 to 7.50 the cost of renewal of a placer mining claim has bef $n$ reduced from $\$ 15$ to $\$ 10$.
-The extensive plant of the Canadian woollen mills at St. Hyacinthe, has been transferred to the Penman Manufacturing Company, of Paris, Ont. About a year ago the

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Canadian woollen mills, then in liquidation, were purchased by the John S. Mainville Co., of New York, which has since operated the plant. The Penman Manufacturing Co. owns several mills of the kind throughout the Dominion and the United States, and it is stated that under the new management the cost of production will be very much less. The purchase price is reported to be in the neighborthood of $\$ 400,000$.
-Brantford, Ont., Notes.-Well-diggers drilling on the premises of the Cocks'butt Plough Company's new plant struck natural gas at a depth of 400 feet. For a time it was supposed: that a valuable find had been made, but such did not turn out to be the case. The drillers think, however they have a good prospect of finding gas further down, and they will drill 900 feet deep.-The William Buck Stove Co., which some time ago purchased' the large buildings vacated by the Canada Cycle \& Motor Co., have awarded the contract for extensive additions to the plant to Shultz Bros. of this city. The contract price is $\$ 50,000$, and the work must be finished by August of this year.
-Winnipeg advices of the 12th instant say: To-day's immigration arrivals here included: 250 English, 110 RussianGermans, 50 Galicians and about 100 Americans, Representative delegate farmers are still arrlving from Iowa, Minnesota and Michigan to select lands for farmers who will come west from the various districts they represent. One hundred and twenty-five settlers and: fifty-three cars of effects reached North Portal yesterday. Nearly all are bound for the Saskatchewan district. During the past week the Winnipeg Immigration Department has secured positions for 500 immigrants. About 25 per cent. of the British arrivals are experienced in farm work, and this class find no difficulty in securing engagements.
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which a free miner at his own option might make payment instead of performing the work required to be done on his claim. The change goes into effect August 1st next. The Government have, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of the Yukon, reduced the charge for a free miner's certificate from $\$ 10$ to $\$ 7.50$, and the fee for entry or renewal of a placer mining claim from $\$ 15$ to $\$ 10$. The regulations governing the issue of leases to dredge for minerals in the Yukon have been amended by providing that the same royalty shall be paid upon the output of gold as in the case of placer mining claims. The royalty in the Iatter case is $21 / 2$ per cent. upon the value of the gold exported.
-Capt. Greer Starrett, of Boston, manager of the Boston Halibut Fish Company, operating at Vancouver, offers to wager a thousand dollars that his st amer, the New England, fishing at Queen Charlotte Sound, has made the biggest catch in one set ever made by a single st amer. The catch was made by twelve dories belonging to the ship from

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-A mammoth bed of coal has been disecrered just south of the city, says a Wilk sbarre, Pa, dispatch, by the Lethigh and Wilkesbarre and the Delaware, Lackawana and: Western Coal Companies after two bore holes of 2,300 feet had bein completed. Eleven veins whose presence was suspected were found, but above them eight veins, never before found in the upper coal fifld, were discovered. These run from four to eleven feet in thickness, whlle far beneath them was found a branch of the famous mammoth v in of the Hazleton region, averaging thirty-two feet in thickness and divided into three benches, which will make the mining easier than if the thickness was sheer. The field extends from a point almost touching the southern line of this city to the Auchingloss breaker of the Delaware, Lackawana and Western Company, near Nanticoke, and is almost equally divided between the two large companics. It is roughly estimated that the thickness of the veins aggregates 150 feet and that the whole contains about $300,000,000$ tons of coal. One of the officials engaged in the boring said:- "There is enough coal there as indicated by the drill to keep a large force of $m \in n$ working for 200 years." An expert estimates that the force required will be about 6,000 men for that period, while the present market

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value of the large bed is the great sum of $\$ 1,000,000,000$ At the present cost of production the miners who produce this coal will get about half the market value.

The Saskatchewan Land Corporation, Limited, has received a charter from the Ontario Government. It is capitaized at $\$ 1,000,000$, divided into 10,000 shares of $\$ 10$ each, and the head office will be in Toronto. The provisional directors are:-W. J. Hambly, C. D. Scott, J. T. Scott, A. E. Nash, J. F. Briggs, all of the city.-The following other companies have also been incorporated:-Long and Bisby, Hamilton, capital $\$ 100,000$, provisional directors, W. D. Long, G. H. Bisby, H. J. Long.-The MeGillivray Company, Limited, Ottawa, capital $\$ 40,000$, provislonal directors, William MeGillivray, H. H. Williams, A. W. Fraser, H. A. Burlidge, A. A. Fraser:-Western Brokerage Company, Toronto, capital $\$ 100,000$, provisional directors, A. Turner, J. I. Davidson, G. E. Bristol, N. M. Letts, H. C. Beckett, St, Clair Balfour, W. A. Warren, John Sloan.-The Xi Chapter House, Limited, capital \$15,000, provisional directors, Eric Armour, H. J. Symington, E. Bayly. The-applicants for the charter are permitted to erect and equip a residence in connection with Toronto University.-Huron Navigation Company, Limited, Toronto, capital $\$ 40,000$; provisional di. rectors, W. J. Brown, Thomas Mulvey, W. H. Hodges.Breathlets Company, Limited, Brantford, capital $\$ 5,000$, provisional directors, W. H. C. Burnett, G. A. Harris, Alice E. Burnett.-High Grade Coff e and Specialties, of Ottawa, Limited', capital $\$ 10,000$, provisional directors, F . D. Wallace, H. M. Wallace, C. S. Westbrook, H. N. Bate. J. M. Bate.-The Bachrack Company, Toronto, capital

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$\$ 46,000$, provisional directors, Morris Bachrack, Benjamin Bachrack, and Solomon Bachrack.-Grocers' Real Estate Company, Toronto, capital $\$ 1,000,000$, provisłonal directors, Alex. Turner, J. I. Davidson, G. E. Bristol, H. C. Beckett, St. Clair Balfour, W. A. Warren, John Sloan.-The Canada Grocers' Limited, with a capital of $\$ 5,000,000$ and the same directors as above, has also been granted a charter.
-The movement to establish a Customs smelter at Sherbrooke, Que., has directed attention to the copper mines of the Eastern Townships. In this connection the Richmond Guardian points out that: '"Thirty years ago a 'copper fever' prevailed throughout this section of country, during which a most exhaustive search was made, and the ore was found In marvellous quantity all over the townships-and particularly in the extensive area lying between Acton and Lennoxville-and eastward and westward of it. Hundred's of properties were bonded, and many acquired by speculators, on a number which partial development took place, exposing many rich and widespread deposits of ore. The openings made were all of a partial character, and most of the ore was only of low grade, but found in paying quantities had the facilities for transportation been at hand. But manufactured copper then and for years subsequent
was away down in value, and the mining of low grade ore offered but slim prospects of profit, handicapped', as it was, by the large cost of transportation to the smelting works; Boston being the nearest. Nevertheless several large consignments were made-some of them, indeed, being sent to Swansea, the seat of the copper smelting trade of the Mother Country. The venture, howeyer, did: not pay-the transportation cbarges absorbed all the margin between the value of the ore at the mine and the finished product. The experiment made it obvious that until the smelter and the mine were brought nearer together the ore was doomed' to remain in the bosom of the mother-earth. So the 'copper fever' died out." Now that a company has been formed to start smelting and chemical works in or near Sherbrooke it would seem that the disability complalned of will soon be obviated.
-It would not be surprising, says an Ottawa neport, if the close of the present financial year witnessed' a surplus of $\$ 12,000,000$ or $\$ 14,000,000$ in the Government Treasury For the nine months up to March 31 the ordinary revenue exceeded the ordinary expenditures by $\$ 14,929,156$, and over all expenditures combined the excess of revenue amounted to $\$ 10,055,068$. As compared with the same nine moriths

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## Revenue:-

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Expenditure on capital account:-
Public works, railways and canals $\$ 5,851,350 \quad \$ 2,271,465$
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Total.
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products, as compared with the same period of 1902 , afiords satisfactory evidence of the expansion of commerce. The exports amounted to $\$ 162,420,763$, being $\$ 6,980,727$ in excess of imports. The imports show a gain of $\$ 14,707,327$ and the exports an increase of $\$ 17,873,890$, as compared with the same nine months of the year previous. In this statement no account is taken of coin and bullion. The agricultural industry contributes $\$ 87,465,533$ of exports, or over 53 per eent. of the whole, showing where the mainstay of our prosperity is to be found. Compared with 1902 the exports of animals and their products increased by $\$ 9,186,240$, while the exports of agricultural products exhibit a gain of \$7,212,345 . Our exports of manufactures more than held their own, the excess as compared with last year being $\$ 1,813,650$. The following are the figures in detail:-

Imports, Nine Months.
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## Domestic Exports, Nine Months.



The imports for Marcel only amounted to $\$ 19,847,547$, an increase of $\$ 2,826,077$ as compared with the same month of the preceding year. The exports totalled $\$ 10,336,141$, an advance of $\$ 989,489$.

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-In addition to the incorporation of the Canada Grocers, Limited, and the Grocers' Real Estate Company, Limited, notice is given of the inctrporation of the Western Brokerage Company, Limited, with the same directors as the two other companies, viz., Alex. Turner, Geo. E. Brestoe, H. C. Beckett and St. Clair Balfour of Hamilton; John I. Davidson, W. A. Warren and John Sloan of Toronto, and N. M. Letts of Chicago. The object of this last corporation is "To carry on the business of a general broker and commisison agent for the purchase and sale of the goods, wares and merchandise usually bought and sold or dealt in in the grocery business, and to buy and sell such goodis, wâres and merchandise on its own account."-The Huron Navigation Company, Limited, is incorporated with $\$ 40,000$ capital, and thead offices at Toronto. The provisional directors are William John Brown of Detroit and Thomas Mulvey and W. H. Hodges of Toronto.-The Theta Chi Chapter House, Limited, is incorporated with $\$ 15,000$ capital, in $\$ 25$ shares, and Messrs. Fric Armour, H. J Simington and Edward Inviey provisional directors. The company will acquire the property of the Theta Chi Chapter of the Zeta Psi Fraternity at the University of Toronto, and is given power to purchase or build a residence for the use of such students as belong to the fraternity.
-Collingwood, Ont., advices say:-The new steel company have about two hundred men employed in pushing the plant to completion. Most of the work is done, and a few weeks

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-An informal meeting of the Toronto Junction Town Council was held recently for a conference with Andrew Dods, representing the Union Stock *Yards Company. A proposition has been made for the establishment of a large industry in connection with the Union Stock Yards and on thair property. The Canadian Packing \& Provision Com-


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capital is interested in the undertaking. Leighton McCarthy, M.P., is the solicitor of the company. The seven Councillors who were at the meeting undertook to support a by-law granting the cuncern the privileges they asked for, and also to assist in putting through any necessary legislation.
-The Battleford district, says a Winnipeg letter, will not be long without railroad facilities, and the large number of Barr colonists, Nestorians, and others whol are to settle up that part of the country, will have facilities for moving their first crop. R. J. Mackenzif, superintendent of construction for the C. N. R., returned from Grandview, said that all the contracts for completing the line to Battleford this year would be awarded in a day or two. The distance from the present terminus at Grandview to Battleford is about 300 miles. In respect to other railroad building in the province and the North-West Territories by his road during the present year, Mr. Mackenzie said that a great deal depended on their ability to secure rails and other material for construction, which at present was very scarce. His road had already secured 40,000 tons of rails, and there was a good prospect of their getting more. If they were fortunate in that respect they would make a number of extensions during the coming year.

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-A deputation from British Columbia, consisting of D. G. MacDonnell, F. Burnett, R. Kelly and Norman MacLean, Interviewed Hon, A. G. Blair recently in support of a railway from Vancouver into the Kootenay country. They were accompanied by Senator Templeman, R. G. MacPherson, M.P., Ralph Smith, M.P., and George Riley. The proposed railway will open up the lower Okanagan and Similikameen Valleys and reduce the journey to the coast from 24 to 12 or 14 hours.

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It is true that there would be still the Legislative Council to fall back upon to remove the objectionable changes，but in view of the special surreptitious influ－ ences that have been at work in this matter，it is doubt－ ful whether the evil effect of the changes made in the Lower House can be counteracted．There was nothing of vital importance in the Bill as authorized by the City Council，but some of its best features have been struck out．The strange part of the matter is that when the Bill was first printed in Quebec it contained clauses that had never been authorized by the City Council at a］l， and others－like that regarding the taxation of the
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harbour property, was so different to what was intended -at least so it was stated-that the clause was not defended by those in charge of the Bill, and yet it narrowly escaped being adopted by the votes of members unfriendly to the interests of Montreal. There were so miny changes made in the bill by the Private Bills Committpe that it had to be reprinted to make it intelligible.
The Montreal Gazette of Monday published from pronf sheets a synopsis of the changes, and the bill as it stan is at this writing. Some of the changes made in the bill, as introduced, are important, but not in the interests of the citizens generally. Some of the additions are equally peculiar. For instance, in the existing Charter it is provided that no contractor, etc.-nor any lawyer interested in or prosecuting any law suit against the city can be elected either as Mayor or Alderman. The latter part of the clause is eliminated from the Charter by the Bill as reprinted, although it was never authorized by the City Council so far as the public reports show. Who is responsible for this? There are several legal members of the Council who have been in Quebec in connection with the Bill. The question is-who is responsible for that particular change?. It opens again, if it passes, the floodgate that only a few years ago was one of the causes of much of the litigation in municipal matters that was so profitable to certain parties and costly to the taxpayers.
One of the most important changes made in the Bill was an addition that had not been asked for or even mooted, in the City Council. This was to the effect that the principal safeguard against rash outlays or imprudent expenditures was to be removed, so that the
recommendations of the Finance Committee could be overridden by a simple majority of the Council instuad of a two-thirds vote. But this was not the worst. Under the terms of the present Charter a contract or a franchise extending over not more than five years can he awarded by a simple majority of the Council, but beyond that limit to give effect it requires a two-thirds vote of the Council, unless it is sanctioned by a popular vote. That safeguard is struck out by the amended Bill und a simple majority of the Council present can vote away the future rights of the citizens for all time. Still more than that: At present the charter provides that no extension of any franchise can be given before within two years of its expiry. This has been struck out of the Charter, although it was not asked for or even discussed in the City Council.
These last far-reaching changes were made so quietly in the Private Bills Committee that the usually wideawake reporters who were present, did not report thrm and to this day we do not know who proposed them, ur if the City's representatives sent down to watch the Bill in its progress, made any opposition to these important changes.
The question naturally arises: In whose interest were the changes made, and why were they allowed to paza without the vigorous opposition that should have bee. made by the Aldermen and civic officials sent down for the express purpose of maintaining the integrity of the Bill committed to their charge? Surely some explanation of this mystery is required from some members of that expensive deputation.

The very fact of the franchise of the Gas Company being about to expire, and the well-known desire of the Street Railway Company to obtain, at the present time, an extension of their franchise for a long period--although it has yet nearly twenty years to run-will lead many people to the conclusion that the fine work done in the Private Bills Committee emanated somewhere in that direction. The point of interest for the citizens to know is-Who were the parties who so cleverly engineered the move, and carried it through the Committee without the vigilant reporters being aware of the meaning of what was passing?
We alluded last week to the outrageous imposition of the enlargement of the Bonsecours Market as proposed, against the will of the citizens, by the country members, but there are other matters of serious import, besides those mentioned above, that are most obnoxious to all citizens desirous of home government independent of the Quebec Legislature.
The unjustifiable attack on the Recorder's Court should be resented by all good citizens, and should be rejected by the Government, as should also the objectionable proposition to regulate the social evil which it is pleasirg to notice has brought out strong denunciation from the highest ecclesiastical authorities of all denominations, as well as from the organizations devoted to the interests of morality.
Another surprising feature of the re-printed bill as amended is the masterly way in which street improvements are to be made without demand from the Council being made for them, and some of them in direct opposition to decisions of the Council. For instance, the city has repeatedly refused to proceed with the widening of St. Lambert street, between. St. James and Notre Dame streets, on account of its great cost and the sma!
possible benefit from it unless the street is prolonged to the river front. Nevertheless it is provided by the Private Bills Committee that this expensive work shall be done at once-one-half of the cost to be paid for ly the city and one-half by the parties to be benefitedwhoever they may be. This will prove a costly work, and it should be left alone until needed. It would be interesting to know whose influence caused that cladsu to be introduced. There are also other street widening clauses introduced without the consent of the Council, which, if adopted, will cost money to the general raxpayer, although they have more or less been the subject of discussion at different times and disapproved of by the City Council.

