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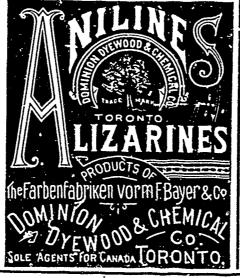
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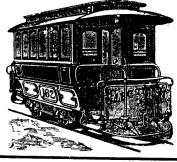
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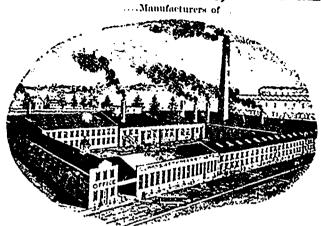
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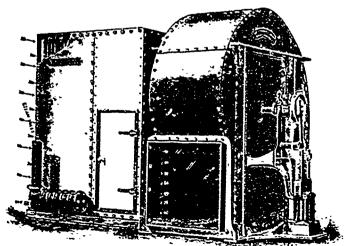
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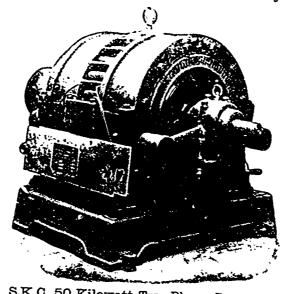
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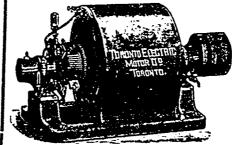
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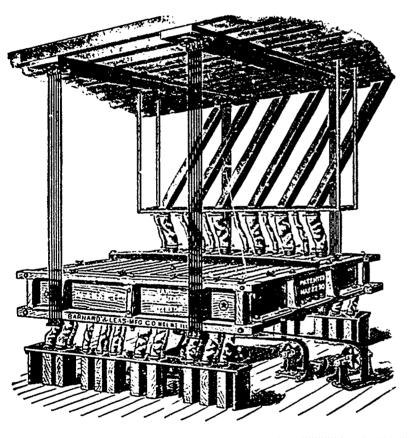
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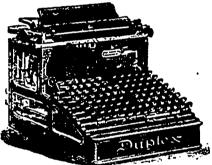
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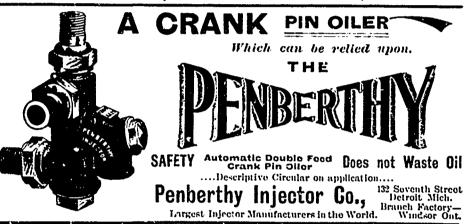
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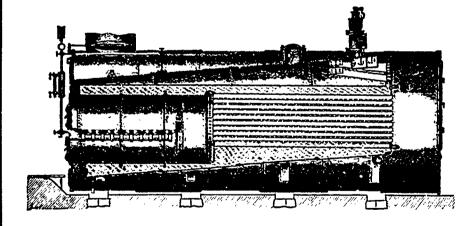
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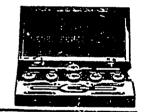
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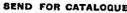


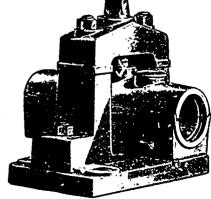






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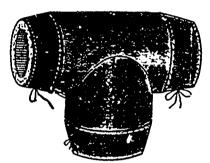
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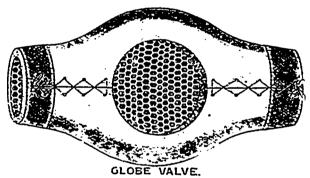
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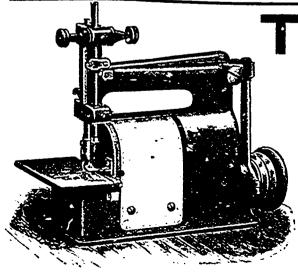
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#### OUR TARIFF EDITION.

Since the announcement in our last issue and in other ways that a Special Edition of The Canadian Manufacturer would be published in which would be presented authentic duplications of the forthcoming new Canadian Tariff, the new United States Tariff, and also the British Tariff and the British Merchandiso Marks Act, we have received many kind

notices, both through the columns of our contemporaries and also by letter from manufacturers and business men commending our enterprise. In our announcement it was stated that our Special Edition would be published just as soon as the tariffs of Canada and the United States became laws, and this we will do. Since that announcement, the Canadian Minister of Finance has stated that he would bring down and present to the House of Commons his new tariff bill on April 22nd, instant; and as is well known, that bill goes into effect instanter. There will probably be more or less discussion of the bill, and before its final passage it may receive some modifications, but if any changes are made in it they will not materially affect it. The tariff as it will be presented in our Special Edition will be reproduced from the bill as it will be finally passed and ratified.

The United States Tariff has already been passed by the House of Representatives at Washington, and is now under consideration in the Senate; the desire of the Government being to have it become law at the very earliest possible day.

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#### THE NOVA SCOTIA STEEL COMPANY.

"Whether the iron and steel consumed in Canada shall be made in Canada or in the United States" is a question that is now pressing itself upon the attention of the Dominion Government, and which must be answered.

At the scances of the Tariff Commission that were held at Halifax in January the Nova Scotia Steel Company presented a statement concerning their industry which is an argument that covers, we think, the whole ground, and is conclusive in answering the above question in the affirmative.

The abstract presented to the Commission shows that the works now in the possession of this company were started in 1872 with a cash capital of \$4,000, and employed eight to ten men. In 1896 the cash capital had increased to \$1,564,116, and the number of hands employed to over eight hundred. The wages paid were \$277,669.59.

That during 1896, 101,159 tons of coal were consumed, which gave employment to two hundred and twenty additional men in connection with the coal mines.

That the total amount paid Canadian railways in 1896 for railway freights was \$132,663.47, of which \$90,000 was earned by the Intercolonial Railway.

That the average freight paid on pig iron amounts to more than the present duty.

That the deepening of the St. Lawrence canals to fourteen feet would materially assist in overcoming the disadvantage due to the long rail haul, and would be of advantage to the shipping interests of Montreal.

That the average price received for pig iron sold by this Company during the year 1896 was \$12.20 per ton of 2,240 pounds.

That the price of Scotch Warrants, on January 11, 1897, was equal to \$11.80, and of American Warrants \$7 per ton. That the quotations for steel billets at Pittsburg, at the close of 1896, was \$15, and in Great Britain \$22 per ton.

It is also shown that during the past six years the average prices of manufactured steel have fallen \$14.29 per ton, or equal to over 28 per cent.

That the Province of Ontario pays a bounty of \$1 per ton on pig iron; while the Province of Nova Scotia receives over \$10,000 annually as royalties on the coal and ores used by this Company, and pays no bounty on pig iron.

That the duty on scrap should be as high as the present duty on steel billets.

That the duty on pig iron alone is not sufficient to encourage the making of it in the country.

The labor employed mining coal and limestone should be considered as well as the labor employed in mining ore, when the bounty on pig iron is being fixed.

That a reduction in prices of \$1 per ton will be a clear loss of over \$17,000 on the manufactured goods on hand, and will mean a continued loss of \$25,000 per annum to this Company, or a large reduction in wages.

Either the duty on steel billets should be \$7 per ton, or the duty \$5 and the bounty of \$2 should be paid on steel billets or ingots, even if made from a portion of imported materials.

The business now carried on by the Nova Scotia Steel Company had its inception in 1872, when the Nova Scotia Forge Company (a private concern) with a capital of \$4,000 and less than a dozen workmen, began the manufacture of railway and marine forgings in the town of New Glasgow. The raw material used for the first ten years was wholly wrought scrap iron. During this time, however, mild steel began to largely replace wrought iron for car axle and general forge work, which suggested the making in Canada of steel from imported scrap steel and pig iron, and after mature consideration it was decided to engage in the manufacture of steel, and the Nova Scotia Steel Company was organized in April, 1882, with a capital of \$160,000, for the purpose of manufacturing steel by the Siemens Martin open I earth process. Upwards of a year was spent in the construction of the works, and the first steel ingots were east in August, 1883.

The Forge Company became large buyers of steel ingots and billets from the Steel Company, who in turn were dependent on the former Company for their repairs, machine work and rolls; in view of which, and for other reasons, it became desirable to amalgamate the two Companies, which was done dur-

ing 1889—the amalgamated Company being known as the Nova Scotia Steel and Forge Company.

It soon became apparent to the management that the Company should not depend on imported scrap steel and pig iron for their raw material, and that a successful and permanent husiness could only be established by substituting pig iron for scrap steel, as the basis of the raw material, and to provide the pig iron a blast furnace was a necessity. But an important section of the directorate would not undertake the construction of a furnace, calling as it did for an expenditure of \$500,000, exclusive of mining properties, and a Company known as the New Glasgow Iron, Coal and Railway Company, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000 was organized. This Company, after acquiring by purchase and lease iron ore properties of sufficient extent to warrant the establishment of a modern blast furnace plant, proceeded in 1891 to construct a railway connecting the ore and lime deposits with the furnace site and Intercolonial Railway at Ferrona (a point about six miles south of New Glasgow) together with a blast furnace, coal washing and coking plant, with all other plant necessary for a modern blast furnace, all of which were completed and put in blast in August, 1892, and were continuously operated by the said Company until December, 1894, when owing to the fact that the Nova Scotia Steel and Forge Company were large users of the pig iron made by the Furnace Company, it was deemed desirable to consolidate the two interests, which was done January 1, 1895, by the purchase outright of the entire interests of both companies by a corporation created for the purpose under the title of the Nova Scotia Steel Company. Further additions and improvements of considerable importance were made to the plant by the new Company, who continue to operate the entire works.

The Company own in fee simple, or control by leases, deposits of hematite, specular and spathic iron ore in the Counties of Pictou, Guysboro, Antigonish, Colchester, and Hants, the principal deposits so far worked being at Bridgeville, Pictou County, which, with the lime deposite are connected with the blast furnace site and the Intercolonial Railway by a standard gauge railway, thirteen miles in length, with full complement of rolling stock, all owned and operated by the Company.

The blast furnace at Ferrona is of modern design, and fitted with the most approved appliances.

A coal washing plant was put into successful operation in May, 1892, and is the first of its kind erected in America.

A coking plant is situated near the coal washer, and contains fifty-four retort coke ovens, capable of producing every twenty-four hours between 115 and 120 tons of first-class coke, which is all used in the blast furnace of the Company.

The steel works at New Glasgow comprise three Siemens open hearth melting furnaces; two of these have a capacity of twenty tons each, and the other a capacity of thirty tons; together with the mills, forges and other plant necessary for working up the product of these furnaces.

A general idea of the extent of these works will be given when it is stated that they cover an area of twenty-five acres, of which 238,880 square feet, or say five and a haif acres, are actually covered by the buildings necessary for the accommodation of the plant. The railway tracks in and about the works aggregate over five and half miles in length,

It may be pointed out that the cash now employed in the undertaking is \$1,564,116. The amount expended in "new

plant" each year since the beginning of operations (that of last year amounting to \$159,097) is in evidence as to the necessity of constantly keeping up with the changes and improvements required in the business, and shows the need that exists for large and strong corporations undertaking the work of iron and steel development, and the ruin that will be wrought if stability and encouragement is not given by tariff legislation.

The quantity of raw material of all kinds used during the past year was 181,778 tons of the cash value of \$3.45,580, while the wages paid amount to \$277,669.59, to which, if the sum paid in wages for coal and ores be added, will total not less than \$430,000. This amount, it will be noticed, is paid direct to the work people, and does not include, except in the case of coal and ores, wages paid for any materials purchased.

The value of the manufacture of pig iron and steel to the country is apparent, when it is known that the average railway freights now being paid by the Company on pig iron sent into the provinces of Ontario and Quebec is at the rate of \$4.58 per ton; while on steel the rates are twenty per cent. higher. The proportion carned by the Intercolonial Railway would average about sixty per cent. If no pig iron and steel were shipped, the loss of traffic to the Intercolonial could not be made up from any other source, and the cars would have to be hauled west empty. In addition to the value to the railways of the carriage of finished product, there is the revenue received for the coal, passengers and general supplies, which form a large and very profitable business. In this connection, it might not be amiss to call attention to a letter written by the Company in reply to an enquiry from the Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, under date Septemher 8, 1896, giving full details of the business of the company for the year ending June 30, 1896 : a copy of which is herewith given. The importance of this traffic to the railways of Canada is more fully brought out by reference to the total freight paid by this Company. In 1896, the railway freight paid by the Company was \$132,663.47, of which the Intercolonial received about \$90,000.

To many points in Ontario, the freight on pig iron is more than the duty imposed on imported pig iron. For instance, to Toronto the freight is \$4.54 per ton; while the freight from the principal competing United States points is \$1 per ton. The duty is \$4.48 per long ton; and adding the United States freight to the duty, there is only a net protection on iron shippedito Toronto of ninety-four cents per ton. To many points west of Toronto, the freight from Nova Scotia comes to more than the freight from the United States and 'he duty combined.

