



THE TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the sixteenth to the Thirtjeth days of November, both days inclusive.

TH& ANNJAL GENERAL MEZFING OF HAREHOLDERS will be held at the Banking House of the Institution on Wednesday, the thir-teenth day of Jajuary next. The Chair to be taken noga.

By order of the Board, D. COULSON, General Manager.

The Bank of Toronto, Toronto, 28th of October, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that a UIVIDEND OF FIVE PERCENT. for the current helf-year, upon the Paid-up Capital of the Bans, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its branches on and after Tuesday, the First day of December.

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THE ONTARIO BANK. NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of Three per cent, for the current half-year, has been de-clared upon the capital stock of this Institution, and that the same will be paid at the Bank and its

Branches, on and after uesday, first day of December next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 30th November, both days inclusive. By order of the Board, C. McGILL,

"General Manager. Toronto, 22nd October, 1908.

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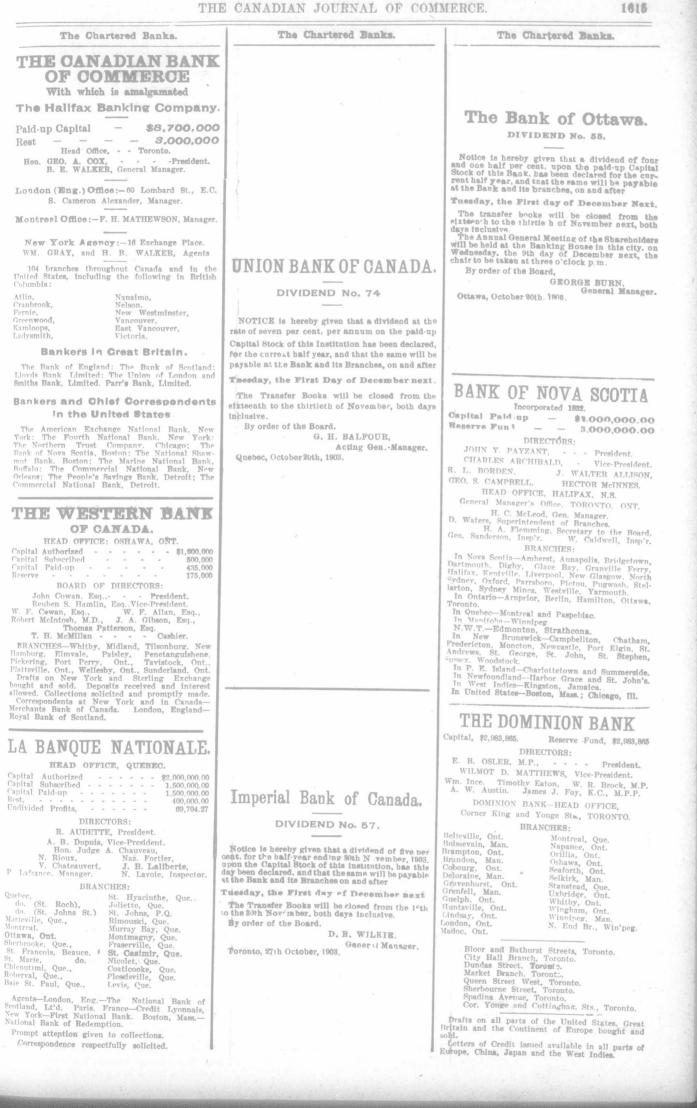
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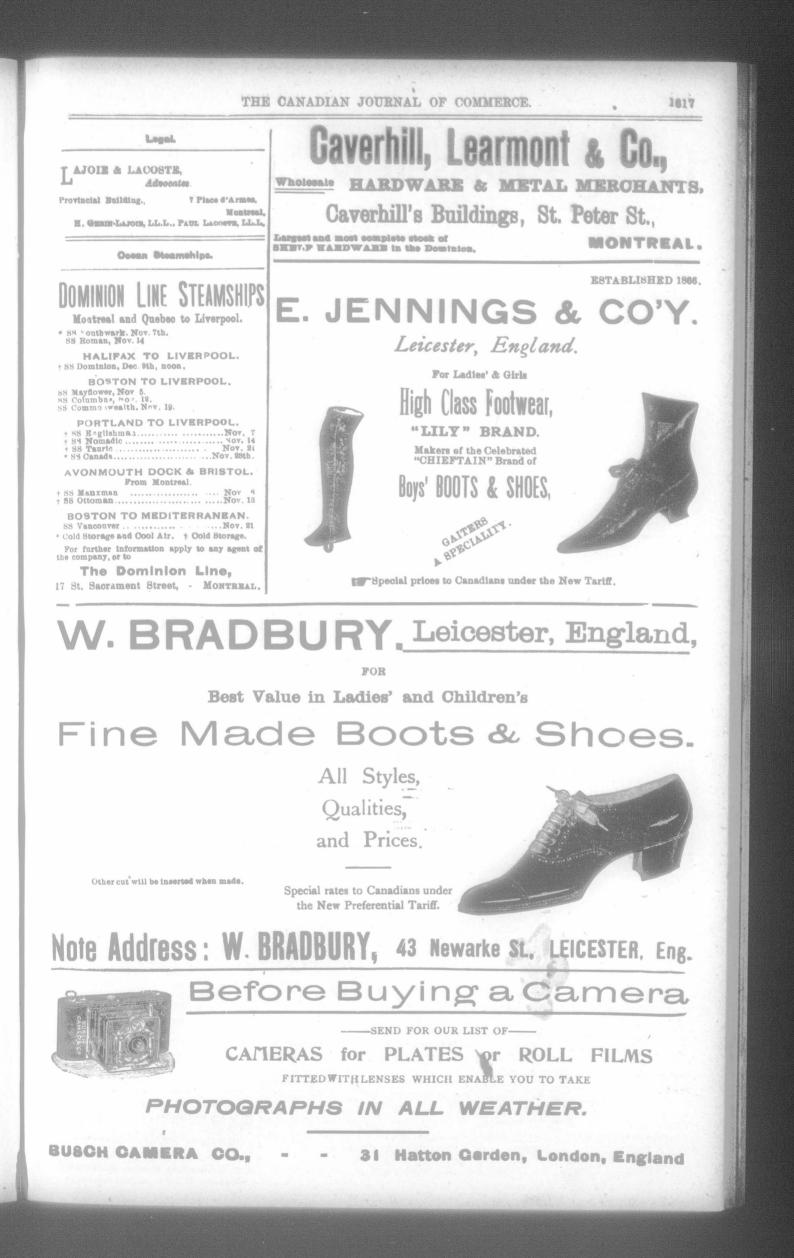
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<b>Bank of Hamilton.</b> NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend on the id-up capital stock of the Bank of 5 per cent- bing at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum; for a half-year ending 30th November, has been de- ired, and that the same will be payable at the nk and its branches on and after 1st December. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th	<section-header><text><text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text></text></section-header>	<ul> <li>Provincial Bank of Canada.</li> <li>Head Office-Montreal, No. 7 Place d'Armes. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.</li> <li>M. G. N. Ducharme, capitalist, of Montreal, President.</li> <li>M. G. B. Burland, industrial, of Montreal, Vice-Director.</li> <li>M. G. B. Burland, industrial, of Montreal, Vice-Director.