To show further how strangely the original Bill, as authorized by the Council, has been manipulated, there is provision in the Amended Bill that the City shall establish a square in the new St. Denis Ward at an approximate cost of $\$ 5,500$-one-half to be paid by the City and one-half by the proprietors of a portion of the ward. The sum of $\$ 34,000$, it is provided, is also to be expended on the Lafontaine Park, one-half of which is to be paid by the City and the other half by a large district in that section of the city.
We have not the slightest recollection of either of these two matters having ever been authorized, or even discussed by the City Council. It remains to be explained how they came into the Bill at all, and who was the prime mover that secured their passage so furtively, so quietly.

There are other matters in the reprinted Bill equally objectionable from the questionable way in which they have been introduced-although they may be of minor importance-and should be repudiated.

The City Council held a meeting on Tuesday last, and yet strange to say, neither the Mayor, who delights in posing as the protector of the City's interest, nor any of the delegation, had a word to say on that occasion in protest against this overriding of the interests of the citizens in the Private Bills Committee of the Ho'see. We might surely have expected that some of the leaders of the reform element in the Council would have raised a voice in protest against such proceedings; but there was never a word, so far as reported, uttered in the matter. It is difficult to imagine how this should be. Some of those members were in Quebec when those clauses in the Charter, designed by themselves and intended to protect the citizens from speculative monopolists, were repealed in the Private Bills Committee, and yet they lid not, so far as the reports inform us-not one of them-or the higher officials of the City, endeavour to prevent such an outrage on the rights of the citizens-instigated by whom, we know not, but can merely surmise.

Before the end of this week there may be more light thrown on the subject. When the Bill is up for the third reading we are given to understand still other amendments are to be proposed-to further make it objectionable. What they may be we can only, at this writing, conjecture. As it stands now, it is clearly the duty of those in charge of the Bill to withdraw it per-emptorily-as they have the right to do-in the interests of the citizens; and the City Council owes it to its own self-respect to see that it is done with all due despatch.

There is not a single clause in the Bill, even the financial one-which, after all, in the present state of the City's finances, is only of secondary importance-thit can justify the sacrifice of the principles embodied in
the present Charter, which itself so safeguards the citizens against the assaults of speeulative ingenuity, to despoil them of their rights and make them pay out their money to the grabbers to satisfy the cupidity of the parties concerned. The moral of all this is that the taxpayers will do well fo rthemseves to watch carefully whom they vote for as Mayor and Aldermen at the next municipal elections.

## A WORD FOR OUR IMMIGRANTS.

When we consider the numbers of cases reported in the daily press of fraud perpetrated upon immigrants to our shores, it is surprising how little effort is put forth in the way of prevention. The tricks put upon strangers arriving in the city are most shamefaced; and were it not that people from our own country, however instructed or escorted, are, when they travel abroad themselves, so often at a loss which way to turn, what hotel to stay at, which place to choose for a night's lodging, to square, perhaps, with the size of their purse, that the simple manner in which they are befooled would seem to indicate a lack of common sense, a total want of that selfhelp which should form a portion of the equipment of every traveller in a strange land.

Especially must this apply to the immigrant who comes to settle among us under vastly changed conclitions as compared with his or her wonted environments, and frequently with purse barely sufficient for a start in the new world. The anxiety depicted on the face of the new-comer, his almost absurd solicitude for his luggage (which he objects to have termed his "baggage"), the patent effort to look at ease, all betray him to the station swindler, a character who in other countries is readily noted by the police and ordered to "move on." Our ornamental fellows are, many of them, too apathetic to interfere.

Who, among the many of our better class whose means permit them to travel abroad, accompanied by father or brother or husband, has not found trouble in new cities, whether at railway stations, steamboat landings and the, to them, strange manner in which people are packed and divided in these conveyances? How many escape worry at Customs stations and the sometimes greater annoyances for want of the money of the new country they are entering? We venture to say the lucky ones are like "angels' visits, few and far between." And is it to be wondered at, therefore, that people from over the sea, some of whom have never been a hundred miles away from home before, often find themselves puzzled by their new surroundings, cheated in makings change, directed to and lodged in unsuitable places, where they may be further wronged and defrauded out of what is their all, their sole means of equipping thumselves for the new life of greater prospects and freedom such as were pictured to them in the beautifully illystrated booklet distributed among them and neighbours in their old homes? Of course, these difficulties are generally escaped by those who arrive "en masse" accompanied by their spiritual and other guides, and who know whither they are bound-whose money is not wasted or otherwise lost by the way. There are a few others who come before to spy out the land, but it is not every one who can afford the double trip, which, however, is usually the cheapest in the end. Many would never come again. Prosperity is not unfrequently forced upon,
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such people, as the "land-poor" proprietor who could not find a purchaser for a quarter of a century, but may at length be enriched "beyond the dreams of avarice" by finding his tract wanted by a rich railway company or for a suburban extension.

We never knew of the people of any nationality so well fitted for independent travel as the Americansand to specify more particularly, the young women among them. These may be met with in two's and three's all over Europe, asserting themselves, putting up at the dearest if not the best hotels, occupying the best boxes at the Opera, speaking their own tongue, in unmistakable accents, by moonlight in the Colosseum, at any hour on the Pyramid of Cheops, or hoisting "lava-proof" umbrellas on the top of Mount Vesuvius-everywhere looking as though they had been there often before; and no one attempts to defraud or molest them. Excursions are provided for companies of them every season, and though their polyglot guides may not always succeed in translating information with any degree of эсcuracy, the errors are not often found out, and when they are it is with much good humour.

One of the more recent institutions in Montreal is worthy of commendation in respect of the assistancé it affords to English immigrants hitherward. The Andrews Home is doing good service, but it is totally inadequate to deal with the immense numbers arriviag out every season of late years. We may be pardoned for again looking to the States for "pointers." Every conductor, while his train is more slowly rumbling along through historic scenery stops a minute or two on each car (coach) as he proceeds to collect tickets, and indicates the mountains, lakes or streams referred to in the guidebooks. Now there is no reason whatever why the conductors on our Canadian trains should not be induced to serve such a purpose on immigration trains, not in respect of the scenery but as regards the manners and ways of living in the new country-the coins and any defects, the confidence man at or near the stations, the names and location of the different national societies, such places as the Andrews Home, the various rates at the respectable hotels, how they may seek for their luggage (their boxes), the whereabouts of the nearest chemists (drugstore), the markets, the principal thoroughfares. The ordinary conductor should be provided with his lesson "a la carte" by the railway passenger department; it had better be delivered by word of mouth than by any printed form. As the immigrants are come to benefit us (though indirectly) as well, as themselves, no reasonable effort should be spared to make their entry as free as possible from trouble and confusion. The expressed welcome, the kind word may serve to lighten the load and brighten the way; and it goes without saying that these people who have come among us have it largely in their power to encourage others to take a similar plunge in life, one which is unfortunately not invariably free from vain regrets. Let our steamship and railway men see to it that while encouraging emigration to our shores, they add the trifling assistance in the way of instruction en route as we have pointed out, remembering that these people when successful are all possible contributors to the great cargoes of grain and of live stock which shall continue to enrich the shareholders ind themselves, men who, also as independent sons of the freest people in the world, are not likely to neglect the franchise in the country of their adoption. Upon the
success of the exodus directed by Mr. Barr must depend any future efforts in the same direction; it is therefore to be hoped every facility will be afforded the new settlers.

Since writing the above, we are informed that the Canadian Government is understood to provide guides and instruction to immigrants. Perhaps there is need of some supervision over and above.

FIRE INSURANCE REPORT, STATE OF NEW YORK, 1902.

The Annual Report of the Insurance Superintendent of the State of New York gives the following statistics of the fire business last year and 1901:

NEW YORK JOINT STOCK FLRE COMPANIES.

|  | 1902. | 1901. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets.. | \$102,272,653 | \$ 95,114,370 |
| Liabilities, except capital. | 47,338,507 | 41,898,878 |
| Capital.. | 18,050,000 | 18,350,000 |
| Surplus.. | 36,884,146 | 34,885,490 |
| Premiums written | 47,450,756 | 41,171,710 |
| Total receipts. | 60,705,510 | 44,574,483 |
| Losses paid. | 25,181,723 | 22,739,477 |
| Dividends paid. | 2,113,250 | 2,077,960 |
| Total disbursements | 45,414,550 | 40,388,325 |
| isks in force. | 11,712,559 | ,783,973, |

JOINT STOCK CO'S OF OTHER STATES.

|  | 1902. | 1901. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets.. | \$160,112,800 | \$149,135,685 |
| Liabilities, except capital.. | 80,577,156 | 74,141,753 |
| Capital.. .. .. .. .. | 36,752,875 | 35,852,875 |
| Surplus.. | 42,782,767 | 39,141,058 |
| Premiums written.. | 74,805,656 | 71,633,476 |
| Total receipts.. | 93,360,958 | 77,994,831 |
| Losses paid. | 43,625,934 | 41,075,166 |
| Dividends paid.. | 4,441,320 | 4,226,370 |
| Total disbursements.. .. | 78,519,855 | 72,971,734 |
| Risks in force.. .. .. .. .. | 0,035,121,416 | 8,397,865,978 |

BRANCIHES OF FOREIGN FIRE COMPANIES.
1902.


Putting the whole premiums together of the above three classes of companies and the whole losses, we get this result:

-Beplying to a deputation in the House of Commons recently, asking for the removal of the duties on corn, tea and sugar, Mr. Ritchie, Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave a plain indication that he 'had' no such intention. It is now considered certain that any taxation relief that may be found possible will take the direction of a reduction in the income tax.

## UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION.

The first Annual Report of the great United Steel Corporation appears on a later page in this issue. No such document was ever before compiled; it is something new under the sun. 'The figures presentel in the statement are so prodıgious as to be quite incapable of being fully realized; their meaning, their import, their sigmincance, can omiy we judged by comparisons.
the hambitles of inis commercial octopus are larger than the national dent of the united states, they exceed the entire exports of the states for last year by 250 imumions of donars. 'the assets, it distributed, would proviae \$zU per head tor every one of the population of the unted states. The Corporations output of pig-teoll and of steel ingots in Lyuz was about one-hall thac uf the whole of the furmaces on thas continent, bemg iogetner $17,76 y, 448$ tons. '1 he employes number more than the entire male population of this city. - The wages paid last year would provide 240,000 familles with over $\$ 500$.

How many persons have an interest in this vast enterprise as stocknolders and as bondholders is unknown; unknown also is the actual cash they contributed to make up the capital. 'That would be an interesting point to have revealed. Without a clear statement of the actual cash contributions of the shareholders, and of the terms and conditions under which the stock was distributed and the bonds issued to the bolders, it is impossible to form any sound judgment respecting the financial basis of ihe United States Steel Corporation. It would also be necessary to show how the valuations of the different properties were made up, how far those valuations are based upon actual cost, or rather cash outlay, and how far they are valuations derived from the figures of their former owners who transferred them to the Corporation for various considerations.
No properties are more liable to enormous depreciations in value than those required for the production of iron and steed, nor are there any properties respecting the true value of which it is so difficult to secure reliable estimates; nor are there any so liable to rapid depreciation. To overvalue by 10 per cent. the plant of blast furnaces and rolling mills, the undeveloped riches of mines, and other equipments of an enterprise which claims to have properties worth $1,325,267,583$, is a very easy operation. Yet, a reduction of 10 per cent. on the gross value of the Corporation's properties would reduce its assets to the extent of $\$ 132,526,758$, which would wipe out all the sinking funds, reserves, undivided surplus, and $\$ 24$, 953,167 of the capital. The possibilities then of there being an enormous gap between the assets and liabilitiees of such an organization are such as to suggest caution in pronouncing any judgment upon its finacial condition on the bare information of a statement issued by the management, those engaged in the several departments of which naturally, inevitably indeed, make the best showing possible in their initial statement.
From the first annual Report, which we reproduce elsewhere, we learn that the stock of the Corporation is made up as follows:

Common stock.<br>. $\$ 508,302,500$<br>Preferred stock..<br>$$
510,281,100
$$

Besides these classes of shares there are the following capital stocks of subsidiary companies not held by the U. S. Steel Corporation:

| Preferred stocks.. .. .. .. .. <br> Lake Superior Consolidated |
| :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

Total Capital Stocks.

The Bonded and Debenture Debt is thus stated:

> U. S. Steel Corp'n Bonds.. Less held as Sinking Fund..
.\$303,757,000 2,698,000
$\$ 301,059,000$
Subsidiary Co.'s bonds.
59,695,326

## Total bond d debt

## Total stocks and bonds.

On the bonded debt of $\$ 360,754,326$ there is a charge of 5 per cent., and the stock to the extent of $\$ 510,281,000$ is subject to a dividend of 7 per cent., so that the total interest and dividend charges amount annually to $\$ 53$,${ }^{7} 57,370$, leaving out the Common Stock of $\$ 508,302,500$, which will be paid what crumbs fall from the table when the bondholders and preferred stockholders have had their annual or semi-annual meal. It would be a poor enterprise indeed that did not pay the holders of common stock 5 per cent. at least, so that if for paying this small dividend on $\$ 508,302,500$ of this stock there were $\$ 25,415,000$ appropriated, the sum required for dividends and interest on bonds annually would be $\$ \approx 9,-$ 172,000. The Common Stockholders were paid only 4 per cent. There are, however, other fixed charges on mortgages for which the Corporation is liable, but in such a concern a few millions more or less scarcely count.

We note that $\$ 1,773,333$ appears amongst the Jiabilities as, "Sinking Fund on U. S. Steel Corporation Bends," and $\$ 217,344$ as "Sinking Funds on bonds of subsidiary companies." These funds ought to be specifically represented by Assets set aside for the purpose. There arc funds also amongst the liabilities for "depreciacion and improvement and replacement," which together amwint to $\$ 18,2 \pi 3,800$. This may be sufficient for the sirst year; but this provision will need to be very largaly su! $i^{1}$ lemented before it is adequate for meeting the lepreciation, the improvements, and the replacements of a plant and properties valued at $\$ 1,325,267,583$, on whicin \$18,273,800 is only $1.3^{77}$ per cent.

The managers of the Corporation are highly to ine commended for publishing their unique, unprecedented statement. It is admirably constructed in form, and it gives a mass of detailed information such as was never hefore published by a large manufacturing enterprise. To have kept 168,127 employes quiet in these days 'f strikes proves of itself that exceptionally great organizing ability and administrative skill are in the servive of the Corporation. That it may prosper is our earnest hope, for, however much the aggregation of capital to such an extent may be disapproved of, the consolidation having been consummated, it would be an appalling calamity to the whole continent were any evil to befall the United States Steel Corporation.

## THE WESTERN BANK OF CANADA.

The town of Oshawa and district around it have been enjoying their share of the general prosperity of Canada as is shown by the statement of the Western Bank, which, in these amaloniation dars. maintains its local independence. In the past year the husiness of this bayk is re-port-d to have been "active and progressive." "Active"
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On the lits and the cashier, is Mr. John Board.

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Assets.

Fire premiu Marine. Interests (b Other intere Rents.
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Total inc
Total.

Losses paid. Dividends. Commissions Salaries and Taxes. . All other

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Value of rea Loans on bol Stocks and t Loans on col Cash in offic Agents balan course of All other ass

Total ass

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'i must have been to have realized profits amounting io $\$ 65,121$, whi. h is about 1.1 per cent. of the average paid"ip capital, and "progressive" it certainly was when the dep. sits increased to the extent of $\$ 525,{ }^{\circ} 09$, which were so profitably utilized as to have yielded such hands me returns. The prefits of $\$ 65,121$ and balance from $1: 1$ made a total of $\$ 69,200$ available for distribution. OL this sum there was $\$ 29,785$ applied for dividends, $\$ 25.0{ }^{\prime}, 0$ was added to reserve fund, and $\$ 14,414$ was left at crisht of profit and loss account as a•nest egg tor next year. The reserve fund stands at $\$ 175,000$, which is over 40 ; per cent. of the paid-up capital. All which is highly satisfactory. The bank stands high in public confidence, if is shown by the deposits amounting to $\$ 2,923,859$, which is over 7 times the paid-up capital, a proportion much keyond the average of the Canadian banks. Against these deposits the bank holds assets readily convertible to the amount of $\$ 1,682,689$, which is also above the average, and evidences a policy of prudence and due regard for contingencies being pursued by the management.
On the development of the business, the excellent $p^{*}$, fits and the strength of its reserves, Mr. T. H. McMilian, cashier, is to be commended and congratulated, as are Mr. John Cowan, president, and his colleagues on the Board.