The question of water-borne iron and steel is one of first importance to this Company; and especially is this the case at the present time, as the Intercolonial Railway and its connections have, within a few months, increased their rates, the increases amounting in December last to \$1,563 on a total shipment of 1,575 tons of iron and steel to points west of Levis, Que. With fourteen feet navigation between Montreal and Toronto, the rates of freight from Nova Scotia to lake ports could be reduced one half, and the larger portion of the Company's products be sent by water. In view of the low rates of freight from the United States to points in Ontario available to the United States manufacturers, enabling them to keenly compete for the Canadian business, tarriff.

it is apparent that deepening of the St. Lawrence canals would materially assist ir overcoming the disadvantage due to the long rail had now existing.

In answer to the statement that has been made that the present duties are seriously impairing the shipping interests of the port of Montreal, the Company point out that in the case of iron and steel, if the duties on these articles were entirely removed, the shipping interests of Montreal would not be benefited; because, owing to the much lower prices prevailing in the United States, Canada would import from the United States and not from Great Britain, and that the maintenance of the present duties and the deepening of the St. Lawrence canals, by which Nova Scotia iron and steel could be forwarded through Montreal to Ontario points, are the only means by which Montreal shipping interests connected with the transport of iron and steel can be benefited.

Objection is made by manufacturers using pig iron and steel that the cost of their finished goods is unduly increased by the encouragement given by the tariff to the manufacture of pig iron and steel. As an evidence that the Company are not charging consumers unduly, they say that the average cash price received by it for Ferrona pig iron at the furnace during 1896 was \$12.20 per gross ton. The average selling price of Summerlee pig iron in Scotland during the same period was equal to \$12.30, and this price, of course, does not include any commission or other charges of any kind.

As showing the comparative prices of Scotch and American pig iron and steel billets, the Company point out that reference to the Official Daily Market Report of the New York Metal Exchange of January 11, 1897, will show that the price of American pig warrants on that date was \$7.00 per ton. The price of Scotch warrants by the same authority was equal to \$11.80 per ton. The price of American steel billets by the same authority was, on December 26, 1896, \$15.00 per ton. The price of British steel billets, as quoted by the Iron Age was equal to \$21.90. These quotations show that Great Britain is not in a position to supply in competition with the United States the iron and steel required by Canada, and that no tariff change short of discriminating duties in favor of Great Britain can enable that country to do so. It. therefore remains that either Canada or the United States will manufacture for this country, and it is every way desirable that Canada should do so.

The following table shows the production and the prices at which the finished steel manufactured by this Company has been sold during the past six years:

Year.	-	Average Price
1890	8,811	650.38
1891	8,274	44 83
1892	10,614	45 78
1893.	11,258	
1894	10,219	37 95
1896	1-2,451	37 04
*****************************	12,781	36 OO

These figures show a drop during these few years of \$14.29 per ton, equal to over 28 per cent., and show conclusively that had not the Company by a liberal and intelligent expenditure of capital in new plant kept pace with the improved methods adopted abroad, they could not have been able to retain their position in view of the great decline in values of finished steel. Further extensions and improvements can not be undertaken unless investors can depend on the permanency of the present tariff.

Attention is called to the laws at present in force in the Provinces of Ontario and Nova Scotia, relating to coal and iron ore. In the Province of Ontario a bounty equal to \$1 per ton ca pig iron is payable to the owner of any mine in the Province for every ton of iron ore raised by him and smelted. This acts as a direct bonus to the iron makers in that Province, as they are able to buy their ore fifty cents per ton cheaper than were this bonus not paid by the Province of Ontario. In the Province of Nova Scotia the lowest royalty paid on coal is ten cents per ton to the Province, and a royalty of five cents per ton is paid on all iron ore smelted, taken from lands not granted previous to 1811, which include the bulk of the mineral lands of the Province. The direct tax upon this Company from these two sources amounts to over \$10,000 per year. No bounty whatever is paid by the Province of Nova Scotia.

So far, the question of pig iron has alone been considered, but attention is requested to the larger one of its relation to the manufacture of steel, and the Company point out:

1st. Pig iron being the base of steel, it is self-evident that any tariff which does not treat both in a fair and equitable manner will fail of its purpose, and so a sufficiently high duty on pig iron and steel in all the various stages of manufacture is a necessity. A duty on pig iron alone will not secure its successful manufacture in Canada, nor a duty on steel alone its successful manufacture, because the one is dependent on the other. For instance, a high duty on pig iron might give the Canadian market to the maker of foundry iron, such as used in the making of stoves, engines and the general class of castings, but would give him no market for the proportion of hard iron, which is totally unfit for ordinary foundry purposes, but which no furnace man has as yet discovered a means of preventing his furnace from making while running on foundry iron, and which often amounts to twenty-five per cent. of the total output of the furnace. This hard iron must be used in the puddling or melting furnace. If on the other hand, high duties were placed upon finished steel, and none upon pig iron, the pig iron necessary for its manufacture could not be made in Canada, because the market for finished iron and steel is not large enough to enable the furnace at present in blast in Canada to run steadily upon pig suitable for their manufacture. From the above it will readily be seen that to successfully make pig iron in Canada, the market not only for it, but also for the finished products, iron and steel made from pig iron, must be conserved to the Canadian manufacturer.

2nd. A sufficiently high rate of duty should be maintained on scrap steel to make it more prefitable for the manufacturer of steel bars, who has not gone to the expenditure necessary to make steel from pig iron, to use billets instead of scrap. It would not tend to promote the making of pig iron in Canada, nor would it improve the trade of the country generally to permit scrap iron or scrap steel to be imported at a less rate of duty than that of a less finished article; namely, puddled bars or steel billets.

3rd. The duty on puddled bars and steel billets ought to be relatively higher than that on pig iron, because of the additional labor expended upon them, and should not be so high as on bars, sheets, etc., because a less amount of labor has been put on them. If the duty be not high enough, the maker of bars, sheets, etc., from puddled bars and billets will import them, because a very much larger amount of capital is

required to make bars and sheets from pig iron than is required to make the same goods from billets or puddled bars.

4th. The duty on the finished steel products—such as shafting, bars, angles, sheets, etc., ought to be relatively higher than on puddled bars and billets, because of the extra labor expended upon them.

The foregoing are a few among the many reasons that might be urged in support of the principle of the encouragement of the iron and steel industries in Canada, and embody the leading features of the tariff now in force.

Attention is asked to the manner in which the Act providing for the payment of bounties on pig iron and steel billets works, and to the amendments which it is suggested should be made. The Act provides that no bounty should be paid on foreign ores used in the manufacture of pig iron, but makes no provision respecting fuel, and therefore a foreign fuel may be used and the full bounty paid. It requires more Canadian labor and a larger expenditure of capital to obtain the fuel and flux to make pig iron than it does to procure the ore, and consequently the manufacturer who uses Canadian fuel and flux and foreign ore is as much entitled to the bounty as the manufacturer who uses Canadian ore and flux and foreign fuel. It is, therefore, suggested by the Company that the Act be amended so as to allow the payment of the bounty to the manufacturer who uses wholly either Canadian ore and flux or Canadian fuel and flux. The working of the Act as respects steel billets has proved unfair to the manufacturer; though it was incidentally intended, if possible, to stimulate the making of them from Canadian pig iron made from Canadian ores, and the bounty was given more especially to make up for the reduction in the duties on billets and finished steel. The Act seems to have been hurriedly drafted, and it is found that its strict interpretation deprives the manufacturer of the bounty on a large portion of the billets made. In practice, it is found that billets are not the proper article on which bounty should be paid. In the opinion of the Company it should be raid on ingots. The reasons for this briefly stated are: That ingots bear to steel the same relation that pig iron bears to iron ore, being the first stage in manufacture; that many ingots are made that are never put into billets, but are used in making heavy forgings; that much less difficulty would te found in locating the material entitled to bounty where large stocks are carried, and that consequently the claim for bounty would be much more easily verified. It is, therefore, suggested that the Act be amended so as to authorize the payment of the bounty on steel ingots made from fifty per cent. of pig iron made in Canada.

That there may be no misunderstanding as to the necessity of these bounties from a labor standpoint the company point to a few facts in connection with them. Previous to the erection of the blast furnace at Ferrona, they used foreign pig iron in large quantities. Soon after the furnace went into operation, their own pig iron went into use and they have continued to use it almost exclusively, with the exception of a few thousand tons made by them from iron ore imported from Bilboa. They found that it was, at reasonable cost, impossible to get native ores with the necessary chemical composition to make the high grades of steel required by some customers, and so they were led to import the ore from Spain and make the iron themselves in preference to importing it. The cost of converting a ton of pig iron and other necessary

ingredients into steel billets is in the practice of this Company \$10.68 per net ton. Of this amount the fuel costs \$1.66, the lahor \$4.49; the waste \$2.51, and repairs, stores, and general expenses, the balance, \$2.02. In this connection attention is called to the item of fire brick, which are not made in Canada, and the cost of importing them from Britain or the United States is as much as the first cost; and as evidence of the importance of this item in the manufacture of billets, the Company say that the cost to them has averaged \$8,000 per year for repairs alone during the last five years. The necessary plant is also a very large item, requiring a. expenditure in this case of not less than \$240,000 to furn in the furnaces, gas producers, cranes, mills, boilers, engines, shears, etc., to convert pig iron into steel billets alone. From these figures it will be apparent that the process is not a simple and inexpensive one, but the very opposite. It is a most complicated and difficult process, and one upon whose development and present condition of advancement more money has been expended, more scientific research given, and more labor spent than upon any single branch of manufacture. It will readily be seen from the above that the cost of converting pig iron into steel billets is as great as that of making pig iron from ore, and requires as much capital.

The Company call special attention to the quantity and value of the stock of manufactured and partly manufactured goods they are compelled to carry. When it is known that they make no less than 630 different sizes and shapes of steel bars, angles, plates, etc., it will be readily apparent that to fill orders promptly very large stocks must always be carried on hand. The trade has very much changed in this respect within recent years; the manufacturer now largely taking the place of the wholesale merchant of former years. The stock of material carried on hand scarcely ever falls below 15,000 tons; in June last it was 17,000 tons, the cost value being \$369,471, consequently a reduction in price of \$1 per ton on iron and steel would mean an immediate loss of \$17,000, and in like proportion for any further reduction. From the Company's balance sheet as at June 30, 1896, it will be seen that the total net profits for the year were under \$40,000. The total sales of the Company for the same period were 23,059 tons. The net profits were, therefore, only \$1.75 per ton. A reduction of this amount would be sufficient to completely wipe out the profits of the Company for last year. Any further reduction would only be met by a reduction in wages; and as it would be impossible to reduce the wages sufficiently, it would involve the works being closed down.

Following is a copy of the letter above alluded to, which explains itself :-

New Glasgow, September S, 1896.

W. G. Parmalec, Esq., Deputy Minister Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, Ontario.

DEAR SIR,-Ir reply to your request of the 28th ult., to furnish you with a list of the articles manufactured by this Company, together with the quantity and value of each, produced in 1895, we enclose you our printed catalogue, which gives a fairly complete list of the principal articles manufactured by us.

The quantities and values manufactured by us during our

fiscal year, ended June 30th, 1896, are as follows: Pig Iron, .... 22,9°6 tons of 2,000 pounds;

of which .. 14,796 tons of Foundry Iron, value, \$162,759,52 were sold.

and ..... 9,378 tons of Hematite Iron, with other material, were used by ourselves in the manufacture of

14,867 tons of Steel Ingots, value . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$314,971.23 16,575 Steel Ingots were used in the manufacture of and produced 15,063 tons of Steel Billets, value 361,13: 2 and 1,182 tons of Scrap Steel, value..... 16,551.00

\$377,686.92

13,780 tons Finished Steel, consisting of:

Bars, Sheets, Fish Plates, Bolts, Nails, Spikes, Springs, Implement Special Sections, etc., value \$510,954.00 and 1,247 tons of Forgings, value ..... 65,410.00

In the manufacture of the above 94,522 tons of coal, costing \$121,221.33 were used.

In the assembling of the materials and distributing of the goods produced, \$149,827.75 were paid for railway freight.

In order that you may be in possession of the result of the year's operations, we enclose a copy of our balance sheet for the period above referred to.

We regret that we are unable to give you the total production in Canada of the above articles.

We have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servants, NOVA SCOTIA STEEL COMPANY (Limited.)

## THE CENTRIPETAL DIRECTION OF TRADE.

The warfare that is being waged in many parts of the country against departmental stores is of similar character to that against such enterprises as the Sugar Trust and the pooling arrangements of the railroads in the United States; the fight against the departmental stores being to prevent the carrying on under one roof and by one concern the great varieties of trade that have come to characterize them, and which, it is claimed, has proven so disastrous to the smaller concerns engaged in these various trades, while the fight against the pools is to prevent capital from absorbing all or the greater part of concerns all engaged in the same line of business, and which were competitors against each other in disposing of their products, and, by the absorption of and bringing the many under one head and management, lessen or entirely destroy, the previous competition, making it possible to realize larger profits on the invested capital than could have been done under the previous condition.