</li> <li>M. G. B. Burland, industrial, of Montreal, Vice-Director.</li> <li>M. H. Laporte, of the firm Laporte, Martin &amp; Cie., Director.</li> <li>M. S. Carsley, proprietor of the firm "Carsley," Montreal, Director.</li> <li>M. S. Carsley, proprietor of the firm "Carsley." Montreal, Director.</li> <li>M. Tancrede Bienvenu, General Manager.</li> <li>M. Ernest Brunel, Assistant-Manager.</li> <li>M. Ernest Brunel, Assistant-Manager.</li> <li>M. S. Starsley, Corner St. Hubert; Carsley Store; 271 Roy St., St. Louis de France; Eastern Abattoirs; 1138 Ontario St., corner Panet.</li> <li>Borthierville, P.Q.; D'Israell, P.Q.; Pierreville, P.Q.; St. Anselme, P.Q.; St. Guillaume d'Upton, P.Q.; Ste. Scholastique P.Q.; Terrebonne, P.Q.; Vileyfield, P.Q.</li> <li>BOARD OF CENSORS, SAVINGS DEPARTMENT: Sir Alexandre Lacoste, Chief Justice, President. Doctor E. Persillier-Lachapelle, Vice-President.</li> <li>M. A. Thibaudeeu, of the firm Thibaudeau Bros., Montreal.</li> <li>Hon. Lomer Gouin, Minister of Public Works and Colonization of the Province.</li> <li>Doctor A. A. Bernard and Hon. Jean Girouard, Legialative Councillor.</li> <li>SAVINGS DEPARTMENT.</li> <li>Tsme "Special certificate of deposits" at a rate of interest arising gradually to 4 per cent. per annum according to terms.</li> <li>Interest of 3 per cent. per annum paid on deposits payable on demand</li> </ul>
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N OTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with a resolution pass a by the Sharsholeers, on he Oth February, 1908, and confirmed by Statute bank from the first Wed.esday in the month of tune, to the first Wed.esday in the month of De ember. The ANNUAL GRNERAL MENTRG of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held in their sharking House in the City of Sherbrooke, on Wednesday 2nd Day of December next. The chair will be taken at 2 p.m. By order of the Board, JAMES MACKINNON, General Manager. Sherbrooke, Que., October 27th, 19.	CENT. per annum. and that the same will be payabl at the Bank and its Branch Offices, on and after	B MASONIC TEMPLE BUILDING, London, Canada. Capital Subscribed, \$1,000,000.00 Total Assees, Sist Dec'br, 1900 \$257,800.80 T. H. PURDOM, Esq., K.C., President. MATHEANIEL MULLS. Manager.



