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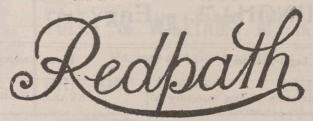
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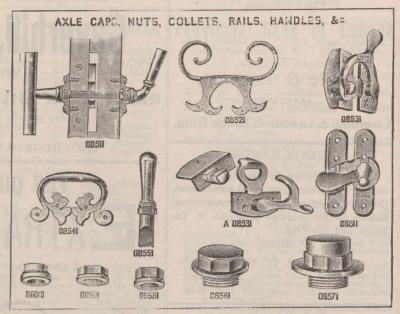
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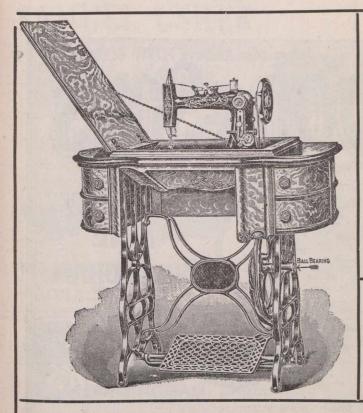
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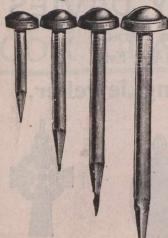


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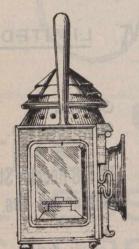
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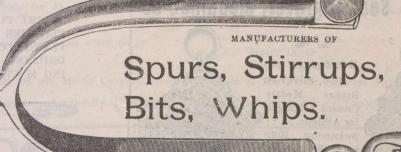


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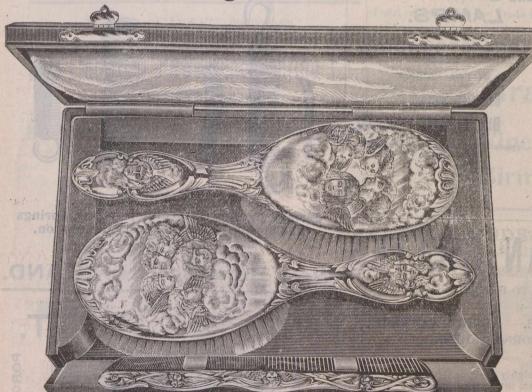
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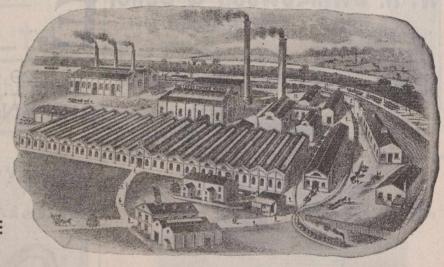


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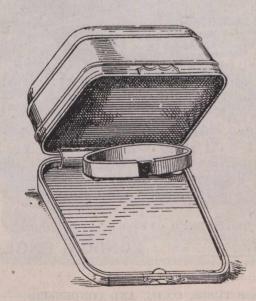
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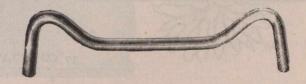
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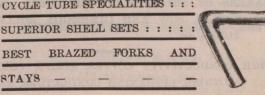
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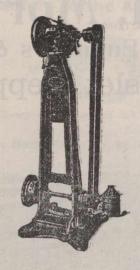


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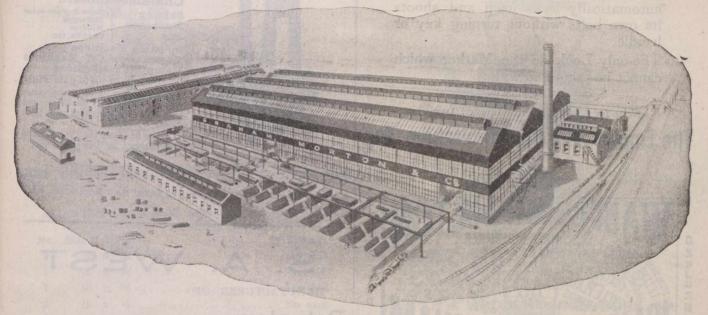
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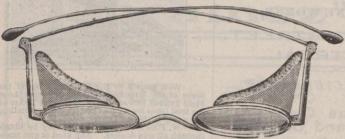
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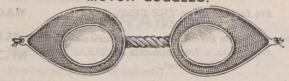
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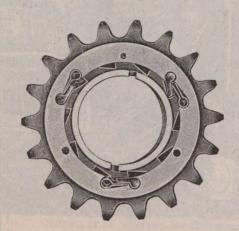
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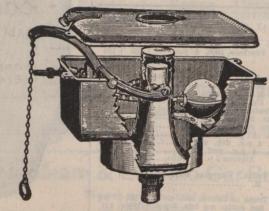
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—The lumber cut on the Upper St. John this winter will be 60,000,000 feet. Last year it was 130,000,000.

—Kingston reports the presence of a Montreal architect with plans and specifications for the Bell Telephone Company's new building to be erected on Clarence street. Tenders will be called at once, and it will not be long before construction is under way.

—Toronto advices report the completion of arrangements for the provincial sales of tat beef cattle. They will be auctioned at Ottawa on March 10, at Port Perry on March 14, at Campbellcroft on March 16, and at Guelph on March 22. For the first time prizes will be given for the best animals.

Extensions of time are being applied for by the following railway corporations:—The Hamilton, Galt & Berlin Railway Company, which also desires favor to construct branch lines to Guelph and Hespeler; the Hudson's Bay & Pacific Railway Company, the Brockville, Westport & Northern Railway Company, and the Guelph & Georgian Bay Railway Company.

—The Anglia Land & Lumber Company, Limited, Winnipeg, with a capital of \$200,000, has been formed to acquire and sell lands with timber, to manufacture brick, to build and operate saw mills and to build and sell houses, etc. The directors are: A. L. Himle, Minneapolis, Minn.; E. T. Thompson, St. Thomas, N. D., and several business men of Winnipeg.

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—There were 1,414 homestead entries granted in January last, as compared with 1,245 for the same month of last year.

—Grand Trunk Railway system.—Earnings from February 1st to 7th, 1905, \$563,582; 1904, \$326,869; increase, \$236,713.

—A branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce has been opened at Melfort, Saskatchewan, with Mr. E. R. Jarvis as acting manager.

—Although millers are offering \$1.05 and \$1.06 per bushel for winter wheat, says a London, Ont. letter, only two loads have been brought to the London market this week. The price is the highest offered here in many years.

—The village of Grimsby, Ont., is applying for authority to raise \$34,000 for waterworks.—The town of Southampton desires power to consolidate its debt, and for the privilege of expropriating property for parks.

—Hamilton's ambition is not waning. It is rumored that a site has been purchased there for a monster apartment house on Barton street, near Birch avenue. The building will be 630 feet by 210 feet, and will have accommodation for 252 families.

-the Facer Solid Steel Car Wheel Co., of Perth, Ont., is asking for an extension of one year within which to import

steel wheels and machinery used in the manufacture thereof without invalidating the patents. The ground for the request is that the company is not yet been enabled to manufacture the patented articles in the Dominion.

—Washington, D.C., advices state that the Senate, by a vote of 50 to 9, passed an amendment to all of the arbitration treaties by substituting the words "treaty" for "agreement" in the second article of each. It was this amendment to which the president was opposed. All the treaties were ratified. They were with Great Britain, France, Portugal Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Spain and Austria-Hungary.

—China's credit is good. A London cable of the 11th, says: Lombard street was crowded today with intending applicants for the Chinese Government 5 per cent. gold loan of \$5,000,000 offered by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. A force of police with difficulty kept the entrance to the bank clear. The managers at 11 o'clock, an hour after opening, announced that they would receive no more offers. The loan is now at 3 premium. It was originally intended not to close the list till Monday.

—The Ottawa & New York Railway Company are appealing for exemption from clause five of the amended railway act of last session, which reads as follows:—"The majority of the directors of any company which has heretofore received or hereafter receives from the Dominion of Canada, under any act of the Parliament of Canada, aid toward the construction of its railway or undertaking or any part thereof, shall be British subjects. Provided that this section shall not, until the 31st day of January, 1905, apply to any company, the majority of whose directors are not British subjects when the act comes into force."

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—Much uneasiness has been created in tinplate trade circles in planelly, Wales, states a London cable, owing to the determined efforts being made to establish an industry in Canada. Inducements have been offered to several well-known Welsh manufacturers to open works in Toronto. Canada, it states, at the present is one of the best customers for tinplate.—A most notable feature of the Sheffield cutlery trade is that exports to Canada for January this year were double those of January, 1904.

—More than ordinary interest was aroused in shipping circles, says a Vancouver, B.C., report of some days ago, over the simultaneous sailing for the Orient on the 23rd January last, of the new Great Northern liner "Minnesota" from Seattle, and the Canadian Pacific "Empress of Japan" from Vancouver. The Empress reached Yokohama Monday, 6th inst., at 2 p.m., on her usual schedule time. The Minnesota did not arrive at Yokohama until Saturday at 5 p.m., having taken five days more than the C.P.R.'s Empress in crossing the Pacific.

—The promoter of the Hamilton, Ancaster & Brantford Railway, is reported to have bought the charter of the Hamilton, Galt & Berlin Railway from the Windsor & Detroit people, who held it. An application will be made to the Dominion Parliament to amend it so as to permit of an extension of the line to Puslinch and Guelph.—The Otis Elevator Company, Hamilton, have decided to double their building and plant, and next summer will erect an addition to cost \$30,000. Fifty hands are employed at present, and twice this number will be required when the new building is completed.

—From July1, 1903, to June 30, 1904, vegetables to the value of \$117,908 were imported for consumption at Montreal, and to the value of \$93,645 at the port of Toronto. The duty paid was in the former case \$28,967, and in the latter \$21.546.

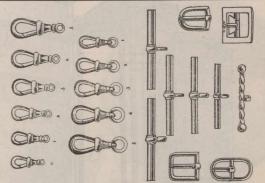
-The liabilities of Hugh Ferguson, general merchant at **B**undalk. Ont., whose assignment was noted in last week's

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issue, are 12,000 and assets nominally about the same. Fifty-three Toronto and Montreal houses are interested, among which Gault Bros., Limited, Montreal, \$1,700, and Eby, Blain & Co., Limited, Toronto, \$800, are the largest creditors. A meeting is called for the 16th.

The Dominion Government have completed arrangements for the establishment of a central gas plant, at Parry Sound Ont., at which the Department of Marine will manufacture acetylene gas and store it in the buoys and lights of the eastern portion of Georgian Bay. Such a step has been under consideration as a means of providing for the gas buoy service, and through the efforts of a number of local mariners Parry Sound has been selected at a location for the establishment. It is now announced that the Government has closed the purchase of the old Bobbin factory building, which is to be used as a gas factory and pumping station.

—The Grand Trunk Railway's report, according to a London cable, shows the gross receipts for the half year to December 31 amounted to £3.129,800. The working expenses were £2.205,100, leaving a net revenue of £924,700. Deducting debenture charges, £507,200, and adding a surplus of £14,500 of the Detroit & Grand Haven, there remains a balance of £432,000. With £4,300 brought in £436,300 is available. This sufficies to pay the half year's dividend on the guaranteed and full twelve months' dividend on both first and second preference stocks, leaving £6,500 to be carried forward. Last year the third preference received two per cent. The sum of £2,699 was carried forward.

-As showing the trend of affairs in countries which formerly bought finished articles we publish the following from New York: A sale was made by the U. S. Leather Co. of twenty carloads of sole leather for shipment to Japan. It is understood that the whole quantity will go forward from one of the Pennsylvania tanneries of the company within a few days. During the past six months shipments of leather from the United States to Japan have been very heavy, exceeding, it is thought, a value of three-quarters of a million dollars. The present shipment is valued at about \$200 000. It will be sent oy way of San Francisco or Seattle. It is interesting in connection with this transaction that recently one of the largest shoe exporting concerns figured on an order for 200,000 pairs of shoes for the Japanese army but failed to obtain the comtract on account of the high price of leather consequent on large sales for export. The leather now being shipped will be made into shoes in the Japanese Government factory in Tokio, which is equipped with American machinery.

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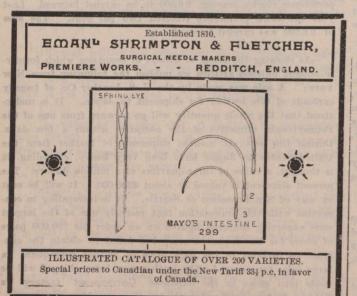
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—As a result of negotiations which have been going on here for the past few days, says a Halifax letter, between the Iron & Steel Co. and representatives from various American and Canadian electrical and engineering concerns, the contract for additional steam power has been awarded to a Galt company, and that for electrical power to the Canadian General Electric Co., of Toronto. The Galt portion of the contract consists of two vertical engines of 850 horsepower each, having 150 revolutions per minute, which are to be directly connected with alternating generators for light and power purposes. The generators to be supplied by the General Electric Co. represent 600 kilowatts.

—Following the cry of "rust" which was so loudly heard across the Southern border last fall, when the Manitoba grain was ripening, and which cry eventually proved practically without foundation, now comes the alarming croy of frosted Canadian wheat entering the U. S., and which they have decid-

ed to tax in the regular way. The Manitoba wheat growers are laughing over the matter, and at the innocence of U.S. lawmakers who do not know that the farmer is as shrewd in this generation as any other class of citizen, and generally disposes of any damaged grain to the local miller, has it ground for his own use or swaps it with his neighbor, in either of which case he loses little if anything on the small proportion damaged.—A case of importance to wheat growers has been accused by United States District Judge Lochren, who handed down an order reversing the decision of the Board of Appraisers at Minneapolis and declaring that frosted wheat imported from Canada must pay the regular tariff rate of 25 cents per bushel. The case was that of the W. P. Devereaus Co., of Minneapolis, which had imported a quantity of frosted Canaman wheat. The Government contended that this wheat should pay the regular tariff rates but the company protested to the Board of Appraisers that as the wheat was good neither for milling nor for seed it should be rated as "unclassified" and made subject to an ad valorem duty of 10 per cent., amounting to but five cents per bushel. The Board of Appraisers held that the protest was well founded, and from this decision the Government appealed to the Federal court.