## CONNECTICUT FIRE INS. REPORT.

Our thanks are due to the Commissioner of Insurance for Connecticut, Mr. Theron Upson, for a copy of the Official Report of his Department for 1902, his first in this capacity. There are in all 125 companies doing business in the State. Following is a summary for the year:

Capital. . .. $\$ 53,053,875.00$
Assets.
.. ..

Fire premiums.
Marine.
Interests (bonds and mortgage) Other interest and dividends Rents.
Other sources.
Total income
Total.
\$184,538,402.42
6,081,847.78 1,618,459.59 8,057,144.11 1,286,668.97
8,608,685.73
\$278,389,361.92

Losses resisted.. Unearned premiums. Cash dividends unpaid.

1,881,285. 33 ..... 141,938,552.98 commisions \& brokerage $44,166.89$ All other liabilities. 7,489,637.21

Total liabilities except capital and surplus $\$ 166,226,396.59$ Capital stock. . .. .. .. .. .. $\$ 53,053,875.00$ Surplus over -all liabilities .. .. $100,755,523.14$

Surplus as regards policyholders.
. $\$ 153,809,398.14$
Total liabilities including capital and surplus
$. \$ 320,035,794,73$
The conditions disclosed in the financial statements of the fire insurance companies filed in his Departmeat, show a marked improvement in the business throughout the country, over that of the last three years. In Connecticut the business, has not been satsifactory. The fire loss is still much greater than it should be. It is to be hoped that the companies will, by all possible means, andeavour to bring about better conditions on that line, and that the public will be educated up to the point of realizing that the reduction of this great and, to a large extent, unnecessary fire loss means the reduction of premium rates and the saving of a large sum of money to the property owners at large.
Of the 1,427 fires in the State during the year, $17 \%$ were caused by defective flues, smoke-stacks and chimneys; 98 by lamp accidents and explosions; 89 sparks of all kinds; 84 exposure to burning buildings; 66 gas and oil stoves and explosions; 53 matches; 51 incendiary; 41 stoves and pipes, and 40 by lightning. The number of fires in each town is interesting. New Haven had 226 ; Hartford 163; Bridgeport 163; Norwich 51, and Danbury 50. Of the total number of towns, 170 , there were 50 which had no destructive fires.

## RETURNING GOODS.

Retailers who conform strictly to the business rule of keeping what goods they order, whether they are delívered or being held for future date, may be a little surprised on learning that there are retail dealers who do not, apparently, consider it any violation of custom, business, or principle to send back to the wholesale house at the end of the active season such unbroken parcels of merchandise as may be left on their hands. The question naturally arises: Why do wholesale houses perrait this? Well, circumstances of some kind must be responsible, because the evil really exists. At the present season it is not at all unusual for Montreal wholesale grocers to receive inquiries from some of their retail ustomers as to disposition of balance of stocks of fish, following the Lenten term. The trade in this article is more or less uncertain. A poor season like the present, where prolonged mild weather interfered with demand, is likely to leave considerable quantities of salt herring, etc., unsold by retailers, some of whom ship back to the Montreal supply houses the unsold balance without even notifying that they were thus taking an easy way of relieving themselves of any surplus.

It appears this irregular mode of dealing in fish had its origin many decades back, when trading was conducted on a vastly different basis, and to some extent its uninviting features are still apparent. This drawb.rok to trade must give way before modern business meth. ods and the sooner wholesalers shut completely down on such practices the better for all concerned.

## WHAT CANADA BUYS-(36).

We continue publication of a list of the goods import- manufacturers in the United Kingdom and their repre-
ed by our own people during the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1901, with the view of affording information to those of our friends abroad, who may be desirous of opening up or extending business in Canada. This alphabetical list, compiled from the Customs returns, is unavoidably voluminous and will probably run through the greater portion of the "Journal of Commerce" for the current half-year; but it should prove most valuable to real: sentatives who would avail themselves of the advantages offered under our Differential Tariff which, it may be seen, allows one-third off the ordinary duty on goods of British manufacture exported to Canada. Any information which, alphabetically, must recur later on in our tables will be furnished meantime on application to the office of the "Canadian Journal of Commerce," Mont-

> DUTIABLE GOODS.-(Continued.)

Entered for Home Consumption.
General Tariff.

Preferential T'ariff.

|  | -Total Imports- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Countries. | Quantity. | Value. <br> $\$$ |  |


| -Total Imports- |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Countries. | Quantity. | Value. \$ | Quantity. | Value. \$ |
| Gutta percha-Clothing and clot'hing made |  |  |  |  |
| Great Britain.. |  | 117,754 |  | 1,606 |
| France.. .. .. .. | ..... | 20 | ...... | 20 |
| Germany |  | 7 | $\ldots$ | 7 |
| United States... | ...... | 52,219 | ..... | 52,893 |
| Total .. .. .. .. .. |  | 170,000 | $\ldots$ | 54,526 |



Sheeting-
Great Britain.
United States.

| United States.. .. .. .. |  | 264 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | ...... | 420 |
| All others, not otherwise provided for- |  |  |
| Great Britain.. | ...... | 34,374 |
| Austria-Hungary.. . | .... | 149 |
| Belgium.. | ..... | 349 |
| France.. .. |  | 1,987 |
| Germany .. .. |  | 18,692 |
| United States.. | ...... | 180,243 |
| Total .. .. .. .. .. | ...... | 235,794 |


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| 324 | 113.40 | ...... | 766 | 178.74 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 224 | 78.40 | ...... | ...... | ...... |
| 53,095 | 18,583.27 | ...... | . $\cdot$... | . $\cdot$.... |
| 53,643 | 18,775.07 | ...... | 766 | 178.74 |
| 6 | 2.10 | ...... | 932 | 217.48 |
| 204 | 71.40 | . | ....... | ...... |
| 39,617 | 13,865.95 | ...... | . $\cdot$.... | ...... |
| 39,827 | 13,939.45 | $\ldots$ | 932 | 217.48 |

## DAIRY PRODUCE

A private London circular, date 3 rd instant, treating of the dairy produce situation, says:-Butter-The demand for New Zealand butter has slackened, and prices show a decline of 2 s to 4 s per cwt. on the week. Considering the time of year the price is good, being nearly equal to the value a year ago, which was exceptional. Cholcest may be quoted at 100 to 102 s , and finest 96 to 98 s . The great reduction last week in the Copenhagen official quotation has brought about a further fall of 3 kroner this week, as everyone foresaw, and is now 3 kroner fower than in first week of April, 1902. It is probable that values will remain where they are until after Easter.
Canadian Butter.-The new season for Canadian butter is about to open, and it may not be amiss to point out a few improvements that will raise the quality and value of Canadian butter when it arrives on our markets. In the past It has depreciated very much more in quality than Australian and New Zealand has, between the churn and the consumers' table in the United Kingdom, whereas it ought not to depreciate so much. We advise the Canadian Government to insist on having all the rooms in every creamery thoroughly limewas'hed every spring, and also to improve the rallway transit by lowering the temperature on the cars to the seaport, especially those from Western Ontario The butter should. be three days in cold store at the part of shipment before being put on the vessel. The shipping companies should reject all butter above 40 degrees Fahr. when presented for s'hipment, and the ships' chambers in which it is carried should never exceed 20 degrees Fahr.. -The aniversal experience is toward zero. The boxes ought to be made of thicker wood', say $3 / 4-\mathrm{in}$., and made as strong as Australlan or New Zealand. The wood should be well kilndried before used, and the box waxed inside as at present. The vegetable parchment s'hould be genuine, not imitation stuff as the large bulk of it was last season. In New Zealand experlence is showing that not only the best parchment should be used, but it is an improvement to use it double. In the matter of moisture, the driest butters keep best and bring the highest prices. In color, taste is growing in favor of paler butter. Preservatives are necessary for butter which is exported, but care should be taken to use only those preservatives which have boracic acid and borax for their base. British law allows the use of a half per cent, of boracic acid, which quantity is perfectly innocuous to the health of the most delicate person, if it is not even beneficial.
Cheese.-The demand continues good and prices remain unchanged for Canadian and New Zealand grass-made cheese. Fodder cheese from Canada is coming forward at about 62s per cwt. Canadian choicest fall make 70 s to 71 s , finest do., 68 s to 69 s . Corresponding week. 1902 , choicest Canadian sold at 55 s to 56 s and finest at 52 s to 53 s .

## VICTORIA COUNTY, ONT., NOTES.

Our Lindsay, Ont., correspondent writes:-Re Portland Cement Industry in this county.-This company's building operations at Raven Lake-well under way-are among the most interesting undertakings in the Midland district Raven Lake lies alongside the railway track on the Coboconk branch of the Grand Trunk, about twenty miles northwest of Lindsay, there being sufficient land between the railway and the lake to furnish an ample building site The lake contains about 350 acres, the water being about two feet deep and underlying it is one of the finest bodies of marl on the continent. The close proximity of the railway line to the works and to the marl supply is a special advantage, as it does away with the building of any branch line and expense to maintain and operate. In another particular, too, Raven Lake Portland Oement Co. is specially favored, as they are the owners of two excellent waterpow ers about twelve miles from the works, at Elliott's Falls and Norland, both on the Gull River. There are two powerful dams built and the company have made arrangements for their utilization. They are installing an electric plant at Elliott's Falls, the electric power generated there to be conveged to the Raven Lake works. With the special ad-
vantages as to situation and waterpower this company will certainly have one of the most economical cement plants on the continent
R. B. McCormisky, of Yarmouth, N.S., is contemplating locating a horn goods and celluloid factory here. The Kawartha Lakes Navigation Co., recently incorporated, has taken over the Kenosha and Alexandria, formerly owned and operated by Parkin \& Carew. The company are remodelling these boats, and are making preparations for a large tourist trade on the Kawartha Lakes this summer.

## APRIL COCOA BLTTTER AUCIIIONS.

Lower prices were realized at the monthly auctions of cocoa butter, held at Amsterdam and London on the 7 th inst, The average price paid at Amsterdam was fifty-eight Duteh cents per half-kilogram, while at London the averag, was ten and eleven-sixteenths pence, comparing with the av rage pricess paid at previous sales, as shown in the following
table:-

Amsterdam.
Dutch cts. per
$1 / 2$ kilo.
London.
1903. 1902.

Pence per ib.
1903. 1902

January.
February
March..
April.
$\begin{array}{llll}64 & 71 \\ 61 & 69 & 11 & 1-16\end{array}$

May.
June.
July..
August.
September.
October.
November
December.
$\begin{array}{llll}61 & 69 & \mathbf{1 1} 5-16 & 129 / 3 \\ 60 & 64 & 103 / 4 & 121 / 4 \\ 58 & 67 & 10 & \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}60 & 64 & 103 / 4 & 121 / 4 \\ 58 & 67 & 1011-16 & 121 / 4\end{array}$
$121 / 2$
$121 / 8$
$121 / 4$
121/4
$123 / 4$

It will be seen by the figure $113 / 8$ Paint and Drug Reporter, that the prices at the last sale were much below those of previous auctions. This was expected, owing to the heavy quantities offered. There were at Amsterdam 85 tons of Van Houten's brand, 50tons Bensdorp, 20 tons of Helm, 16 tons of De Jong, 3 tons of Utretch, ten tons of Mignon, five tons of Mercuurstaaf and two and one-half tons of a foreign brand. At London there were offered one hundred tons of Cadbury's brand. These amounts compare with the offerings of other sales, as
shown below:shown below:-

| January. | Amsterdam. Tons. |  | London. Tons. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1903 .$ | $1902 .$ | 1903. | 1902. |
| February.. | $1661 / 2$ 160 |  | ${ }^{90}$ | 70 |
| March.. . | $1631 / 2$ | 1107 | 100 | 90 90 |
| April. . .. .. | 1911/2 | 96 | 100 | 100 |
| May .. .. .. .. | .. | 106 | 10 | 100 |
| June.. .. |  | 96 | .. | 70 |
| July.. .. .. | $\cdots$ | 83 | . | 50 |
| August ... | . | 591/2 | $\ldots$ | 20 |
| September | . | 941/2 | $\therefore$ | 60 |
| October.. . |  | 1311/2 | . | 35 |
| Noyember.. .. | $\cdots$ | 1331/2 | . | 70 |
| Hecember.. | $\cdots$ | 172 |  | 80 |

The New York market for cocos butter has been quiet for a number of months and prices have been in downward tendency. The lower prices pald at the auctions naturally led to a decline in values over there, present prices being below any figures quoted since 1898.
-The thirtieth annual special issue of the London, Eng. Timber Trades Journal speaks well for the enterprise which is responsible for its steady growth in volume and in Interest. The accompanying colored maps and photo illustrations are well executed and will serve to further increase the popularity of the Journal in its chosen field.

## United States Steel Corporation <br> YEAR ENDING DEOEMEER 31, 1902. Assers.

Property Account:
Properties owned and operated by the several companies, Less Surplus and subsidiary Companies at date of acquirement of their Stocks by the U. S. Steel Corporation, April 1, 1901.
\$116,356,111.41
Charged off to D preclation and Extlnguishment Funds..
12,011,856. 63

| Deferred Charges to Operations: <br> Expenditures for Improvements, Explorations, Stripping and development at Mines Mining Royalties, chargeable to future operations of the properties.. .. .. Trustees of Sinking Funds: <br> Cash held by Trustets on account of Bond Sinking Funds.. .. .. .. .. ..... .. . <br> ( $\$ 4,022,000$ par value of Redeemed Bonds 'held' by Truste:s not treated as an Investments: <br> Outside Real Estate and Other Property.. <br> Insurance Fund Assets. . <br> Current Assets: <br> Inventories .. .. <br> Accounts Receivabl <br> Bills Receivable.. <br> Agents' Balances. . <br> Sundry Marketable Stocks and Bonds <br> Cash. |  |
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128,367,967.94
Deferred Charges to Operations:
Expenditures for Improvements, Explorations, Stripping and development at Mines, and for advanced

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3,178,759.67
Trustees of Sinking Funds:
( $\$ 4,022,000$ par value of Redeemed Bonds held by Truste s not treated as an asset.) vestments:

Outside Real Estate and Other Property.

Current Assets:
Inventories
Accounts Receivable
Agents' Balances
Sundry Marketable Stocks and Bonds
Cash..

## Total Assets

$\qquad$
LIABILITIES
Capital Stock of U. S. Steel Corporation: Ocmmon.
Preferred
Capital Stocks of Subsidiary Co's not held by U. S. Steel Corporation (par value.): Common Stocks.
Preferred' Stocks
Lake Superior Consolidated Iron Mines, Subsidiary Companies

Bonded and Debenture Debt
United States Steel Corporation Bonds.
Less Redeemed' and held by Trustee of Sinking Fund
Balance held by the Publle.
Subsidlary Companies' Bonds.
Less Redeemed and held by Trustees of Sinking Funds
Balance held' by the Public.
59,654,900.75
40,426.02
\$2,901,132.07 6,689,418.53
$\$ 18,675,080.13$ 6,202,502.44
4,485,546.58
1,051,605.42
5,398,572.96
8,929,919.25
5,083,025.00
49,826.25 ${ }^{\text {. }} 78$
\$1,438,970,643.53
\$1,773,333. 33
217,344.36
1,707,610. 59
$16,566,190.90$
3,413,783.50
$1,539,485.25$
215,914.38
\$303,757,000.00 2,698,000.00
\$301,059,000.00
\$60,978,900.75 1,324,000.00

Debenture Scrip, Illinois Steel Company.
Mortgages and Purchase Money Obligations of Subsidiary Companies
Mortgages.
Purchase Money Obligations.
Current Liabilitles:
Current Accounts Payable and Pay Rolls.
Bills and Loans Payable.
Specol Dernsits due Employees and others.
Accrued Taxes not yet due.
Accrued Interest and Unprest nted Coupons.
Preferred Stock Dividend No, 7, payable February 16, 1903.
Common Stock Dividend No. 7, payable March 30, 1903.