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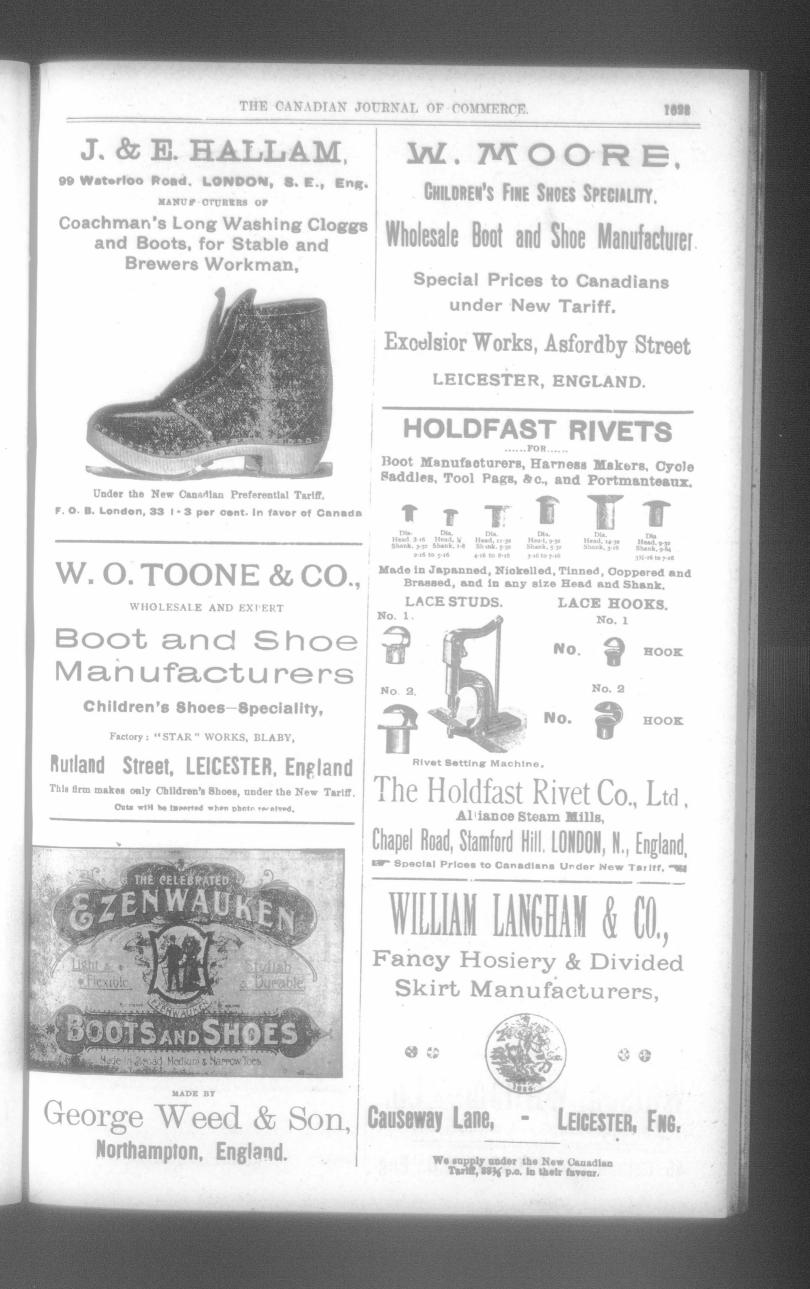
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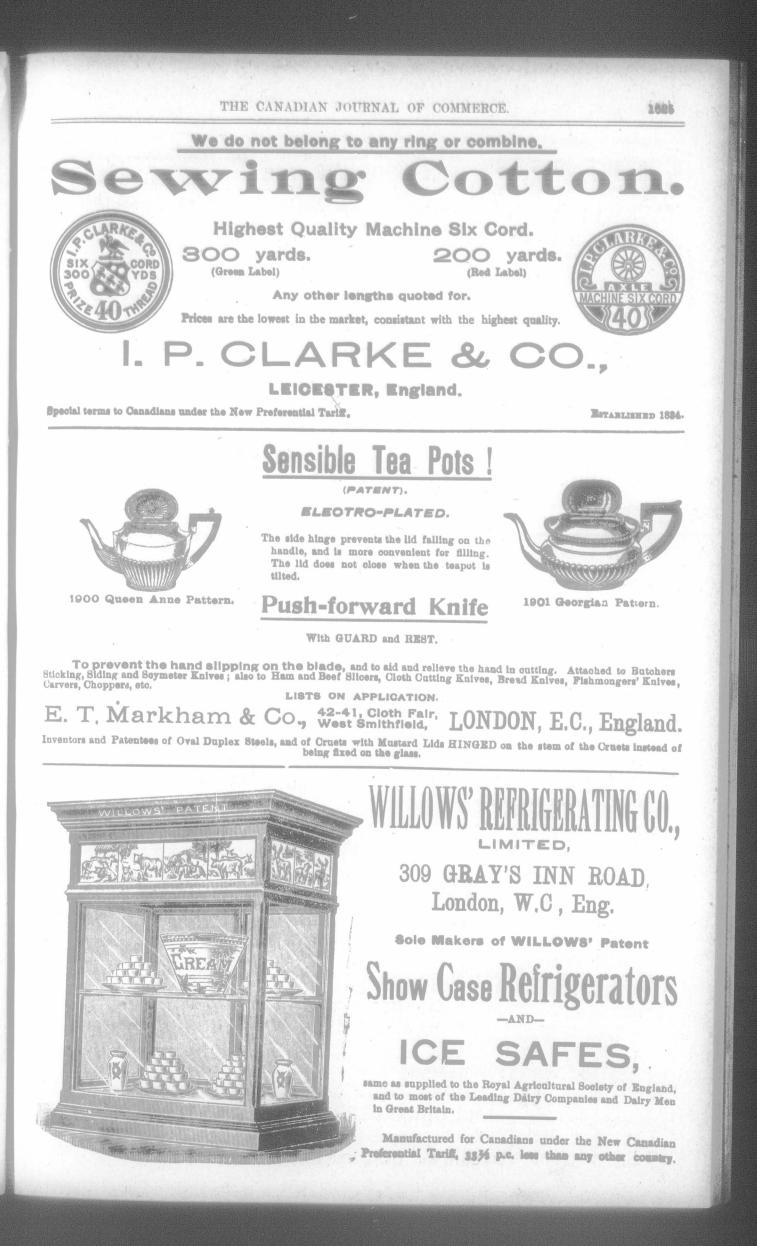