This tendency to concentration, says The Iron Trade Review, is combatted by the legislation that has been and is being made against combinations, based on the old principle that made engressing or monopoly inimical to public policy, the root of the popular opposition to monopolies and combinations seeming to be the large returns many of them make for their stockholders. The Standard Oil Company, our contemporary says, is regarded as it is because it has made and is making fabulous profits, and not because it has oppressed the people with high prices, for this it has not done. And there is more of a socialistic germ than many will be ready to admit, in the popular thinking and feeling concerning large aggregations of capital, that because they are large exert great influence. Thus it is not uncommon to have it said that one and another of the country's most prominent millionaires could not have accumulated honestly the wealth they have, in the few years since they were known to be men of small or moderate means. The complaint against a protective tariff has been, not that any one has ever demonstrated that the home buyer would have been able to buy more cheaply from foreign producers if the latter had this field to themselves, but that certain captains of protected industry have been enabled to acquire wealth rapidly. The political revolution of 1892 in the United States that was socialistic at bottom, was an expression of popular dissatisfaction with this phase of the protective regime. It could not be successfully denied that the American wage scale was the highest in the world, nor that large fortunes had been made by industrial capitalists in free trade countries. It was enough that certain American manufacturers had become millionaires within a decade or two.

So far as the feeling against combinations springs from jealousy of success, or a belief that large accumulations of wealth by a few necessarily involve injustice to the many, we have no sympathy with it. But the protest against trust abuses, against the swollen certification that generally attends the formation of a trust, and the stock jobbing attachments that are so common, is one that fair-minded men will strongly second. Moreover, those who study these centripetal move ments in industry and in trade will view with regret the increase in the proportion of employees, through the wiping out of individual establishments. With every new combination the official list becomes only a fraction of the number represented in its components. The prospect that the machinist had a few years ago of rising to the ownership of a shop, with from three or four to a hundred men in his employ, is growing steadily less with every year. So the clerk in a mercantile establishment finds that the big stores have practically wiped out the chance of proprietorship that was once within reach of the thrifty, alert and pushing, though the start was from the lowest round of the ladder. The student of American economics who makes up his mind, after looking out on Argentina and 'ndia and Russia, that there is no chance for the American farmer, may say with equal truth, as he watches the drift in manufacture and in commerce, that the chances of proprietorship there are steadily diminishing.

Yet, looking more closely into this phase of the question, what does it profit a hundred men to come up out of the ranks to the estate of employers, if ninety of them are to be pushed back again in time by the relentless hand of competition? The law of the survival of the fittest comes to the same goal of concentration in the end as the law of combination, but its operations are neither so speedy nor so kind.

Legislate as our Congresses and assemblies may against the evils of combinations, and deplore as we may some of the phases of the evolution that is making men think deeply of its outcome, the movement itself seems irresistible. Thirty years of machine methods in the United States, following the late war, have worked marvels of productive economy and efficioncy. To do in a generation what in old world countries, at their average pace, would have required a century or two, has called for economic machinery as advanced as our mechanical appliances. Large blocks of capital, great corporations and often the aggregation of individual capitalists or corporations, have been the method. It has not been possible to have, side by side, the results of competition and combination, on a given product, so that the effects of each on prices could be measured simultaneously. There have been instances in which combinations, succeeding a period of fierce competition, have made an advance to recoup losses; and thus the consumer has given back to the producer, for a time, some of the so-called benefits of an unrestricted market. Two notable instances of prices

reduced under trust economies are the fall in oil from 24.24 cents a gallon in 1874 to 6.25 cents to-day, and in cotton-seed oil from 47.8 cents a gallon in 1884 to 23.5 to-day for standard summer yellow oil. In the iron and steel industry, which, in general, has been developed under competitive methods, there have been very marked reductions in the same periods, but accompanying them there has been a distinct concentration of capital, the bulk of the production to-day being in few hands as compared with twenty years ago. The tendency is plain, whatever the industry selected for illustration—a steady movement toward superior product and lower prices, in those lines of manufacture most highly organized, having the largest scale of operations and requiring greater capital for their prosecution.

It is no more conceivable that a return will be made to the regime of modest individual enterprises than that the textile machinery of to-day will be discarded for the hand-loom. Hardships to individuals and classes appear along the way, here and there an inequality is seen in the heaping up of profit for a time in the hands of a few. But concentration has proved in the main to be in the line of progress; it has given better products at lower prices and has secured a larger command of them by the people. Judged by its fruits, it does not deserve to be put under the ban in the way that has come to be popular.

#### OUR ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

We have received in pamphlet form a copy of the second article on "Our Atlantic Steamship Service," contributed by Mr. Sandford Fleming to Queen's Quarterly.

We cordially concur with the author in his opinion that "before the country is bound to pay an enormous subsidy, it be first established that the expenditure has been wisely determined." Mr. Fleming mentions three objects which the proposed subsidy is intended to accomplish: First, that the products which we raise may be carried to their best market at the lowest cost and in the best condition. Secondly, that passengers and mails may be conveyed across the ocean as speedily and as safely as possible. Thirdly and generally, that the closest intercourse may be permanently established between Her Majesty's subjects on both sides of the Atlantic

With respect to the first of these objects, Mr. Fleming's statements and arguments all go to show that a fast steamship service cannot possibly tend to the reduction of the cost of transportation of our products. He distinctly says: that "to secure low rates the products must be carried on steamships of moderate speed." "As a rule only passengers and mails would be carried in ships constructed for speed, and other ships would be designed for the transportation of freight.

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. . . In the one case, speed and safety would be the main object, in the other economy of carriage the primary consideration." Mr. Fleming lays down the proposition: "It is not simply a consideration whether the establishment of heavily subsidized steamships will benefit this or that city, or this or that province, but the extent to which it will be advantageous to the whole community." The whole community is interested in and would largely profit by any enterprise which would materially reduce the cost of transportation of our products or render their delivery in better condition, but if there is to be no reduction in freight charges, and if the condition in which the goods are to be delivered can be secured by other and

cheaper methods, why should any enormous subsidy be grant. ed? It can hardly be pretended that any important section of the community is materially interested in the saving of one or two days in the delivery of letters to or from Europe; and as to closer intercourse with the mother country, will not this be better promoted by frequent rather than by rapid communication? That a fast ocean steamship service would be of some general advantage all will admit, but that the advantage will prove large enough to justify the cost is very doubtful. There are several public enterprises now projected, the accomplishment of which will prove of much greater benefit than fast steamships. The best consideration of Government should he devoted to the preparations required for providing for the great changes in inland transportation which will occur on the completion of our canal system; to meet which suitable harbor facilities will be required on our inland lakes, which, with cold storage appliances, will largely increase the value of o r meats, dairy products, poultry, eggs, fruit, etc. Our two great railway trunk lines would derive the greatest share of any advantage which would accrue from the fast ocean service, and if each of the companies would contribute one-third, and the Dominion Government one-third of the proportion of the subsidy which Canada is to contribute, this would be a more equitable basis on which to proceed than is the proposal that Government should contribute the whole, and that mainly for the benefit of two gigantic corporations for which the country has already done so much, and from whose methods of operations it too often suffers much injustice.

Mr. Fleming, like a good many other recognized authorities on the subject, has grave doubts as to the successful operation of fast steamship service between Europe and Quebec or Montreal. He says: "In my previous paper, I submitted that the evidence of facts does not warrant the belief that steamships can always run with safety at great speed on considerable portions of the St. Lawrence route, and that this is especially the case in the approaches to the Straits of Belle Isle. Frequently the navigation is beset with ice-bergs for hundreds of miles; moreover, when within the straits the course of ships is confined between lines of rocky coast on both sides, while irregular currents and dense fogs frequently prevail." He admits that men of marine experience have declared that the navigation of the St. Lawrence is safe for the largest and fastest steamers. To this he replies: " I am disposed to agree with this testimony, with the proviso, whatever it may be worth, that the navigation is safe for fast steamers, provided they move as slowly as the occasion demands." In illustration of the dangerous character of the route, Mr. Fleming refers to the series of disasters which at one time befell the Allan Line, when eight passenger ships were lost in eight years, also, to the shipwrecks and losses sustained by the Dominion and Beaver lines. In support of this view, he refers to a work by Mr. Henry Fry, of Quebec, entitled "The History of North Atlantic Steam Navigation," in which Mr. Fry states that the distressing losses of life and property were not due to any want of skill or experience on the part of the owners or captains. He, however, expresses the opinion that the Government were not blameless in exacting speed, in the face of the serious obstacles which were presented to rapid steaming, and in imposing heavy penalties for non-punctuality in the delivery of the mails within the periods stipulated by contract.

Mr. Fleming's proposal is that the new steamship service should avoid the northern entrance to the Gulf, by way of Belle Isle, and should exclusively use the southern entrance by way of Cabot straits, making Sydney the ocean terminus during the summer months, and Halifax during winter. The steamers might run at full speed from their port of departure in Great Britain to Sydney, from which the mails and passengers, if they so prefer, might be conveyed by rail, and the steamer proceed through the gulf and river St. Lawrence to Quebec or Montreal. Or, in another way, one class of steamers might run between Montreal and Sydney, and connect there with the fast line of steamers whose service would be exclusively on the ocean. He shows that the distance between Montreal and London, via Sydney, using rail from Montreal to Sydney, is so much shorter than the distance from New York to London, via Liverpool, that the trip by the former route should be performed in six days, six hours, as compared with seven days, eighteen hours by the latter route. He claims :--

- 1. That the ocean passage would be nearly two days shorter.
- 2. That fewer steamships would be required to perform the regular weekly service.
- 3. That the consumption of coal on each voyage would be one-third less, and moreover the coal used would be obtained almost at the pit's mouth.
- 4. All other expenses of the voyage would be proportionally reduced.

If the same steamship is to make the full trip from say Liverpool to Montreal, but only to make fast time so far as Sydney, and proceed more slowly through the Gulf and river, taking the delay at Sydney, where is the great saving in time? If two classes of steamships were to be employed, one for river and gulf and the other for all ocean sailing, involving transfer of passengers and freight, how can it be claimed that such a service will reduce the rate of freight on our products or improve their condition on delivery? If the fast service via Belle Isle should prove as dangerous as Mr. Fleming describes it, will not passengers avoid it, and will not insurance companies exact higher rates?

#### AS GOOD AS THE BEST.

In the earlier part of this year when the Tariff Commission were making personal investigations of some of the manufacturing industries of the country, with a view to demonstrating the excellence of the pig iron produced by them, the Nova Scotia Steel Company made enquiries of some of their customers as to their experience with the "Ferrona" brand of iron. Among the replies the Company received were letters from the following well-known concerns, whose testimony is valuable:

The Massey-Harris Co., Toronto:—We have been using some of your pig iron for a considerable time past. We find the "Ferrona" to be a good iron for our use when mixed with North Shore irons, which we use largely. At present we use about twenty-five per cent. of your iron for our mixture. Lately, we have been making some experiments, and we are of the opinion that we could use thirty to forty per cent. with excellent results. We are also of the opinion that your "Ferrona" has been for the past year better iron than we ever had from you in the past.

Messrs Rhodes, Curry & Co., Amherst, N.S.:—We have been using "Ferrona" brand pig iron for about three and a

half years, and are quite satisfied with the quality. We have no difficulty in making good castings for all kinds of car work, as well as columns, cresting, etc., for buildings; also school desk castings. We are able to get good mixtures from your pig iron alone, or by mixing with scrap iron.

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Canada can produce as good iron as can be made anywhere in the world.

#### PROTECTION IN GERMANY.

Up to about twenty-five years ago, Germany was nearly altogether an agricultural country, but about that time its industrial era began; and its manufacturing industries, under the policy of protection, have flourished and extended since then at a rate which has excited the wonder and attention of all writers on political economy. The Manchester School demurs to the argument that this is any proof of the soundness of the doctrine of protection, and attempts to depreciate the progress of Germany by a comparison of its aggregate commerce with that of England. No one questions the superiority of Britain's commerce over that of any other country. But the question really is, does England now occupy that commanding position which it held fifty years ago, before the adoption of free trade? Granted that in manufacturing industries there has been great expansion, and that there has been a large increase in its wealth and commerce, is this increase on a parity with or superior to that which is being experienced in protectionist countries—Germany for example?

The December Summary of the Finance and Commerce of the United States for the year 1896, furnishes a good deal of information which enables a fair comparison to be instituted between England and Germany as to their progress during the past twenty-five years. The following few facts are selected:

Value of merchandise imported into the United States from the United Kingdom and Germany during the following years :-

	United Kingdom.	Germany.
1871	. \$228,768,371	\$25,093,635
1880	. 210,613,694	52,201,237
1890	. 186,488,956	98,837,683
1895	159,083,243	81,014,065
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Kingdom decreased nearly thirty-five per cent.; while the imports from Germany increased nearly 223 per cent.

The changes in the imports of a few lines of manufactured goods may be noted.

#### COTION MANUFACTURES.

	United Kingdom.	Germany.
1871	\$26,453,777	\$4,899,560
1880	16,891,342	9,771,389
1890	11,892,881	8,488,434
1895	13,275,869	9,804,137

In these goods the imports from the United Kingdom decreased in value about one-half; while the imports from Germany increased 100 per cent.