Total Capital and Current Liabilities.
Sinking and Reserve Funds:
Sinking Fund on U. S. Ste: 1 Corporation Bonds
Sinking Fund on Bonds of Subsidiary Companies.
Depreciation and Extinguishment Funds
Improvement and Replacement Funds.
Contingent and Miscellaneous Operating Funds.
Insurance Fund.
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Represented by Cash, and by redeemable bonds not treated as assets (see contra),
Undivided Surplus of U. S. Ste 1 Corporation and Subsidiary Companies:
Capital Surplus provided in organization of U. S. Steel Corporation..
52,874,597.05

Audited and found correct, PRICE, WATERHOUSE \& CO.
*NOTE.-In preliminary Report submitted to stockholders at the First Annual Meeting, February 17, 1902, the accumulated surplus of all subsidiary companies to Novem ber 30, 1901, was shown as $\$ 174,344,229.32$. This total, however, included the surplus of the subsidiary companjes at time of the original acquisition of their stocks by United States Steel Corporation in 1901, which surplus in this balance sheet is stated in diminution of Property Account.

## INOOME AOOOUNT FOR THE YEAR.

The total net earnings of all properties after deducting expenditures for ordinary repairs and maintenance (approximately $\$ 21,000$, $\left.000^{*}\right)$, also interest on Bonds and fixed charges of the subsidiary companies, amounted to.. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. $\$ 133,308,763.72$
Less Appropriations for the following purposes, viz.:
Sinking Funds on Bonds of Sub-
sidiary Companies.. .. .. .. \$ 624,064.43
Depreciation and Extinguishment Funds (regular provisions for the year.
$4,834,710.28$
Extraordinary Replacement
Funds (regular provisions for the year)..

9,315,614.76
Special Fund for Depreciation
and Improvements.
$10,000,000.00 \quad 24,774,389.47$
Balance of Net Earnings for the year.. .. .. $\$ 108,534,374.25$ Deduret:
Interest on U. S| Steel Corpor-
ation Bonds for the year. . $\$ 15,187,850.00$
Sinking Fund on U. S. Steel
Corp'n Bonds for the year.. $3,040,000.00 \quad 18,227,850.00$
Balance.
\$90,306,524.25
Dividends for the year on U. S.
Corporation Stock, viz.:
Preferred, 7 per cent .. .. .. $\$ 35,720,177.50$
Common, 4 per cent
. $20,332,690.00 \quad 56,052,867.50$
Undivided Profits or Surplus for the year. .. $\$ 34,253,656.75$
*The actual expenditures for ordinary re-
pairs and maintenance were.. .. .. .. .. .. \$21,230,218.13
It cannot be stated, however, that this specific sum was taken out of the net earnings for the year, because in the manufacturing and producing properties the expenses for repairs and maintenance enter into and form a part of production cost. And as the net earnings of such properties are stated on the basis of gross receipts for product shipped. less the production cost thereof, the income for the year is charged with outlays for repairs and maintenance only to the extent that the production during such period' was actually shipped. But as the shipment in 1902 equalled practically the year's production, approximately the entire amount of the expenditure in question has be n deducted before stating the net earnings as above.

GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. GROSS RECEIPTS.
Gross Sales and Earnings. .
$\$ 560,510,479.39$

## Manufacturing and Operating Expenses.

Manufacturing and Próducing Cost and Operating Expenses.
\$411,408,818.36*
Balance.
Miscellaneous Manufacturing and
Operating Gains and Losses (net) $\$ 2$ 654,189.22
Rentals received
$474,781.49$
3,128,970.71
Total Net Manufacturing, Producing and
Operating Income...

## OTHER INCOME.

Proportion of Net Profits of properties owned but whose opera-
tions (gross revenue, cost of pro-
duct, expenses, etc.) are not in-
cluded in this statement. . . $\$ 1,972,316.45$
Interest and Dividends on Invest-
ments and on Deposits, ete. .
$3,454,135,50$
5,426,451.95
Total Income. .
. $\$ 157,657,083.69$

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

Administrative, Selling and Gen:
eral Expenses (not including
General Expenses of Transpor-
tation Companles) ..... ...... $\$ 13,202,398,89$
Taxes.. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 2,391,465.74
Commercial Discounts and Miscel-
Ianeous Interest . . . . . . . . . .. $1,908,027.90 \quad 17,501,892.53$
Balance of Income. .
$. \$ 140,155,191.16$

## INTEREST CHARGES, ETC.

Interest on Bonds and Mortgages
of the Subsidiary Companies.. $\$ 3,879,439.91$
Interest on Bills Payable and Pur-
chase Money Obligations of Sub-
sidiary Cos. and Miscellaneous
Interest.
2,234,144.43
Rentals paid.
732,843.10 6,846,427.44
Net Earnings for the year.
$. . \$ 133,308,763.72$
"Includes charges for ordinary maintenance and repairs.
MAINTENANCE, RENEWALS AND EXTRAORDINARY REPLACEMENTS.
The physical condition of the properties thas been fully maintained during the year, the cost of which has been charged to current operations. The amount expended by all properties during the year for maintenance, renewals and extraordinary replacements aggregated $\$ 29,157,010.73$.

This total is apportioned' as follows:
Expended on Ordinary
Manufacturing
Properties.
Coal \& Coke
Properties $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Tron Ore Properties } & 351,804.77 & 94,664.39 & 976,469.16 \\ & 35,220.12 & \ldots \ldots & 355,220.12\end{array}$ Transportation Properties:
Railroads .. .. .. 3,544,654.27 Steamships \& Docks $313,801.37$
$607,967.88$
$192,317.80$

4,152,622.15 Miscellaneous Pro-
perties.
35,519.66
53,612.05
89,131.71
Total. . . . . .. $\$ 21,230,218.13 \quad \$ 7,926,792.60 \quad \$ 29,157,010.73$
*These expenditures were paid from funds provided from earnings to cover requirements of the character included hereln.

## VOLUME OF BUISINESSS.

The volume of business done by all companies during the year, including sales between the companies, and the gross receipts of transportation and miscellaneous properties, aggregate the total sum of $\$ 560,510,479.39$.

## PRODUCTION.

The production of the several properties for the year 1902 was as follows:
Iron Ore Mined.


## Coke Manufactured

Coal Mined, not including that used in making coke.
-

Blast Furnace Products:
Pig Iron.
Spiegel.
7,802,812
Ferro-Manganese and Silicon
14, 53
7,975,530
Steel Ingot Production:
Bessemer Ingots.
6,759,210
Open Hearth Ingots.

## PROPERTY AOCOUNT.


The expenditures made during the year by all the properties and charged to Property Account equalled, less credits for property sold, the total sum of $\$ 16,586,531.77$. These outlays were made for the completion of construction work at manufacturing properties under way when the U. S. Steel Corporation was organized, also for necessary additions and extensions authorized since it organization, for the acquirement of additional ore and coal property, the opening and development of new mines and plants, for additional \&quip. ment and facllities demanded by the growing requirements of the business of the transportation propertifs, to secure material reduction in cost of manufacture, transportation of raw and unfinished materials, and distribution of finish-
ROLLED AND OTHER FINISHED PRODUCTS FOR SALE.
$*$ *
Steel Rails.
Blooms, Billets, Slabs, Sheet and Tin Plate Bars Plates
Merchant Stell, Skelp, Shapes, Hoops, Bands and Cotton Ties.
Tubing and Pipe.
Rods.
Wire and Products of Wire
Sheets-Black, Galvanized and Tin Plates
Finished Structural Work
Angle and Splice Bars and Joints.
Spikes, Bolts, Nuts and Rivets.
1920,786 782,637 649,541

1,254,560
744,062 109,330 1,122,809 783,576 481,029 139,954 42,984

Axles. 136,787
Sundry Iron and Steel Products.
Total.
Spelter.
Copperas
Cement

## ORDERS ON HAND

The tonnage of unflled orders on the books at the close of 1902 equalled $5,347,253$ tons of all kinds of manufactured products. At the corrsponding date in preceding year's th : orders booked equalled $4,497,749$ tons. In many of the classes of 'heavier products, like rails, plates and' structi, ral material, practically the entire capacity of the mills is sold up until nearly the end of the year, 1903.

PURCHASE MONEY OBLIGATTONS, BILLS PAYABLE AND SPECLAL DEPOSITS

The unsecured liabilities of the Subsidiary Companies of the above character were reduced during the fiscal year of 1902, and also during the period from April 1, 1901 (date of organization of U. S. Steel Corporation), to December 31, 1902, by the following respective amounts, viz:

Purchase Money Obligations
and Bills Payable .. $\$ 8,678,836.01$ \$1,884,558.85 \$21,563,394.86 Special Deposits . . . 2, 269,134.56 767,809.09 3,136,943.65
\$11,047,970.57 \$13,652,367.94 \$24,700,338.51
The funds for the payment of the above liabilitles were provided entirely from the surplus net earnings of the or-ganization-no new capital or bonded or other liability has been created in lieu thereof, although practically all of such payments might properly be funded, as the liabilities were those of the Subsidiary Companies prior to or at the time of organization of U. S. Steel Corporation for the acquirement of additional property or for moneys borrowed, which were in turn used for purchase of property and construction expenditures.
As shown by the General Balance Sheet, the amount of these liabilities outstanding on December 31, 1902, is as follows:
Purchase Money Obligations. . .. .. . . . . . .

| $\$ 6,689,418.53$ |
| :--- |
| Bills Paya.ble..... . .. .. . . . . . . . . . |
| $6,202,502.44$ |
| Special Deposits.. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. |
| $4,485,546.58$ | Special Deposits. $4,485,546.58$

ped products, etc.

The outlays as above are classified by properties as follows:

Expended by
United States Steel Corporation, on account of
stocks of subsidiary companien
Manufacturing Properties..
Ore Properties.
Coal and Coke Properties.
Transportation Properties.
Miscellaneous Properties..
258,473.31

Total
\$16,586,531.77

## EMPLOYEES AND PAY-ROLLS.

The average number of employes in the service
of all properties during the entire year was
168,127
The aggregate amount paid during the ylear for dalaries and wages of employes was.. .... $\$ 120,528,343$
The following shows the classification of the number of employes and pay rolls between the several departments named:

> Employes of

Number.
Manufacturing Properthes 125,326
Coal and Coke Properties. 16.519 Iron Mining Properties.. 13,465
Transportation Properties. 11,160 Miscellaneous Properties.

1,657
Total. .
168,127

## NUMBER OF STOCKHOLDERS.

The following shows the number of stockholders in the United States Steel Corporation in March, 1903, in comparison with the number at corresponding date in preceding year:

|  |  |  |  |  | 1902. |  | 1903. |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | Increase.

The foregoing does not include the subscriptions for preferred stock by 27,379 employes under plan offered them und'er date of December 31, 1902.
Complete copies of the detalled Annual Report in pamphlet form will be mailed stockholders on and after April 13. Copics may also be obtained after that date at. the office of the Secretary, 71 Broadway, New York.
-Eight hundred and fifteen immigrants arrived in Winnipeg on the 13th instant. A Calgary despatch says during the past week nearly 600 settlers have arrived there, the majority coming from Washington, Idaho and Montana States. A conference of the Gity Councrt and Board of Trade was held to consider ways and means for the accommodation of the large influx of new settlers reaching the town. It was decided to lease the curling rink, where cots will be erected, and to put up tents, all to be charged to the D partment of Immigration. A colony of 50 well-to-do German farmers will leave Minnesota to locate in Edmonton district this week.

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## TRENTON ENTERPRISE.

Our correspondent at Trenton, Ont., writes:- The enterprise of erecting a cold storage building, at Trenton has proved quite successful and lucrative. Trenton may be said to stand at the point where three counties meet; they are the shires of Hastings on the east, Northumberland on the west and Prince Edward, connected with the mainland by an isthmus, on the south. The Central Ontário Rallway, whose headquarters are at Trenton, runs through the county of Prince Edward from Picton to Trenton, 30 miles, and partly through Northumberland, but mostly through Hastings shire to the north about 85 miles more from Trenton.
Trenton is the proper site for such an enterprise. The name of the company that located the building there is "The Apple and Produce Cold Storage and Forwarding Co., Limited." The company has been busy throughout the past
winter shipping 10 cars per week, the capacity of each car being 150 barrils. Most of the shipments are for the London and Liverpool markets. The packers in the meantime have been active in choosing apple's suitable for the English markets, assorting and re-packing for such shipments. The building is massive and propurtionately compact, with very few windows. The company now finds it necessary to add to more storeys to the building, which will be four storeys high when finished this summer.
The Central Ontario Railway Co. is preparing to build a new station, three stcreys high, with waiting and baggage rooms, ticket and telegraph offices on the ground floor, offices for the manager, superintendent, treasurer and other officials with a hall (where the directors of the railway will meet) on the second floor, and storerooms on the third floor. There will also be a large wanehouse on the north, for the storage of goods. The walls are to be of pressed "Don" brick from Toronto. The round-house, in connec-

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pecting under his able management to see the Board really become a live institution.

Two American capitalists from Boston, Messrs. A. B Turner and A. E. Pond, who are interested in the construction of an electric road from Toronto to Cornwall, which has been before the public for some time, visited our city last week, having driven from Toronto, and proceeded to Cornwayy, inspecting the road, I mean the gravel road, over which it is proposed to locate the electric one. They say it i.s sure to go on during the summer, and to further the project the Belleville Portland Cement Company have ofter. ed $\$ 1,000$ to the promoters towards building the road from this city eastwards, as the line will be built in close proxlmity to the works,

The Fruit Growers' Association here were addressed at a meeting held last week by Mr. W. T. Macoun, of the Government Experimental Farm, on the care of the orchard. There was a good attendance.
-It is rumored that the owner of an important electric xailway charter, returned to this city form New York, where, it is stated, he interested a number of Americans sufficiently to induce them to provide capital to build the road. The charter embraces sixteen counties, and should the road be carried out as planned it would tap every important town and section of the eastern townships, including Sherbrooke, and running almost as far as Sorel. The first line to be constructed is, it is said, to
run between Montreal run between Montreal and Valleyfield and St. John's Que. The intention is to carry the farm products of the south shore and the St. Lawrence into Montreal, and it is hoped that permission to enter the city will be obtained. If entirely built the road would form a rough triangle, one side of which would skirt the St. Lawrence and another

## Meetings, Reports, \&c.

## WESTERN BANK OF CANADA.

The Twenty-First Annual Meeting of the shaneholders of the Western Bank of Canada, Oshawa, Ont,, was held at the head office of the bank, on Wednesday, April 8th, 1903. The following shareholders were present:-W. F. Allen, Esq., Dr. McIntosh, Thomas Miller, Esq., John McLaughlin, Esq., C. W. Scott, Esq., W. F. Cowan, Esq., T. H. McMillan, Esq., R. Dillon, Esq., and others.
Owing to the illness of the president, W. F. Allen, Esq., was appointed chairman, and Mr. T. H. McMillan acted as secretary to the meeting.

## REPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting the Twentyfirst Annual Report for the year ending 28th February, 1903. The business of the Batnk has been active and progressive. The net profits of the year thave amounted to $\$ 65,121.66$, or about $141 / 4 p$ p cent. upon the average paid up capital of the Bank, which, added to the balanee carried forward from the previous year of $\$ 4,078.21$, amounts to $\$ 69,119.87$. Out of this sum two half yearly Dividends of $31 / 2$ per cent, each have been paid, absorbing $\$ 29.785 .26$; $\$ 25,000$ carried to the Rest Account, and $\$ 14,414.61$ been carried forward to the credit of Profit and Loss. The Deposits of the Bank have increased $\$ 525,909.56$, and the circulation $\$ 28,310$, and the gross asisets $\$ 607,148.51$ over the previous year. The losses of the year have been small. The Rest Account of the Bank now stands at $\$ 175,000$, or Abent equal to $401 / 4$ per cent, of the paid up capital. The Agencies of the Bank when last inspected were found in a
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Oshawa, 8th April, 1903.
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T. H. McMILJAN, Cashier.

Moved by the Chairman, and siconded by Mr. McLaughlin, that the report as read be adopted, printed and circulated among the Shareholders.-Carried.
Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dillon, moved that the thanks of the Shareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice-President and Directors of the Bank for the manner in which they have conducted the affalrs of the Bank during the past year.-CCarried.
Mr. F. W. Cowan, secorded by Mr. Scott, moved that the thanks of the Shareholders be given to the Cashier and other officers of the Bank for their attention to the interests of the Bank.-Carried.
Dr. McIntosh, second d by Mr. Gibson, moved that this meeting do now proceed to elect, by ballot, seven Directors to fill the place of those retiring, and that Messrs. C. W Scott and John McLaughlin be scrutineers for said election, and that the poll remain open for one hour to receive the votes of the shareholders, but that should five minutes
elapse at any time without a vote being taken the poll shall be declared' closed, and that the Scrutineers be paid' $\$ 4$ each for their services.-Carried.
The Scrutineers reported the following seven gentlemen as having received the unanimous pote of the Shareholders, viz.:-John Cowan, Esq., R. S. Hamlin, Esq., W. F. Cowan, Esq., Dr. McIntosh, W. F. Allen, Esq., T. Paterson, Esq., and J. A. Gibson, Esq., who were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks was then tendered to the Chiairman for his able conduct in the chair, and the meeting then adjourned.
At a subsequent meeting of the new Board, John Cowan, Esq., was unanimously elected President, and R. S. Hamlin, Esq., Vice-President.