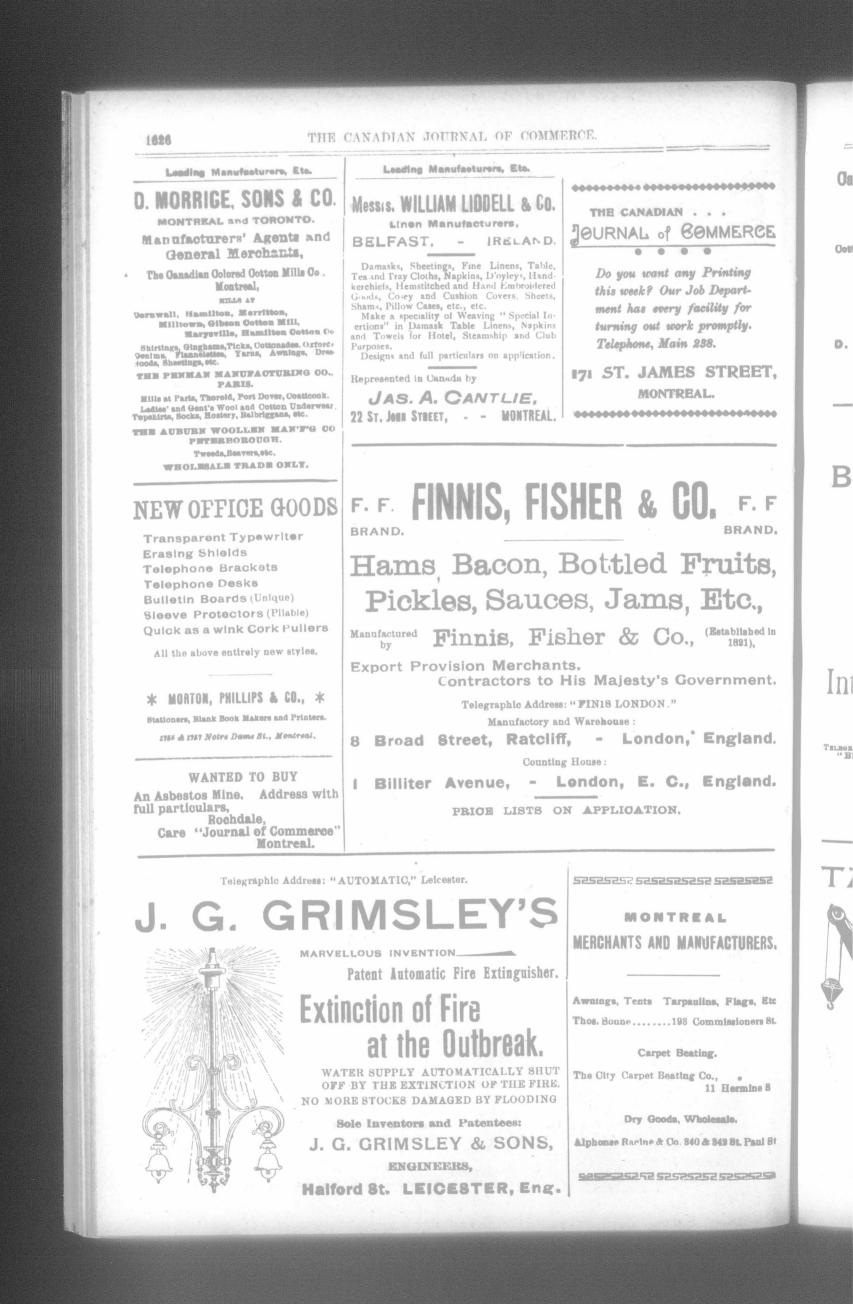
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-The Sovereign Bank has opened another branch in Ottawa, on Clarence street.