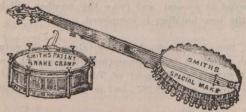


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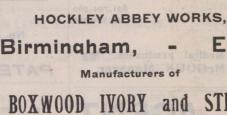


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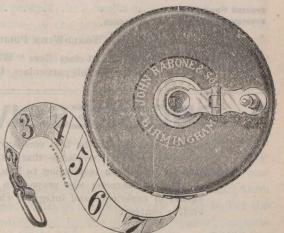
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—The annual meeting of the Elmira; Ont., Board of Trade was held on the 2nd instant, when the following officers were elected: President, W. H. Otto; vice-president, A. J. Kimmel; secretary-treasurer, A. Werner; auditor, R. H. McMicking.

-The Bay of Quinte Railway Company is asking Parliament for authority to construct and operate a branch line from Bridgewater, in Hastings county, northerly to the actinolite mines, such line to be commenced within two years and finished within five years of the date of the passage of the act.—The Gold Medal Furniture Manufacturing Company, Limited, of Toronto, today petitioned Parliament for the renewal of a patent for improvements in wire fabrics for a further term of six years from 16th of June, 1906.—A largely-signed petition was presented to Parliament praying that the C. P. R. be granted power to build a line from Komoka through the town of Petrolea to a point on the River St. Clair.—Parliament will be asked to authorize one of the Mackenzie enterprises, viz., the Monterey lectric and Gas Company, to acquire and operate railways, tramways and telegraph and telephone lines in Mexico.-Extensions: The capital stock of the Canada Printing Ink Company has been increased from \$40 000 to \$60,000.—The license of the Ontario Accident Insurance Company for the transaction of accident and sickness insurances has been cancelled and a new license issued for both objects and also the

—A new industry is promised for Winnipeg. viz., the Empire Sash & Door Company. The capital stock is \$100,000.

-At Ottawa the other day a member called the attention of the Government to the recent decision of the Attorney-General of the United States, that importers of products into that country, which were manufactured into goods for export, were allowed a drawback of 99 per cent. in the duty. The member elaborated his arguments by extensive quotations from speeches by President McKinley and Secretary Shaw, which, he contended, made it clear that the design of the United States was to capture to the largest possible extent the foreign trade of the world. The result of the 99 per cent. drawback was Canadian No. 1 hard wheat imported into the United States. which was mixed with lower grades of United States wheat and ground into flour for export in competition with Canadian flour. The same tactics were being employed with respect to the construction of locomotives, the object being to capture the markets of the world, as they were actually doing. All this meant that the employment now furnished to Canadians would be given to their trade rivals in the United States. It was contended that there was only one way in which to stop this and that was the drastic measure of an export duty on Canadian wheat when exported for grinding in the United

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States. The existing situation was one of extreme national peril, and the Government ought to be considering this question. He contended that an export duty might with advantage also be placed upon wheat intended for grinding in London, England. Export duties on nickel and pulpwood were also advocated as in the interests of industrial progress and development in Canada. The Tariff Commission might appropriately take up this whole question of drawbacks when investigating the tariff question.

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### AMERICAN DRAWBACK ON RAW MATERIALS.

A decision just rendered by the Attorney General of the United States puts an interpretation on the American tariff affecting imports of raw materials which is of much consequence to Canada. The Attorney General says:

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This reading of the American tariff throws light upon the proposal, to which we paid attention last week, to concede something on Canadian imports in return for our reducing the duties on American manufactures.

It is evident that, if Canada had made the change proposed in her duties on United States agricultural implements and other manufactured goods, she would have granted very valuable concessions for nothing, as the Attorney General's reading of the tariff shows that what have been spoken of as concessions to Canada were no such thing, as the tariff of the States had already provided for the free entry of the class of goods a reduction of the duties on which we were being asked to pay dearly for!

So far as wheat is concerned, that from Manitoba and the Northwest is absolutely necessary to American millers to enable them to make as high a grade of flour as is made in Canadian mills, failing in which American flour could not compete with Canadian flour in British markets.

To admit high quality Canadian wheat free into the States would be a distinct benefit to American millers and would work to the disadvantage of our millers by assisting their chief competitor in the markets of Great Yet the proposal has been made, that Canada should reduce her protection on manufactures in order to induce Americans to admit our wheat free, of which they stand grieviously in need to enable them to compete with our products. The gall of this proposal is amazing, its promoters must regard us as a nation of It would certainly be a more reasonable simpletons. course were Canada to place an export duty on wheat, when intended for the American market, as that policy would tend to draw some of our neighbours across to Canada in order to carry on milling under better economic conditions that would exist in the States were the best wheat, the wheat they must have, subject to an export duty.

As to hides, we are unable to see that any harm would come to us were those we export to enter the States free

of duty. The trade in this raw material of leather is very trifling between Canada and the States.

The exports of wool to the States do not amount to any large sum, last year this item was only \$229,398. Of course, if our wool were admitted free into the States there would probably be a larger exportation with a consequent advance in the price owing to the increased demand. Were this to result it would probably be adverse to our woollen manufacturers, but farmers would reap some advantage, this, however, would be offset by their having to pay more for all classes of woollen goods, as our native woolien goods would have to be advanced in price were raw wool made dearer by larger exports.

So far as the anticipation of American soft coal being admitted free into Canada is based upon the new interpretation of the American tariff allowing Canadian coal to be passed into the States duty free, such anticipation is groundless. Coal, it is true, is a raw material, but the tariff, as interpreted by the Attorney General, requires any raw material on which a rebate is allowed to be identified, and the extent to which it has entered into goods made for export to be estimated. Now that is obviously impossible, though were manufactured articles deprived of what they owe to power produced by coal, such articles would be resolved into their original ele-But, as it is impossible to identify such power, or measure its extent, coal cannot be among the raw materials affected by the new interpretation of the United States tariff, so that, as a plea for the free entry of American soft coal into Canada, vanishes like an optical illusion.

Other raw materials produced in Canada, such as copper, lead, nickel, gold, silver, lumber, are not likely to be affected by the new reading of the American tariff. It is of incomparably greater importance to this country to have its manufactured goods protected from American competition, especially of the slaughter house variety, or "dumping," than to have its export markets restricted for such classes of raw materials as Canada produces in excess of her ability to consume.

In this connection it will be interesting to observe the movement of our exports to Great Britain and the United States in the last few years, which is shown by the following figures:

	Exports to	Exports to
	Great Britain.	United States.
1901		\$67,983,000
1902		66,567,000
1903		67,766,000
1904		66,856,800
Increase since 1901	The second second	
Decrease since 1901		\$ 1,126,200
		\$ 1,126,20

The large increase in our exports since 1901 to Great Britain, while those to the United States have actually fallen off, is a clear indication as to where our best markets are found, the markets which expand in proportion to the growth of the producing capacities of Canada. With such facts before us we cannot see any occasion for making concessions to the United States, which have so persistently obstructed the entrance of Canadian goods into their markets. If they are going to admit more of our products free we may depend upon it that they stand in grievous need of them, and it would be an act of fiscal reciprocity were Canada to take advantage of this situation. As to our getting excited and alarmed over the

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new interpretation of the American tariff, we recall a saying of the Honorable Edward Blake, "It is time enough to bid the Devil Good morning when you meet him!"

### MISLEADING FIGURES.

It is, no doubt, the duty of party journals, in dealing with statistics, to arrange them in such manner as to make for the side to which they owe allegiance. there are a few among them which we have never looked upon as being unduly brassed by such considerations, the London Economist, for example. Readers of that journal in Canada have been heard to express surprise at the penchant which it has generally shown in commenting upon the utterances of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and his followers in the great fiscal campaign waged throughout the United Kingdom during the last few years. We shall not venture here upon any defence of the policy outlined and advocated by the great leader; this we have repeatedly dealt with. We may perhaps mention in passing that not one of all those who have been endeavouring to enlighten the public on both sides of the ocean has ventured to deny the accuracy of the statements in our articles, "Who Pays the Duty?" the first of which appeared in the issue of July 10th, 1903, and was repeated meantime, showing, step by step, how it comes about that any duty levied upon Canadian grain would have to be borne by the producer—that it should not add to the price paid by the consumer for his Most writers upon the subject have had, unfortunately, little or no personal experience of it. man who owns the land and superintends the raising of crops thereon should surely prove a more reliable authority as to the points at issue than one who has probably never handled or seen a plough in his life, or started a modern flour mill, and has had little inducements to watch the market prices of wheat or corn, and to ruminate upon the greater profits he should realize if other European nations were to afford him a free market as England does.

The Economist keeps on harping on the same string. In a late issue he adduces figures taken from the Tables of Trade and Navigation, given in our blue-books, harking back to the first year of the Canadian preference tariff, under which British-manufactured goods (save spirits, etc.), are allowed entry to this country at one-third less tariff rates that those of other countries, and shows by comparison that meantime there has been a still greater increase in our purchases from the United States, which have no Canadian preferential tariff in their favour. He admits that there has been a large increase in Great Britain's trade with Canada, but contends that this is due to our great prosperity, resulting from bountiful harvests, and not to tariff influences. He prefers dealing with the figures of our exports and imports combined, overlooking the fact that the preferential tariff has had nothing to do (so far) with Canadian exports. He performs his duties as editor, within easy reach by foot or 'phone of the offices of the High Commissioner for Canada (in Northumberland street), and yet he contents himself with the returns for the year ended on the 30th June, 1903. The figures for 1904 appeared in these columns in the

issue of January 13th, page 104, where the totals of our purchases under the preferential tariff for the fiscal year ended 30th June last, are shown to have reached \$72,-889,146, an increase in these imports of 12 per cent. over the previous year—that quoted by our contemporary—while the increase from the United States was only 10 per cent. for the same period. Those figures should be revised by our able contemporary.

The difficulty in the way of diverting trade from its accustomed channels was dealt with at some length in the article, "Home and Foreign Competition," in the Journal of Commerce of the 3d instant, page 286. marked has this difficulty become under the preferential tariff, that Canadian buyers have been heard to contend that it would require a reduction of fully onehalf instead of one-third of the duty to keep dutiable American goods out of this country. The influence of direct personal visits by young Americans of keen ability, who persistently scour Canada from ocean to ocean, introducing their manufactures and making sacrifices to get an entrance for the thin end of the wedge, is too much underrated on the other side of the Atlantic.

The young emissary from the United States has no time to visit clubs or go tobogganing; he is too busy laying siege to the market. His transatlantic cousin, whose object in visiting us is compounded of pleasure and business, has not yet got over the idea of a hunt for buffalos or a "scrap" with Indians, and is surprised—where that is possible—to find "everybody and everything as civilized as in London—you know."

With so influential a proportion of the population of the mother country opposed to him, including nearly all the professional classes, the wonder is that the central idea in Mr. Chamberlain's platform has made such progress, has impressed itself so favourably among the rank and file of all engaged in the great industries of the country. The statement made by Mr. Chamberlain and which roused our contemporary, is as follows:-"That preference has increased your trade with Canada chiefly in manufactures by something between five and six millions (pounds sterling) a year. Do you know what that means? Five millions a year of manufactures involves at least-I believe it is a great deal more, but I wish to take a moderate view—it involves at least two and a-half millions of wages. In other words, 32,000 workingmen have gained wages equivalent, on an average, to 30s a week continuously throughout the year in consequence of the preference given by Canada. Thirty-two thousand men with their wives and families mean 160,000 individuals."

The Economist closes with charging the protective policy of nations, like Germany, Russia and the United States, with the strikes of frequent occurrence in those countries, as though any countries whose people are more or less engaged in manufacturing, industrial pursuits, even England herself, have escaped these disturbances.

### THE EQUITABLE LIFE.

The annual statement of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States is again before us, with records that fully bear out all that appeared in our review of a year ago. The figures, as may be seen on

another page, are simply enormous. The assets of the Society have increased during the year from \$381,226;-035.53 to \$413,953,020.74, exceeding the total liabilities, including the assurance or reserve fund, by \$80,794,269.21, or more than the paid-up capital of all the banks in Canada combined. The reserve fund alone foots up \$327,738,358.00.

The income of the Society during the year was \$79,-076,659.95, and the amount paid to policy holders \$36,389,047.30, of which about one-half was for death claims, the remainder being made up of endowments and deferred dividend policies (\$8,425,950.14), dividends to policyholders (\$6,001,902.51), the remainder consisting of surrender values and annuities. The enormous amount of good thus distributed among those who wisely listened to the timely word of advice "writ large" or to the indefatigable missionaries of this great public benefactor is beyond compare, and not a little of its progress is doubtless due to the "winged word" passed along by those who have put it to the test. superhuman ability-and "lots" of it-is at work strenuously pressing forward-wisely managed and directedis shown by the gigantic figures of the amount of assurance carried which now have reached the unprecedented record of \$1,495,542,892.00, to which the accepted new assurance contributed \$222,920,037.00 during the year.

In looking over the names of those who control and direct this vast business, many of whom have grown with it, one cannot fail to be impressed with the success of the society in securing so many of those who, while contemporary with its years and growth, have distinguished themselves by their ability in the vast activities which have made the United States the great modern wonder of the world in the march of civilization and progress. It were invidious to single out one for mention from among that great aristocracy of wealth and brains, the officers and directors, but the eye of the Canadian is apt to be irresistibly caught by that of Sir William Van Horne, to whom our own country owes much of her latter-day progress, but who has of late found another country to conquer. We must not do violence to the innate modesty of the centleman who has, for so many years in Montreal, efficiently promoted the interests of the Society in Canada, with honour to himself and to all that he represents.

### THE COTTON MILLS.

Some of the great cotton manufacturers have concluded to take a lesson or two from recent events in their line of business. The Montreal Cotton Company, who held their annual meeting early this week, resolved upon some economic changes, not that there was any particular occasion, but for the same reason that led the old lady to keep a cat, "for fear." The number of directors was reduced from eight to seven, and the number of shares necessary to qualify for a seat at the board was advanced from twenty to one hundred. The dividend rate for the year from the 1st January was reduced from nine to seven per cent. which, as a regular return, no one should grumble at. The meeting was quite harmonious and everything went off satisfactorily.

Mr. S. H. Ewing was re-elected president and Mr. H. Markland Molson vice-president for the current year. Hon. J. K. Ward, with Messrs. A. H. Gault, R. R. Stevenson, Jacques Grenier and James Rodger are the remaining directors. The provisional directors of the newly amagamated cotton interests, known as the Dominion Textile Company, foregathered in the afternoon of Wednesday, but after a brief interchange of opinions decided to adjourn for a month. The prejudices roused some weeks ago appear to have died out for want of support, and even some very influential gentlemen among the old shareholders have considerately resolved not to stand in the way of what was in the long run, undoubtedly the wisest course to pursue.