## SHOP COURTESY.

Courtesy is so cheap, and counts for so much, that one is surprised to find a woeful neglect of it occasionally where it may be of greatest value. Instances are too often noted in shops, in departmental stores for example, where the young Miss, who not having yet learnt the knack of keeptng the male or female counter attendant busy for an hour or two and all in vain, is endeavouring to diseover what she is sent for, or requires, among the mass of patterns presented to her admiring and, perhaps, puzzled eyes. Should the shopper show any hesitation and the clerk happen to be one of the sophisticated donkeys that are sometimes found so misplaced, she is apt to be told, with a toss of the head, "I guess you don't know what you want." The unskilled shopper blushes, and leaves the place, never to call again. Occasionally a retort is made. One case of the kind is reported to us, A few days ago a young woman, whose ladylike, gentle appearance and quiet dress bespoke good breeding and agreeable manners, was answered in a rude manner by a "salesgentleman." The young visitor quietly beckoned the floor-walker-who, in all his magnificence was staring at vacancy, and seeing it -and requested him to call the man of humble mien-the

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owner, on the next floor-that he was specially wanted for a moment. The young woman asked the "salesgentleman" to kindly repeat what she (the visitor) had heard.-Further is unntetssary. Shopkeepers are frequently losers by the gross lack of courtesy displayed by their assistants, who, however hard-worked, should not forget, at least, the interests of their employers. Where there is want of politeness, it is unfortunat ly to be feared to have its growth at what is called Home.

## OFF FOR EUROPE

Among the passengers for Europe who sail by the "Kron Prinz Wilhelm', from New York to-morrow, is Mr. William C. MeIntyre, head of the firm of McIntyre, Son \& Co., th: great wholesale dry goods house of this city, Mr. McIntyre, who is yet a bachelor, takes his first real outing for upwards of two years on this occasion, his former trips having been exclusively on the affairs of the firm, who have -by the way-maintained a business office in Paris for years past. Whether the popular young merchant shall return as "fancy free" as he leaves us will doubtless depend somewhat on the length of this 'holiday trip, which all who know him wish may be as agreeable as heart can desire. A fellow-passenger on the same floating palne is Senator Mason of New Haven, Connecticut, who is not altogether a strang $r$ to the wealthy bachelor business men of Montreal. "Bon voyage, Messleurs!"

## BUSINESS DIFFICUITIES.

[^2]FINANCTAL
Montreal, Thursday Evening, April 16, 1903. The Bunk of Commerce has been authorized by the shareholders to increase its capital to $\$ 10,000,000$, and to take over the business of th Halifax Banking Cumpany. The new stock of $\$ 2,000,000$ will be called up at the discretion of the directors. The business of the Halifax Bank will add $\$ 6,000,000$ to the totals of the Bank of Commerce balance sheet, and givs the bank a position in the Maritime Provinces which it has hitherto lacked. With the statement of the U.S. Steel Corporation we deal in another column. The decision in the su't of the American Gov rument against the Northern Securities Company has excited the greatnst interest in stock exchange and railway circles. The judgment is based upon the Anti-Trust Act recently pass : d. The arrangement by which two great American railways thought to effect a combine that would "hold water," in spite of anti-trust legislation was most ingenious, but the Court declared it an illegal fffort to restrain trade and creat conditions that would place the public at the mercy, as the Court said, of one person. To-day the $\$ 72,500,000$ loan of the German Government will be issued, and curiosity is alive as to the effect it will have in New York. The British loan of $\$ 175.000,000$ will not be issued for a $f=w$ weeks. These loans cannot but have a considerable influence on the supply, therefore, of the price of money, and not in the direction of low ring rates. Consols keep steady at a fraction over 91, the present rate being $915-16$. On Wednesday a year ago there was the famous boom on the New York Stock Exchange, when $1,700,000$ shares changed hands. The affair was a display of manipulating skill on the part of a clique of operators, who fleeced the lambs wholesale and retall. The American increase in exports is being offset by large imports, so the situation is not being eased by the large outflow of products. The new York banks are in no humour for enlarging loans or lowering rates. The decision in re the Northern Securition

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Company has caused considerable alarm as to what may follow. As the case is appealed to the Supreme Court any positive opinion on this matter is premature, but, as the judges were unanimous, their judgment is likely to be upheld. Stock business locally has been very slack, under prevailing uncertainties. A few Pacific have sold at 129 to 130; Montreal Street 268 to 270 ; Twin City 110 $1 / 2$ to $1111 / 4$ : Dom. Iron 26 to $263 / 4$, prefererd, 63 to $631 / 2$; Dom. Coal $1061 / 2$ to 107; Bank of Montreal, 2543/4; Merchants 168; Hochelaga 135; Quebec 120; Commeree 1651/2; Toronto 256; Canada Permanent 122. Paris, exchange on London $25 \mathrm{f} 161 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; Berlin 20 m 51 pf . Foreign exchange, 60 's, $81 / 2$, and 3 days' sight $91 / 4$. Call loans $51 / 2$ to 6 , and no sign of easing up.

The following is a comparative table of stocks for week ending April 16, supplied by Charles Meredith \& Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal:


## Miscellaneous.

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x and interest.
-London Clearing House.-Total for week ending April 9, 1903, clearings, \(\$ 874,756\).
-Ottawa Clearing House.-Total for week ending April 9,1903 , clearings, \(\$ 2,183,290.61\); corresponding week last year, \(\$ 1,999,959.35\).
-The semi-annual meeting of shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway was held at London, Eng., on the 16ih instant. The president, Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, was loudly cheered in response to explanations regarding present improvements and future prospects.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.
Thursday Evening, April 16, 1903,
Activity is again noticeable at the river front, where preparations are being actively made for the steamers soon to land. The first ocean vessel is expected here on the 19th instant, with a direct cargo of Mediterranean fruit. Again Montreal will be advertised from New York to San Francisco as the first receiving port for these goods, and again will buyers from near and far be given a chance to see Montreal as it is. In values there are not many changes. Sugars and molasses have advanced. Dairy products are easier. Hardware is unchanged in value, but brisk in movement.

Butter.-There appears to be considerably less doing in the market, largely owing to want of confidence, an uncertain feeling existing as to the near future. Buyers are holding off, taking only what they require for immediate use. Prices are reported lower with the tendency still downward, and in favor of buyers. At this writing it is

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almost impossible to find buyers for quantities, there being no influence to warrant taking hold. Finest fr:sh creamery sold early in the week for 24 to \(241 / 2 \mathrm{c}\), but to-day it would be đifficult making over \(221 / 2\) to 23 c . It looks like a 21 to 22 c market for the coming week. Old creamery is well cleaned out of the market, and is not to be had. Last sales reported ranged at 19 to 21c. Fresh dairy is scarce and is being eagerly sought after. Townships finds a good market at 22c, and Western at 19 to 20 c .

Cheese.-The market is somewhat heavy and rather unsettled, with a tendency toward low r prices. Finest October make is difficult to meet with, and is held at \(131 / 2\) to 14c. New is arriving more largely and is reported quiet at 12 to \(121 / 2 \mathrm{c}\).

Coal and Wood.-With the memorable winter of 1902-3 over, prices have again dropped to or near, their former level. Montreal dealers are now quoting Pennsylvania hard coal at the following prices, less 25 per cent. for Aprii

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delivery: Furnace \(\$ 6.50\) to \(\$ 6.75 ; \mathrm{gg}\), stove and nut coal. \(\$ 6.75\), making the net price \(\$ 5.06\) per ton of \(2,000 \mathrm{lbs}\). It is expected that an advance of at least 10 c per ton will be made each month. Dry hard maple wood, about 3 ft .3 in . in length, is reduced to \(\$ 7.50\) per cord, and soft kinds in proportion. It is expected coke will play a larger part in the fuel supply in future, many finding it economical, and satisfactory in producing heat.

Dry Goods.-While the price of fine wool has not advanced as rapidly, or to the extent expected during the closing monlhs of last year, the fealing is pretty general that imuch, more money must be paid for this staple in the near future. The great falling off in the production of Australian wool is pretty certain to bring this about, although, on the other hand, dealers and manufacturers are each year learning to run closer on supplies without fear of loss. Substitution is also being practised with greater success. Fine wool suitings, such as henriettas, cashmeres, etc., have advanced 10 to \(121 / 2\) per cent. this year, and this on top of a similar advance a year ago. All union goods are advanced to some exent also. Linens are holding to the advances shown some time ago. These are likely to be kept up for
the Irish flax crop was poor last year, and the Russian crop was very bad: Cotton goods are firm. Canadian manufacturers advanced prices some time ago, but subsequently began cutting until the old prices were reached. Endeavors are again being made to replace this advance.

Eggs.-Stock is arriving in large quantities, and the market is reported weak with sales at \(111 / 2\) to 12 c . It looks, however, as though the market had seen its lowest point and that any change will be for the better. Picklers are taking hold freely at the inside figures, this being an assurance that values have touched low level

Fish.-The market is practically lifeless, with prices nominal. A few inland centres are still receiving small supplies of fresh tish but trade is limited. Quotations-Salt fish-Loch Fyne herrings, \$1,15 keg; new Labrador do., brls., \$5; do., half-brls., \(\$ 2.75\); green cod, No. 1, \(\$ 5\); do., No. 2, \(\$ 4\), large, \(\$ 5.50\). Fresh fish.-haddock, \(41 / 2\) to 5 c ; stead cod', heads off. \(41 / 2 \mathrm{c}\); white fish 8 clb ; lake trout 8 c ; halibut, frozen B.C. 9 c ; salmon, do., 9c lb.; fresh frozen herring, large. \(\$ 1.25\) per hundred count; salt eels, \(61 / 2^{\mathrm{c}}\) per lb.; kipperenes (case of 3 doz . cartons), \(\$ 3.50\) per case. Stan-
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Flour, Feed and Grain.-Higher quotations on wheat has caused leading millers to advance some brands of flour 10 c per brl., as will be seen in quotations on another page. Feed is unchanged. Trade is reported good. Baled hay is
moving satisfactorily, with prices unchanged. We quote: moving satisfactorily, with prices unchanged. We quote:
No. 1, \(\$ 9\) to \(\$ 9.50\); No, \(\$ 8.50\) to \(\$ 9\); No. 1, \(\$ 9\) to \(\$ 9.50\); No. 2, \(\$ 8.50\) to \(\$ 9\); clover, mixed, \(\$ 7.50\) to
\(\$ 8\); and clover, \(\$ 6.50\) to \(\$ 7\) per ton, in car lots. Winnipeg \(\$ 8\); and clover, \(\$ 6.50\) to \(\$ 7\) per ton, in car lots. Winnipeg,
closing prices of No. 1 Manitoba wheat, \(761 / 2\); No. 1 northern, 75 c , April delivery; No. 1 hard, \(761 / 2 \mathrm{c}\), and No. 1 northern, 75 c , ex store, May delivery.

Green Fruits, Etc.-Interest is centred in the approaching large auction sales of new Mediterran an oranges and lemons, the first of which will take place here about the end of this month. The Frimona is now heading thls way, and is expected to reach port on Sunday next, 19th instant. She has on board 28,065 boxes Messina lemons, 1,029 boxes Messina oranges, 1,294 half-boxes Messina oranges and 28,000 boxes Sorr nto oranges and lemons. The steamer Jacona, the second direct fruit vessel, has sailed for the St. Lawrence from Sorrento, Italy, with a cargo of fruit made up as follows: From Messina, 23,000 packages or oranges and lemons; from Palermo, 15,411; From Sorrento, 20,530 , making in all 58,941 packages. The local market is very steady as to values, aside from the expected lowering of prices on Southern early varieties as the season advances. Quotations: Oranges, Valentias, 420 size, ord., \(\$ 4.25 ; 714\) size, cases, \(\$ 5.00\); California navels in boxes, sizes to box \(96,112,126,150,176,200\) and \(216, \$ 3.50\); Jamaica orange in boxes, 150,176 and 200 size \(\$ 3.00\); lemons, extra fancy new Mesina lemons \(\$ 3.00\); fancy do, \(\$ 2.75\); choice do \(\$ 2.50\); grape fruit, choice Jamaica stock, 64 size, \(\$ 4.50 ; 80\) size, \(\$ 4.50\); 96 size, \(\$ 4.00\); Almeria grapss, fancy long keeping heary weights, \(\$ 7.00\); cholce ditto, \(\$ 6.50\); good medium weights \(\$ 6.25\);, cranberries, dark Cape Cod, per brl., \(\$ 14.50\); extra fancy Nova Scotia, per barrel, \(\$ 11.00\); fancy do.,
\(\$ 10.50\); apples, finest Spies, \(\$ 4\); Baldwins, Russets, etc. \(\$ 2.75\) to \(\$ 3\); sweet potatoes, double head Jersey, bbls., \(\$ 5.25\); baskets do., about 50 lb . \(\$ 2.50\); pineapples ( 24 to case) \(\$ 5\); figs, 5 crown, 18 lbs. to box, \(131 / \mathrm{c}\) e lb.; 4 crown, 10 lbs . to box, \(121 / \mathrm{sc} \mathrm{lb}\).; 2 crown, 1 lb . boxes, 13 c ; bananas, Jamaica fruits \(\$ 1.25\) to \(\$ 2\); tomatoes, 6 bsk. cts. \(\$ 3.50\) to \(\$ 3.75\); dates, new golden, \(43 / 4 \mathrm{c} \mathrm{lb} . ; 1 \mathrm{llb}\). pkgs., \(61 / 2 \mathrm{c}\).; evap. fruits, apples, 50 lb . boxes, \(61 / 4 \mathrm{c}\) to 7 c ; Calif. apricots, 25 lb . boxes, 12 c ; Callfornia pears, 25 lb . boxes, 13 c ; Callfornia peaches, 2 s lb boxes, \(91 / 2 \mathrm{c}\); do. prunes, \(40-50,9 \mathrm{c}\); do., \(50-60,8 \mathrm{c}\); nuts, new Grenoble walnuts, 13 c ; Taragona almonds, 13 c ; Sicily
filberts, 9 c ; Jumbo pecans, 16 c ; large pecal filberts, 9 c ; Jumbo pecans, 16c; large pecans, \(141 / 2 \mathrm{c}\); peanuts "Bon Ton"" roasted, 11c; Sun, 10c; "G" 9 c ; Coon, \(71 / 2 \mathrm{c}\); shelled almonds, 28 lbs, to box, 28 c ; shelled walnuts, 25 c ; cocoanuts new (100 in bag) \(\$ 3.50\); Brazil nuts, \(141 / 2 \mathrm{c}\); California celery, \(\$ 7.50\); asparagus, 50 c per bunch; spinach, \(\$ 2.75\) per bri.; cucumbers, \(\$ 2.25\) per dozen; Boston lettuce, \(\$ 1.25\) dozen. Maple syrup, 70c gallon; sugar 10c lb. Strawberries, 20 . to 25 c; beans, green \(\$ 6.00\) per large basket; wax bean:s, \(\$ 4.50\) do.; new Bermuda potatoes, \(\$ 6.50\) per brl.
Green Hides--AArrivals are quite liberal but quotations show no change. Beef hides are worth 8,7 and 6 c lb. as to grade; calfskins 11e and 9c lb. as to grade, sheepskins 75 c and lambskins 10 c each.
Groceries.-Sugars are again showing the erratic features which characterized them throughout last season, by flitting up and down and keeping dealers uncertain as to values of holdings. Owing to bigher price for raw beet and an advanice of 15 c in the New York market this week, Canadian refiners advanced prices 10 c all round on Tuesday Standard granulated is again at \(\$ 3.90\), with yellows \(\$ 3.25\) to \(\$ 3.70\). Molasses has advanced another cent at the island, making value laid down here \(371 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). Even this price is expected to be surpassed owing to the short supply. Other grocerles are without special interest, and trade is rather
quiet.

Leather and Shoes.- The movement on export account sontinues good, a large quantity having been sent to Maritime ports this week. The local demand for jobbing leain excess ofy goodi and pricés hold firm. Light dongolas are in excess of requirements, but with this exception the market is not heavy. The comparative absence of failures in

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the boot and shoe trade has served to smooth the path of the more industrious retailirs, many of whom are of late obtaining more regular margins of profit than when subject to the cut-rate methods sure to prevail when bankrupt stocks are being forced off.