-The report of the Italian finances for the year ending with July, shows a surplus of \$13,000,000.

-C. P. R. land sales for the month of October amounted to 55,950 acres for a total price of \$236,611.39.

--It is learned that there has been a considerable deficiency on the first year's operations of the Pacific cable. Canada's share of the shortage, amounting to over \$100,000, was paid a short time ago.

-John Broadhurst, boot and show dealer, Lindsay, Ont., has assigned to T. E. Waldron of that town. The liabilities amount to some \$3,000, with nominal assets placed at \$4,500. Toronto houses are principally interested.

-The storage capacity of the elevators in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, taking in both the Canadian Paeific Railway and the Canadian Northern, is now about 40,000,-000 bushels, equal to any demand likely to be made in that particular.

--Russia's output of coal last year was worth \$42,329,391, of which pit coal amounted to 14,641,340 tons; anthracite to 1,129,494 tons, and brown coal to 126,663 tons. The percentages of carbon in these grades is given as 94 in the anthracite, 84 in the pit, and 60 in the brown.

—The waters along the western shore of Halifax county, says a Halifax, N.S., letter, are teeming with big mackerel, and Saturday and Sunday fishermen made catches aggregating 100,000 tish. They were sold for  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cents each out of the nets and will be shipped to the American market.

-The Iron and Steel Company, of Canada, Limited, has been incorporated with a capital of \$300,000, to purchase and carry on the business of the Belleville Rolling Mills. The provisional directors are Charles Eugene Carbonneau, of Paris, France; Henry Thomas Wills, of Dawson City, and John Franklin Wills, of Belleville.

-Two retail failures are reported from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Jerome Masse, clothier and gents' furnishings, has assignend to E. Quesnel. The liabilities are between four and

tive thousand dollars. The creditors are principally Toronto and Montreal houses.—Andrew Apostle, confectioner, has assignend to Count Von Ohlenhausen.

—A Glace Bay, N.S., report gives the monthly output from the Dominion Coal Company mines for the month of October as 299,017 tons, an increase of 39,049 tons over September. Reserve mine had the largest output in its history, and No. 2 nearly equalled any previous record. Every colliery shows an increase over the previous month.

-Building operations in Calgary, N.W.T., during the past scason have been larger than during any previous year. It is estimated that the total amount of buildings was a little more than \$700,000. These figures are made up from the reports of the different contractors and from a careful survey of the amount of work done by private persons.

-Advices have been received at Victoria, B.C., from Berring Sea that nineteen schooners, with the exception of one vessel, took larger catches this season than last year. Five lives were lost. Advices have been received by the sealers that the sale of skins taken off Cape Horn showed a decline of 10 per cent. below the prices secured last June.

-The Berlin Brush Co., of Waterloo, Ont., have sold their entire business to a new company known as the Waterloo Broom and Brush Co., Limited, who will carry on the business of the former company at Waterloo. They are erecting a three-storey factory building, comprising over 10,000 square feet of floor space, and will be able to do busines on a much larger scale.

-The report of the Ontario Inspector of Registry Offices for 1902 has been published. There were 135,380 instruments registered, against 129,193 in 1901. The gross amount of fees earned for the year was \$204,911.49, against \$196,295.03 for 1901. The net amount received by the registrars was \$108,923.22, against \$107,466.11 for 1901. There were 31,183 mortgages registered.