### ADULTERATED FOODS.

Happily for the people of Canada trade conditions have not reached that extreme limit where wholesale adulteration is practiced, where ideas follow ideas in the preparation of cheap foodstuffs, such as has prevailed among our Southern neighbors until state laws finally came to the rescue, and have of recent years largely checked the growing evil.

In the effort to secure legislation and the enforcement of existing laws to prevent the adulteration of food and drugs, or their sale under fraudulent labels, there may have been some magnifying of the poisonous character of various sophisticated articles and of the injury to health that results from their use, but it is not safe to give too much credence to the plea that adulteration is in most cases harmless and that it has the merit of cheapness. Our Southern neighbors are giving much attention to this subject of late. There are state laws with them governing the sale of adulterated foods, but there is no federal law, and here is where the possibility of mischief comes in. In the recent statement of a prominent New York grocer, he indulged in some sharp criticism of the Agricultural Department's Bureau of Chemistry for its action, and more for the utterances of its chief, on the subject of food adultera-He seemed to take the very tion and false labeling. innocent ground that there was no proof of injury to health from the consumption of peas colored with sulphate of copper, or articles preserved with boric acid, or fruit jams and jellies made of vegetables and glucose and variously dyed, because there was no record of deaths caused thereby. But injury to health and impairment of nutrition are quite a different matter from We can hardly be expected to wait until homicide. articles of food pronounced by science to be unwholesome, deleterious or lacking in the nutrition they purport to have are known to be killing people before prohibiting their sale or requiring their true character to be disclosed to consumers. It is not easy to say what causes the large proportion of premature deaths that occur every day, but unwholesome and injurious foods contributes largely to the list. Neither is it easy to trace the multitudinous ills that impair strength and undermine the health of people to their cause, but we may be sure that impure and adulterated foods, drinks and dugs are among them.

"There are hundreds of thousands of people," this

grocer stated, "who like adulterations. This is particularly the case with coffee, which is adulterated with chicory. I will cite an instance in which I was an actor where I administered the dose, even though I was told that the man's doctor ordered him to take pure If there was any chicory in it the doctor said it would kill him. When Mr. K. and I were partners he had a particular friend who, with his wife, visited our store every Saturday evening, taking their purchases with them. He came there particularly to get his coffee. Mr. K. always took it to the mill and had the man grind it while he waited. The coffee did not suit him; it was a continual grumble every Saturday. He changed the mixture from Java and Mocha to Maracaibo and Mocha, and from that to Maracaibo and Laguayra. Mr. K. turned him over to me. would satisfy him. had every mixture I could think of three or four month; nothing would satisfy him. The constant cry was 'don't put any chicory in it.' Finally I made up my mind I would kill or cure him. The next Saturday evening I weighed his coffee as usual. When I went out in what we called the back store where the mill was I weighed his coffee again, taking out either one halfpound or six ounces—I don't remember exactely which and adding the same weight of chicory to it. I think I ground it myself, as I did not want the man to know I put chicory into it. He took the coffee home. Saturday evening I was not in the store when he came in but he would not go home or take his coffee until I When I came in he walked up to me and said: 'Mr. C. that was the finest coffee I ever tasted; I want When, after that, I went out on that kind every time. Saturday evenings I always left his coffee ready. not dare to tell Mr. K. what I had done; it was at least six months before he found it out. If that man knew there was chicory in that coffee it would have made him In the matter of many harmless adulterations which are made to please the eye and the palate it is Any dangerous adulterations should folly to be wise. be prohibited and the manufacturers punished without fail.

"All this agitation is causing a great deal of annoyance and trouble to the manufacturers, importers and dealers in food products. This agitation will always exist as long as a professional man, especially a doctor, is at the head of the department. What the importers, manufacturers and distributors of food products in this country want to do is to organize-organize in this State and in every State in the Union, and wherever there is a doctor at the head of the department charged with enforcing the pure food laws ask that he be removed at once and some hardheaded business man be appointed in his place with a salary sufficient to get the Let him, when there is any doubt about right man. any food product or any article which is used as food,

or medicine, being dangerous to health have a competent chemist analyze it, and if found dangerous to health, confiscate it and punish the man who manufactured it, or the man who sells it without a guarantee from the manufacturer of its purity. That is the only way to prevent unscrupulous men from manufacturing the stuff. Until this is done there will be continued agitation caused by new fads being exploited and the minds of the people will be kept in a continual

state of agitation which can be prevented by a sane enforcement of law."

If chemical and medical science tells us that certain common adulteration of food are deleterious to health, that is reason enough for restraining their manufacture and sale and for compelling those who purvey such articles to let their customers know what they are getting, without having specific proof of the injury done in individual cases or of deaths caused by their use. If they are in their character and quality injurious to health, there can be no doubt that they are injuring the health of a large proportion of those who consume them, and that is a matter of public concern. Nor is it logical to say that the enforcement of laws intended to prevent this insidious undermining of the public health should be in the hands of a "hard-headed business man" instead of a scientific expert. The purpose of such laws is preventive, and to be effective they must take cognizance of the character and quaity of the articles sold for food and the effects they must produce, and not wait for empirical proof that the harm has been done in particular in-

Another position contended for which can hardly be conceded is that it is not a function of public authority to afford protection against fraud and deception, as well as against injury to health. With regard to the statement of an official authority that articles of food should be fruthfully labeled, not only for the protection of the health of the people but to protect them from being deceived, this grocer asks what he has to do with protecting people from being deceived and says that as he understands the law the official chemist "is there to protect the health of the people and he cannot protect their health by labeling goods." But the health of the people may be protected by labeling goods, if the labels show what the "goods" are and tell whether or not they contain deleterious matter. Moreover, the people have a right to protection from fraud. They have a right to know what they are buying and paying for, when it is so disguised or packed as to conceal its character. It may be that many adulterations and imitations or falsely labeled articles are not injurious or unwholesome and are cheaper than the genuine. Very well, let them be sold honestly and for what they are. Let those who cannot afford better and are willing to take these know what they are getting. Fraud and false pretense are no more respectable in a grocery store or an apothecary shop than anywhere else, and where they affect the food and medicine of the people they are proper subjects for legal repression.

To compare chicory in coffee with such poisonous drugs and acids as are occasionally used in the preservation of canned vegetables, fruit, etc., is merely proving the desire of the speaker to throw the whole matter into ridicule. Before those now living were born, chicory was used as a harmless vegetable root product in many European countries, its clarifying qualities being much appreciated. But too much vigilance cannot be exercised in keeping the grocers' shelves clear of any foodstuffs in the preparation or preservation of which poisonous or otherwise injurious foreign substances have been employed, for the safe quantity used today may be increased to an unsafe amount tomorrow and injury brought about which cannot be repaired.

### HITCH IN BOND-HAY TREATY.

Treaties are easily made on paper, but there they often rest. Just now the friends of the much-postponed treaty that was to give freedom of commercial intercourse between Newfoundland and the United States, are regarding the action of the latter country as anything but justifiable, and further protection may be in order.

Much disappointment, says a St. John's letter, is felt here over the rejection of the treaty. Newfoundland probably now will enforce the bait act against American vessels as well as against those of France. Hitherto the United States fishermen have had the privilege of purchasing but not of catching bait in Newfoundland, the usual price being \$1.25 per barrel, French fishermen at one time had this privilege also, and it being cut off almost completely ruined the French fisheries on the Newfound'and banks. The Minister of Finance and Customs in the Newfoundland Government, had the following to say in an interview some time ago: "We practically controi the bait supply of the North Atlantic. We regard this littoral fishery as our greatest asset. From the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Hudson's Strait we have thousands of miles of coast line, and every creek and headland from Fortune Bay by the north to Cape Chudley in a baiting ground. This is the key to the North Atlantic fisheries, and whatever country holds this key has a powerful leverage as a treaty-making power either with France or with the United States of America. Confederation means transferring this power from St. John's to Ottawa. Some of our people think we place too much value on the control of this bait supply. Up to the year 1886 we allowed the French the privilege of purchasing bait from our fishermen, and they receiving large bounties, were driving us out of the Mediterranean markets and ruining our people. We passed an act. known as the bait act, the object of which was to prevent the French from either catching or purchasing bait in our waters on the northeast or southwest coast. By a strict enforcement of the bait act we have crippled the French. In 1886, the first year we enforced the act, their catch was 953 953 quintals, but it has been decreasing steadily ever since, and fast year it only amounted to 418 307 quintals. This is the direct result of our refusal to give bait to the French. If we transfer to Ottawa the power to deal with these bait fishes and our general fishery laws it may suit Canadian statesmen to use this leverage in their commercial treaties with France or the United States."

The following from Washington shows the matter up from the U. S. end of the line: The Hay-Bond reciprocity treaty is dead—"amended to death," according to leading authorities in the Senate. It is certain that no further attempt to secure ratification will be made at the present time, and it is improbable that any effort will be made to reach a vote at this session. Moreover, the action of the Senator, demonstrated, according to the leaders the absolute impracticability of effecting any changes in the tariff by reciprocity, and proved the uselessness of negotiating further conventions of that character.

It was not, according to leading senators, the committee changes which killed the Hay-Bond treaty, but the additional amendments forced on the convention in the Senate, despite the protests of Senators Lodge and Hale, who warned their colleagues that elimination of ores and metals from the list of Newfoundland products admitted to this country free of duty, etc., would render acceptance of the treaty by Premier Bond an impossibility.

it is declared that the opposition which developed in the Senate was not specially to the Hay-Bond treaty, but to the entire principle of reciprocity; that senators on both sides of the chamber evinced the greatest anxiety lest the product of their constituents should be left unprotected from the competition of Newfoundland; that Democrats and Republicans alike declared that this treaty would prove the opening wedge, to be followed by reciprocity with Canada, and that the gate thus set ajar would eventually be forced wide open, to the serious injury of American industries.

Mr. Lodge protested against this argument, pointing out that it was desired to effect closer trade relations with Newfoundland, not with a view to extending such relations to Canada.

out with the belief that the United States could thus gain control of the Newfoundland trade to the exclusion of Canada, and that an opportunity was offered which was far more beneficial to this country than was likely to occur again. The arguments of the Massachusetts senator proved of no avail, however, and the convention was amended in the interests of the Minnesota flour millers, the supposititious interests of the West Virginia and Pennsylvania mine owners, and the slate producers of Vermont and other sections, and it became evident that further discussion would only lead to still further amend-

in the interest of practically every American industry and to the detriment of practically every Newfoundland product.

In the consideration of the Hay-Bond treaty before the Senate the clause to admit free to the United States ores of metals and coal and coal oil, the products of Newfoundland mines and slates from the quarry untrimmed was stricken out of the treaty. The Senate added flour to the free importations into Newfoundland.

The treaty provided also for the reduction of the duty on a number of articles from the United States when imported into Newfoundland, and fixed the duties as follows:—Pork, \$1.50 a barrel bacon, hams and smoked meats, two and one-half cents a pound; salted and cured meats, \$1 a barrel; peas and oatmeal, 30 cents a barrel; rice one-quarter cent a pound, and kerosene oil six cents a gallon. The committee amendments included acids, 15 per cent.; bicycles, clocks and watches, matches, rubber boots and shoes, 20 per cent. ad valorem.

Salt fish, too, the chief article on which Premier Bond of Newfoundland insisted that the duty should be removed, was, by the amendments made, restored to the dutiable list.

The defeat of the treaty will come as a disappointment to the business men and politicians of Newfoundland. The first negotiations with the United States took place in 1890, when Mr. Robert Bond-now Sir Robert, premier of the colony—went to Washington, and the famous Bond-Blaine treaty was the result. That treaty at the instigation of Canada, was blocked until a few years ago, when Colonial Secretary Chamberlain removed the embargo. Sir Robert soon afterwards again went to Washington and the outcome was the Hay-Bond treaty, which, after much dillydallying, has been carved beyond recognition.

ne American idea of "reciprocity" has been again shown to be to give nothing and take all. Newfoundland has absolutely nothing to export but fish, especially salt fish, and fish products, mineral ores and lumber. For none of these things, excepting iron ore, can Newfoundland find purchasers in Canada. The United States would, on the other hand, provide an almost unlimited market.

The removal of the duty on fish entering the United States would give a terrific impetus to the chief industry of the colony. But the New England interests fear the competition, and the millions are consequently refused the opportunity of cheaper food in the shape of salt fish. Newfoundland is rich in minerals, and has extensive deposits of slate, said to be equal to any in the world but the American interests are opposed to allowing their countrymen to give any encouragement to those industries in the colony. Newfoundland having practically no manufactures, its tariff is almost exclusively for revenue purposes, and flour is one of the few necessities of lite taxed.

In return for a treaty that allows the admission of nothing that Newfoundland can export, the removal of this duty, amounting to less than 7 per cent., is insisted upon by the American millers. A reciprocity arrangement such as that proved in the Hay-Bond treaty undoubtedly would be of immense advantage to Newfoundland, and would secure for the Americans a not inconsiderable market at small expense, but, as emasculated, there would be absolutely no reason for its acceptance by Newfoundland.

<sup>-</sup>From succession duties last year Ontario received \$458 693, the largest sum since the act was passed.

<sup>—</sup>S. Gillies a Bay City, Michigan, lumberman, has purchased the Hamilton business of the Rogers Coal Company, and the transfer will take place April 1.

### NEWLY INCORPORATED COMPANIES.

Three million dollars is the capitalization of the Ontario & Minnesota Power Company, Limited, of which the provisional directors are Edward W. Backus, of Minneapolis, Robert A. Grant, and Alex. McKenzie. Its objects are the acquiring by lease, purchase or otherwise of water powers and other powers for electric production, the operation and acquirement of works and appliances for this purpose, also lines of wire, poles, tunnels. etc. Head office, Toronto.

Ryrie Bros. Limited, of Toronto, is capitalized at \$1,000,000, to carry on the Ryrie Bros'. jewellery business, with the following provisional directors:—James Ryrie, Wm. Massey Birks, Henry Ryrie, Cassie McLean Ryrie, and Christine Ryrie.

A charter has been granted to the Frances Gold Mines, Limited. subject to the provisions of the Ontario mining companies incorporation act, with a capital of \$1 000,000. Egerton Mortimer Stenabaugh, James Gostanian and Hector F. Reid are provisional directors of this company.

The Modern Brick & Stone Company, Limited, Toronto, provisional directors, John A. Mitchell, C. H. McFarlane, J. A. McFarlane, Fairlie Sinclair and Wm. Bullick, is capitalized at \$200,000.