#### IRON AND STEEL, AND MANUFACTURES OF.

	United Kingdom,	Germany.
1871	.:\$47,642,696	\$626,713
1880	57,260,470	
1890		1,633,724 3,077,890
1895		1,886,333

In these goods the imports from the United Kingdom decreased in value \$28,995,474; while the imports from Germany were three times larger in 1895 than in 1871.

#### MANUFACTURES OF WOOL.

	United Kingdom.	Germany.
1871	\$37,005,726	\$3,693,387
1880	19,395,662	4,259,610
1890	31,266,425	12,318,783
1895	20,780,402	8,577,097

During the twenty-five years the value of imports of woolen goods imported from the United Kingdom decreased \$16,225,-324; while the imports from Germany increased \$4,883,710. Summary of above three descriptions of merchandise.

	United Kingdom,	Germany.
1871	\$111,192,199	\$9,219,660
1895	52,703,493	20,267,567

Decrease in imports from the United Kingdom in twentyfive years, \$58,488,706.

Increase in imports from Germany in twenty-five years, \$11,047,907.

While the imports from Great Britain fell off more than one-half, those from Germany were more than doubled.

Many similar results could be shown by a comparison in other classes of manufactures.

It may be observed that for the year 1890, the imports of iron and steel, and wood manufactures, from both of these countries were abnormally large, being brought in, in anticipation of the McKinley tariff.

The epponents of protection base their principal objections to this policy on the ground that it is detrimental to commerce, and imposes upon the consumers of the protected country higher prices for their goods than if there were no protection. If detrimental to commerce, how is it that during the last twenty-five years, the exports of Germany to the United States have increased 223 per cent., while those from England have decreased thirty-five per cent.? How is it that the port of Hamburg has now a larger commerce than that of Liver pool, whereas ten years ago Liverpool had the larger trade? In Hamburg, the tons received and shipped were, in 1885, 3,704,312; in Liverpool, 4,278,881; in Hamburg, in 1895, 6,256,000 tons; in Liverpool, 5,965,959 tons, the increase in ten years being, for Hamburg, about sixty-nine per cent.; for Liverpool, not quite forty per cent. ? If goods are dearer in pro-During these twenty-five years, the imports from the United | tested countries than in free trade countries, how is it, that,

subject to the same terms and conditions of import, the exports of protective Germany to the United States are rapidly increasing, while the exports from free-trade England are so rapidly decreasing? Is it not because by giving Germany for so many years the control of the Home market its manufacturers have been able to build up so large a trade, that in many lines its goods are now the cheapest in the world? It is not surprising that the Manchester School feels puzzled and angry in seeing Germany and other countries flourishing under a policy which, for many years, they so scotlingly derided. Nor is it any wonder that there is such a growing distrust in the virtue of the free-trade policy which, year after year, fails to produce the beneficial effects which it was expected to accomplish.

#### THE SHAREHOLDER'S INCONSISTENCIES.

One of the queerest conglomerations of sense and nonsense imaginable is contained in an editorial in The Shareholder in which it discusses the proposed Dingley United States Tariff. It tells us that the duties that apply to Canadian trade are not advantageous to Canada—that they appear to have been prepared in a spirit of antagonism to this country; that the Canadian Government should, in the preparation of their proposed tariff changes, take the propositions of the Dingley bill into their serious consideration; that legislation in this direction (what direction?) cannot be made to apply to any one country, but, at the same time, the rates of duty on imports can be so regulated as to affect goods the bulk of which come from that country. We suppose the suggestion of The Shareholder to be that if it is possible to do so the Canadian Government would do well to make a tariff retaliatory in its operations as against the United States, but that legislation in this direction cannot be made to apply to that country alone. Our contemporary seems to be ignorant of the fact that our government may, if it so desires, adopt the American plan, and impose say the same duty upon American goods coming into Canada as the United States charges upon similar goods made in Canada going into that country, while a lower rate could be charged upon imports from countries that do not charge as much as the American rate.

It refers to the Trade and Navigation Returns for the last fiscal year where it finds that the exports from Canada to the United States during that year amounted to \$44,448,410 while our imports from that country were \$58,574,024, the duty on which amounted to \$7,767,992, while the exports to Great Britain during the same period amounted to \$66,690,-288, while the imports were only \$32,979,742 on which the duty amounted to \$7,358,514, the average duty collected on the imports from the United States during that year amounting to 13.26 per cent, while that on imports from Great Britain averaged 22.31 per cent., a difference of nine per cent. in favor of the United States, a result which The Shareholder greatly regrets, as it is of an opinion that if any advantag, be given it should not be to countries disposed to legislate against us, but to those which furnish the largest markets for our exports. This view of the situation is one that our contemporary frequently advances, with the unvarying result of ridiculousness. Its aim seems to be to create the impression that Canada imposes higher rates of duty upon merchandise coming from Great Britain than from the United States, and it never finds it convenient to disabuse the minds

of its readers that such is really not the case. It knows very well, as it may readily discover from the Blue Book from which it quotes, that a yard of cotton or woolen goods, or a ton of iron, or anything else coming into Canada from Great Britain, pays precisely the same duty as the same article pays coming from the United States, no more nor no less; then why should it greatly regret the fact it states? It might be admissable for politicians on the stump to advance such a silly argument, but a reputable journal should be above such a thing. If, on the one hand, the United States could produce cloths, silks, laces and many other things of as good quality as are produced in Great Britain, and at the same prices, perhaps the Canadian trade in those articles would be somewhat equally divided between them; but as this is not the case. our imports come very largely from across the water. If, on the other hand, Great Britain could produce raw cotton and some other articles, which we import duty free in large quantities only from the United States, the aspect would be quite different from what it now is. It would not be to our interest to impose a duty on raw cotton, no matter how high a wall Dingleyism or McKinleyism might erect against Canada, simply because cotton is a raw material that we require and cannot procure at the same cost from any other country. But there are many articles that we import, very largely from the United States, that are also made in Great Britain; pig and bar iron and steel, hardware, etc., upon which if the tariff discriminated in favor of the latter country, the current of trade would be changed; and one of the most effective ways in which Canada could show its resentment at the unfriendliness of the Dingley tariff would be, not to lower the duties on British goods, but to raise them on American goods.

The Shareholder declares that United States manufacturers should be made to realize that if they do not want our products we will not take theirs. This declaration should be qualified, for the United States produces many things that we want and must have, and can obtain from no other source, while there are many other things that we require the can be obtained not only in the United States but also in Great Britain.

We congratulate The Shareholder, however, upon its declaration in favor of closer trade relations with Great Britain, and its abandonment of unrestricted reciprocity with the United States.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our paper trade with Mexico is capable of considerable improvement. At the present time we send to that country nearly one-third of the paper goods that it imports, a little more than the imports from Spair, and considerably more than Germany or England supplies. Practically all the paper trade with our southern republic neighbor should be in the hands of the manufacturers of the United States.—The Paper Mill.

When it is considered that last year \$600,000 worth of pulp-wood, the raw material of which American paper is made, was supplied from Canada, and that the hoggishness of the forthcoming Dingley tariff will result in Canada imposing a heavy export duty on pulpwood, we fail to observe why our contemporary thinks that all the paper trade of Mexico should be in the hands of American paper makers. It is quite likely that Dingleyism will drive many American paper makers into Canada—from whence they would be more likely to do a large export business to Mexico than from the United States,

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Buyers of spruce deals for British markets have never before contracted for such large quantities in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Province Quebec as this year. Prices are even higher than in 1896. The business boom is on in Great Britain and the consumption of lumber is enormous and unusual. The Canadian spruce manufacturers are in clover, and there is less necessity for seeking United States markets in the sale of spruce this year than usual. We predict that buyers in the United States will be disappointed at the light receipts of spruce from the Provinces the coming season. It would be a blessing to the lumber-manufacturing interests of this country if the Canadians could develop markets across the Atlantic for their entire lumber output. We have no doubt such a happy consummation would please the Canadians as well.—Northeastern Lumberman.

One of the most beautiful brochures that has appeared in this office is that issued by the Nova Scotia Steel Company, New Glasgow, N. S., containing the statement made by that company and presented to the Tariff Commission while at Halifax in January. It presents a brief history of the company from its inception in 1872 down through the various phases of its existence, and of the different concerns which have been absorbed into it, to the present; a description of the character and extent of its various industries; the importance of these works to Canada; the effects had upon it by the tariff, with suggestions touching legislation that might affect it; the variety and intrinsic value of its products, the employment of labor involved in its operations, etc. It is indeed a valuable contribution to the industrial history of Canada.

Senator David Mills is well known throughout Canada as one of the ablest men in the ranks of the Liberal party. He reads the signs of the times in the United States, and has come to the conclusion that, in view of the adoption of the Dingley tariff by Congress, the chances are altogether against the successful negotiation of a treaty of reciprocity with that country. On being asked what he thought the Parliament of Canada should do in the event of a reciprocity treaty not being possible, he replied; "I notice that the Dingley bill now before Congress proposes many radical changes in the United States tariff, and that a great number of these changes are directly pointed against the trade of this country. taking this course the United States legislators do not profess to be actuated by any ill-will towards us, but assert that they have wholly their own interests in view. Now, we may do the same thing. Let us carefully examine the proposed tariff; let us notice the special articles that Congress is legislating to exclude, and let us alter our tariff in respect to all these articles in such a way that Canada may become the field in which the purchases by individual consumers of the United States would be made. In my opinion, a very moderate Canadian duty on cutlery, West of England broadcloths, silks, gloves and a number of other articles, would give our Government a much larger revenue from these sources than they would derive from a very high tariff, because the wealthy classes of the Republic would purchase their goods in all our border towns and cities. During the American Civil War there was a very large trade in goods of these kinds in all our border towns and cities, and under the Dingley tariff precisely the same traffic would be again undertaken. I have no doubt whatever that the Canadian revenue would be much increased by this means."

A few days ago in the House of Commons, Sir Richard Cartwright stated that the production of pig iron in Canada during the fiscal year named was as follows: For the year ending June 30th.

1892	30 90 4	+000
1893	36 048	61
1894	69 599	
1895	31 609	
1896	59 871	

The new tariff bill, reported to the House of Representatives by Chairman Dingley of the Committee of Ways and Means has been carefully drawn for the two-fold purpose of securing a much-needed revenue for the Government treasury and for the protection of American industries. Probably its provisions will not be altogether satisfactory to everyone. No tariff bill ever was or ever will be that. But, when it is enacted into a law, it will represent the ripest judgment and the most patriotic sentiment of the statesmen and the party that is responsible for it. The country declared in no unmistakable tones last November for a change in the present tariff and that the new measure will meet the fullest requirements of the situation may not be doubted.—The Paper Mill.

If our American friends suppose that the Dingley tariff, or rather that portion of it by which exorbitant duties are laid upon Canadian lumber, and the threat that an additional duty of twenty-five per cent. shall also be levied if Canada should impose an export duty on pine lcgs, will be productive of a much needed revenue, they will be mistaken. As far as Canada is concerned, the duty upon lumber is virtually prohibitive, and therefore there will not be much revenue from that source. And as for the protection of the American lumber industry, particularly that of Michigan, where the dependence is almost entirely upon the supply of Canadian logs, the benefit will be entirely invisible. Mr. Dingley's bill may be "carefully drawn" as our contemporary suggests, but from present appearances it will neither be productive of the much needed revenue nor yet of any advantage to Michigan lumber mills; and if the bill mall its details will work as we imagine the lumber schedule of it will; and if it will represent "the ripest judgment and most patriotic sentiment" of the states men of that country, that country is indeed to be pitied.

The retroactive clause in the tariff bill is worrying Secretary Gage. While he cannot treat it as law, for in any event it will probably be three months before it can be made law, he cannot, or thinks he cannot, wholly ignore it. The Treasury expects little from it in increased revenue. Increased revenue was not its object. The scared importers had already been run in. It is intended to stand as a scarecrow to trade pending the consideration of the tariff bill; a threat to paralyze trade, and as such it will be effective. The chances are that at the last moment, and before the final passage of the bill by the Senate, it will be stricken out. Then the conference can strike it out. To keep it in would make endless confusion and litigation in the administration of the customs law, and, what is more, make the mere mention of tariff legislation hereafter a bugbear to business. One very serious trouble with the clause being in the bill is that it will give to people having inside information as to the final disposal to be made of the clause, a big speculative advantage in all goods largely affected by changes, and thus taint the whole tariff bill as a gigantic job and a national scandal.-New York Financial News.

Our dear friend, the Dingley bill, is likely to have a lively time of it in the Senate. Even Senator Allison, one of the most influential Republicans, gives warning that it need not look for a bloodless victory. "We will meet the House on the principles of ample revenue and fair protection to American industries," he says, "But we will decide the details for ourselves. We amended the McKinley bill in 1890. If my memory be not at fault we made 363 amendments to that measure. We amended the Wilson bill until it was almost unrecognizable. It would be strange if this measure were not amended as we think best." Mr. Dingley had better photograph his bill if he wants to remember what it originally looked like.— Montreal Star.