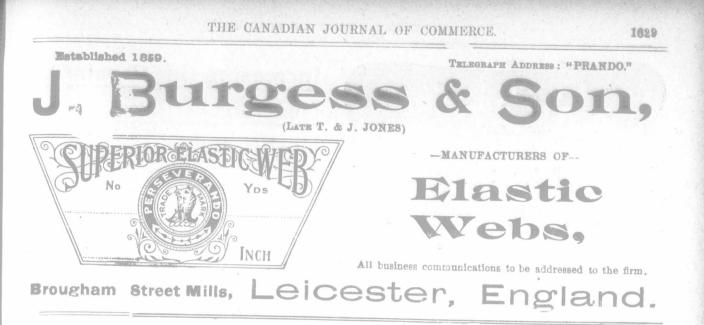
-At Arcola. Man., on the 1st instant, fire which started in Geddes & Hamilton's stables, destroyed also Cornell & Hetherington's implement warehouse and contents and the Arcola Hotel. The barber shop owned by Mr. I. B. Dingman, and warehouse ownned by Mr. W. H. Jones were torn down and checked the fire spreading. The total loss is about \$25,-000; insurance, only about \$3,000. --T) recent From \$3,521.. are Ga Neckw Thos. Leicest

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Meose Jaw, N.W.T., advices state that the C. P. R. are in-talling a \$30,000 water softening plant at that point. This was necessary owing to the difficulty with their engines, owing to the alkali water which had to be used on the western divisions .- A joint stock company have applied for incorporation to build a curling and skating rink, and it is the intention to push the completion of the building before winter.

-This year's cotton cróp, according to a New York official report, is estimated to be no larger than, if it equals, that of last year, which was 10.727.000 bales. Although the general concensus of opinion is that the crop will be smaller than a year ago, it is pointed out that the higher prices ruling, the advance on last year being 1 to 1% cents, makes the crop potentially as valuable in a money way as a year ago.

--The creditors of W. Makepeace and Co., Toronto, at their recent meeting, instructed the assignee to wind up the estate. From the statement presented the liabilities were placed at \$3,521.58, and the assets at \$2,374.89. The principal creditors are Gault Bros. and Co., Greenshields, Limited, and the Royal Neckwear Co., of Montreal; and R. Forbes and Co., Hespeler; Thos. Stevens, Coventry, Eng., and W. Thompson and Sons, Leicester, Eng.

-We learn from Chatham, Ont., that the Government auditers appointed to make an official examination of the affairs of this city have presented their report. The report shows that Chatham has a deficit of \$49,734.93. It will require special legislation, it states, and a vote of the ratepayers, to meet this deficit. It has been caused by the Councils of each year not paying their way, striking too low a rate, and then over-spen ing their appropriations.

- We learn from Regina, N.W.T., that a party of C. N. R. surveyors have reached there, having run a trial line for the stension of that road from Hartney to Regina.. The line har, it is stated, been definitely located from Hartney to the boundary line between Manitoba and the Territories, and the contract for construction to Regina has been let. The road s to be completed next year. This is the most gratifying intelligence the business men and farmers of Regina have heard in many a day, as a computing railway is the greatest need of the southern portion of the Territories.

 $-\Lambda$  tabulated statement of the field products of Canada issued by the census department shows that in 1900 the yield of grain in Canada was 282,411,911 bushels; of seeds, 460,632 bushels; of roots, 131,427,043 bushels; hay and forage, 9,104,-058 tons; tobacco and hops, 12,270.948 pounds. In 1890 the vields were: Grains, 175,545,734 bushels; seeds, 484,880 bushels; roots, 103,170,403 bushels; hay and forage, 7,693,733 tons, and tobacco and hops, 5,404,166 pounds. The yield of wheat amounted to 55,572.368 bushels, or 13,348,991 bushels