The Peterborough Cereal Company, Limited, has a share capital of \$250 000, with Wm. M. Meldrum, W. A. Collier, Wm. Graham Ferguson Adam Hill and R. R. Hall, provisional directors.

Baker & Bryans, Limited, of Lindsay, is capitalized at \$100,000, for the manufacture and sale of timber, shingles, lath, telegraph poles, etc.. provisional directors, G. H. Baker Robert Bryans and G. H. Hopkins.

The Archer Light, Heat & Power Company, Limited, head office, Toronto, will carry on the manufacture of stoves, furnaces, lamps, electric fixtures etc., also tools. Provisional directors. R. B. Younghusband, I. T. Moore and others. Capital. \$100.000.

The Dominion of Canada Malt Company, Limited, will operate in Toronto. Capital, \$100 000. Provisional directors, A. B. Armstrong John Kyles, and Chas. M. Kirby.

The Bracebridge Furniture Company, Limited, will acquire the stock plant and business of the Hess Furniture Company, of Bracebridge. Capital, \$150.000. Provisional directors, J. D. Shier, E. W. Hay and others.

The Duncan Ferguson Company. Limited, head office. Stratfor.. will buy and sell dry goods and manufacture wearing apparel. Capital. \$100,000. Provisional directors D. M. Ferguson, J. Swinton and Wm. Zick.

The Co-Operative Cash Buyers' Union, Limited, of St. Catharines, is capitalized at \$100,000. Provisional directors, A. H. Malcolmson, J. A. Keyes and E. F. Seixas.

The Canadian Pneumatic Tube Company Limited, have head offices in Toronto. Provisional directors, E. P. Seen, A. F. Lowry and J. A. Soule. Capital. \$100 000.

Charters are also granted to the following:-The Northern Land & Lumber Company. Limited. Port Arthur, capital, \$75,-000. Boston Shoe Company, Limited, Toronto, capital, \$50,-000. Farson May & Borbridge, Limited. Ottawa. capital. \$50, 000. General Mercantile Company. Limited. Toronto, capital. \$50,000 - Aberdeen Brick Works. Limited. Hamilton, capital, \$50,000.—Canada Neckwear Company, Limited. Toronto. capital, \$50000.-House Cold Tire Setter Company. Limited. Toronto, capital, \$50,000.-Mitchell Rifle Sight Company. Limited. Toronto, capital, \$50,000.—White's Company, Limited, Collingword, capital, \$50.000.—the Magnie Gold Mining & Development Company. Sault Ste. Marie. capital \$40 000: Canada Trading Company: Limited, Toronto, capital. \$40.000 -- the Scarboro' Telephone Company, Limited. Toronto. capital, \$40,-000.—The Conner-Woods-Machinery Company, Limited, Sarnia capital \$40.000.- The Markham & Pickering Telephone Company, Limited. Whitevale, capital. \$40,000.—The Crystal Lake Ice Company, Limited, London, capital, \$40,000.—The Marmora Electric Company Limited, capital. \$40 000.—Hyslop Bros. Limited. Toronto, capital. \$40,000 -The Curtis & Neff Screw Company, Limited, Ingersoll, capital, \$30,000.—The Canadian Graphic Publishing Company. Toronto. capital. \$25.000.—The Tuntsville Foundry & Machine Company, Limited capital,

\$20,000.—The Spencer Industrial Company, Limited, Toronto, capital, \$15,000.—The Monarch Typewriter Company, Limited, Toronto, capital, \$10,000.—The Canadian Time Recording Co., Ltd., Toronto, capital, \$40,000.

#### FIRE LOSSES.

At St. John, N.B., on the 13th the large building owned by the J. Alexander estate and occupied by several business tenants, was badly damaged. The heaviest losers are Jas. A. Tufts & Co., manufacturers' agents, stock almost a total loss. Valued at \$15,000, with insurance of \$10,000, including \$4,000 in the Anglo-American, \$2,000 in the Western and \$1,000 each in four other companies. Other losers were: A. E. Clark, photographer who has \$2,000 insurance; W. O. Dunham, unholsterer, and a large number of families who had furniture stored on the premises. The building was insured for \$8,000 in the Norwich Union.—Belleville 13.—Fire did considerable damage to the Elvins block. The upper storey was partially occupied by Garnet Brown and family, who lost their effects; no insurance. On the ground floor were Geo. Skinner's barber shop, Cook's tobacco store, Wm. Gibson's shoe repairing shop, and L. Keitchoir, fruit vendor. sustained by Skinner and Cook is covered by insurance. former by \$250 in Equity, and the latter \$250 in the Merchants'. The other occupants were uninsured. The building belonged to the Elvins estate, and the loss probably amounting to \$2,000, is covered by insurance.—Peterboro', Ont., 13.— The residence of John O'Brien, North Monaghan, was destroyed by fire.—Belleville. 13.—Barn, drive house, and some outbuildings upon the farm of George McDonald, Township of Thurlow, were destroyed by fire. In addition to the buildings, 11 cows 5 young cattle, and 4 horses were cremated, and 500 bushels of grain, besides hay, straw, and farming implements destroyed. The loss is about \$3,000, and insurance \$1,000.-Dunville, Out., 13.-Albero block was destroyed. The fire originated, it is thought, from a defective flue. B. C. Afbro's loss on the building it \$4 000, insured for \$3 000; W. A. Spry's loss is \$2,000, insured for \$1,000; Dr. Moir's loss is \$2,000, insured for \$1,000.

### GRENVILLE COUNTY PROGRESS.

Our correspondent at Kemptville, Ont., writes:—The season promises to be a good one. The planing mills and factories here are busy, having many orders booked for material for residences; particularly among the farmers, who, after several years of prosperity and good prices, can rebuild, remodel or build anew a residence for themselves. This is noticeable in every direction.

The emmigration to the West is causing a little excitement; many families having gone and several are yet to go from this town and district. A new hotel, of first class appointments and size, is to be erected at a cost of \$20,000, by Thomas Warren, on the site of the hotel he now occupies, and will be one of the most up-to-date and modern hotels in Eastern Ontario. The material for building is now being placed upon the ground, ready to begin work in the spring. Mr. J. H. Curry also proposes erecting a modern four story departmental store and office building at the south end of Bridge or Prescott street.

We have a noted shipping record here, in the matter of cheese something over 45 000 boxes having been sold during last year on the Kemptville board, and between \$480,000 and \$500,000 was paid out here for their products. We ship several cars of hogs and cattle every week during the year to western markets, and produce of all kinds is constantly being moved by rail from our stations.

Ordinary creditors of the People's Cafe, Toronto, including those holding meal tickets, have received a circular informing them that the estate will not realize anything for their benefit. WOOL.

A slightly easier feeling in the wool market during recent weeks has given rise to much difference of opinion as to the near future of the market. As Canadian affairs do not govern in this case, but stand to be governed by conditions as they exist in London, New York and Boston, we give the latest from these centres. A New York report of Tuesday says:

The easier tendency reported last week has become more pronounced, and the few small transactions which have been put through in domestic wools have been at prices in favor of buyers. Whereas the sellers used to maintain an attitude of independence, today the buyers are the independent parties. Since the close of the London sales at a reduction of 10 per cent. for crossbreds, medium wools have been distinctly easier here, and lots which have changed hands have been as a rule at buyers' figures—certainly not the high prices named by horders a month ago. The weakening in tone has been less feit in fine wools, which are practically unchanged and in fairly keen request at just below top figures. The prediction made by local merchants weeks ago that values had reached the maximum promises to be verified; so far each succeeding week has been dull and as a natural consequence, slightly easier in spots. The weakness is now more general. It must not be concluded, however, that sellers are rushing to buyers and asking them to name any price. That would not be a fair indication of the state of the market. The truth is that the majority of holders who formerly were independent and indifferent are now evincing a desire to do business; instead of being besieged with offers they are now making overtures.

Actual transactions have been few during the week. Manufacturers, now that the market has taken a turn, are operating with deliberation. They are agreeing to test general approval samples of the various lots offered them. A good many parcels are now tied up through this policy. Some concessions have been offered by sellers who are anxious to dispose of stock. In the meantime, mill owners prefer to work on big samples, with a view to staving off action until they see how the goods market develops. So far lines which have been open have done well; in certain instances substantial advances have been readily obtained and heavy orders booked. Once it has been established beyond doubt that the goods end of the market is in satisfactory shape and that merchants will pay the advances asked by manufacturers then a renewal of activity in the raw material market may be looked for. Nn one however, is sanguine enough to predict that December's values will be exceeded this season, although on the other hand there is a widespread opinion that the weakening movement now begun will be followed before many weeks by prices equal to those current

Pulled wools are offered at perhaps a cent less than last week's quotations, but business has been restricted. grades are firmer than lower qualities. The Texas clip is practically sold up, so that the easier tone has not affected the local market. Domestic fleeces are dull but not quotably changed. Territories continue to be held fairly firm, but the tendency has been in buyers' favor. Importations of Australian wool to this country have been very heavy, but not a great deal of it has found its way to the New York market. Fine is better property than crossbred. South American wools have not figured largely in the local market, although Boston reports the filling of sizable orders for crossbreds at Buenos Ayres. California wool is unchanged. A message from Arizona states that the season there has opened with the sale of about 200,000 pounds at 19%e for fine grade, contrasted with about 12 to 14c last year.

There has again been some enquiry for mohair and small lots of domestic changed hands a day or two ago at top prices. Manufacturers of mohair are rushed with orders, and will be so right through the spring season. Merchants complain that they cannot secure enough goods in the market nor can they find relief on application to the mills direct. Stocks of raw material are now very restricted. Foreign mohair has advanced in value.

China wool has come forward in some quantity during the week, but part of it is sold to arrive. Three vessels have

brought a total of over 5,000 bales and another consignment is due this week. Asking prices are on a high level, but manufacturers are inclined to hold off. Spot business has accordingly been restricted but importers are prepared to sit tight until buyers realize that the market is in a different position this year from what it has been in former seasons.

Some lots of Servian wool have been taken by local manufacturers at 27c. This clip is advancing, quotations from the producing centre being 1/2c higher than they were a week ago. The week has been without any features of interest. Both buyers and sellers are following a waiting policy-manufacturers in the hope that sellers will reduce their demands, sellers in the determination that full prices must be paid. How long this state of affairs can last it is impossible to guess. If the shutting down movement inaugurated recently by Philadelphia mills should spread, then mill owners may not meet sellers so soon as the latter expect. Importers are unanimous in declaring that for once the manufacturers cannot have their own way in the raw material market. "We are content to wait their pleasure," said a leading importer yesterday, "but the manufacturers must make up their mind that they are not to get wool any cheaper than it is today. There is not enough in an countries combined to meet the demand, and though they come along and offer big prices all looms cannot be kept going." The tone of the market continues to harden, but, as stated, buyers are taking no more than they are urgently in need of.

#### THE HILL FAILURE.

The charges against J. B. Hill for transferring goods to detraud his creditors were proceeded with, says a St. Thomas, Ont., letter of the 13th at the police court this morning. Besides the general charge, there are laid four informations, covering 76 different charges. The county crown attorney selected a charge of selling \$66.05 on May 5, 1904, to R. M. Lindsay. The evidence showed that he had sold \$50.41 of this at net invoice prices and the balance at a reduction of 50 cents in the dollar, and that he was in insolvent circumstances when the transaction occurred. Five witnesses were evamined, and the magistrate reserved decision until Monday next.

The information that Hill transferred \$2,640.05 to W. K. Cameron was then proceeded with. The evidence showed that Mr. Cameron bought the goods at a discount of 50 per cent.; that there were \$4.000 worth of goods to be delivered, but that only \$2,340.05 had been delivered, and that \$1300 had been paid thereon by Mr. Cameron, and that he paid \$150 for freight and duty, and that the rest of the goods were not delivered to him. He subsequently delivered over the goods to the assignee, and they were sold with the rest of the goods of J. B. Hill and Co., consequently the assignee would have reaped any benefit from the goods had they realized more than Mr. Cameron's claim.

It was shown by the defence that the goods were such as would not be required by Mr. Hill until spring, and that Mr. Hill was to have the right to purchase them back at an advance reasonably sufficient to give to Mr Cameron a fair rate of interest for his investment. The decision on this information was also reserved until Monday next. On the charge of not keeping a proper set of books, it was contended by the defence that the statute of 1904 did not apply, because the offence in it sentirety was not committed since the passing of the statute. The act is specific, giving as one of its requirements that the person charged has not kept a proper set of books for five years prior to the insolvency. The magistrate also reserved decision on this point.

—At the regular meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway, held on the 13th instant, a dividend of 2 per cent. on the preferred stock and 3 per cent. on the common stock for the half-year ending Dec. 31, was declared. After the payment of working expenses, fixed charges, and dividends now declared, there is a surplus for the half-year of \$2,452,531.

#### BUYING DIRECT.

Much discussion has been noticed of late as to the feasibility of manufacturers selling direct to retailers, thus doing away with the jobber. There are isolated cases where such can be worked advantageously, but in a general sense it would not prove practicable. Among our southern neighbors the matter has been brought prominently before both retail and wholesale association meetings, at one of which a prominent canner of vegetables said: Concerning the agitation of the question of manufacturers selling direct to the retailer, the jobber is a necessity and cannot be eliminated. The jobber places as order with the manufacturer based on the wants of 1,000 retailers and the manufacturer goes on the theory that the larger the output the cheaper he can manufacture and the public gets the benefit of it. The jobber takes 2 per cent. for business expenses and 6 per cent. for his profit at 8 per cent. of the factory cost, and the retailer would then get the goods cheaper than if he had gone directly to the manufacturer and purchased his goods.