Oils, Paints, Erc.-Both cod liver oils and linseeds are holding steady at former values. The former is likely to reach a still higher notch. Turpentine has declined, and is now quoted at 90 to 95 c . Glass, white lead, etc., are unchanged. The latter is very firm, zlnc likewise, in fact some dealers are quoting zine at an advance, it having gone up considerably in the primary markets.

Wool.-There is more inquiry lately from Canadian manufacturers and business transacted is at full prices. Im porters of fine wools are not pushing sales, as the very slight margin over cost will not permit of any concessions. Fine merinos are very firm, but crossbreds are dull. Canadian wool though not in large supply is moving very slowly of late. This is accounted for from the fact that what is more available is of poor quality. United States dealers have been taking some lots occasionally, and in doing so picked the best quality. The recent purchase of the woollen mills at St. Hyacinthe by a large progressive company will result in much more wool being absorbed there. -The mills will, it is stated, work mostly on knit goods. The next London, Eng., wool auctions will open on May otth, when it is expected that owing to the great shortage in Australian production firmer prices will be seen.
-The tobacco combine over which so much examination has been gone through of late, has finally been declared legal.
-Mr . R. B. Angus, the multi-millionaire director of the Bank of Montreal-formerly its general manager-has sailed by the SS. Cedric for Europe.
-"On dit" that a large fur hat factory is about to be estab'ished in Montreal under the management and ownership of men of skill and experience.
-Shareholders of the Canada North-West Land Co. could scarcely believe their good news when recently they received notice of a 5 per cent. dividend, the first in about 18 years. One of the shareholders, the widowed mother of seven healthy and deserving sons and daughters, distributed the dividend among them, one of the sevenths being ample to pay the travelling expenses of one of the Fortune's darlings on a prolonged sojourn abroad. "Unto "him that hath it shall be given." This is believed to be the beginning of better days for the N. W. L. Company.
-A diagram, with tabulated statements of the annual production of bituminous coal in the United States-shows what marvellous progress this business has made. Particularly noticeable is the growth of the soft coal tonnage in the last half dozen years, as follows: \(-147,000,000\) tons in 1897, \(164,000,000\) tons in 1898, \(191,000,000\) tons in 1899, 205,000,000 tons in \(1900,223,000,000\) tons in 1901, \(250,000,000\) tons in 1902, and \(280,000,000\) tons estimated in 1903. It might have been supposed that with such a large output the rate of increase would become smaller, but it goes forward with mighty strides, and the indications are that \(360,000,000\) tons, a million tons a day, will be mined in 1906 . Thirty years ago Illinois and Pennsylvania took a year to produce a ton nage that is turned out now in one month, and West Virginia in 1903 will produce as much in a week as was produced in a whole \(y \in a r\) in 1867. At present the bituminous tonnage is five times as great as the anthracite. The bituminous coal trade has about quadrupled since 1885 , and the increase of 1903 over 1900 is as much as the whole aggregate output of the United States in all years prior to 1857. The output this year will be as great as the total production for all years prior to 1871, and the combined output of 1902 and 1903 equals all the business prior to 1880. Scarcely less

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noticeable than the volume of the bituminous business is the concentration control, so that 25 companies control a tonnage of \(115,000,000\), or equal to nearly one-half of all the soft coal used in the United States. The Pittsburg Coal Company alone last year mined \(18,000,000\) tons, which is \(1,000,000\) tons more than the production of the whole of the Unitsd States in 1869. The Coal Trade Journal states that in spite of the large increase of tonnage one-half of the whole output is used by the railway and steam navigation companies of the United States and Canada
-Vancouver advices state that the advance of ten sents per thousand in the price of shingles, which takes effect on Ipril 1, will not be felt locally, as it is intended to apply only to that territory lying east of the Rocky Mountainsthe locality whence procieds the cry that the British Columbia lumbermen have combined to put the price up without justification. The price of shingles laid down in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba is now \(\$ 2.65\) per thouand. Under the price seale about to be placed in effect the price will be \(\$ 2.75\). Locally shingles are selling at \(\$ 2.25\) per thousand. Shingle manufacturers claim that within the


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past six or seven years the cost of production has incrensed fully 150 per cent. and the selling price has been adyanced but 35 per cent. They state that the cost of timber and labor has increased 150 per cent. in the aggregate. Even the provincial government is reported to be considering the advisability of raising the revenue accruing from the taxation of the various lumbering interests. For these reasons the lumbermen and the shinglemen state they are perfectly justified in advancing the price of the manufactured product, in fact they state that the selling price is yet far too low, when the enormous increase in the cost of production dur ing the last few years is taken into consideration.
-A delegation composed of Mayor A. B. Crosby, Halifax; Mayor Scarfe, of Dartmouth; J. E. Dewolf, and George E. Campbell, president of the Halifax Board of Trade, left for Tornto recently to interview the steel ship-builders, with a view to receiving support in a request to be made to the Dominion Government for a subsidy to the steel ship industry of Canada.
-A syndicate of Halifax capitalists, headed by Mr. Johr F. Stairs, President of the Nova Scotia Steel \& Coal Company, says a recent 1 stter, have secured a controlling interest in the People's Bank of Halifax. The directors have decided to issue \(\$ 300,000\) new stock, which has been underwritten by Mr. Stairs and associates. Some weeks ago the directors of the People's were approached by a Toronto bank with a proposition looking to absorption. The presi-

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dent of the People's Bank preferred to 'bave the position of the bank strengthened, and aplication was made for authority to issue \(\$ 800,000\) new stock. By the terms of the arrangement just completed Mr. Stairs' syndicate will get \(\$ 300,000\) stock at the price of \(\$ 420,000\), the right being reserved to present share'holders to take the new issue on the same terms, and on the basis of three shares for every seven held. The new stock is issu d at \(\$ 28\), a premium of 40 per cent. The bank's capital is now \(\$ 1,000,000\), and it still has authority to issue thalf a million more. What the outcome of this arrangement will be has not been given out. The official circular states that this increase of capital is rendered necessary by the large increase in the business of the bank outside of \(t^{\prime} e\) City of Halifax. It is surmised, however, that a bigger deal may be behind this move, resulting probably in an amalgamation with another bank. In this connection it is noted that the new interest are closely allied to th: Union Bank of Halifax.
-An appreciative article on the impreved conditions in Canada, printed in the New York Financi \(r\), is concluded as follows: "The principal factor to consider is that the centre of agricultural development within the next five or ten

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years will be transferred to Canada. This means a great deal for the Dominion. It implies new rallroads and the opening of a now practically unknown and unsettled territory. Railway building will throw open areas of virgin forest lands in the north, and make accessible deposits of mineral areas which are known to exist beyond reach of present industry. Even the mysterious Hudson Bay, now regarded as a frozen, inhcspitable terra incognita, will be made to yield the wealth it possesses in minerals and timber, and the line of civilization will only halt when it touches impossible climatic conditions. The rush to Canada is not a timporary craze. It will continue because the Pfarmer finds there some of the finest wheat lands in the wrld, and as was the case with the Western United States, there will be no cessasion until free territory is exhausted, The future of Canada, once regarded as unpromising, has suddenly assumed a brighter phase. Those who express doubt as to the permanence of the agricultural migration, because of different forms of government, do not grasp the situation. The extent of the present flow of Uniter States population to the Dominion will be checked only by isothermal, and not political or boundary lines."
-Our Uxbridge, Ont., correspondent writes:- The most important transaction in the business world that has occurred in Uxbridge for some time was the sale of the large general drygoods business by Mr. A. T. Button, who has bsen in business here for nearly half a century off and on, to Mr. H. E. Maddock, a member of the firm of C. A. Thorpe, Maddock \& Co., Toronto. Mr. Maddock is
reputed to be a good and successful business man. The transfer was made last Saturday.-L. Turner, photographer, who has done a good business in Uxbridge for the last four years, has sold out to one, Wright, but the transfer has not yet taken place. W. Vernon has sold out his liquor business to Edward Burton, formerly a hotelkeeper in the town, but who has been away for some two or three years. -A good deal of the crops are already sown throughout the townships of Uxbridge, Reach, Scott and Brock; about three-fourths thereof is still to be put in. The season commenced early but got a setback last week, and is not going to be so early as promised. Fall wheat, rye and clover, as far as we can now judge, have come well through the winter.
-Germany is not likely to lose the transatlantic record for some time. The contracts for the new Cunard: liners, says a London cable of the 14th instant, have not yet been Wilhelm II., which will berth German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II., which. will be able to steam twenty-three and a half knots an hour, wil leave Bremen to-day on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic. It is confidently expected that she will wrest from the Kron Prinz Wilhelm the honor of being the fastest transatlantic liner afloat. She is over 706 feet long. She is the longest, but the White Star liner Cedric will still be the largest, for she has a gro'ss tonnage of twenty-one thousand tons, against twenty thousand gross tonnage of the Kaiser Wilhelm II. Some idea of the magnitude of the new steamer may be judged from the fact that she bas eight decks and four sets of quadruple expansion
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-The A. E. Ames is the name of one of the new steamers of the Canadian Lake \& Ocean Navigation Company, w'hich are to ply the Canadian lakes this summer. She was built by the Northumberland Shipbuilding Company and was launch:d on March 31st. One of the others is called the J. H. Plummer. She was launched on March 28 by Armstrong, Whitworth \& Co. The third is building on the Clyde. The dimensions of these steamers are 245 feet by 37 feet beam, bẏ24 feet deep, with lofty 'tween decks arranged with eight large double side ports. They have been built with five large hatches in a suitable position for the grain elevators, so that they may be loaded or discharged in two hours.
-Mr. Ernest E. Ling, Assistant General Manager and Treasurer of the Great Northern Railway Company, says a Quebec letter, is back from Europe, where he has been engaged in making arrangements for shipping connections at Quebec with the Great Northern Railway. Ten large freight steamers, 7,5000 to 8,000 tons each, will ply between Que bee and London, Manchester and Liverpool. The vessels will load at the Great Northern docks, and this large increase in the volume of the company's s'hipping trade is ample justification for the construction of the new conveyor, built by it at the great elevator last year for the purpose of accommodating an additional number of boats.
-The April report of the statistics of the United States Department of Agriculture shows the average condition of winter wheat on April 1 to have been 97.3, against 78.7 on

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April 1, 1902, 91.7 at the corresponding date in 1901, and 82.1, the mean of the April averages of the past ten \(y\) ars. Pennsylvania's condition is 100 per cent. The average colndition of winter rye on April 1 was 97.9 , against 85.4 on April 1, 1902; 93.1 at the corresponding date in 1901, and 87.9 the mean of th: April averages of the last ten years. A tabular statement showing the mortality among farm animals and their present condition will be published in the current number of the Crop Reporter.
-The industrial situation in Germany is showing further signs of improvement in various directions. Apart from the re-starting of the blast furnac.s, which had been lying idle, says a london cable, the most important indication of the industrial revival is the announe ment of considerable extensions by the Krupp Company at an estimated cost of \(\$ 5,000,000\). It is said to be the company's intention, owing to the lack of adequate space at Essen, to remove the Bessemer works, rail rolling mills and other plants "to the new rolling mills are reported to be in process of construction at that establis'hment.
-Incorporation has been granted to the Canadian Cattle Company, with headquarters at Toronto, and a total capital of \(\$ 300,000\). The incorporators are Russell Thayer, of Philadelphia; John Dawson, Montgomery; James McLaughlin, Charles Miller and F. M. McDowell of Toronto; J. C. Rounds, of Valentine, Nebraska, and Hon. Walter Lowery Montgomery, of South Dakota, banker and United States Senator. The field: of operations will be Alberta, where the company will carry on the business of ranchers, farmers, breeders and dealers in all kinds of live stock.

The flour cargoes of all outward-bound Oriental stiam-
ports, says a Vancouver, B.C., letter, have greatly fallen off wthin the past month. Flour has, for a long time past, been one of the principal items in the cargoes of all the outgoing liners, but now little, if any, is being handled. The reason is that the demand for wheat in Australia has thad the effect of so stffening prices on that commodity in this country that flour has gone up to a point at which buyers in the Orient refuse to do business.
-Among the examples of prosperity in Canada during 1902 is the Gurney Foundry Co. of Toronto (Gurney-MasseJ Co., Montreal), Winnipeg and elsewhere. Their output of stoves alone during the twelvemonths was 13,000 , and they could have disposed of 50 per cent. more. The new facilities which they are compelled to provide will double their capacity, and they feel that there will be sufficient demand upon th m to maintain a steady march of activity. Mr. Lockhart is giving a good account of the old establisned branch in Montreal.
-The Town of Oakville, Ont., has applied to the Legislature for ratification of a by-law providing for the issue of debsntures to the amount of \(\$ 23,861\), covering twenty years, "to provide for deficiency in the sinking rund of the said corporation, and to pay off the floating indebtedness thereof incurred through default of its late treasurer."-The Township of Bertie has applied for confirmation of a by-law fixing the assessment of the Canadian Shipbuilding Company at \(\$ 30,000\) per year for twenty years.
-The directors of the American Sault Paper Company have approved plans for the erection of pulp and paper mills at Sault Ste. Marie. The plans call for a wood pulp mill of 100 tons capacity, a sulphite mill of 50 tons capacity, and a news and fibre paper mill of 125 tons daily capacity;

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-The total cost on capital account of the Intercolonial Railway was \(\$ 69,418,275\), and of the Prince Edward Island Railway \(\$ 5,112,455\). The following amounts were paid by the Federal Government as subsidies to railways in each of the Provinces:-Prince Edward Island, none; Nova Scotia, \(\$ 1,872,000\); New Brunswick, \(\$ 1,292,000\); Quebec, \(\$ 10,091,000\); Ontario, \(\$ 18,750,000\); Manitoba, \(\$ 3,259,000\); Northwest Territories, \(\$ 7,457,000\); British Columbia, \(\$ 9,682,000\).
-Large quantities of fruit trees are befng imported into British Columbia. Some 62,500 young fruit trees recently arrived from the State of Iowa, while two full car loads of nursery stock are eñ route from Oregon. The inspection of all nursery stock at Vancouver gives the Provincial inspector full information of the development of orcharding, and he says that the outlook for fruit-growing in British Columbia was never so bright.
-Mr. S. H. C. Miner, president of the Granby Rubber Co., and director of various other successful enterprises, has been elected to complete the directorate of the Eastern Townships Bank, as rendered necessary by the demise of the late R. W. Heneker, who was succeeded as president
by the long-time manager, Mr. William Farwell, leaving a vacancy at the board, to fill which Mr. Miner has been chosen.
-Mr. A. D. Fraser (Fraser, Viger \& Co), the prosper \(\quad\) ns Montreal grocery' mérchant, has purchased the Nordhelmer block, St. James street, in a portion of which he has carried on business for many years. The building, which is yet modern, was coveted by one of our enterprising banks, which has meantime secured a still larger site farther down street at a price said to be considerably over \(\$ 200,000\). Corners for banks have been in request.
-The steamer Neptune, with 24,000 seals and the steamer Ranger, with 18,000 seals, arrived at St. Jo'h.n's, Nfld., on the 13th instant from the seal fisheries of Labrador. The steamer Harlow, with 8,000 seals, has arrived from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and reports that the Algerine had made a catch of 18,000 and the Nimrod 4,500 . The steamer Newfoundland had not reported. Half the fleet is now home with a total catch of 230,000 seals.
-The Klondike Mines Railway Company have everything in readiness to commence work immediately on a road from Dawson City to Grand Forks, then over the Dome, down Dominion Creek, and on to Stewart River, a distance of 85 miles. This road will open up a district which has hitherto been difficult of access, and will enable miners to

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-The total amount of lands granted in Monitoba and the Northwest Territories to railway companies by way of subsidies to date authorized by Parliament was \(56,087,072\) acres; the total area earned taken on construction to date was \(29,986,826\) acres. No lands have been granted since 1896.
-The St. Mary's River Railway Company seeks power to build a railway from some point between Lethbridge and Sterling, on the line of the Alberta Railway and Coal Company, southerly to a point on the international boundary line.
-The New Ontario Steamship and Navigation Company's steamer Whaconda sailed on Saturday from Glasgow for Hamilton, Ont.
-Grand Trunk R'y System-Earnings 1st to 7th April, 1903, \(\$ 637,980 ; 1902, \$ 546,709\); increase, \(\$ 91,271\).
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BE IT THEREFORE ENAOTED AS a By-law by the Shareholdare of thg Cazadisn Bank of Commerce nssembled at a special general meeting called for the pappose of considering and, if thought int, of passing this by law and held in the Board Room of the Cansalsn Bank of Commerce, at the corner of King and Jordan streets, Toronto on Taesday, the fourteenth day of April A.D. 1908 ;
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Corporate Seal of the Bank has been hereto affixed, and this By 1 law has been coantersigned by the President and General Manager this 1sth day of April A.D. 1948.
(Seal)
(Signatures, GEO. A. Cox,
B. E. WALKER,

Toronto, 14th April, 19 cs.
-Mr. V. C. Brown has been appointed inspector of the Bank of Commerce, and Mr. C. Cambie, late of Victoria, becomes assistant inspector.
-It is expected that the Dominion Government will have a surplus of \(\$ 12,000,000\) or \(\$ 14,000,000\) at the close of the current fiscal year.
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PATENT REPORT
The following weekly list of patents granted to Canadians is furnished by Messrs. Fetherstonhaugh \& Co., patent solicitors, Canada Life Bldg.-Canadian patents-H. Paton, checking slip systems; H. Paton, stamping device; A. O. Scarr, double and singletrees; J. T. Peddie, rifle sights; J. H. K. McCcllum, pianolas and like operated' instruments; J. J. Hewson, single trigger mechanism for double-barreled fire arms; F. Ducap, anti-scale composition for boilers; J. N. Young, fences; F. H. Wright, metal piano action flanges; E. Horsey, hose shut-off compressors W. G. Trethewey, flexible pipe joints; D. J. McLean, package fasteners; J K. Lefebvne, shipping warehouses; A W. Horsey, locomotives; B. B. Jenkins, sanders for cars; R. O. S. Wood, sani tary self supporting stockings; J. M Fleming, non-refillable bottle; F. B.