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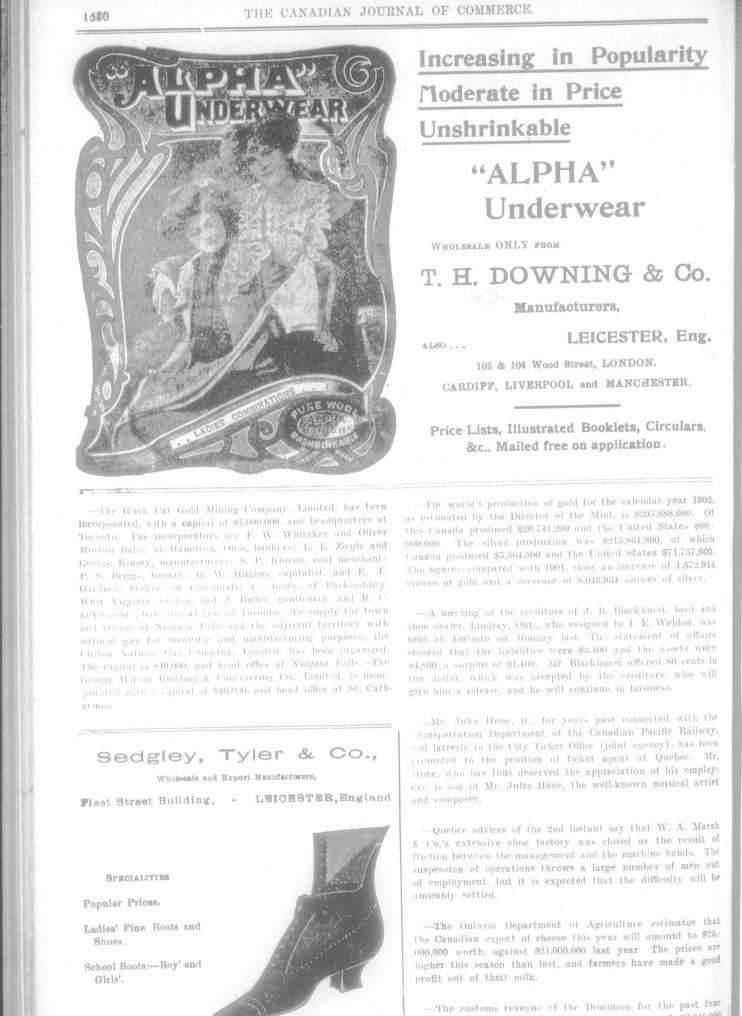
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A deputation form Fort William, Out., composed of Mayor John Dyke, Councillor L. L. Pelletier, J. J. Wells, president of the Board of Trade, and Messrs, James Murphy, W. F. Hogarth, C. W. Jarvis, and S. C. Young, waited on the Ottawa Government at the close of the session to bring before them the question of the dredging of the Mission River. Their reception, says an Ottawa letter, was gratifying, as the Premier stated the estimates for the work had been passed, and work would be commenced at an early date. The delegation pointed out the importance of the work, which will increase the dockage of Fort William by fire miles, and will advance the opening of navigation in the spring fully two weeks, which will have a most beneficial effect on the question of wheat transportation.

-The collection for October at the custom house, Montreal, amounted to \$1,100.000, as compared with 994,336.88 in October last year, an increase of upwards of \$105,000. Following is a tabulated statement of the amounts collected for the ten months of 1902-3:-

	1902.	1903.
January	\$ 818,523.08	\$ 883,292.38
February.	756,033.41	
March	792,683.75	976,310.31
April.	730,385.21	793,075.87
May.	\$24.018.87	970,738.03
June.	1,025,994.33	1,206,580.00
July	989,185.00	1,300,000.00
August	1,138,267.00	1,300,000 00
September.	957,575.28	1,160,000.00
October	994-336.88	1,100,000.00
Total		\$11.286,585.99 9.027,002.81
Increase		\$2,259,583.18

-From the publication of items in the columns of Manitoba papers recording the transfer of lands, there is great activity in the sale of improved farms throughout the province. The Emerson Journal in one issue has the following paragraphs: Mr. J. Andrews, of Marais, has disposed of his farm for \$12,000 and intends going west to purchase other property .-- Mr. Wellsley Smith has disposed of his quarter section on the Flats for \$3,600 to Cornelius Baldwin. He has purchased two river lots from Mark Whitney and intends to reside thereon. -Mr. Wm. Gunn. of Greenridge, has disposed of his half section for \$14,000 each and will remove to California for the winter to regain his usual health .- Mr. R. Irvine has disposed of his half section on the Marais to J. Hildebrand for \$10,000. -The Souris Plaindealer says land values continue to climb in the Souris district. There isn't a farm south of the river that can be bought for less than \$25 an acre, and most people put them at \$30 an acre. And the end is not yet!-The more than in 1890. The yield of barley was 22,224,366, an increase of 5,001.571 bushels, and of oats 151,497,407 bushels. River for \$6,600. Mr. Cameron is going to retire from farm-Glenboro Gazette reports that Silas Wallis has purchased



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-The customs revenue of the Dominion for the past four months amounted to \$14,357,685, an increase of \$2,046,066 over the same period of 1902. For the month of October only the receipts were \$3,469,518, or \$228,617 more than in October, 1902. mont of 19

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-The Woodbine Hotel, Brantford, Ont., has been purchased by laws to raise \$56,000 for granoithic walks and \$15,000 to by Mr. George Bell of Toronto, who will take possession at once.

The total duty collected at the Port of Toronto for the month of October, 1903, vas \$586,424.38; corresponding month of 1902. \$526.595.97; imcrease, \$50,828.41.