Buying associations of retailers are not inimicable to the joober. There has never been any evidence where co-operation has paid and succeeded, except in the United Kingdom, where they are favored by special legislation. For example. in New England, with headquarters in Boston, there is a combination of large retailers who organized a brokerage concern. appointing a salaried man to run what they called the brokerage end of their business. They have not made a success of They have abandoned their plans, an dthey have come to the brokers asking for a percentage of the brokerage fees received on their orders. They at first asked for 50 per cent., and the latest is that the broker shall retain three-fourths of it and the buyer one-fourth. I don't know any of them who have been successful in the business. I believe that the retailer is best served by the jobber rather than the manufacturer; finally, I think that the public obtain a better quality of goods at a lower price by reason of the middleman. You can readily see that the manufacturer, with a capital of \$150,000. doing a business of \$1 000,000 a year either has to have a line of unlimited discount at the bank or else he must have an arrangement with his customers by which they advance him 30 to 40 per cent. of his contract. Without that he could not exist, and it would simply be a case of the big fish eating the little

### WINNIPEG'S GROWTH.

The inspector of buildings has issued his annual report, which shows the progress of the metropolis of the West. A comparison of the value of new buildings for the past five year is as follows:—

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Figures for other cities for last year are as follows:—Toronto, \$5.885.120; Montreal, \$3.646 484; Hamilton \$1,000,000; St. Paul. \$3.721.343; Cincinnati, \$5,326,000; Buffalo \$6.638,319; Detroit, \$3,737,105; Minneapolis, \$7.820 040; Boston \$18,500,767; Philadelphia, \$21,930,000; Chicago, \$44,724,790; New York \$75,-267,780. Taking into consideration its population, Winnipeg shows an enormously larger percentage in building than these cities, being even four times that of New York.

### PETERBORO' COUNTY PROSPEROUS.

Our correspondent at Norwood, Ont., writes: Wholesale trade never have any bad debts here, all our tradesmen are rich. The cobbler lives in a better house than any of the lawyers or doctors. Nothing ever happens to mar the even flow of mercantile prosperity. No changes. No fires.

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—Our Carleton Place. Ont., correspondent writes:—The
Bank of Ottawa have completed a magnificent building and

will occupy it within a few days.—Findlay Bros., stove founders, who have been shut down for three of four weeks, stock taking and putting in a new engine, are now r nning full blast. They employ somewhere about one hundred hands.

#### GOLD PRODUCTION.

At a time when the Yukon territory was deemed almost uninhabitable because of extreme cold, and was really inaccessable save with much risk, because of lack of roads, people flocked there by the thousands and much gold was extracted. Today, with the climate well known as not too severe for comfort, and easy access by railroads, etc., mining has settled down to a machinery basis, with few prospectors, and the outlook shows considerable decrease. An estimate by the mining engineer to the Geological Survey of Canada, of the gold yield of Canada for 1904 indicates that there has been a further reduction in output during that year, the aggregate production having been but 822,375 fine ounces, against 911,-118 fine ounces in 1903, 1,003,359 fine ounces in 1902, and 1,-350,415 fine ounces in 1900—the record total for the country. the steady falling off in yield does not necessarily denote that the Yukon territory, from which the greater part of Canada's supply of the precious metal comes, is approaching exhaustion; it merely shows the limitations under which operations are carried on. As we have remarked on former occasions, the open season in the far north is perforce very limited and any curtailment in it is bound to have its effect upon the goldmining industry. The results for Canada as a whole for the last twelve years, stated in fine ounces and values, are as fol-

	Values.	Ounces.
1893	\$ 927,200	\$ 44.853
1894	1,042,100	50,411
1895	1,910,900	92,440
1896	2,817,000	136,274
1897	6,089,500	294,582
1898	13,838.700	669,445
1899	21,324,300	1,031,563
1900	27,916\752	1,350,475
1901	24,462,222	1,183,362
1902	20,741 245	1,003.359
1903	18,834,500	911,118
1904	17,000,000	822.375

—The charge against J. B. Hill, St. Thomas, Ont., of disposing of his goods for the purpose of defrauding his creditors was adjourned for a week.

—Joseph G. Constantineau, hotel keeper, of Ste. Cunegonde, Que., who assigned, has produced a statement of his assets and liabilities. The latter amount to over \$7,500, while the assets consist of the stock in trade and good will of the business.

—The Shepard & Morse Lumber Company, Ottawa, have purchased 105 miles of timber limits in the Temiskaming district, belonging to the Bronson Company, for \$250 000. These limits are heavily timbered with white pine.

—Hamilton bricklayers and contractors have signed an agreement for the coming season, the wages to be 45 cents an hour for a nine-hour day. This agreement will take effect April 1.

-Ine motor car which has been constructed to tour rural Britain and exhibit specimens of Canadian natural resources will shortly be shipped to the old country.

—The Crown Bank of Canada has opened a branch office at Kingston, Ontario, under the management of Mr. D. Murray.

-William Harrison, of the Osborne Hotel, Dunda's, Ont., has assigned.

### BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

At Wetaskewin, N.W.T., E. T. Jacobs has not succeeded in the hardware business. He started some three years ago, following a brief grocery experience at Lewiston, Idaho. He claimed to have invested over \$2,000 cash, and in Dec., '03, showed a surplus of some \$7,000.

Mrs. H. G. Veness, milliner, Fredericton N.B., who has assigned has stock, etc., that she values at \$1,200, and liabilities amounting to \$1,700. The creditors are largely Montreal and Toronto wholesale houses.—Isaie Beaubien, boot and shoe dealer, of Quebec, has assigned. Assets \$2,250; liabilities, \$3,900. The principal Montreal creditors are the Empire Shoe Company, \$252; James Robinson, \$215.

—ror the seven months ending January 31st the revenue of Canada on consolidated fund account amounted to \$40,-822,859, or \$10,866,470 in excess of the expenditure. This is not a true indication of the finances of Canada, however, because the expenditure on the Intercolonial Railway since October and possibly other amounts also have been held up in the audit office and have not been certified to. These sums do not appear in the present financial statement, and hence the total disbursement for the seven months is made to appear smaller than was actually the case. The revenue shows an increase of more than \$500,000, compared with the same period of the previous fiscal year. The following were the receipts:—

and the second s	1904.	1905.
Customs	\$23,783,683	\$23,948,428
Excise	7,753,148	7,380,968
Postoffice	2,727,516	2,910,185
Public works	4,180,177	4,495,885
Miscellaneous	1,873,286	2,087)393

-We learn from Halifax that a meeting of prominent business men was held there recently and a company, to be known as "Shipbuilding and Investment Company," was organized with a large capital for the purpose of constructing steel ships, etc. The company, the report adds, has secured a site of about fifty acres on Dartmouth side of the harbor, where the works will be established. The directors are: Mr. Hunter, of the arm of Swan & Hunter, steel shipbuilders, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Geo. S. Campbell, Geo. Stairs Walter Allison, B. F. Pearson, John Longard and J. A. Johnson, all of Halifax. subsequent meeting George S. Campbell was elected president, J. A. Johnson, vice-president, and G. Fred Pearson secretarytreasurer. The site which the company secured has 1,000 feet front, with deep water all along and admirably situated for a shipbuilding plant. It is said that the city of Halifax has agreed to pay a premium of \$200,000 and the Provincial Government another \$100,000 to the company, besides which the Colonial Government has promised a subsidy of \$6 per ton for every vessel built by the concern. The premiums are to be paid as soon as the shipyard commences active operations.

—Robert H. Flaherty and Harry E. Knobel, of Port Arthur, and George A. Elliott, of Winnipeg, have petitioned for incorporation as "The Lebouk & Thunder Bay Railway Company," with power to construct a line from a point on Thunder Bay along the course of the Blende River to Lebouk Mine No. 1, Herrick's Survey, township of McTavish; thence to a point on the south shore of Leon Lake. The right to sell or lease to the Thunder Bay, Nepigon & Saint Joe Railway Company is also sought.

-Correspondence from London, Peterboro' and Belleville. Ont., arrived to late for this week's issue.

-The Molsons Bank will build a branch in the adjoining municipality of St. Henri.

—It is reported at Toronto that the Yonge Street Arcade, which was bought some time ago by the Standard Loan Company and later sold to American interests has been purchased by the Siegel-Cowper Company of Chicago and New York. This company, it is said, intends to establish a large departmental store in Toronto, and has chosen that site. The report could not be confirmed, but it is known that the American house has at different times thought of starting a branch in that city.

—The Canada Cork Co., manufacturers of corks and dealers in bottling machinery and supplies, Toronto, are in financial difficulties, and an interim liquidator has been appointed. The concern had plenty of orders ahead, but had been hampered for some time by lack of sufficient working capital.

#### FINANCIAL.

The Finance Minister is on the Atlantic on his way home,

Montreal, Thursday, February 16, 1905.

so it is not likely the Budget will be presented until some time next month. Perhaps the business of the country would continue to be conducted without any collapse were no Budget presented, but only a formal statement made, like a bank report, of what had been done and what was proposed for the next year. Reports of peace negotiations are again afloat. A point regarding the Canadian mint has been wholy overlooked. The plea for this enterprise is based on the need for Canadian gold being minted in Canada. Now were there gold to any considerable extent in circulation in this country, this plea would have some force but there are, practically, no gold coins in use in Canada, those held here are in bank vaults and in the treasury at Ottawa. If then the mint makes gold coins they will supplant an equal amount of notes, those of the banks or of the Government. What prospect is there of any such displacement of notes by gold coins? In our judgment none whatever; beyond a few which the mint could turn out in one day's working, so far as gold coins are concerned the mint at Ottawa would not earn enough to pay for its gas or electric bill. As for silver coins, all required each year could be produced by the mint in a week or two, so the staff of the institution and its machinery would have a holiday for eleven months every year. The Bank of Nova Scotia is to raise \$500,000 more capital. with an equal increase in its reserve fund. Mr. McLeod, at the annual meeting, foreshadowed legislation dealing with the reserve funds of banks, but of what nature he did not say. The Bank of Nova Scotia at end of 1904 had a paid up capital of \$2,000,000 and reserve fund of \$3.200,000. The rumoured amalgamation of the Merchants Bank and the Royal is being discussed as a thing decided upon. "There's many a slip," however, liable to occur in such affairs and until this is announced it is well not to be over positive. The reduction in the dividend rate of the Montreal Cotton Co. does not seem to have affected the price of shares, some having changed hands during the week at 971/2. The C. P. R. directors, at a meeting on the 13th, made no change in the dividend rate for half year, and a surplus was carried forward to meet the extra dividend requirements of the new stock. An issue by the Grand Trunk Pacific of \$15,000,000 of 4 per cent. bonds is anticipated scon. which comprises the half of that sum taken by Speyer & Sons, New York. A well known Londoner, speaking recently, said: "The rage for paper profits, and for maintaining markets till shares are put up to a phenomenal height, to enable those behind the scene to upload, while the concern itself starves for want of proper capital, is the essence of modern promotion." It would not be difficult to find illustrations of this in Canada. The stock market is getting quite lively. Sales have been made of C. P. R. at 138 to 1381/4, new, 134 to 1341/4; Dom. Iron. com., 183/8, pfd., 64; Coal, com., 651/2; Montreal Street, 217: Power, 81 to 82; Montreal Cotton, 98; N. S. Steel, 98; Twin. 105: Soo, com. 106½. Banks, Commerce, 160; Montreal, 255¼; Imperial, 239; Toronto, 2343/4; Traders, 1341/2; Nova Scotia. 2347/4; Hochelaga, 133; Union, 140. Consols, 893/4 exc. on London, 20m, 48pf. The Imperial Bank of Germany

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has reduced its rate from 4 to 31/2 per cent. Local money rates keep at last week's quotations, ruling rates for call loans 41/2 per cent. and 6 to 61/2 for mercantile paper, with a concession for giltedged.

The following comparative table of stocks for week ending Feb. 16, 1905, is published by Chas. Meredith & Co., Stock Brokers:-

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Stocks.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Year.
Banks.				
Montreal	12	2551/4	2541/4	248
Nova Scotia	. 5	2641/4	2641/4	***
Molsons		2223/4	2223/4	198
Toronto		235	235	
Merchants		170	170	151
Union	13	140	140	
Quebec	18	130	130	
Commerce	374	1601/4	158	150
Hochelaga	2	133	133	
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Miscellaneous.				
Canadian Pacific	8017	1381/2	1993/	119
Monfreal Street Railway	1930	217	1333/4	113
Do. new		213	212½ 212	202
Toronto Street Railway	213			
Twin City Electric Ry. xd	000	1051/4	1043/4	96
Detroit Electric Ry	1745	1053/4		87
Toledo Electric Ry	070		773/4	601/2
Trinidad.	1410	253/4	221/2	193/8
Duluth Ry	1410	85	83	***
San Paulo	25	163/8	163/8	
Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co	25	116	116	
Mont. Light, H. & Power	2004			801/8
Mackay common	2934	821/4	777/8	-70
Mackay. common	102	431/2	43	
Do. pfd	475	76	751/2	
Nova Scotia Steel & Coal	2010	69	67	73
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Dom. Iron & Steel, com	1340	183/8	18	8
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Do. pfd 255	64	631/4	241/2
Dominion Coal, com 375	661/4	651/2	75
Can. Pacific, new	1343/4	130	
Montreal Telegraph Co 78	1611/4	161	158
Ogilvie Milling Co., pfd 10	132	132	116
Laurentide Pulp Co., pfd 30	1013/4		
Switch, com	1.4	1013/4	
100 pfd	80	79	•••
Montreal Cotton	1091/2	107	
Montreal Cotton	98	97	110
Dominion Cotton	41	41	331/2
Bonds:-			
Winnipeg	106	1043/4	
Mont. L. H. & Power	1011/2	1011/2	
Dom. Iron & Steel	813/4	81	521/2
Montreal Street Railway 9000	1041/2	1041/2	1021/2
Com. Cable	961/4	961/4	
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BONDS.	Interest per Amount annum. outst'ding	Interest due.	Interest payable at:	Date of Redemption.	Market Quotations, REMARKS February 16. Ask-Bid
Commercial Cable Coupon Commercial Cable Registered Can. Col. Cotton Canada Paper Bell Telephone	5 2,000,000 5 200,000	1 July 1 Oct. 2 Apl. 2 Oct. 1 May 1 Nov.	New York or London	. 1 Jan., 2397 . 2 Apl., 1902 . 1 May, 1917	and the same of th
Dominion Coal	6 2,551,000 4½ £ 308,200 5 \$ 7,876,000 5 \$ 600,000	1 Jan. 1 July	Bank of Montreal, Montreal Bank of Montreal, Montreal Bank of N. Scotia, Halifax of Montreal	1 Jan., 1916 1 July, 1929	110 Redeemable at 106
Intercolonial Coal Laurentide Pulp Montmorency Cot Montreal Gas Co. Montreal Street Ry	5 1,000,000 4 880,074	1 Jan 1 July	Montreal Bank of Montreal, London.		106 11-104 11-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-1
Montreal Street Ry Montreal Street Ry Nova Scotia Steel & Coal  Ogilvie Flour Mill Co	4½ 681,333 4½ 1,500,000 6 2,500,000	1 Feb. 1 Aug. 1 May 1 Nov. 1 Jan. 1 July	Bank of Montreal, London.  Bank of Montreal, Montreal Union Bk., Halifax, or Bank or N.S., Montreal or Toronto Bank of Montreal, Monteal	1 Aug., 1922 1 May, 1922 1 July, 1931	104å 103 108 106
Richelieu & Ont. Nav. Co Royal Electric Co		1 Mch. 1 Sep.	Montreal and London Bk. of Montreal Montreal	1 Mar., 1915	115 Redeemable at 110 after June. 1912 Redeemable at 110
St. John St. Ry	5 \$ 675,000 600,000	1 May 1 Nov.	Bk of Monteal, St. John, N.B. Bank of Scotland, London	Oct., 1914	Redeemable at 110 5 p.c. redeemable, yearly after 1905
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#### BRAZILIAN EXCHANGE.