The Canadians maintain a lobby at Washington when Congress is in session, and sometimes they send us down a Canadian minister of trade and commerce or a Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, to instruct us in our duties, especially in the interest of commercial relations with Canada. Thus far under this new administration their mission has been a hopeless one. They have harnessed into their lobby a score or more of eastern Michigan lumber manufacturers, knowing full well that unless they can influence legislation at Washington they are powerless. The Dominion government has no power, without the consent or approval of Great Britain, to enter into any reciprocal arrangement with the United States. Hence it may be considered pretty certain that no reciprocity treaty will be made which does not suit Great Britain. Canadian manufacturers are not very anxious to have a reciprocity treaty concluded between Great Britain and the United States which will permit American manufacture free entry into Canada. We do not want Canadian lumber, logs or pulpwood. We do not need Canadian farm products or Canadian fish, hence we do not see what she has to offer on a basis of reciprocity, unless it is to permit American manufacturers free entry into her domains. - Northeastern Lumberman.

Our intelligent contemporary should read up in current history and learn that Great Britain interferes in no manner with Canada in the management of our fiscal affairs. It should learn, too, that there could be no reciprocity treaty made between Great Britain and the United States affecting Canada without the consent of Canada. But if the United States declines all reciprocity in manufactured or other products, Canada is prepared to offer reciprocity of tariffs. Mc-Kinleyism is a two-edged sword.

The Department of Trade and Commerce recently received an interesting report from Mr. J. S. Larke, Commissioner to Australia, on his recent visit to Queensland, in which he says that one of the great drawbacks to trade between Canada and Australia has been to obtain return cargoes to Canada; but with Queensland this difficulty would disappear, as that colony produces a number of articles which might profitably be imported into Canada. There are wool and hides, preserved meats tallow, sugar, arrowroot, tin, coffee, tobacco, rice and spices. Sugar is really the article that could be imported by Canada with profit. There are 77,247 acres under cane, and, although last year was extremely unfavorable, the output was 86,255 tons. A beginning has been made in the importation of Australian sugar by the British Columbia Refining Company which may lead to the building up of a considerable trade. The Queensland preserved meats are of the best, and could be sold in our mining regions. Among the imports from Canada, flour and wheat figure very largely. The Government has a protective duty of fourpence per pound on cheese. Canadian meals, malt, hops, potatoes, onions, and apples could find a ready sale if they were shipped at the proper season and in good shape. Pine lumber is heavily protected, and there is little opening for any shipments in that line. Canadian fish should be appreciated in Queensland. With Canadian apples the trouble has been imperfect packing in every shipment. All fruit should be placed on the market there before Christmas. Mr. Larke finds it rather strange that Canadian paper and pulp manufacturers are making no effort to enter the Australian market. Canadian paper is being continually asked for, and unlike most other articles from the Dominion, the sale would be an immediate one.

Vessel owners of the lakes are showing no direct interest in the tariff bill, although it would seem that there is a great deal in the measure as now proposed that is of considerable importance to them. Statistical reports from the treasury department show that during the year ending June 30, 1896, there was shipped into Canada from Ohio and Pennsylvania, by lake and rail, 3,045,965 tons of coal, of which 1,675,109 tons was bituminous and 1,370,856 was anthracite. A very large part of this coal, especially of the bituminous kind, was moved in vessels from Lake Erie ports, and the vessel interests should join the producers of Ohio and Pennsylvania in opposing an increase in the duty on coal. There is a good prospect that the Canadian government will reduce its duty on bituminous coal if our government shall not make an advance in its present duty. Then, too, it is understood that the imports of coal on the New England coast from th . Cape Breton district and on the Pacific coast from the Vancouver district do not amount to more than 1,000,000, as against more than 3,000,000 tons going into the convenient market across the lakes from Onio and Pennsylvania. The lake vessels interests should do all in their power to help the coal dealers of Ohio and Pennsylvania, who would be justified in asking for the entire removal of the duty on soft coal. But they do not do so They simply ask that no advance be made in the duty, or that a reciprocal provision be made that our rate of duty on bitummous coal shall not exceed the Canadian rate of duty on the same article; and that in the event of a reduction of the duty by the Canadian government, our rate of duty shall be equalized with theirs. - Cleveland Marine Review.

The up-to-date character of the Methodist Magazine and Review for April, is seen in the fresh and vigorous articles on the Cabot Celebration with descriptive text, pictures and poetry, and "The Red Cross in Turkey," with fifteen fine engravings. An interesting account is given of Bach, the greatest of all musicians, and of Schubert, whose centenary has just been celebrated. The Rev. A. Browning has a capital sketch of "The Gold Boom in Cariboc." "The World's Progress," "Recent Science," and other departments are up-to-date and well illustrated. William Briggs, Toronto, \$2 a year.

Outing for April easily maintains its high position among publications devoted to sports and pastimes. Beautiful illustrations and many seasonable sketches of sport, travel and adventure in all parts of the world give the needful variety to a most acceptable number. The contents are: "Western Yachts r.d Designers," by Arthur J. Pegler; "Housekeeping in Venice," by Theodore Purdy; "The Bloodhound and His Training," by A. P. Poore; "Woodland Archery," by Maurice Thompson; 'Likuku," by May D. Hatch; A Modern Kite and Government Experiments," by H. C. Hunter; "Goose Shooting on Cascumpec Bay," by R. R. Fitzgerald; "Canoe and Gun," by Ed. W. Sandys; "An April Morning," by C. F. Middlebrook; "Awheel Through the Tidewater of Virginia," by J. B. Carrington, and the usual editorials, pooms, records, etc.

## RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ALTERNATING CURRENT SYSTEM OF THE ROYAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, MONTREAL, CANADA.

BY P. G. GOSSLER.

To meet the generally increasing demand for light and power supplied from central stations, it has, in many instances, been necessary to erect new generating stations, or to reconstruct the existing plant, discarding the old inefficient apparatus and substituting therefor equipment of modern design. In some of the larger cities this fact has appar ently been appreciated for some time, as there have been erected stations which are magnificent examples of modern generating plants, operating with the highest economy obtainable at the present time and giving evidence in their design of the highest engineering skill.

Many generating stations at present supplying a large output have attained their growth gradually, having from time to time

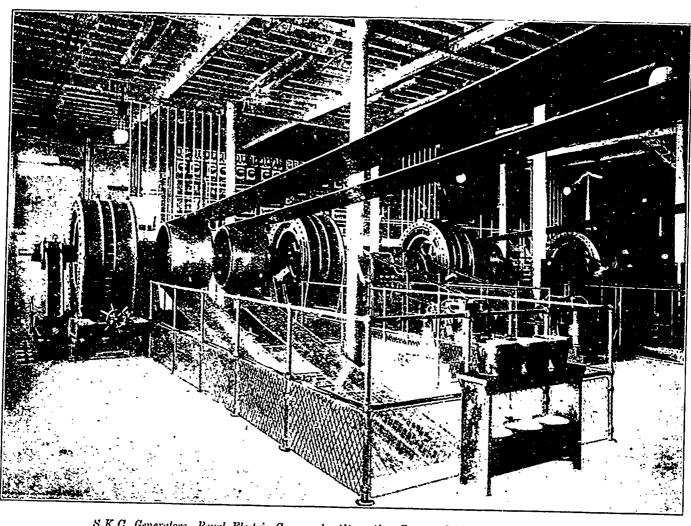
capacity, or secondly, to reconstruct or re equip the existing plant to conform to the aforementioned requirements.

The latter plan of reconstruction will, without doubt, be decided upon in the majority of cases, as the use of large units permits of the installation of sufficient capacity, in the same space occupied by the old apparatus, to meet future demands for a reasonable length of time.

There have been numerous descriptions published giving examples of plants erected to replace those found to be inefficient and giving unsatisfactory service. It is to be noted that, so far, these new plants, with but few excepions, are direct current stations serving light and power to congested districts and comparatively small areas. This account is of the reconstruction of an alternating current system supplying current to a large territory.

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The history of the Royal Electric Company of Montreal, and the growth of its lighting and power plants from a twelve light are machine in 1884 to the present time of serving about 65,000 incardescent lamps, 1,750 are lamps and 750 h. p. in motors has been told in previous issues of electrical journals.



S.K.C. Generators, Royal Electric Company's Alternating Current Lighting Station, Montreal.

installed additional apparatus as it was required by an increasing business and extension of territory supplied. These stations are now confronted by figures and results showing their cost of operation per unit of output to be much more than it should be, or would if the same output was produced by more efficient apparatus operating under modern conditions. Besides, there is generally a multiplicity and variety of apparatus, the operation of which is accompanied with danger and unsatisfactory service.

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The necessity of giving satisfactory and uniform service, of reducing the cost of operation, and of meeting the increasing demands for light and power being recognized, and the conditions being such as to permit of meeting these requirements, an investigation of the existing conditions generally results in the adopting of one of two plans: First, the building of a new generating station and equipping it with modern apparatus, utilizing the old plant for continuing the service during the course of the construction of the new one, and possibly retaining it afterwards as spare

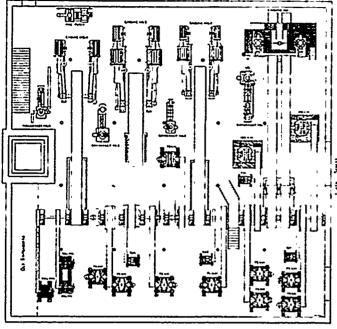
Early in 1896 the directors of the company, upon the recommendation of the general manager, Mr. W. H. Browne, authorized the entire reconstruction of its alternating current station and lines—this reconstruction to be carried out upon plans which should adapt the system to be served either with power from its existing steam plant or from the water power plant at Chambly, which is at present being rapidly developed.

The foresight shown in the recommendation and authorization of this wholesale reconstruction and re-equipment has been well established by results already obtained. The economy of replacing ineflicient apparatus by apparatus which is the production of the highest grade of engineering is, in this instance, no longer a possibility but an established fact.

One of the generating stations of the R. E. Co. is devoted exclusively to supplying direct current are service.

The equipment of the second or Queen street station, for serving light from an alternating system, with a spare series are capacity,

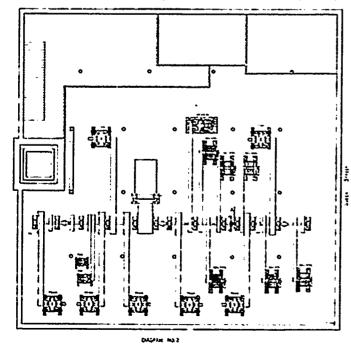
prior to its reconstruction, consisted of eighteen alternators, six exciters and nine are machines, with their numerous belts, pulleys and shafting, shown in diagrams 1 and 2, representing the apparatus on the ground and first flats. The D. C. power generators and engines are located in a separate building.



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The upright engine, known as No. 1, shown next to Queen street in diagram 1, was connected by two thirty inch belts to a line shaft from which were operated four seventy-five k. w. and two 150 k. w. alternators and two exciters. Operated from the line shafting connected to No. 2 engine were three seventy-five k. w. alternators and an exciter.

No. 3 engine, located on the ground flat was belted by a fifty inch belt to a line shaft on the first flat, shown in diagram 2. To this line shafting were connected seven seventy five k. w. alternators, two exciters, one forty five k. w., D. C. generators, five forty light and one thirty five habt are machines. These latter were used c by as spare capacity for the series are system located in the east of a station, and the forty five k. w. generator as spare capa-



city for the D. C. power system. The total capacity of the machines connected to this line shafting was much more than the capacity of the engine consequently only part of the machines connected to No. 3 line shafting could be fully loaded at any one lime. With that part of the shafting thrown out of service by the

clutch shown at "A" diagram 2, there yet remained connected to the shafting in service three forty light are machines, which had to be up to speed whether they were required or not. To No. 4 engine were connected by line shafting two seventy five k. w. alternators and three fifty light are machines.

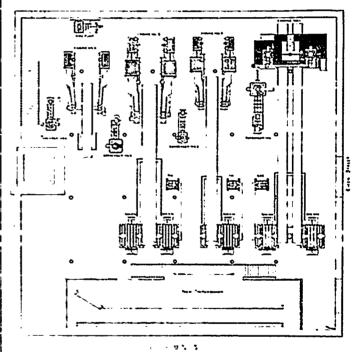
It will be unnecessary to give in detail the heavy line shafting losses, the dangers and disadvantages of such an arrangement of machines as shown in diagrams 1 and 2, as they will be apparent

at first sight.

There was another danger that menaced the safety of the entire system—a wooden switchboard, the capacity and arrangement of which was entirely inadequate for the service required of it.

The alternators connected to the same engine were run in parallel, six operating in parallel from No. 1 engine, three from No. 2, seven from No. 3 and two from No. 4 engine. The ordinary advantages to be gained from operating in parallel were to a great extent offset by the fact of there being no clutches on individual machines. This also introduced irregularities and interruption to the service from armature burn-outs. In running so many comparatively small units in parallel it was difficult to overcome the "idle" currents in the alternators, and the numerous belts and pulleys required a meety of adjustment which was hard to maintain after synchronism had once been established.