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Howard, spring beds; G. B. Miller arriages for steam saw-mills; F. T dissolver, F. C. Edmonds; snow-clearWilkes, saw-mill log curn res; w . Moxon. coy-tail holders; J. Bouchard, ma tip, J. Waddell; lathe for turning irre chines for clinching horse-shoe nails; gular forms, H. Derrer; compasses or 1). Ricker, ironing tables; C. A. L. dividers, C. E. Hand; child's go-car Irgles, dis'h washers; J. B. Turner; stoves; F. F. Dow, fluid pressure regulator; F. F. Dow, burners; A. G. Roman, revolving electric igniters; E. Complell, smelting furnaces; I. Julinville, saws; F. Bunyan, processes for preserving potatoes; A. H. Canning, son.
nutomatic weighing machines. American patents.-W. H. Avis, cordage machine; R. J. Copeland, manifold sheet; M. E. Jasper, truss; N. Perrault, rail- the rebate evil-responsibili Owen N. Evans, solicitor of patents and expert, Temple Building, reports the following United States patents granted to Canadians:-Single lantern

TY OF COMPANIES.
I have been in the insurance busi
C. Jackson, at a recent meeting of the Chicago Life Underwriters' Association, and while I am not a past master in the art of rebating, \(I\) think \(I\) know pretty much all the points that were ever brought out in the business.
There are some things about this law that seems to be entirely forgotten. Prosecutions that have been brought under the law, have been brought in the lower courts, and the companies have carried the suits to the appellate courts, and the appellate court has affirmed the action of the lower court, but so far as my knowledge goes the matter has never been passed upon by the Supreme Court of this State. But when it is passed upon by the Supreme Court of the State you will find it will be declared unconstitutional, for the

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reason that it is in violation of the one of them says he will write a policy pany, you want to make the home right of contract, and because it is for such a price, the other agent comes office realize that they are trusclass legislation, because it is an at- squarely out and says: "Of course you tees of the funds and not protempt to enforce the payment of full can get it at that price, but it is not to prietors of a large fund for their own premiums of both mutual and stock your interest to take it." The fight personal benefit.
stock company are willing that of a is made squarely on the merits of the There is no use whipping the devil stock company are willing that their contract itself. But under a rebate around the bush in this case. I have agents shout go out and give away law the agent says to the man: "It is rebated, and I did so because I was three-quarters of their premiums to get against the law, and we are liable to told to, and that if I did not I lost business on their books, there is no law stick the company if we are caught, money by it; I either had to do it or upon earth that can prevent them from but if you are willing to go lose my job. I have protested to the so doing, for they do not have to pay into cahoots with me and say home office against rebating, and the dividends to their policyholders. nothing about it to anybody, I will give only satisfaction I got out of the
One gentleman raised the question you the policy." What is the rult? as gentleman raised the question you the policy." What is the result? matter was a polite invitation to reas to whether we would not be better It is unfair competition, and the agent sign.
off without any law on the subject. 1 has to bring to bear an influence which We are to-day going through a
wrote insurance for six years in the is secret, and there is no possible State of Missouri, and there is no re- to condemn the company for it. bate law there, and I can say to you to condemn the company for it. tion and commercialism, and this bate law there, and I can say to you Here is another proposition: I am spirit has gotten into our busithat there is not the tenth part of re- a strong believer in the idfa-and I ness; it is being used as a means
bating in Missouri that there is in knowe lllinois. Why? Because in Missouri master, like am tarking about-"Like of forcing business; they want the Illinois. Why? Because in Missouri master, like servant." If you want to business, and they have got to have it, when agents meet in competition and reform the rebate business of a com- and they say "if you haven't got the

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money we will lend it to you and you can pay it back in premiums when you get the settlement in." If you want to correct this thing, you want to go to the home offices.
Now, this question having been carried to the appellate courts only, what is the result? It stands half way between heaven and earth, and it is left for the company to say, "If you violate the law we will cut off your contract." But if all law on the subject is abrogated then the company that comes out and says it proposes to protect the nine good agents and fire the one bad agent, will get credit for some honesty of purpose. But as the matter now stands it is neither fish nor fowl. We have a law, but it has never been tested by the Supreme Court, but when it is, it will be knocked out as sure as there is a Lord in heaven. There is no question about it; common sense tells us that. You cannot enact a law to compel people to pay money into a company for the benefit of the stockholders, nor can you compel people to pay premiums to mutual policyholders, because they' stand in the same relation

As I have said before: If you want we doing? We say to the policy to reform this rebate business, you will holder, "It is decidedly to your benefit have to go to the home offices, for you to wait for twenty years to get your will have rebating as long as you have profits," and' we turn around and we men in the home offices that want you say to the agent, "It is nothing of the to write half a million dollars' worth kind; get all you can right now." of business and say to you that if you That is the consistency of the presenc do not do it you will lose your job. distribution system.
I believe, as Mr Cartwright hase had a great deal of experi. , has said, that there are only two or three companies left to-day who are rebat ing. But unfortunately so long as those companies continue to do it, we have all got to do it.
It is one thing to criticize and another to offer a solution. The solution of this problem, to my mind, is this: That the home umice has got to get back to original principles; that thiere is a certain legitimate expense that can be paid the first year for business, and' there are niketeen more years of renewals upon a twenty-year policy, and if companies will recognize the right of the agent to some of the renewal premiums of that business, you will stop rebating, and you will not The law is a bad piece of business. It stop it until then. But under our we did not have any law, we could present distribution system what are make any fair proposition. If I ran

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up against a man that wanted a r-bate. system it will remain so. Under any the stream whire it flows out to be 1 could say, "Certainly, but do you fair system we could all mak: money. anything else but muddy. want a policy in that sort of a com- for pople have got to have insurance, 1 desire to call your attention to pany?" But to-day I cannot do that. and they will pay full premiums if ther' another matter, and which I think is Competency as an agent dors not have to do it. I do not blame a man a legitimate proposition. There thas count for anything, What's th \(u^{*}\) who is getting a big policy, for getting been some talk here about a policy of being a good agent? It is like an a reduction on it; I think he would being issued to an applicant, and a Everett or a Choate trying a cas be a fool if he didn't, because his guar- death accurring, and then the law stepbefore a hrib dury and a court which anteres are all in there just the same. ping in and saying that this policy is permits it; it doesn't do any god. But it is the home office that are re null and void mecause of the rebate. That's the situation we are in to-day, sponsible for this thing. As the home But in order to made that effective, and unless you can stimulate th home office do so wili the general agent, you have to bring in some party in ffic a recognition of the fact that and as the general agent does so will interest in the matter. I have talked these funds are trust funds, and that the sub-agent. If you do not keep the with a number of lawyers about it, and' there ought to be some sort of a fair fcuntain-head pure, you cannot expect they agree with me that in case a


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policy was sold and there was a rebate of which had been raised-Points raison it, that it would be perfectly proper ed on Clearing-House rules of reclafor any policyholder of the same com- mation on cheques non-payable:pany knowing of the fact, to ask a Some interesting questions are raiscourt of equity for an injunction ed by a controversy between two New against the payment of the claim. The court would probably not say that the policy should not be paid, but it might law calls "part performance," that the to be balance of the premium must be paid posed by certification, and the duty before the company would be allowed which a bank may owe to its colleague to pay the claim. I am speaking now in the Clearing-house, to compare of the mutual companies, for that would cheques presented to it with the letnot apply to the stock companies. But ters of advice in its possession.
I might add, parenthetically, that the stock companies are not the offenders. for there are some old hard-headed stockholders who insist upon dividends, and they insist that the man agers make them.

THE LETTER OF ADVICE
Negligence, if not consulted before certifying cheque-Why the Continental Bank could not recover from the Tradesmen's on a cheque the amount

It appears that the Philadelphia National Bank drew a cashier's c'heque on the Continental National Bank of New York City, for \(\$ 76\) payable to the order of a man named Thompson. This individual had opened an account at the Tradesmen's National Bank, New York, not long before this cheque was issued. The bank knew nothing of his antecedents and made no inquiries concerning his standing in the community.
may be classed among the curious sus-
tally pensions of the judgment into which
a mind working along a steady routine e sometimes lapses. when the raised cheque was submitted to the inspection of the teller of the Continental bank he had at hand all the data necessary to determine the validity of the instrument. He linquired of the bookkeeper whether the account of the Philadelphia bank was good for the amount. He received a satisfactory reply. But comparison of the serial number of the cheque, with he corresponding number in the letter of advice, was omitted. This oversight
same time he changed the date of its issue from June 7 to June 12. Thus altered, the cheque was presented at the Continental bank for certification. on June 13. Now it is a custom among banks to transmit letters of advice to the institutions on which they bave written orders and the Philadelphia bank had notified the Continental bank in due season of the issue of this cheque on the seventh. Moreover, the numbers of the cheques are noted in these letters of advice with their cor responding amounts. Consequently
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The cheque was certified and then terwards be rejected. The Continental Thompson immediately deposited it to bank, despite the knowledge which it his account in the Tradesmen's Na- possessed of an irregularity in the entional Bank. He did not draw on the try when it finally discovered the account at once, but waited until the failed when it finally discovered that following day. Perhaps he feared that the amount of it did not correspond so prompt a draft might suggest in- with the letter of advice, to return it quiries leading up to the discovery of to the Tradesmen's bank until after the fraud. Yet he took large chances the hour set by the Clearing-house of discovery by waiting until the following day.
On the evening of the day when the certificate was made, June 13, the bookkeeper found, on posting his books, that while there was a proper record of the certification the serial number of the cheque had not been recorded by the teller. This omission was brought to the attention of the head bookkeeper. The latter decided that the entry would wait until the cheque returned in the exchanges of the following day.
The next day, in due course, the Thompson cheque reached the Continental bank through the exchanges at the Clearing house. The Clearing-house has a rule that provides that reclama* tions on paper that is not payable for any reason should be adjusted between the banks concerned before 3 o'clock of the day on which the paper is presented at the Clearing-house. Actual payment of paper exchanged between the banks at the Clear. ing-house is therefore really in suspension until that hour, though meanwhile the settlements have been made, including those which may af-
as bound by the rules of the Clearinghouse and that they might take these rules into consideration as to whether the Tradesmen's bank had acted' in good faith in paying out the money instead of waiting for further advice until 3 o'clock. The jury probably recalled the fact that such adjustments are made between 12.30 and 1.30 and that it was after this hour when the Tradesmen's bank had paid out the money. Whether the jury was or was not guided by this consideration, the Court of Appeals held that the Clear-ing-house rule had really no application to the case, but that it was all a matter of good faith deducible from the facts as they were presented to the jury. The Court seemed to be guided not by the question whether the Tradesmen's bank had paid out too soon, but whether the Continental had been negligent in discovering the facts. The matter is not so clear here as it might well have been. An opportunity to establish an important point in banking practice was possibly ignored at this particular point. In fact, controversies of this nature, arising from the peculiar customs of a special class of persons, usually disturb the equanimity of a court. In France men of commercial experience sit with the judges reviewing such causes so that the purely legal aspects of a given circumstance proving difficult of application is frequently clarified by suggestions from the lay judges speaking from their experience of customs.

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The Court of Appeals did not con sider it an error on the part of the judge presiding at the trial, to refuse to charge the jury that the Continental bank was obliged to compare the cheque number with the entry in the letter of advlce. Certainly it would seem that this is a duty which one bank owes to another, since the letter of advice has no meaning except as a mode of rectifying errors or exposing fraud. The Court, in fact, laid it down specifically that the continuing negligence of the Continental bank in failing to discover the fraudulent character of the cheque until so long after it had been presented to it, deprived it of the right to recover the money. There is an impression in many quarters that when a bank certifies a cheque it makes itself irretrievably liable for the amount. The law does not go to that length at all. Certification does not guarantee the genuineness of any portion of the body of a cheque,
and a bank is not required to make inquiries on that point; the bank simply certifies to the genuineness of the signature and represents that it has funds of the maker in its possession sufficient to pay the cheque; and it engages that these funds shall not b withdrawn from it except in payment of the certified c'heque in the hands of a bona fide holder. When a bank has certifisd a cheque and paid out the money on it and then discovers that the sum has been criminally increased, if no negligence can be imputed to it in the payment and the discovery, it may reclaim the money. Evidently if a bank has in its possession facts which bear on the sum named in a given cheque, but fails to consult them, it awould not seem right to hold that it might nevertheless recover on a fraudulent overpayment. The tendency everywhere is to place much more reliance on the certification than the law, at least, in New York, permits.