For week ending Feb. 14, 1905:

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#### MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Thursday, February 16, 1905.

snowdrifts have delayed railway traffic, and a few lines are badly tied up, particularly at points in Nova Scotia. Flour and feed are stead under a good demand. Butter is advancing daily. Cheese is nominally unchanged, very few transactions.

BUTTER.—The rapidity with which advances have been shown during the week has made it difficult to see a halt sufficiently long to make correct quotations. The market is very light in supplies and it seems more a question of securing goods than hesitating about prices. We learn of 30c being paid for choicest, while more conservative estimates place values not over 28½c to 29c. Outside cities are seeking supplies here, and while such conditions last prices will keep on soaring till the prohibitive point is reached for the great body of consumers.

DRESSED POULTRY.—Market ruling quiet. Fresh killed, enoice turkeys sell at 13½ e to 14e lb., while frozen stock sells slowly at 1 to 3e lb. less; ducks, best, 10½ e to 11e; under qualities. 7½ e to 9e lb.; chickens, best, 11e to 12e lb.; inferior 8e to 9e; geese, 9e to 11e, as to quality; fowls, 6½ e to 8e lb.

EGGS.—Severe, cold weather and bad roads prevent both production and distribution, so that prices rule very firm. Montreal limed are selling at 19½c to 19½c cold storage, 19 to 19½c, with under grades of same at 15½ to 17½c. Selected fall eggs are forth 23 to 26c, as to quality, Montreal limed sell at 19½ to 20c while some stock described as strictly fresh is held at 30c.

FISH.—There is a scarcity of large size frozen herring the demand for these having been active. Medium size are in sufficient supply for present requirements. Salt herring meets with a good demand, prices being firm and likely to go higher.

Green cod is very scarce and dear, very little coming on the market owing to the failure of the fisheries. Tom cods are plentiful and some easier in price. Bulk oysters have advanced owing to a scarcity of supplies. Quotations: Fresh frozen, B.C. salmon. 81/2e to 9e; lake trout, 71/2e to 8e; halibut, 8e to 9e per lb.; fresh frozen haddock, 31/2c to 4c lb.; fresh steak cod, 51/2clb.; fresh market cod, 31/2 to 4c; frozen Gaspe salmon, 15c per fb; dressed bull heads, 9c per lb; new tom cods, \$1.75 brl; small white fish, 6 to 61/2c; pickerel, or dore, 6 to 61/2c; pike, 5c to 51/2c; round sea trout, 61/2c to 7c; Qualla salmon, 7e to 71/2e; frozen pink salmon (hump back). 71/2c to Sc lb; fresh mackerel, 12c lb; fresh herring, small, \$1.00 per one hundred count. No. 2 smelts, 6c; No. 1 do., 10c lb. Salt-Loch Fyne herrings, \$1,00 per keg; No. 1 salt mackerel, in 20 lb. kits, \$2; salt herrings, Labrador, bbls. \$5.00; do., half brls., \$2.75; pails of 20 lbs. 80c each; green cod. No. 1, \$7; No. 2, \$5.75 per 200 lbs.: pickled sea trout, \$9.50; 1/2 brls., \$5.50; B.C. salmon, brls., \$14: pollock, \$5 orl; salt eels, 7e lb; pickled lake trout, \$4.75 to \$5 keg. Lab. salmon, brls., \$16.00; tierces, \$24.00; ½ brls., \$9.50. Smoked Haddies, 6 to 61/2c lb; smoked herrings, in bundles, 5 boxes, 11 per box; bloaters. \$1 to \$1.10. Prepared-Boneless cod, in bricks. 6c per lb.: boneless fish in bricks. 51/2c: fish, ioose. in 25 lb. boxes, 41/2c; skinless cod, in cases, new pack, \$5 per case.—Lobsters, 16c lb.—Oysters—Standards, \$1.60.

GREEN HIDES.—Spring lambskins have appeared on the market and are quoted at 10c each. Sheepskins. \$1.10 to \$1.20. Beef hides, unchanged, at 9½ e lb. for No. 1. Market tairly active.

GREEN FRUITS, ETC.—While the second cold dip did little injury to Florida products, the effects of the first frost is visible in supply and price. Fancy red onions, bags are offering (special) at 21/2c lb. for 75 lb. bags. Trade quite owing roads and extreme cold. Good leinons below 7c dozen, wholesale. Quotations: heavy still Lemons-Extra fancy 300 size, \$2.50; fancy 300s, do., \$2.35; choice do., \$2.25; 360s, \$2. Bananas-Jamaica's, \$1.50 to \$2. Apples.—Extra fancy Spies, \$4. Finest Spies Baldwins. Greenings, Russets, Ben Davis, etc., \$3.25 to \$3.0); XX. same, Sweet potatoes—Jersey, double heads, \$5.00; Oranges-Cal. navels, 96 to 250 size, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Mexican, 150s., \$1.85; Valencia Jumbo, 420 size (selected), \$4.50; do. ordinary, 420 size do., \$3.50; Jamaica's 126 to 200 size, \$2.50; Grape Fruit — Fancy stock, 64 size, \$4.75; 8) size, \$4.25. Pineapples—24s. per case, \$5.00. Tangerines,  $\frac{1}{2}$ boxes, \$3.50. Onions—Cases, 150 lbs., Spanish, \$4; red bags, 75 to 80 lbs., 3e lb. Cranberries-Finest, \$10.00; 25 qt. box,

Stocks,	Bonds and	Securities	dealt in	on	the	Montreal	Stock	Exchange.
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BANKS.	Capital subscribed.	Capital paid-up.	Reserve Fund.	Perc'ntage of Rest to paid-up Capital.	value	Market value of one share.	Dividend	Dates of Div'd.	Prices per cent. on par Feb. 16
		3		\$		3	p.c.		
British North America	8,700,000 3,000,000 2,497,700	4,866,666 8,700,000 3,000,000 2,472,700 2,235,280	1,946,666 3,500,000 3,000,000 1,500,000 2,100,000	40.00 40.20 100.00 60.66 93.94	243 50 50 100 100	315.90 80.00 126	3 3½ 2¼* 4 5	April: Oct. June Dec. Feb.May-Aug. Nov. Jan. July. June Dec.	130½ 130 160
Hochelaga Imperial La Banque Nationale Merchants of P.E.I. Merchants	3,000,000 1,500,000 244,073	2,000,000 3,000,000 1,500,000 344,073 6,000,000	1,200,000 3,000,000 450,000 266,204 3,200,000	60.00 100.00 30.00 77.36 53.33	100 100 30 32. 100	133.00  4 170.00	3½ 5. 3 4 3½	June Dec. June Dec. May Nov. Jan. July. June Dec.	135 133 240 170
Metropolitan	3,000,000 14,000,000 500,000	1,000,000 3,000,000 14,000,000 500,000 2,000,000	1,000,000 3,000,000 10,000,000 775,000 3,100,000	100.00 100.00 71.42 155.00 155.00	100 50 100 100 100	200,00 111,50 255,00	41/2 5	April Oct. June Dec. Jan. July. Feb. Aug.	224 2224 256 25 <b>5</b>
Ontario	2,500,000 1,000,000 180,000	1,500,000 2,500,000 1,000,000 180,000 823,309	600,000 2,500,000 440,000 170,000	40.00 100.00 44.00 94.44	100 100 20 150 100		3 4½ 3 4 1½	June Dec. June Dec. March Sept. Jan. July.	141
Quebec	3,000,000 1,300,000 1,000,000	2,500,000 3,000,000 1,300,000 1,000,000 200,000	1,000,000 3,000,000 350,000 1,000,000 45,000	40.00 100.00 26.92 100.00 22.50	100 100 100 50 100	128.50 211.00	11/4° 5 21/2	June Dec. Feb. Aug. Feb. MayAug.Nov April Oct. April Oct.	131 128± 225 211
St. Hyacinthe Toronto. Traders' Union of Halifax Union Bank	3,000,000 2,600,000 1,836,150	329,515 3,000,000 2,580,000 1,336,150 2,500,000	75,000 3,300,000 700,000 931,405 1,000,000	22.75 110.00 28.00 69.70 40.00	100 100 100 50 100	235.00	3 5&1† 3½ 3½ 3½	Feb. Aug. June Dec. June Dec. Feb. Aug. Feb. Aug.	235
Western Yarmouth		500,000 300,000	217,500 50,000	43.50 16.66	100 75		3½ 2½	June Dec. Feb. Aug.	

\$2.65; 32 quart box, \$3.00. Dates — Fancy golden, 4c. Cal. apricots, 25 lb. boxes, 12c; do. pears, 25 lb. do., 52½c, do. peaches, 25 lb., boxes, 11c; do. prunes, 4050, 25 lb. boxes, 7½c; do. prunes, 5060, 25 lb. boxes, 6¾c. Nuts—Grenoble warnuts, 13c; Tarragona almonds, 12c; Sicily filberts, 11s; shelled walnuts, 17¼c; new Brazils, 16c; Jumbo pecans, 16c; large pecans, 12c; shelled almonds, 24c. Peanuts—Roasted, 7½c to 11½c; Spanish shelled, 12c; Virginian brand, shelled, 11c New Chestnuts, 10c per 1b. New Figs—Six Crown, extra fancy, 40 lbs. boxes, 13c; Five Crown, fancy, 10 lbs. boxes, 10c; Four Crown, fancy, 10 lbs. boxes, 9c; Glove boxes, fine quality, per box, 10c; Fancy Washed Figs, in baskets, per basket, 20c; stuffed, in baskets, 28c. Cal. celery, 5 to 7 doz. case, \$5.00. Grapes—Tinted, long keepers, per keg, \$7.50; fancy, long keepers, per keg, \$6.50.

GROCERIES.-It is thought to be owing to a little misunderstanding among Canadian starch manufacturers that prices were cut so low for a few days, recent y. They are again restored on basis of list issued last January, Can. laundry sells at 41/2c, others up to 71/4c, as to quality. starch is worth 51/4c to 63/4c, as to grade.—Sugars unchanged from last week's report. Granulated is \$5.65 for brls., and yellows, \$5.15 to \$5.60, with 5c less for bags.-Molasses market still very firm; extremely short supp'y here, with prospects for higher prices for next year's crop. Prices is 33e in puncheons, with 21/2c advance for brls. and 31/2c for half-brls. A private letter from Barbadoa W. I., dated 2nd instant, to Messrs. Forbes Bros., Montreal, reads: We have to advise that while a number of estates started cane cutting, the bulk of them have now suspended doing so finding the cane juice to be unripe, this certainly is a surprise if one is to form an opinion from the outward appearance of the cane-Indications now are that it will be well into March before the campaign can be actively entered upon. A few puns. of molasses are dribbling in. and 19 cents is being offered, but planters have not the sweet made and will not sell ahead. Yours faithfully, Jones & Swan. P.S.—Feb. 3rd, 20 cents per gallon is being offered today.—In canned vegetables there is practically no change to speak of. Once active demand returns the market will be speedily cleared up. Canned salmon situation is unchanged in the local market. Recent reports from the Coast show a willingness to dispose of any extra stocks. The noticeably high prices prevailing during the past season, so fortunate for packers and shippers shows that

Canada purchased more salmon in 1904 tham in any previous year since the packers commenced business, and would indicate fairly good stocks in the trade to be realized on before the arrival of the new pack. The expected close season for 1906 is likely to have a firming influence on the pack of 1905. Prices today rule at \$1 to \$1.75 per doz., as to quality. Dried fruit situation, very little change in prices here, no heavy stocks on hand. No arrivals from California to weaken the market. Prices range from 5 to 7c for Valencia raisins, and 51/4 to 71/2c for muscatels, with seeded 1 lb. pkgs. nominally, 71/2c. Greek cleaned currants 5c bulk, and 6c for 1 lb. pkgs.-Spices.—The slight weakness in pepper is reported to have been checked, also in cloves and nutmegs. Some grades of ginger show a little easier market, notably for Japans which run from 6 to 8c as to grade.—Evaporated apple market very firm, being quoted up to 7c lb.

OILS AND PAINTS.—A few changes will be noted in Prices Current. The situation is generally quiet, caused by heavy roads, severe weather and delayed freights. Linseed oils, which were weak, are again showing firmness.

PROVISIONS.—Higher prices continue to be paid for live hogs owing to searcity brought about somewhat through severe weather and drifted roads. A further advance of 25c per 100 lbs. was made in Toronto Wednesday, this strengthening further the local market where \$6.25 to \$6.50 is being paid off cars. Cured meats are firm, but no change in prices has taken place in meats or lard. Quotations are: Abattoir dressed hogs, \$8.25 to \$8.50; country, do., \$7 to \$8 per 100 lbs. Other quotations are: Heavy Canada short cut mess, tierces, \$25 to \$26: do. barrels, \$16.50 to \$17.50; Canada short cut back, \$16.50 to \$17; heavy Canada long cut mess, \$15.50 to \$16; heavy Canada short cut clear pork, brls., \$16.00 to \$16.50: heavy flank, \$15 to \$15.50.—Compound lard-Tierces, 375 tbs.,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $5\frac{3}{4}$ c; tubs, 50 lbs.,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  to 6c; boxes, 50 lbs., parchment lined. 51/2c to 53/4c; wood pails parchment lined. 20 tbs., 6c to 61/4c. Pure lard-Tierces, 375 lbs., 71/2c to 73/4c: tubs, 50 lbs., 73/4c to 8c; boxes, 50 lbs., parchment lined, 71/2 to 73/4c; wood pails. 20 lbs., 8 to 81/4c; cases, 81/4 to 81/4c.—Kettle lard-T'c's. 375 lbs., 81/2 to 83/4c; tubs 50. 83/4 to 9c; pails. 20, 9 to 9 /4e; cases, 91/4 to 91/2c.—Smoked meats—Hams, 6 to 35 lbs., 91/2c to 113/4c; boneless rolled, 12c; English boneless break. fast bacon, 13c: Wiltshire bacon, 50 lbs., sides, 121/2c; Windsor bacon, backs, 121/2c.