The foregoing statements setting forth past conditions have been made to illustrate the results of a gradual growth. It is needless to state that had the present demands for light and power been



foreseen, and the efficient apparatus of to day been available, the station equipment, in all probability, would have been far different from that which necessitated as entire reconstruction. The first step of this reconstruction was the rearrangement of the overhead lines. These had been divided into three routes, each taking approximately one-third of the station output. The relative positions of the wires on the poles forming these routes were such as to cause serious fluctuations in the lights, due to mutual induction. This became so objectionable that it was necessary to operate all the circuits forming one pole line from one set of alternators running in parallel to get comparatively steady service. When the total load was too heavy to be run from one set of alternators; this condition of the pole lines necessitated the running of two or three engines underloaded, introducing a serious loss in coal consumption. The relative positions of the wires on the poles were changed to overcome this mutual induction and most satisfactory results were obtained, as after this change it was possible to operate any circuit from any engine without the slightest fluctuation resulting.

The transformer system was next rearranged, the old transformers being replaced by ones of close regulation and small core losses and secondary systems established wherever economical. The extent to which the latter was carried may be judged from the fact that 1,161 old transformers were replaced by 628 "Stauley" transformers, with a consequent reduction in leakage load of 245 amperes, representing a tremendous saving in coal.

After getting the lines in shape attention was next directed to constructing a new switchboard and installing new alternators.

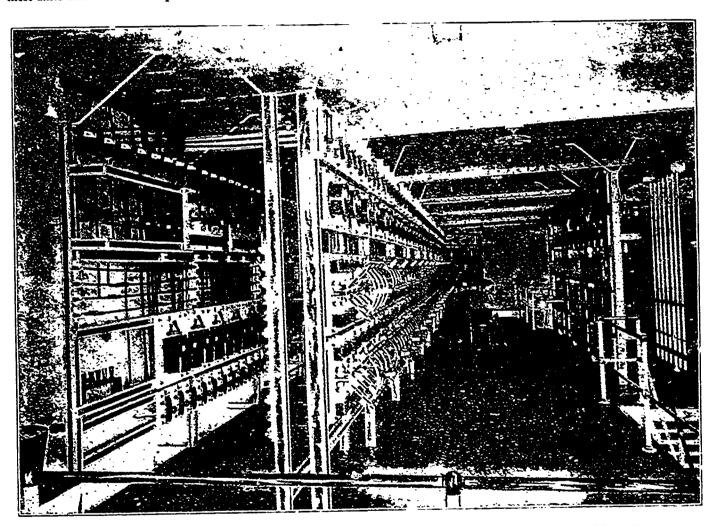
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Diagrams 1 and 2 show the generating plant prior to its reconstruction, occupying two flats. Diagram 3 represents the generat ing plant as it at present exists, occupying one instead of two flats —eighteen old generators being replaced by five 300 k.w.generators of the S. K. C. inductor type, the latter being belted directly to the engines. Also, in diagram 3 is shown the outline of the new switchboard, located overlooking the generator and engine room.

The five 300 k.w.S. K. C. two phase generators were built in the manufacturing department of the Royal Electric Company. To utilize the engines in their existing condition it was necessary to have the shafts of the two alternators for No. 1 engine rigidly connected, also the shafts of the alternators for No. 3 engine rigidly connected. The machines on No. 1 engine are run in parallel, also the two in No. 3 engine are run in parallel. This arrangement practically makes 600 k.w. units on both of these engines, at the same time having the many advantages of being able to subdivide these units and have four independent alternators.

apper flat which had previously been run by No. 3 engine this time the fall load was near at hand with the new machines yet to be installed on No. 1 engine. This was an unpleasant fact confronting us at this time, and it was a great temptation to allow the old equipment to remain on No. 1 engine until spring, but the saving sure to follow the installation of new generators on this engine made it advisable to complete the reconstruction. The load had increased to such an extent that it was not safe to be without at least, part of the capacity of No. 1 engine at all times. To provide for this there was installed, to be run temporarily from No. I engine, one 300 k.w. generator, and later, owing to a heavy increase in load, one 180 k.w. generator, both belted directly to the engine and running with very short centres to allow of the new generators intended to be run regularly from this same engine being placed in their proper positions, in line with the generators connected to No. 2 and No. 3 engines.

During the time of installing the new generators there was also



Main Distributing Switch-Board, Royal Electric Company's Alternating Carrent Lighting Station, Montreal.

Due to the crowded condition of the station prior to reconstruction, the installing of the new machines and construction of the new switchboard, at the same time maintaining continuous service, introduced many conditions and difficulties not encountered in the erection of a new station. All of the available space being occupied by old equipment it was not possible to first install new apparatus to replace that which was to be removed. It was therefore necessary before beginning the station reconstruction to await such time as the capacity of one of the engines could be dispensed with, with the least danger of running short of capacity in case of accident to one of the other engines.

To have at all times sufficient capacity to meet the requirements and at the same time to have spare capacity for emergencies was of

course the difficult part of the reconstruction. Work was commenced in the station by the removal of the old

equipment connected to No. 2 engine and replacing it by one 300 k.w. S.K.C. generator. The apparatus connected to No. 3 engine was next replaced by two 300 k.w. S. K. C. generators. No. 4 engine was then reconnected to part of the line shafting on the

being constructed the new switchboard. From the diagrams it will be seen that the location of the new board brought it directly over several of the old generators, and the close quarters in which the work was done in the station will be appreciated from the statement that the iron framework supporting the floor of the board cleared the eye bolts on top of these old machines, still operating, by only six inches.

The installation of the five 300 k. w. generators was completed by the middle of October just at the beginning of the heavy winter load, and the new two phase board was completed about the same

time.

The transferring of the service from the old to the new switchboard transformed the entire alternating system from a single to a two-phase system. The operation of transferring the circuits from the old to the new board was, of course, made with all circuits alive, and while this transfer would not have been a particularly difficult operation with the service "dead," the transferring without any interruption to the service was a rather ticklish undertaking. It was made in the day time, within a period of ten hours, without any interruption to the service or inconvenience to the customers, in fact, they were not aware at any time of the changes taking place in the station.

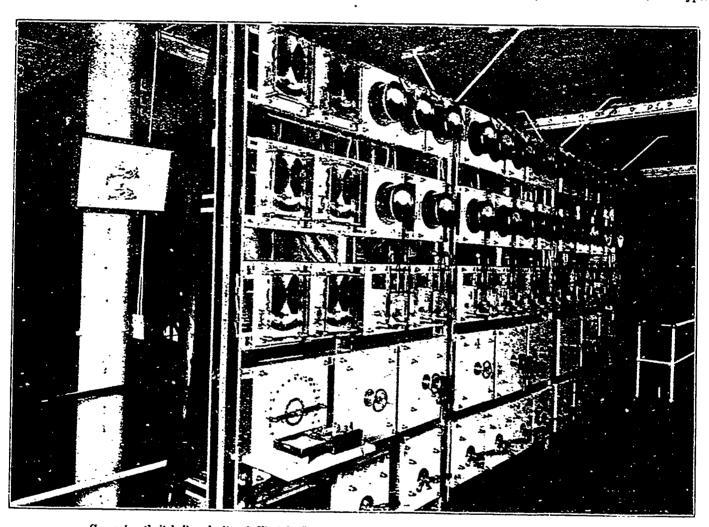
Cut 2 represents the generator board and cut 3 represents the circuit board and the terminal board of the new switchboard. The board has been designed on the "universal combination" plan, by means of which there is a universal interchangeability of circuits, dynamo and exciter connections, enabling any circuit to be operated from any generator, and any generator to be excited from any exciter.

Diagram 4 shows the arrangement of switches, rheostats, and instruments on the generator hoard. The instruments on the top row, excepting the three mounted on single bases, are voltmeters, there being one for each phase of each generator; the single instruments are ammeters in the exciter circuits. Below these are the generator anmeters and switches, there being one for each phase of each generator. The two lower rows show the rheostats and exciter awitches.

hoard, shown in diagram 3, directly in front of the driving belts of the engines, is of course not desirable, but it was the only available space. There have been erected heavy wrought iron bars immediately in front of the belts for protecting the board in the event of a driving belt breaking.

The framework of the switchboard consists of seasoned white oak, over which is a layer of asbestos, and over this two layers of mica, the edges of this framework being protected for mechanical purposes with fibre angles. This character of framework for switchboards was first used in the construction of the switchboard of the United Electric Light and Power Company, New York City, and after that company had made extensive experiments with iron and frame switchoard construction. It is practically fireproof as well as being a good insulator, and from the severe tests during the past four years which it has withstood, there are reasons to believe that it is a very superior and satisfactory framework for switchboards.

The switches, fuse blocks, etc., are of the standard S.K.C. type.



Generator Switch-Board, Royal Electric Company's Alternating Current Lighting Station, Montreal.

The circuit/board consists of two rows of four-pole switches, two switches being required for each circuit. These switches are so connected that by a single throw of one switch a circuit can be connected to any generator. Above the rows of switches are mounted ammeters, one ammeter for each phase of each circuit, and above the ammeters are fuse blocks.

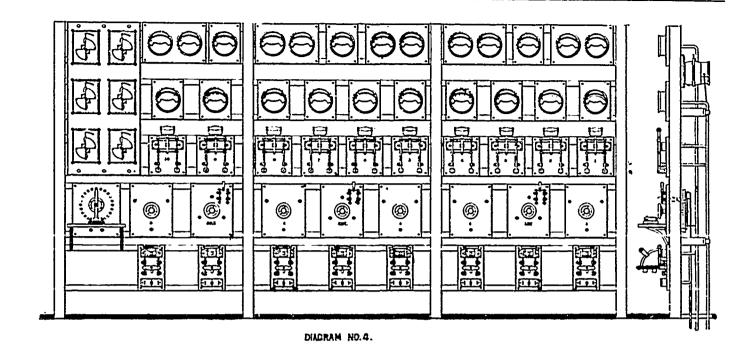
In the rear of the circuit hoard is the terminal hoard, on which are mounted a single row of four-pole switches, one switch for each circuit, and an auxiliary set of buss bars, and below these a row of recording meters. By means of these auxiliary switches and buss bars any circuit panel or panels on the main circuit board can be cut "dead" and the circuit or circuits transferred to the terminal board. As the buss bars on the latter can be connected to any alternator, the terminal board duplicates to a great extent the circuit board and generator board. During the day the entire output can be handled from the terminal board.

Diagram 5 gives a floor plan of the switchboard and detail of iron framework supporting the slate floor. The location of the switchThey are independently mounted on the switchboard, which per-

mits of great interchangeability of all parts of the board.

From the preceding account it will be noted that every part of the alternating system of the Royal Electric Company was rearranged and redesigned. The lines and circuits were rearranged to overcome objectionable inductive effects and to transform them from single to double phase circuits. One thousand one hundred and sixty-one old transformers were replaced by 628 new transformers with a reduction in leakage load of 245 amperes. Eighteen old style single phase generators, with their revolving wire on the armatures, collector brushes and rings, their numerous belts, pulleys and line shaftings, were replaced by five S.K.C. genators of the inductor two phase type, the latter being beited directly to the engines. The old wooden single phase board was replaced by a new fireproof two phase board to distribute current for light and power from the same circuit.

All of this reconstruction has been designed and carried out on plans which adapt the system to be served either from its existing



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Plans and Diagrams of New Switch-Board in Royal Electric Company's Alternating Current Lighting Station, Montreal.

steam plant or from the Chambly water power plant. Upon the delivery of power from Chambly, the five k.w. generators recently installed will be used as synchronous motors, from which will be operated the D.C. are machines.

The system affected by the above-described changes, operating

for five months under the old conditions, from Oct. 1, '94, to March 1, '95, consumed 2,931 tons of coal more than was consumed in the five months from Oct. 1, '96, to March 1, '97, the number of incandescent lights being 10,200 more during the latter than during the former period.



Space Underwath Switch-Board, Showing Wires from Generators, Royal Electric Company's Alternating Lighting Station, Montreal.

#### THE TARIFF COMMISSION AT MONTREAL. (Continued from tast issue).

WATCH CASES.

The next item is watch movements and watch cases. These gentlemen have tried to convince you that twenty-five per cent. duty on watches does not encourage smuggling at all, but ten per cent. duty on diamonds is a direct incentive to smuggling. I say in that case people would go to Europe to buy their diamonds. There are a thousands men who want to import a watch and there are thousands of men who use watches to one who wears a diamond. Watches are smuggled a thousand times easier than diamonds, and because we import watches from just across the line, and where we can buy watches twenty-five per cent. less than we can buy them here.