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Rev. J. Semmens, inspector of the Beren's River Indian agency, has returned, says a Winnipeg report, from his semi-annual inspection, having traveled 700 miles by dog train, between Jan. 26 and March 7. The reserves which he visited, making the necessary stay at fach, to look after the cattle, visit the homes of the people, making sanitary and other suggrestions, hearing law cases and settling disputes and difficulties, were Fisher River, Jack Head, Poplar River, Beren's River, Blood Vein River, Hollow Water River and Black River. He had an Indian assistant with him and on the way out travelled' in company with ten dog trains, fifty dogs, belonging to the Hudson's Bay company. This lively party was beautifully photographed at Lower Fort Garry on the way out.
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ramainder of the time he managed to find shelter in some house or shanty along the roadsite, som hunter's home, or some trader's or settler's or missionary's abod. The lowest thermometer readings which he observel were 45,48 and 52 below zero. He suffered a good deal from cold at times, but returned to the eity rugged in apparance and apparently his trip.
In the Icelandic settlement west of Lake Winnipeg, Mir. Semmens observed' a movement from north of Icelandie river away from the shores of the lake to the interior. Years ago they had settled near the lake for the purpose of growing hay for the raising of stock, but for some years tha water has kept rising until last sumner the climax was reached by the water quite covering over the land and even in some cases entering the houses. The result of this is an emigration to a large tract of country between Arnis and Stonewall, some 50 to 70 miles southward.
Mr. Semmens mit several families with their loads of household effects, making this journey to start new homes. Noticing that a farm on Goose Island appeared to have been abandoned, he made inquiry and learned
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that the owner had moved away last rmmer, leaving his fine house and ther buildings, for the reason that the sland had been overflowed. He had gone to Shoal Lake where he was doing well. Goos Island, which he had to leave, is a small island of 200 or 300 acres, but until recently it sonstituted a fair sized farm and afforded a comfortable living to its owner. The

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settlens who are moving are finding very good land in the district where they are locating. At first they will be a long distance from market, but they hope in due time to have a branch line extended from Balmoral to their vicinity.
During his journey Mr. Semmens was impressed more than ever with the thought of the vaist resources of Lake Winnipeg and vicinlty, which are still almost unknown and undeveloped. He wondered, in view of the great cost of fuel during the present winter, bearing so heavily on the poor, that nothing has been attempted looking towards the utllization of the thousands of tons of peat which is so easily obtainable at Limestone Bay on the northwest shore of Lake Winnipeg between the mouth of the Sas. katchewan and the source of the Nelson. He could never understand why, with fuel so costly, no attempt should thave been made to develop these vast deposits which would go so far towards solving the serious problem.
Another striking feature of Lak' \({ }^{\circ}\) Winnipeg activity was the movement of fish. In going northward one is compelled to turn out every few minutes for loads of fish which he meets, coming in strings of five or six teams, towards Selkirk. Mr. Semmens is quite positive that if all the teams that have come in this winter were ranged in a line they would extend from Selkirk to Beren's River. The spectacle, the suggrests, bore strong testimony to the wondrous wealth of the lake in fish; and notwithstanding the great quantities of fish caught, both summer and winter, absolutely no diminution is reported. Almost every point on the lake is occupied by men who are getting wealth out of the waters.
Another fact which has many times been impressed on the agent's mind is the quantity of stone along the shores of the lake available for civic and other purposes for Winnipeg. These deposits are found particularly at Big Limestone Point and Bull's Head. The expense of bringing the stone in barges would, it is suggested, be inconsider-

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able. Blocks are found which are 12 and 15 feet square, composed of layers which are only about three inches veniently used as flags for paving purposes.
The enforcement of the game laws is another subject which naturally receives attention from travellers in the north. The game laws, Mr. Semmens says, have been enforced' for the first time on a large portion of Lake Winnipeg, particularly at Fisher River. Fines have been imposed on a number: of persons who thad moose meat and moorse skins out of season. The Indians do not take kindly to the enforcement of the laws, because they regard themselves as having a right. according to treaty, to obtain their living from the forest and' the waters without any question; and so the enforcement of the law has been regarded as a hardship.
Mr. Semmens passed a number of surveyors on the lake who were heading. for Norway House, whence they propose to run trial lines east and west. He says it seemed like the opening up of a new era in the history of Lake Winnipeg to think of a possible railway line connecting the far east and the waterways that pass that remote spot. The journey of the surveyors was most prosperous; the titams suffered nothing on the way and no mishaps of any kind marred the success of their movement.
The lumber industries of Lake Winnipeg formed another important subject for reflection. A number of lumber shanties were passed by the agent. One of these is that of Capt. Robinson at Humbug Bay; others were at Grindstone Point, Wells' camp; Bad Throat River, Capt. Robinson's. These are taking out from 60,000 to 80,000 logs. Capt. Robinson is erecting a mill at Humbug Bay, and there are mills at Bad Throat and Grindstone.
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at the present time, however, will be the close connection of many of the exhibits with current events in South Africa. Very little imagination is required to enable the visitor to picture himself camping out on the veldt and surrounded by the astonishingly ingenious appliances which apparently render the explorer's life one of ease and luxury combined with excitement. There are wonderful beds and chairs, which resolve themselves into a bundle of sticks and a small parcel; there is a combined washhand-stand and bath, so compact and convenient that it also compact vanishes before the eyes. Such are the virtues of bamboo and Willesden waterproofed' canvas. A noble green tent of the same material invites the weary traveller to a cool repose from the noonday heat, while the Congo cooking-stove-a miracle of compact-ness-and other equally ingenious cooking contrivances are ready to prepare an appetizing meal. The number of exhibits in this class is very large. They include all manner of clothes, foodstuffs, requisites, conveniences, and luxuries for savage lands. One article specially worth notice is a real sumhelmet, a thing as different as possible from the heavy police helmets, slightly disguised in khaki, with which our troops are furnished.
The Medical Journal, January 6th, 1500:Mr. Joseph Tucker exhibited many useful articles for tropical climates, among which may be mentioned a large

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and light solar topee, somewhat like a mushroom in shape. There were also garments made of silk khaki, and a folding combination washstand and bat'h of Willesden canvas.
L. M. S. Chronicle:-Mr. Joseph Tucker, of 79 Newington Green Road, the well-known Foreign and Colonial Outfitter, has recently issued a new illustrated price list. This is specially designed to help missionaries and' travellers to select suitable outfits at the lowest possible cost. Mr. Tucker appears to be a universal provider, and the large number of testimonials he has received from missionaries all over the world testifies to the high standard of his business. His exhibit at the recent Livingstone Exhibition attracted very favorable notice.

The Field and County Gentleman, January 4th, 1902:-Mr. Joseph Tucker, of 79 Newington Green Road, N., has submitted to us a variety of useful articles which, by neason of their reasonable price and efficiency, will be well appreciated by those who, for business or pleasure, have to live abroad, eiticer at a station or when travelling. The chief item shown to us was the arrangement for the unique mosquito fittings and curtains, which has been designed after considerable care. The canopy is simplicity itself, being mertly an arrangement of bamboo poles and metal sockets, which in a few moments can be set up to inclose a rectangular space, which is then nung with mosquito netting, muslin, or curtains of various textures, and varying in price from about 5 d a yard upwards. By the use of eight corner metal sockets, and twelve bamboo poles a canopy can be set up in a minute or two suitable for bungalo or verandah, in which auyone may sit and work or write without being troubled by mosquitoes or sandfly.

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The materials for the nets, it may be added, is practically untearable. The bedstead, which can be used within the canopy, is a matter of choice, but Mr. Tucker shows some very convenient patterns, eminently suitable for those who are travelling. They pack up into. a very small space, while the fattresses and coverlets roll up easily and are of warm and light material. Washing arrangements, too, are not neglected, as, by means of an arrangement som thing like those of a shooting stool, the legs of the stand will support a bowl of Willesden canvas, which forms a washhand basin, and by letting down the legs the points are further divided, and a good-sized bath can be hung on them. Mr. Tucker also has a most convenient cooking-stove, which stows away into a small space; while his specially made materials for wear are deserving of notice. There is also an ingeniously designed mosquito net to go over an umbrella and round the body at the waist, so that the carrier of the umbrella is unassailable.
Manchester Guardian, January 1st, 1900:-To emphasize the importance of the question it was felt that a practical demonstration of articles required for a traveller's outfit would be useful, and as a result this exhibition was decided upon. The most complete exhibit in the outfit department is made by Mr. Josep'h Tucker, whose tent and camp equipment shows at a glance what modern enterprise thas done for making the life of the explorer fairly easy and comfortable,

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COTTONSEED MEAL FOR HORSES.
The U. S. Department of Agriculture has prepared a bulletin on a series of experiments in 'horse feeding, in which for the first time scientific attention has been given to the question of the desirability of cottonseed meal as a cheap and satisfactory food for horses. Heretofore a variety of experiments have demonstrated the importance of cottonseed meal as food for cattle, and especially to "finish" live stock that are belng fattened for beef. The results of the experiments regarding cattle, 'however, have possessed little or no value as indicating the desirability of similar food for horses, owing to the wide difference in the digestive cap. pacity of the two animals and on account of the severe labor required of the average horse.
Special experiments have recently been made, however, at several agricultural experiment stations which isdicate that cottonseed meal is an excellent horse food and that linseed meal mixed with wheat bran or dried brewers' grain constitutes a valuable and economical feeding stuff. In referring to the oil cakes and other commercial by-products, the report says:-
"The various cakes, gluten materials. and similar feeding stuffs are, gener. ally speaking, commercial by-products, Thus, cottonseed cake is the material left after the oil has been expressed from the cottonseed. In the same way, linsed cake is the residue obtained in the manufacture of linseed oil. If this cake is ground it becomes linseed meal. In the manufacture of beer the malted grain is known as brewers' grain and is best fed' after drying. When starch is manufactured from corn, the nitrogenous portion of the grain is rejected and constitutes gluten feed and gluten meal. The cereal breakfast food companies have placed many feeding stuffs upon the market made up of

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There is a growing feeling both in Canada and the wooded States of the Union that there is too much complacency regarding the efficlency of present methods. The policy of selling or licensing timber limits has found its strougest impetus in the danger or fear of destructive fires. It was thought unwise to hold forest wealth that might at any time be destroyed. But in the questioning of existing opinInns men of experience have lately deolared that a virgin forest is virtually incombustible. The perpetual cares lewsness of the Indians never destroyed the forests. After lumbermen have cleared out the pine, leaving great heaps of debris to dry out, fire is almost incvitable. The destructive conflagrations of which there are many records have then abundance of fuel. Great fires have followed in the track of windstorms after a few summers have drled the follen trees, But such fires have never spread very far, while the surrounding forests were still in their original condition.
The early settlers of southern On tario received the pine with their land grants, and no timber has been more carefully husbanded. Pine was maney in the early days, and was preserved with becoming and characteristic fru-

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gality. This early experience has sug gested the advisability of adopting a policy under which the entire forest growth, pine, spruce, cedar and hardwood, of each district could be cleared \({ }^{\circ}\) off and marketed at once, thus preserxing the pine and avoiding the danger of fire in partly-denuded forests. Such a policy supplemented by reforestizing might give the Dominion an economic adavntage that would be of prime importance a generation hence.

THE ANTOMATIC MILLING OF FLAX SEED.

Automatic milling as applied to the crushing of flaxseed promises to revolutionize present methods of linseert oil making and to relegate to the past all the modern machinery now in use in oil mills. At least such is the prediction, says the Paint, Oil and Drug Review, of those who have studied the inventions of A. B. Lawther and F. O. Swannell, which have only recently been granted letters patent in this country. Messrs. Lawther and Swannell's patents cover all the ground no-
cessary to provide a very elaborate system of automatic milling for flaxseed, begining with the first crushing of the seed and ending with the final pressing of the oil and shutting down of the mill at night, every stage of the process being accomplished by new and ingenious \(\mathrm{d} t\) vices operated 'hydraulically. It is
by far the most intricate and probably by far the most intricate and probably the most important, invention that hars ever been brought out in connection
with the flaxseed industry with the flaxseed industry.
In the ordinary process of extracting oil from seeds as at present practiced, the flaxseed being properly cleaned is first crushed between rollers until the seed is transformed into meal. The meal is then heated and moistened' by stirring it in a heated kettle. The heated and moistened meal is next formed into a flat oblong cake, usuany three inches in thickness and thirteen by thirty-two inches in area. A cloth is wrapped around' this cake under the bottom of the cake, with the ends brought up around the ends of the cake and overlapping each other on the top of the cake, the material of this preparatory cake having been usually solidified to some extent by the operator in order to form it and facilitate
its handling and for the reduction of its bulk. The cake thus formed and wrapped in cloth is placed in one of the compartments of a multiple-chamber hydraulic press which presses the oil from the cake until all that it is possible to extract has b en forced out. The cake usually is allowed to remain in the press for about fifty minutes, Allowing ten minutes for filling the press, this gives about one pressing to the hour for each press, and two men are able to handle from five to seven presses.
The object of Messrs. Lawther and Swannell's invention is to make the process of crushing and heating and pressing the seed as nearly automatic and continuous as possible. The seed as fed into the crushing rolls proceeds in a steady stream through the various stages of heating, cake forming and pressing, until the oil is stored in the tanks and the cake is ready for grinding. It is very much like the continuous flour milling process, wherein the minimum of hand labor is employed and the maximum of uniformity and efficiency is secured.
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then conveyed to the haters, where it is thoroughly steamed and agitated, and by an ingenious elevating device is carried over into a cake-forming meal tub, where by the pressure of a plunger through an opening exactly the size of the cake the meal is pressed downward on to a table in the uniform size. The process is automatic and continuand density of the ordinary eale ous, and is controlled by the amount Then the underlying cloth is drawn of seed that is fed into the rolls for Then the underlying cloth is drawn crushing at the beginning.
over the cake and neatly folded by a As to the importance of this inven-
mechanical device, no hand labor mechanical device, no hand labor being tion, if successful in practical use, we required up to this point except for need only say that it enables the the laying of the cloth on the press- crusher of flaxseed to op rate his plant ing table. In like manner the table at the least possible expense for labor moves mechanically and automatically and to secure at the same time the to the press, where by means of nip- largest possible pircentage of oil from
the seed in the shortest possible time. We are not advised that the system has us yet been giv.n a practical test in an,r mill, but knowing something of th reputition of the gentlemen who stand sperso: for it, we shall not be surprised if it develops a vertual revo: luton in linseed crushing methods.

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The proposals now made for the revival of the industry are based on tariff protection. At present there is no duty on lead ore coming into Canada. On lead, pig, scrap, etc., there is a duty of 15 per cent., and on dry white and red lead, 5 per cent. The British preferential tariff reduces the duty to 10 per oent. on pig and 3 1-s per cent. on dry leads. The following scale of duties is asked on lead and its products: Lead ore, \(11 / 2\) cents per lb.; pig lead, etc., \(21 / 8\) cents per lb.; corroded lead, \(25 / 8\) cents per lb.; white zinc, \(25 / 8\) cents per pound. At present it will be noticed that the duty is lower on the corroded lead than on pig lead, which is a peculiar condition, operating as it does directly against corroding in Canada.
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The duties asked for are the same as those imposied on similar producte in the United States. It is clalmed that the price of ground leads would not necessarily be materially advanc\(\epsilon d\) by the adoption of these duties. The British preferential tariff would, of course, operate to reduce the proposed tarifl to a considerably lower basis than the United States tariff on Ifad and products thereof.
The British Columbia lead ores now go to the United States to be smelted and refined, then to England or Germany to be corroded, and may possibly come back to Canada again in the manufactured state. The claim made by those interested in lead mining is that all this work would be done at home if the necessary protection were given, without costing the Canadian consumer any more than he now pays, owing to the saving in transportation charges. The production of lead in British Columbia, it may be noted, is more than sufficient to supply the entire consumption of Canad'a, so that an abundance of material for refining , and corroding is assured. At present M.P., a former President of that body,

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will be one. The programme of the proceedings has not yet been drawn up, but it is pretty certain that the question of an Imperial Customs Union or some arrangement of this nature will be a prominent fature in the discussions.
In 1896 and in 1900 the Canadian reprisentatives were conspicuously carnest in advocating a commercial arrangement under which each political unit in the Empire would continue to control its own Customs policy as heretofore, but with the reservation that differential rates of duty should be imposed upon competing products from other countries. The scheme is well known and it ned not be further described. In 1896 it was rather warmly commended by Mr. Champerlain, but he has not said much about it in recent yars. On both occasions it was practically declined by the Congress, although a few voices were raised in its favor, even by English representatives. It involves, of course, the whole question of Free Trade. Great Brifain could not enter into an arangement of this kind without abandoning the theory and practice of Free trade, to which she has adhered for nearly sixty years. The discussion of this question on Can adian soil must obviously, under these circumstances, be exceedingly interesting.
The attitude of the British delegates, that is to say, those from the United Kingdom-will be, with hardly an exception, in favor of free trade, but sume may be expected to acknowledge that, whilst they are convinced of its economic advantage if it were universally adopted, they are beginning to grow weary of its maintenance by one corntry alone among the great nations. On the other hand it will be held, in the language of Sir Robert Peel, spoken in 1846, that whatever course other nations might pursue, it was not just nor economically advantageous from the personal or the national point of view

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to deny to British citizens the right to purchase whatever they might need, wherever it was produced, free from untqual restrictions. That declaration leaves every government at liberty to impose w'hatever Customs duty it may consider necessary, provided that it be counterbalanced by an equivalent excise duty. That principal has been deeply engravea on the minds of the British people, and there can be no doubt that it will be earnestly enforced at the coming congress at Montreal. It applies obviously, if true to all, to the British Empire as a whole, and unless the Canadian and a few other colonial representatives refuse to acknowledge it, there can be little doubt that the scheme of a British Imperial Customs airanyement based upon protectiom will be rejected by a substantial majority.

In a recent interview on the question of government subsidies, James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Company, is quoted as fcllows by a correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald. "So far as I am peragnally concerned. I would put the money into irrigation ditches and reservoirs in order to furnish homes for the coming generations that are begivining to crowd each other already. There are some figures running in my mind. At the time the civil war closed w: had a population of \(34,000,000\), and have been increasing at the rate of \(i .600,000\) every year since. At that rate the gain in twenty-two years will equal the entire population in 1865. The cevsus reports since 1790 show

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In the sheet-zinc trade a high price for zinc leads to the use of other me-
tals as substitutes. In the zinc-white trade it increases the difficulty of competition with white lead, if the price of the latter be not high in proportion, and in any case gives headway to the use of barytes and other substitutes. Except for the manufacture of brass there are few important uses for which zinc is an absolutely indispensable metal, and its price is therefore limited to the point at which consumers will give it the choice in prefer \(\in\) nce to substitutes.
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