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ASSURANCE.

Assurance fund (or reserve)......\$327.738,358.00 All other liabilities..... 5,420,393.53

Instalment policies stated at their commuted values.

. \$333,158 751 53 Total Liabilities . . .

Outstanding Assurance \$1,495,542,892.00

New Assurance.

\$80,794 269 21 Surplus

less Assurance not taken....\$222.920 037 00

We hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement. The reserve as per the independent valuation of the N. Y. Insurance Department, is \$326,523 126. For superintendent's certificates see detailed statement.

J. G. VAN CISE, Actuary.

ROB'T. HENDERSON, Assistant Actuary.

R. G. HANN, Associate Actuary.

ASSETS.

INCOME.

Bonds and mortgages \$ 81,623,709.11
Real estate in New York, including the Equitable
building 20,906,215.78
United States, state, city and railroad bonds and
other investments (market value over cost, \$19,-
991,643.00)
Loans secured by bonds and stocks (market value
\$13,404,199.00)
Policy loans 23,544,439.69
Real estate outside of New York, including 14
office buildings 15,989,431.66
Cash in banks and trust companies at interest 22651,666.82
Balance due from agents
Interest and rents (due \$73,052.53, accrued, \$559,-
456 95

Income.			37					 	\$79,076,695.9
Premium Interest,	receip rents,	ts etc.			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	 		 	\$62,643,836.79

DISBURSEMENTS. .... \$18,049,539.35 Endowments and deferred dividend policies..... 8,425 950.14

Dividends to policyholders..... 6,001,902.51

Premiums due and in process of collection.. .. 

\$36,38 1.047 30 Paid Policyho ders Commissions, advertising, postage and exchange. 7,900,285.73
All other disbursements. 7,179,318.42
Real estate sinking fund. 500,000.00

Total Assets

\$413,953 020.74 Disbursements

\$51,968,651.45

We hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement.

FRANCIS W. JACKSON, Auditor.

H. R. COURSEN, Assistant Auditor.

A. W. MAINE, Associate Auditor.

we have examined the accounts and assets of the society, and certify to the correctness of the foregoing statement. WM. A. WHEELOCK, V. P. SNYDER, C. LEDYARD BLAIR, CHARLES STEWART SMITH, MARCELLUS H. DODGE. Special committee of the board of directors.

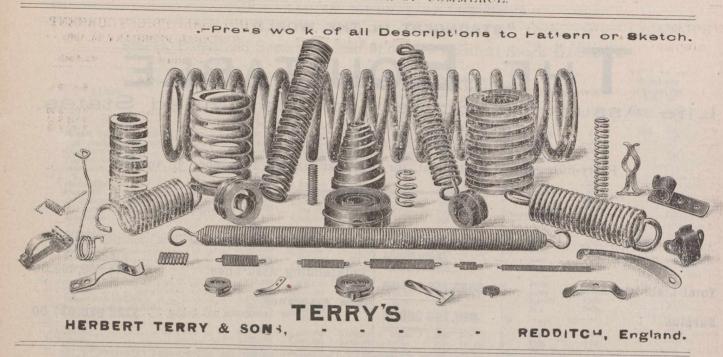
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#### PREMIUMS.

The practice of giving premiums with purchases is being combatted pretty severely in the eastern States as well as in Canada.

Probably the most active and implacable foe of premium-giving schemes, including trading stamps and coupons, to be found in all Greater New York, says a recent letter from that city, is Mr. L. J. Callanan, who has been in the grocery business for more than half a century. He has all along refused to deal in articles with which premiums are given. and also is bringing to bear his great personal influence, as well as his membership in the Retail Grocers' Union against what he claims is a "useless and reprehensive practice."

"I have made a careful study of the merits and demerits of all the premiumgiving schemes so far advanced," said Mr. Callanan, "and I am willing to stand up before all men and say, without fear of contradiction, that the consumer pays, and pays dearly, for every premium he receives. That the pernicious system has grown and brought prosperity to some is the fault of the people who buy the goods offered with such inducements. They want to buy cheaply; like a gold dollar good goods cannot be sold cheap. There is a certain limit beyond which a merchant who desires to give value for the money, as well as quality, cannot go. He must have a profit to pay the expenses of his business and to pay him for his time and the capital he has invested. The buyers go where they give trading stamps or advertise that they are selling goods below cost in the hope that people thus attracted will be lured into buying goods which yield an inordinate profit. It is well to beware of any merchant in any line of business who offers to give something for nothing. They are sure to get the best of you in some way.

"When I meet even one man in any business who gives you something in the transaction of his business for nothing, then I will be ready to fold my hands and say: 'It is time for me to get out of this world—it is too good for me.'"

"The trading stamp law which went into effect on the 1st of June has caused a great deal of confusion in the ranks of the merchants who cannot do business without attempting some scheme of a gullible nature. The law compels the printing of their cash value on the face of the stamps. It compels the parties who issue them to redeem in multiples of five cents or over the value printed on the face. This shows how easy it is to guil the public and what disreputable means men resort to in order to bring customers. Take, for instance, the advertisements of one grocer in this city who advertised to give eight dollars' worth of trading stamps with a pound of tea at 50 cents. If the present law had been in force at that time he would have been compelled to give the customer eighty thousand stamps-the value on each stamp being one-tenth of a mill:

Torcing the parties who issue stamps to print the cash value on the face of the stamps shows the real value of the promises made and the confidence to be placed in the representations made by parties who use them. In fact, printing the value on the stamps in a certain way is an evasion of the law, and the tact that in order to get five cents back it will be necessary to have five hundred stamps shows of what little value they are.

"I understand that one big department store in this city advertises that the premiums given to its customers on trading stamps really cost it nothing, as the amount expended in that way—\$100,000 per annum—is charged to its advertising account. What a statement to make to sensible people! The money comes out of its customers' pockets, and the men running the business know it.

"What the New York Retail Grocers' Union, and similar organizations in other

tines, should do is to conduct a campaign of education. Many straightforward manufacturers no doubt adopt premiumgiving schemes against their better judgment, fearing to be left behind in the race for business. But the public will cease to be attracted by glittering premium offers when they fully understand the principle of giving."

#### OLIVE AND COTTONSEED OIL.

As to how much cottonseed oil is sent abroad each year to be sent back again to America as pure olive oil will probably never be known. The agricultural department favors the contention that not much of the imported "olive oil" is seriously adulterated, but the fact is that the determination of this point would be a very difficult matter, even for a chemist. In his remarks in the Senate recently on the proposed pure food bill, Senator Aldrich said:

"My experience and knowledge is that there is a very large quantity of cotton-seed oil all the time being imported in the form of and branded as olive oil and sold under that brand. I do not know what the chemist of the agricultural department may say about that, but I think there is not a man in trade and who knows about trade conditions who will not differ absolutely from the chemist of the agricultural department in that regard.

"Neither the chemist of the agricultural department nor any other chemist, in my judgment, can tell absolutely whether an oil which is sold upon the market contains 90 per cent. olive oil and 10 per cent. of cottonseed oil or not, and there is nothing in the chemical analysis of oil by which you can tell. One chemist might send a man to jail under this bill for selling oil that was adulterated or having in his possession an adulterated article, when twenty other chemists might say there was no cottonseed oil in, the product at all.

"Does the Senate think that a man's

## WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

WHOLESALE PRICES CU MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 1	
Name of Article.	Wholesale.
Acid Carbolic Cryst. medi. Aloes, Cape Alum Borax, xtls Brom. Potass Camphor, Ref. Rings Camphor, Ref. Carbolic Citric Acid Citrate Magnesia lb. Cocaine Hyd. oz. Copperas, per 100 lbs. Cream Tartar Epsom Salts Glycerine Gum Arabic per lb. Gum Trag Insect Powder lb. Insect Powder lb. Insect Powder lb. Morphia Oil Peppermint lb. Oil Lemon Opjum Phosporus Oxalic Acid Potash Bichromate Potash Iodide Quinine Strychnine Tartaric Acid	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Licorice.— Stick, 4, 6, 8, 12 & 16 to lb., 5 lb.	
Acme Licorice Pellets, cans Licorice Lozenges, 1 & 5 lb. cans	2 00 2 00 1 50
HEAVY CHEMICALS—  Bleaching Powder  Blue Vitriol  Brimstone Caustic Soda  Soda Ash Soda Bicarb  Sal. Soda  DYESTUFFS—  Bleaching Powder  B	2 00 2 50 2 25 2 50 1 50 2 50
	0 27 0 31 0 08
Archil. con Cutch Ex. Logwood Chip Logwood Indigo (Bengal) Indigo, Madras Gambier Madder Sumac Tin Crystals	1 75 2 50 1 50 1 75 0 70 1 00 0 06 0 07 0 09 0 12 45 00 50 00 0 25 0 30
Bloaters, per box. Labrador Herrings Labrador Herrings, half brls. Mackerel, No. 2, brls. Mackerel, No. 2, one-half barrel Green Cod, No. 1 Green Cod, large	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Mackerel, No. 2, one-mail barrel Green Cod, No. 1 Green Cod, large No. 2 Large dry Gaspe per qntl. Salmon, brls. Lab. No. 1 Salmon, half brls. Salmon, British Columbia, brls. Salmon, British Columbia, half brls. Boneless Fish Boneless Cod Skinless Cod, case Loch Fyne Herrings, keg	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Ogilvie's Royal Household Ogilvie's Glenora Patents Manitoba Patents Strong Bakers Winter Wheat Patents Straight Roller Straight bags Superfine Rolled Oats Cornmeal, bag Bran, in bags Shorts, in bags Mouillie FARM PRODUCTS—	5 80 5 50 5 80 5 80 5 50 5 20 2 45 2 60 4 20 4 30 4 90 5 10 1 40 1 65 17 00 18 00 20 00 21 00 23 00 24 00
Butter—	
Choicest Creamery Under Grades, Creamery Townships Dairy Western Dairy Good to Choice Fresh Rolls	0 28 0 29 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0
Cheese— Finest Western, white Finest Western, colored Finest Eastern	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Eggs— Best Selected Straight Gathered Limed Cold Storage No. 2	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

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liberty ought to be put in peril because some chemist of the agricultural department or some other might think that the oil was adulterated; not that anybody's health was in danger, because I presume, and I think I can assume with great truth, that an oil which contains even 50 per cent. of cottonseed oil is just as good tor all purposes of health as though it were all olive oil?

"Is there anything in the existing condition of affairs that makes it the duty of Congress to put the liberty of all the people of the United States in jeopardy because some man thinks that at some time some imported article contains certain substances which ought not to be there? Are we going to take up the question as to what a man shall eat and what a man shall drink, and put him under severe penalties if he is eating or drinking something different from what the chemists of the agricultural department think it is desirable for him to eat or drink?"

#### WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT. MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 16, 1905.

MONTREAL, FEBRUARY	16, 190	5.
Name of Article.	Wholes	ale
FARM PRODUCTS.—CON.—	\$ c.	\$ c.
Sundries—		
Potatoes, per bag of 90 lbs Honey, White Clover, comb Honey, extracted	0 124 0 061	0 13 0 08
Beans—	1 25	1 30
Best hand-picked	1 35	1 40
GROCERIES—	27. 4	
Sugars—		- 05
Bags, 100 lbs		5 65 5 60 6 05
Ex Ground, in boxes		6 25 5 85 6 05
Paris Lumps, in barrels		6 20 6 30
Branded Yellows Molasses (Barbadoes) new	5 16	5 60 0 33
Standard Granulated, barrels Bags, 100 lbs. bx. Ground, in barrels Ex Ground, in boxes Powdered, in boxes Powdered, in boxes Paris Lumps, in barrels Paris Lumps, in half barrels Branded Yellows Molasses (Barbadoes) onew Molasses (Barbadoes) old Molasses, in barrels Molasses in half barrels Evaporated Apples	0 00	0 35± 0 36±
Evaporated Apples		0 06
Raisins—		
SultanasLoose Musc.,	0 07± 0 05±	0 071
Loose Musc., Layers, Loudon Con. Cluster Extra Dessert Royal Buckingham	1 75 2 50	2 00 3 00 2 50
Royal Buckingham	0 05	2 25 0 07
Valencia Valencia, Selected Valencia, Layers Currants, Provincials Filiatras		0 07
tallas		1 125
Vostizzas Prunes, California Prunes, French	0 00 0 04	0 064 0 00 0 074
Figs, in bags	0 00 0	0 00 0 12
Pi-		PARTIE .
C. C	2 95	3 05
C. C. Standard B	3 05 3 80 3 50	3 15 4 50 3 75
Standard B Patna, per 100 lbs.  Burmal, per 100 lbs.  Crystal Japan, per 100 lbs.  Carolina, Java Pot Barley, bag 98 lbs.  Pearl Barley ner lb.	5 50	3 75 5 75
Pot Barley, bag 98 lbs	0.00	2 25 0 031 0 031
Tapioca, Flake, per lb.	0 03	0 034
Pearl Barley, bag 98 bbs. Pearl Barley, per lb. Tapioca, Pearl per lb. Corn, 2 lb. tins. Peas, 2 lb. tins. Salmon, 4 dozen case Tomatoes, per dozen String Beans	1 00	0 85
String Beans	1 2/2	0 85
HARDWARE—		
Antimony Tin: Block, L. & F. per lb	0 08	0 10 0 32
Antimony Fin: Block, L. & F. per lb. Fin, Block, Straits, per lb. Fin, Strip, per lb. Copper: lngot, per lb.		0 33
copper: Ingot, per 1b		
Cut Nail Schedule —		2 20
Base price, per keg, Extras—Over and above 30d, 40d, 50d, 60d and 70d Nails	100	2 20
Coil Chain—No. 6	0 00	0 091
Coil Chain—No. 6  No. 5  No. 4  No. 3  ¼ inch  5-16 inch  7-16 inch  Coil Chain—No. ½  9-18  %  34  % and 1 inch	0 00	0 07 0 06 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
1/4 inch	9 00	0 051 3 80
7-16 inch	0 00	3 45 3 25
9-16	0 00	3 20 3 10
% and 1 inch	0 00	2 90
Galvanized Staples—		
100 lb. box, 1½ to 1¾ Bright, 1½ to 1¾		2 85 2 65
Galvanized Iron—		
Queen's Head, or equal, gauge 28 Comet, do., 28 gauge.	3 95	4 15
Iron Horse Shoes—	0 10	0 90
Queen's Head, or equal, gauge 28 Comet , do., 28 gauge.  Iron Horse Shoes—  No. 2 and larger  No. 1 and smaller Bar Iron, per 100 lbs.  ar lots		3 65
No. 1 and smaller  Bar Iron, per 100 lbs.  Car lots  Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 18  Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 20  Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 22  Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 24		1 80
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Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 21/2 ft., 24		2 60

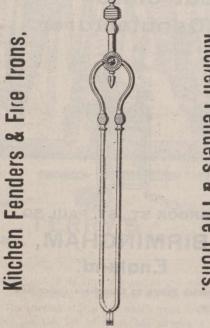
## WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT. MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 16, 1905.