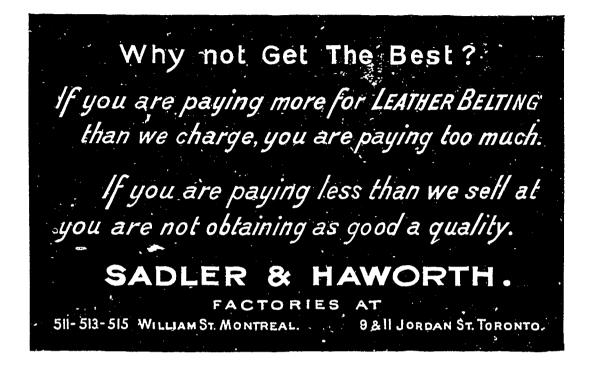
Mr. Doll-I have a watch in my hand which cost \$250. It was made in Switzerland. If this watch was not smuggled in, then the importer paid twenty five per cent. duty. Now that watch goes into one's pocket just as easily as a diamond, in fact, you can put four of them in your vest pockets and a dozen of them on your person. The duty on four of these watches alone would pay your passage to Europe, and enable you to have a good time of it besides. Now, gentlemen, do you think there is much duty collected on watches and movements? They say that ten per cent, duty is all right on movements-if you raise the movements above ten per cent. you cannot collect the duty. They say we do not pay but five per cent. really now, because the American manufacturer gives the American importer a rebate of five per cent. which really gives the Canadian

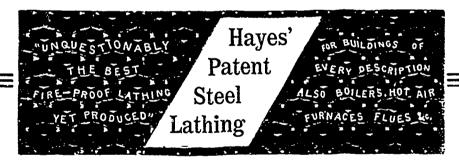
jobber this five per cent. of what the American jobber is paid. I say if the Canadian jubber gets five per cent. if you raise the duty to fifteen per cent, the American manufacturer will still pay half the We will get a good revenue and the goods cost very little. They say the people are satisfied with the duty on watch duty. more. Then why is it that I have a number of letters here from Cases. several retail jewelers expressing a very decided opinion on the matter?

Diamonds should bear a duty, and for this reason the United States Government collected in 1892 under a tariff of ten per cent. duty on over \$16,000,000 worth of diamonds, and the year before they collected duty on \$12,000,000; but they could not and did not, collect the proper proportion of revenue, when the tariff was twenty five per cent. Now, surely we Canadians are as honest as the Americans, and if we are as honest the Government will certainly be able to collect ten per cent. on diamonds as well as the Americans do.

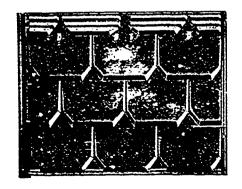
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The Metallic Roofing Company have just been awarded the contract for the sheet metal work for the large block of stores at present being erected in Fort William, Ont., for Jos. G. King, Esq., covering 100 x 100 feet. This will be the finest block of stores in that thriving Western town, having a most imposir g front, the first block of stores in that the large block of stores in that the large block of stores in the store will be entirely gon. three stories high by 100 feet wide, which will be entirely constructed of galvanized iron made to details prepared by the architects. The exterior will be covered with "special" single stone rock, faced siding in different sized courses, while the interior will be finished with embossed steel ceiling.





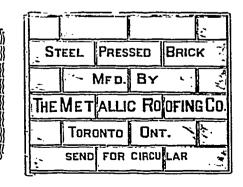
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The following items of information, which are classified under the title !'Captains of industry," relate to matters that are of special interest to every advertisor in those pages, and to every concern in Canada interested in any manufacturing industry whatever, this interest extending to supply houses also.

If a new manufacturing enterprise of any kind is being started, or an electric lighting plant instituted, or an electric railroad, or a telephone, or a telegraph line is being constructed; or a saw mill, a woolen, cotton, or knitting mill; or if any industrial establishment has been destroyed by fire with a probability of its being rebuilt, our friends should understand that possibly there may be something in the event for them. Do you catch on to the idea?

The starting of any such concern means a demand for some sort of machines, machinery, or supplies, such as steam engines and boilers, shafting, pulleys, boiting, lubricants, machinery supplies, wood or iron working machinery, ventilating and drying apparatus; pumps, valves, packing, dynamos, motors, wire, are and incandescent lamps, and an infinite variety of electrical supplies, chemicals, acids, alkalies, etc. It is well worth the while of every reader of the Canadian Manufacturer to closely inspect all items under the head of Captains of Industry.

Messrs. D. L. Shannon & Co., saw mill,

The Windsor Specialty Manufacturing Company, Windsor, Ont., is being incorpor ated with a capital stock of \$10,000, to man ufacture novelties, etc.

Waterloo, Ont., is to be lighted by electricity, to be furnished by the Waterloo Manufacturing Company.

The Jenckes Machine Company, Sher-Prince Albert, Sask., have sold out to S. brooke, Que., recently received an order for McLeod. at Chicoutimi, Que.

> The Automatic Can Company's factory at New Westminster, B.C., has been completed. It has a capacity of 150,000 cans per day.

> The Globe flour mills, Cornwall, Ont., were burned April 8th. Loss about \$20,000.

The Waterloo Manufacturing Company's factory at Waterloo, Ont., was damaged by fire, March 28th to the extent of about \$3,000.

The Buffalo Forge Company, Buffalo, N.Y., report that this season their orders for induced draft for boilers on shipboard exceed those of any previous season thus far. They recently received and shipped an order for a large outfit for a French steamer. They inform us that within the past ten years, mechanical draft apparatus, both of the forced and induced type has rapidly grown into popular favor,—that before that time induced draft was scarcely known and that with its attendant short stack, it is to-day considered essential for nearly every large boiler plant and in many instances adopted in preference to the high chimney.

We are in receipt of a handsome calendar from the Canadian General Electric Company, Toronto, and although late in arriving is much appreciated. This company manufactures all kinds of electric railway and supplies all with a company and appreciate of the company and appreciat lighting apparatus and supplies; direct current incandescent generators; alternating current single phase monocycle and three phase generators; induction motors, transformers, lamps; sockets, fan motors, etc.
Besides being a good calendar for 1897 a table of dimensions and resistances of copper wire and another of equivalents of wires are given.

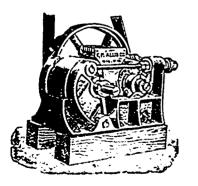
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The Maritime Pure Food Company, Wood stock, N.B., is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$30,000, to creet factories for the curing, packing, cold storing, etc., of fruits, meats and vegetables.

The Attercliffe Station Natural Gas Company, Attercliffe Station, Ont., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$2,000.

The Latimer Carriage and Implement Company, Montreal, is being incorporated and gas. with a capital stock of \$40,000, to manufac ture vehicles and implements of all kinds. Pembrok

The Reinhardt Manufacturing Company's premises, Montreal, manufacturers of jewel dams, slides, etc., or cases, brushes, etc., were damaged by fire Spanish River, Ont. March 26th, to the extent of about \$10,000.

looms to his tlannel mill.

The machinery is being removed from the sugar beet factory at Farnham, Que., to Rome, N.J.

Messrs. Fraser Bros. New Glasgow, N.S., have recently filled the following orders for mining machinery . A crusher and engine the same place, and a crusher and engine for alizarine red on wool. Samples may be had the mines at Country Harbor. They are by addressing Wm. J. Matheson & Co., 178 now engaged upon the manufacture of a ten- Front street, New York. stamp mill, engine and crusher for the New Glasgow Co's mill.

Company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$24,000.

The Locked Wire Fence Company, Ingersall, Ont., will engage in the manufacture of metallic shingles, siding and ceiling.

Preparations are being made for the construction of a fifty stamp reduction mill at the Dick and Banning Water Power, Keewatin, Ont., and work will be commenced at

The Delaware and Mount Brydges Oil and Gas Company, Mount Brydges, Ont., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000, to prospect and drill for petroleum

The Biscotasing Improvement Company, Pembroke, Ont., is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$15,000 for constructing dams, slides, etc., on the head waters of the

The Middlemiss Oil Company, Middlemiss, Mr. Wm. Thoburn, Almonte, Ont., has Ont., has been incorporated with a capital recently added a large number of broad stock of \$2,000, to drill for gas and petro-

> The Electrical Construction Company, London, Ont., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$45,000 to take over the business of the London Electric Motor Co., of that place.

Wm. J. Matheson & Co's bulletins No. for the New Glasgow Mining Company's mill 53-54 have been received. The former maple leaves forms the groundwork. The at Goldenville, N.S.; a crusher and hoisting shows dyings of wool blacks, and the latter name "Victoria," forms the base of the gear for the Bluenose Mining Company at several shades of hemolin, morin yellow and

The Wallaceburg, Ont., Board of Trade has appointed a committee to promote an The Niagara Falls Acetylene Gas Machine electric road from that town to Chatham.

> Right of way has been secured for nearly the whole length of the Slocan River line, a frost is out of the ground.

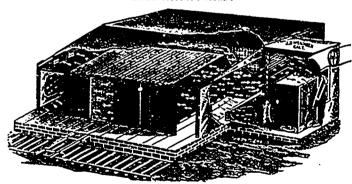
Mr. Herrick Rocho, of Kingston, Ont., claims to have invented an arrangement by which motormen can run street cars on to switches without the use of the switch now in universal usc.

The London Electric Motor Company has recently installed the following motors in Toronto a ten h. p. motor for Norway Cabinet Co., 219 and 221 Queen street East. and a two h. p. motor for Mr. Wilcocks, corner Dufferm and Dundas streets.

The Toronto Carpet Manufacturing Company has already taken steps to add its quota to the celebration of the Queen's diamond jubilee, and have prepared an exceedingly handsome "Jubileo rug." In the icentre there is a wreath of the rose, shamrock and thistle, with the crown over all, supported on either side by Union Jacks floating over a sea-colored ground. In the centre of the wreath is "37-97." In each corner is a shield, the legends being "India," "Australia," "Canada," "Cape," representing the defence of the Empire by colonies in the four quarters of the world. A horder of whole. The design and coloring are the work of the company's own resident designer Mr. Leslie Jones, who is the winner of a Queen's prize out of 3,700 competitors in the national art examinations in monochrome painting in May, 1895, and also a holder of twenty-three certificates of the art and science department of the South Kensington School of Art and Design. The quality of the carpet in the rug is exceeding. branch for which the C.P.R. are asking ly fine. It is a very fine grade of Axmintenders, and grading will begin as soon as the ster, giving a close velvet surface and a fine well-woven wool back.

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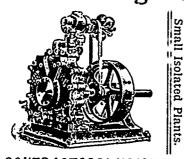
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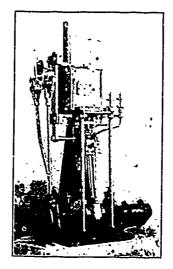
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The Mechanics Manufacturing Co., Summerside, P.E.I., will shortly commence the manufacture of woodenware.

The Hamilton Iron Mining Company, Hamilton, Ont., is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$90,000, to carry on the business of a mining and reduction company.

The Ball Nozzle Company, with headquarters at Toronto, is being incorporated to manufacture nozzles and all kinds of appliances for fire extinguishers, etc.

The assets of Messrs. Dalgleish, Paterson & Barrett, woollen manufacturers, Campbellford, Ont., have been sold to Geo. Dalgleish who continues the business.

Messrs. Tremblay and Gingras have commenced the manufacture of sash and doors at Massonneuve, Que.

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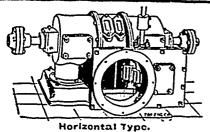
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The Campbell Logging Company, New Westminster, B.C., is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000.

The British Columbia Stock Exchange of Rossland, B.C., is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$5,000.

The Milwaukee Browing Company, Victoria, B.C., is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$20,000.

The Watson-Foster Company, Maisonneuve, Que., is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$450,000 to manufacture paper hangings and colors, glue, pulp, paper, etc.

Messrs. T. T. Shurtleff and C. A. Fox, Coaticooke, Que., have registered a partnership as the Barnston Woollen Company. The firm will manufacture woollen goods. The patent rights for Europe for the Doherty process of casting and hardening iron, discovered by Thos. Doherty, of Sarma, Ont., has been sold, to an English company, for £100,000.

Work has commenced on the construction of the new C.P.R. elevator at Owen Sound, Ont.

W. O. Morse, manufacturer of mineral paints, Walsingham Centre, Ont., has been succeeded by Chas. M. Hazen.

The Portland Packing Company's lobster factory at Canso, N.S., was destroyed by fire April 5th.

The Sherbrooke (Que.) Street Railway Company have purchased one-half the waterpower, on the Magog River, from the damused by the Gardner Tool Company.

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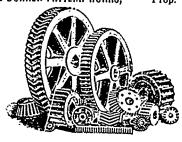
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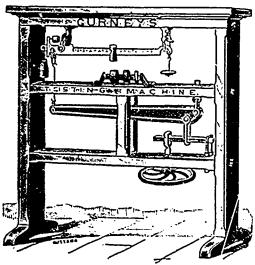
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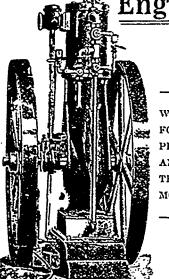
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A return brought down in parliament recently shows that the bounties paid on iron and steel manufactured from Canadian ore on pig iron, 42,404 tons, \$84,809; iron puddled bars, 4,353 tons, \$8,708; steel billets, 35,757 tons, \$71,514.

Messrs. A. B. Jardine & Co., manufacturers of machinist's taps, tube expanders and blacksmith's tools, Hespeler, Ont., have sont us their illustrated catalogue. Among the articles manufactured by this firm may be mentioned Jardine's patent extension and self-feeding expander, Dudgeon pattern tube expander, tuper reamers, bolt clippers, axle straightener and setter, Jardine axle cutter, universal grinder, hand drilling machine,

Wm. Jack's sash and door factory at De

Messrs Goldio & McCulloch, Galt, Ont., supplied a150 h.p. engine for the new G.T.R. shops at London, Ont.