M	ONTRE	AL, FEBRUARY	16, 1	905.
	Name of	Article.	Whole	esale.
н	ARDWAR	E.—CON.—	PRESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY OF	METAL I
Am. S	heet Steel	1, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 26 1, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 28 1, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 28 1, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 28 1, 10 ft., 28 1, 10 ft., 20 1 to 6 in., 30c; over ary iron, smaller size	. 8	e \$ e
Am. S Boiler	heet Steel	, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 28		2 90 2 10
Boiler	plates, i	ron, 3-16 inch		2 10 2 40
Band	Canadian,	1 to 6 in., 30c; ove	r	2 40
base Extr	of ordina	ary iron, smaller size		
	ada Plates			
				9 50
Full Ordina	ry, 52 sh	neets	SELECTION OF STREET	3 50 2 45
Ordina	ry 60 sh	eets		2 t 0 2 55
Black	Iron Pipe	eets eets . '14 inch % inch '16 inch	tolisio.	2 07 2 07
				2 34
1		inch	17.2	2 90 4 15
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despatch, to enforce the State Pure Food law. The association has decided to offer substantial rewards for the conviction of any one violating the provisions of this law. The law reads: "Any person, firm, corporation or agent, employee or representative of any person, firm, corporation, manufacturer or dealer in said manufactured wheat or corn products in original packages and offering the same for sale in this State, whether said packages are sold singly or



of flour, meal or feed from the above enumerated grain products in this State, when offering the same for sale in original packages, whether sold in single packages or lots, shall place in large, legible letters and figures, not less than two inches in size on the package or packages so offered for sale, the name of the contents of said package or packages; and it shall be unlawful for any such person to sell or offer to sell, any of the in lots; and all manufacturers or dealers

articles mentioned in this act, which have been falsely labeled, knowing the same to be falsely labeled. All adulterated wheat or corn products shall have to be stamped on the sack or barrels. 'Adulterated.'"

The law further provides that any person convicted of violating the provisions of the law shall, on conviction, be fined not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000.

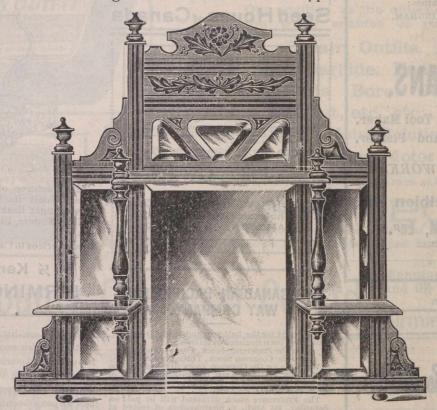
"The object of the Millers' Associa-

tion in offering this reward," is to guarantee to all members of the association equal chances in bidding for business. You will note that this does not prohibit the sale of adulterated wheat or corn products, but it does make it compulsory on those who adulterate their foodstuffs to p'ainly mark the packages to this effect."

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was demonstrated by the weighing of the ashes.

"Again, it has come under our notice that the dealers have been selling corn chops that have been adulterated with rice mixtures. This is also in violation of the law, and we hope to put a stop to it. It will be observed that the law prohibits dealers as well as manufacturers from selling adulterated wheat and corn stuffs without marking the packages in which they are sold to this effect.

"The members of the Texas Millers' Association have carefully considered this whole matter. It is the unanimous opinion of the members of the association that this is a good law and should be observed. We will exert every effort

to have it obeyed, and the offer of the reward that the association makes is made in good faith."

#### IRRIGATION.

To make still broader the millions of fertile acres in the Canadian West irrigation is being resorted to on a gigantic scale. If there is one feature more than another that distinguishes the past decade from others in the history of the Canadian nation it is the impulse to home-building on its western possessions. At no time in the progress of the Dominion, says a Lethbridge writer for the Globe, has there been such active conversion of the free natural resources of the country to the support of a teeming population. There is no more eloquent testimony to the vigor of this movement than the fact that its progress has gone on unchecked by what might be deemed climatic barriers. The idea that Manitoba and the Northwest Territories is a frozen wilderness has, of course, been banished or abandoned long ago, except by those who do not try to know or do not wish to know. The barrier left to overcome was that of aridity. Settlement has gone on phenomenally fast in or was limited at first to the east and Manitoba. In the Territories also it has been quite rapid, but has been limited

north, while the southwest was thought to be too dry for cultivation. This dry or semi-dry area, as it was called, includes southern Alberta and western Assiniboia and is generally spoken of as the ranching country.

The chief work in reclamation of this area by irrigation has been in the Lethbridge district, where the task of reclaiming a million acres of land to intensive agriculture has been undertaken and is already partially accomplished. Ten thousand contented settlers have been located on irrigable lands. grain output for the season passes the million mark; the sugar business has been established with an output of threequarters of a million pounds last year and three and a quarter million this year, and the country is being brought into the thrall of a decided and vigorous industrialism and commercial life.

A new feature and a new significance in connection with agricultural lands have arisen with the advent of irrigation. Anyone knows that in a country towards which the tide of immigration is moving strongly large areas of land pass into the hands of speculators—of men who are not producers, and who expect to hold such lands for short periods and sell at an advance to the actual settler. The selling of these lands at an advance may still mean a good buy for the settler, compared with the relative prices and returns belonging to lands in older

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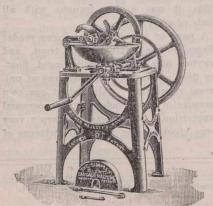
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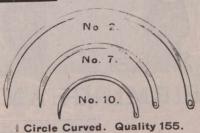
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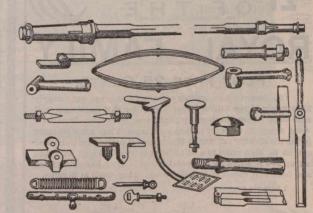
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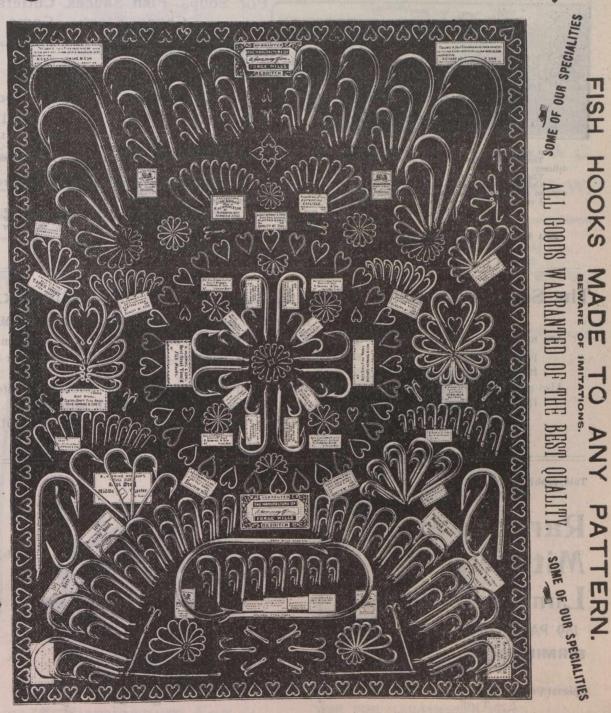
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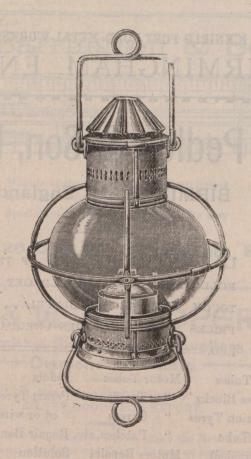
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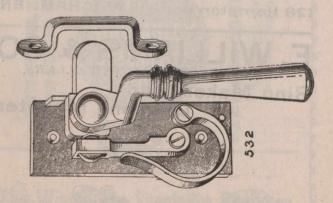
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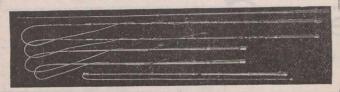
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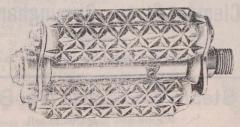
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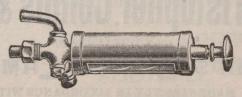


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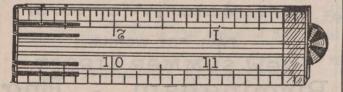
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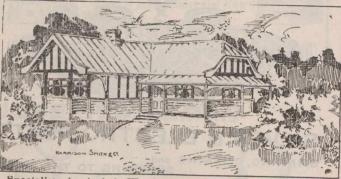
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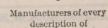
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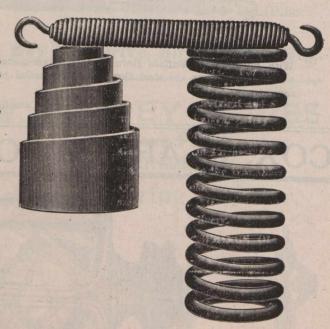
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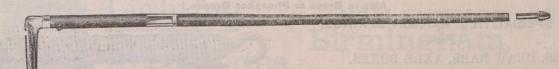
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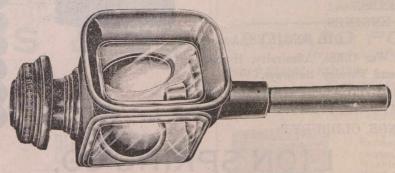
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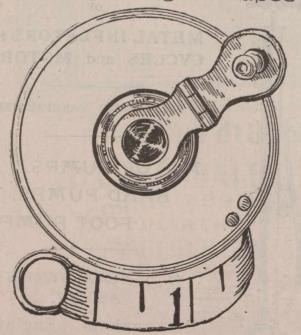


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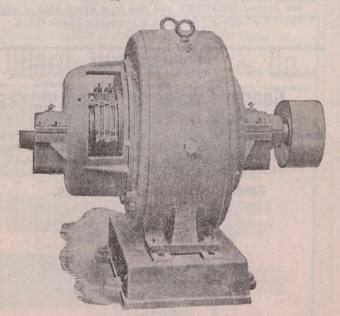
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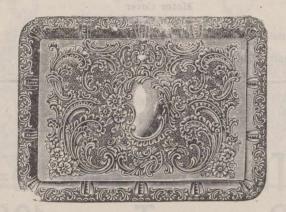
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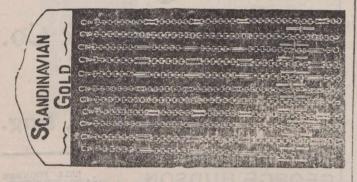
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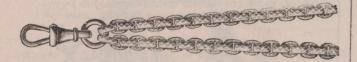
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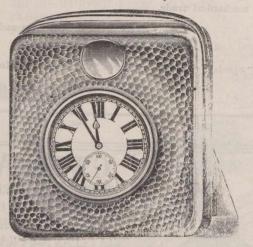


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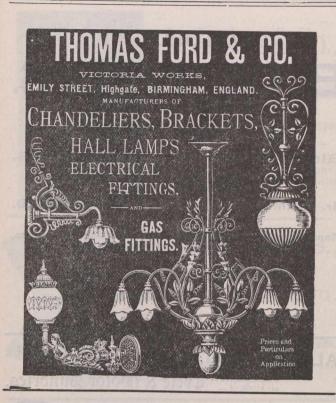
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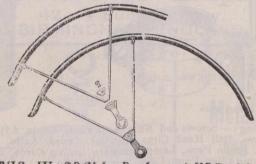
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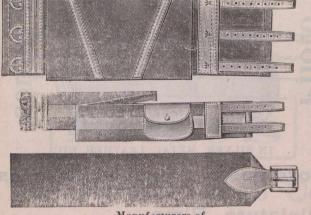


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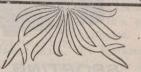
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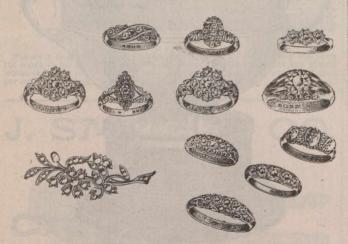
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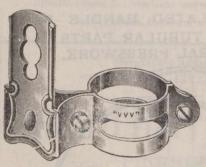
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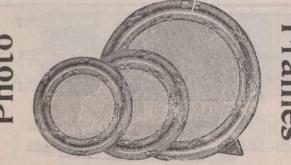
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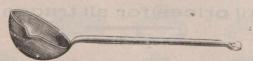
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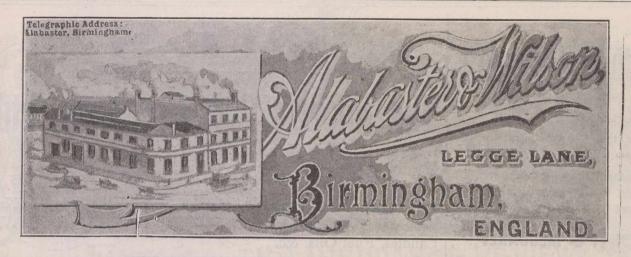
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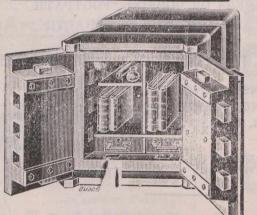
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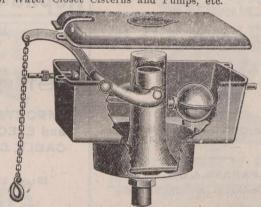
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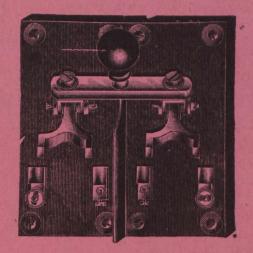
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