The John McPherson Company of Hamilton, Hamilton, Ont., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000 to take over the business hitherto carried on by John Mc-Pherson & Co, manufacturers of boots and

The Schultz Bros. Company, Brantford, Ont., is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$90,000, to take over the business heretofore carried on by Messrs. Schultz Bros. as builders and contractors.

The Nova Scotia Steel Company, New Cewsville, Ont., was destroyed by fire April Glasgow, N.S., recently made a new tail-5th. Loss about \$5,000.

The Hanover Manufacturing Company, Hanover, Ont., is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$20,000, to manufacture furniture of all kinds, woodwork, lumber,

Messrs. Creamer & Gray have opened a machine shop at Qu'Appelle, Assa.

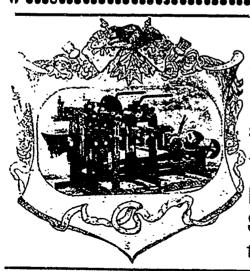
The Central Bridge and Engineering Company, Peterborough, Ont., have secured the contract to build a bridge across the Thames at London, Ont., for the Street Railway company of that city.

A factory for the manufacture of acetylene gas is likely to be erected at Magog, Que.



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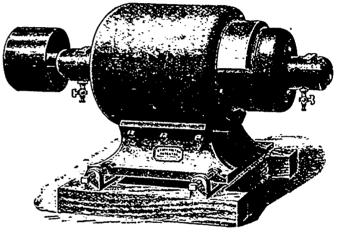
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The Dominion Coal Company, Cape Breton, is shipping coal to London, England.

The McMillan and Haynes Company, St. Catharines, Ont., propose to erect a new saw factory provided no adverse change is made in the tariff.

Messrs. J. Matheson & Co., New Glasgow, N.S., have sent us their 1897 catalogue and price list of shafting, hangers, pulleys, mill supplies, etc. This firm carries a full stock of rubber and leather belting, sight feed lubricators, packing, saws, water wheels, etc.

The Metal Shingle and Siding Company, Siding Company of Smithville, Ont.

The Cookshire Lumber Company of Cookshire, Que., shipped during February 730 car loads of pulpwood to the United States.

J. H. Larochelle has purchased the boot and shoe factory, machinery, plant, etc., of \$72,000 to the Harvey Van Norman Co. at Quebec age system. citv.

The Jenckes Machine Company, Sherbrooke, Que., are furnishing a complete outfit of machinery for the Sultana mine, neat Rat Portage, Ont. The mill will be built or accommodate fifty stamps.

The Goold Bicycle Company, Brantford, Ont., employ 450 hands and turn out over Preston, Ont., is being incorporated with a Cont., complex 450 hands and turn out over capital stock of \$10,000 to manufacture 100 wheels a day. The business was started metal roofing, sidings and ceilings, metal in 1887 and then turned out from 200 to 300 cornices, etc., and to acquire the plant and wheels a year. The factory is now run business of The Safe Lock Metal Shingle and twenty-two hours a day to keep up with orders.

H. Baker has purchased the shoddy mill at Stratford from W. S. Duncan.

The Renfrew (Ont.) Town Council will submit a by law to the ratepayers to raise \$72,000 to provine a waterworks and sewer-

The McKinnon Dash and Hardware Company's factory at St. Catharines, Ont., was damaged by fire April 3rd to the extent of

The smelter at Trail, B.C., now has a capacity to work up 560 tons of ore per day. A refining plant is also in course of erection which when completed will turn out both gold and silver ready for the mint.

The Waterous Engine Works Company, Brantford, Ont., recently put in a new band mill for S. P. Benjamin, Wolfville, N.S.

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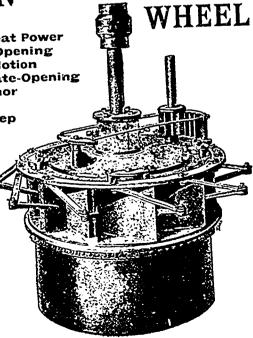
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The partnership heretofore existing be-The partnership heretofore existing between I. H. Northrup and S. A. Hoyt, St. John, N.B., doing business under the name of Northrup & Co., has been dissolved. Mr. Northrup continues under same name and style as heretofore. This firm does a large wholesale business in groceries, fish, etc. handling a large quantity of the product of handling a large quantity of the product of the British Columbia canneries.

The Electrical Construction Company of London, formerly the London Motor Com-London, formerly the London Motor Company, London, Ont., have recently closed contracts with D. S. Perrin & Co. and the London Bolts Works, London, Ont.; A. R. Williams & Co. and Norway Cabinet Company, Toronto, and Berlin Daily News, Raylin Out. Berlin, Ont.

The Directors of the Rat Portage, Ont., Mining Erchange, having found the time at their disposal insufficient for making adequate preparations to ensure the success of the mining convention heretofore announced to be held at Rat Portage on the 6th, 7th and 8th of April have postponed the date for holding the convention to June 2nd, 3rd and 4th next.

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The MacGregor Gourlay Company, Galt, Ont., are making extensive alterations and improvements in their works.

The St. Raymond Company, Montreal, is being incorporated to manufacture wood pulp, etc.

The Metropolitan Railway will be extended from Richmond Hill to Newmarket, Ont., to be completed by May 24th, next.

The Kormann Brewing Company, Toronto, purpose building an additional four storey brick brewery to cost \$10,000.

A. Warner's saw mill at Angus, Ont., was destroyed by fire April 6th. Loss about \$1,000.

The Cooper Manufacturing Company of Toronto has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$20,000 to manufacture gas, gasoline and oil engines, noiseless carriages, etc.

The Winsor Barker Company of Toronto, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$3,000 to manufacture chemical, pharmacoutical and proprietary preparations, physicians, dentists' and barbers' supplies, etc.

M. J. Nealon, Woodville, Ont., will start a portable saw and shingle mill.

Messrs. Lalonde & Girard, Montreal, manufacturers of sash and doors have dissolved. D. Lalonde continues.

F. X. Brouillett has commenced the manufacture of agricultural implements at St. Narcisso, Que.

The new Metallic Roofing Company of Preston, Ont., have received their machinery and expect to be ready to start work in a few days.

The Ontario Chemical Company, Toronto, is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$150,000, to carry on a general lumbaring, saw mill, factory, pulp and paper mill business, etc.

A 25,000 bushel elevator will be built at the McGregor, Man., flour mill this spring. Power will be secured from the mill by the rope transmission system.

The Bluevale Flax Manufacturing Company, Bluevale, Ont., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$6,000 to grow and manufacture flax.

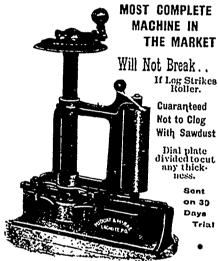
Messrs. Barber & Watson, foundry, Meaford, Ont., have dissolved. Mr. C. Barber continues.

Messrs. W. Doherty & Co., Clinton, are building an addition to their organ factory, which will enable them to turn out 500 high grade organs per month. If their trade continues to increase like it has in 1896 7, they will accommodate the trade and their ever-appreciative customers by building large enough to manufacture 1,000 organs per month.

In a recent suit in the United States Circuit Court of Ohio, in Dodge v. Post, the Dodge and Phillion patent No. 260,462 for a separable pulley in which the meeting ends of the rim are in contact and the meeting faces of the spoke bar and hub are slightly separated so that they may be compressed by clamp bolts upon the shaft, has been held valid and infringed.

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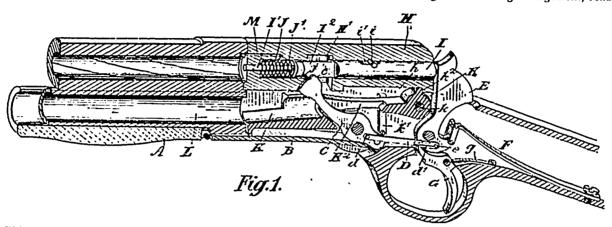
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The accompanying illustra ons are of an improved Magazine sporting rifle recently invented, and patented in Canada, the United States and elsewhere by E. J. Cashmore, of Toronto. The peculiarities of the invention are that it rectifies the obvious defects in other quick-firing repeating arms, the action being, as is claimed for it, the simplest and the strongest of any rifle ever used.

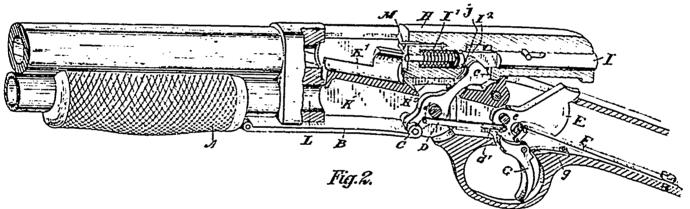
dragging movement. In the Cashmore arm the arrangement is such that when it is at full cock the action cannot be manipulated at all, as a catch is so arranged as to fall into a notch in the locking lever connected with the fire-arm, thus making it perfectly safe and reliable.

In other magazine rifles, when supplied with ammunition, where it is required that the fire-arm must be pushed forward to inject the cartridge into the barrel, great annoyance is frequently caused by the breaking of the locking arrangement, rendering the



As will be seen by reference to the illustrations, the method of operation is by a sliding fire-end, the difference from other arms being that when the cartridge is in the chamber the fire-end is drawn back against the solid frame or body, thus enabling the user to hold the weapon firmly to the shoulder, instead of having it

weapon unsafe and unuseable. In the Cashmore arrangement this annoyance is obviated entirely as it is not necessary that the fireend be locked when the rifle is being pressed to the shoulder, and no damage can possibly occur no matter how hard the arm is held back, because the fore-arm rests against the frame or body, the



depend upon a small catch, or lock, as in other arms. It should be observed that the sliding fire end is connected by a slotted bar to a lever that operates the breach-bolt. On this lever is a small slotted bar engaging the hammer, by which the hammer is thrown to full cock when the arm is operated; this being accomplished, in other arms, by a sliding bolt which generally occasions a hard

unweildy, inconvenient and far-reaching under lever being done away with entirely.

Mr. Cashmore intends at an early day to go abroad to explain the merits of his invention to certain parties who are interested in the manufacture of sporting rifles. In the meantime his address is at 21 Scott street, Toronto.

We have received from Messrs, James L. Robertson & Sons, 204 Fulton Street, New York, their 1897 catalogue fully illustrating and describing their Robertson-Thompson indicator, Victor aluminum reducing wheel, standard averaging planimeter, Hine's eliminator, etc.

The Packard Electric Company, St. Catharines, Ont., have for some time been sending out each month a blotter calling attention to some specialty of their husiness. That for April gives a portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, and announces that the company is prepared to furnish all varieties of plain, fancy and colored miniature and candelabra lamps for electrical displays for the approaching Jubilee celebration.

The Dominion Government have passed an order-in-council granting \$300,000 to the G.T.R. for the extension of Victoria

from the Provincial Government. The work is to be commenced by May 1st and completed in October, 1898. The extension includes double tracking for railway purposes, constructing a double electric railway track and a road and footway.

The new handsome illustrated catalogue issued by Messrs. Cowan & Co., Galt, Ont., will be welcomed with pleasure by this old firm's numerous customers, and examined with profit by all who contemplate the purchase of engines, boilers or wood-working machinery. Messrs. Cowan & Co. well deserve the reputation attained by the... through forty-five years of perseverance, energy, square dealing and strict attention in the Province of Quebec. to the wants of the times.

We have received from Messrs. Jackson, Cochrane & Co., Berlin, Ont., their 1897 catalogue fully illustrating and describing Bridge over the St. Lawrence, and this has the improved and patented wood working by A. W. Patterson, unbeen supplemented by a grant of \$150,000 machinery manufactured by them—sand. Wiarton Woollen Mills.

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A petition from the farmers of Champlan, Nicolet, St. Maurice, Joliette, Vandrend and Three Rivers counties, signed by over fourteen hundred persons, will be presented to the Hon. W. S. Fielding, Sir Richard Cartwright and the Hon. Win. Paterson. asking the government to encourage the manufacture of charcoal iron from bog ore

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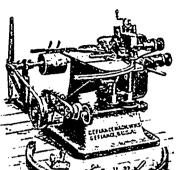
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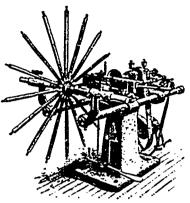
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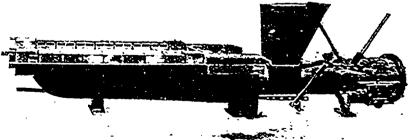
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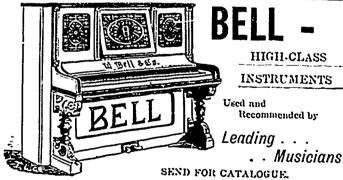
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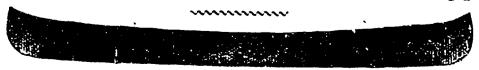
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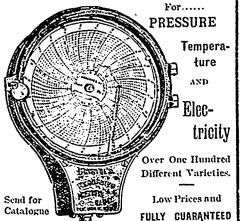


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