-The London, Ont., customs returns for October totalled \$67,158.90, a gain of \$9,261.84 over October of last year. -London Clearing House,-Total clearings for week ending

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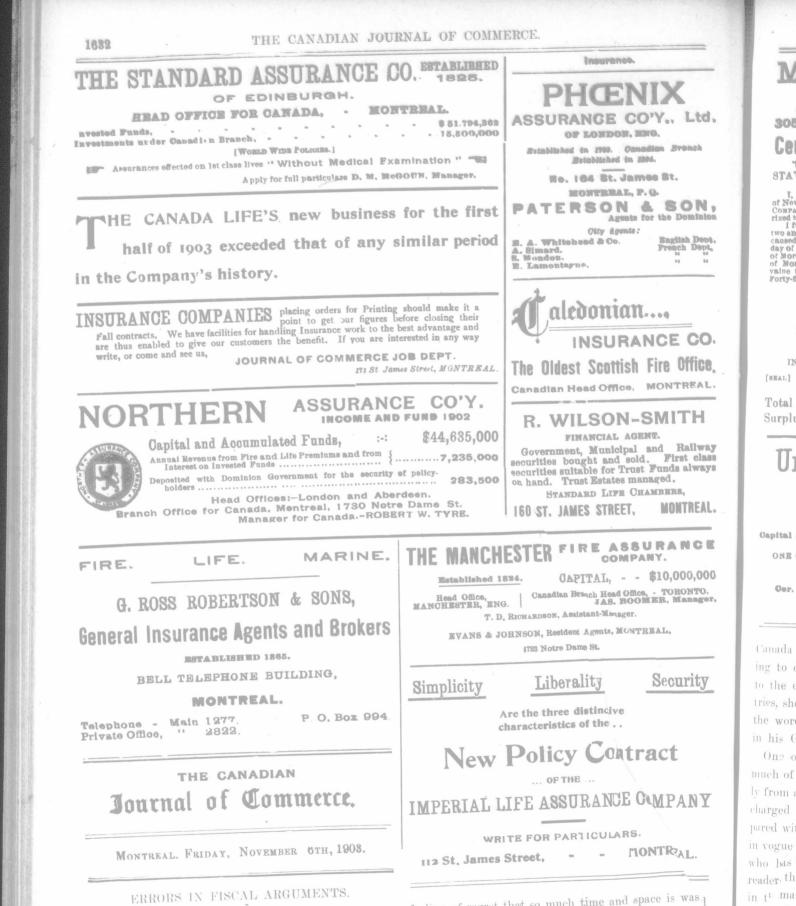
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October 29, 1903, \$769,628.

-Ottawa Clearing House.-Total clearings for week ending October 29, 1903, \$1.814,854.01; corresponding week last year, \$1,530,565.25.





If good writing were always clear argument our friends in England would not differ so much among themselves in the controversy agitating the public mind upon the flscal question. The newspapers supposed to reflect public opinion are divided in as marked a degree as the political parties they favour, and practically as the line is drawn. The articles and correspondence on the subject which Mr. Chamberlain laid down are many the thought animating them that we are seized with a question with little regard for its practicability. While gregate she

feeling of regret that so much time and space is was by people who feel called upon to parade their view because forsooth they wield a facile pen.

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In one paper we are told that Mr. Chamberlain assured his audience (in Glasgow) the colonies were ready to arrange for tariffs such as would not encourage the starting of industries which should compete with those already in the Mother Country. Although the great fiscal reformer has denied ever having said as of them models of composition. It is when we weigh much, people are busy writing on the yea or nay of the

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Canada has already shown and proved that she is willing to discriminate in favour of British manufacturers to the extent of one-third off the rate for other countries, she is not ready to go quite as far as is implied by the words credited n the Times to Mr. Chamberlain in his Glasgow address recently.

One of the leading London weeklies, which devotes much of its space to letters from readers, prints one lately from a lady sho points out the difference in the price charged on de Continent for meals nowadays as compared with that of some years ago-ere high tariffs were in vogue or Hamburg had ceased to be a "free port." One who has travelled can assure the fair writer and her reader that it is not so much the advanced price paid in  $t^{\nu}$  market for articles of unprepared food that led to ae advance in the bills-of-fare, as the higher rate of .ges to cooks, waiters and other servants. In Canada he prices at certain first-class restaurants have advanced onsiderably of late, not so much because meats, fish or regetables command a higher figure in the market, but because wages of all kinds of help have enormously tisen; and the end is not yet. It is probable that if the ady was bont more upon obtaining a satisfying lunch or dinner at Hamburg rather than

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service and exclusiveness. People in Europe have prices for Americans (among whom they include Canadians), English and natives.

One of the correspondents recommends the formation of an imperial free trade association, on which the various sectional organizations should be represented, the business of the association being "to take measures for advocating in the chief self-governing colonies the maintenance of the existing freedom of fiscal arrangements." It is needless to remind even an intelligent schoolboy in Canada that such theories are mere dreaming. It is not likely that say, the owners of cotton-mills in Canada would for a moment consider such a proposal. Some of them have enough to do to maintain themselves-with or without dividends-even with the present high tariff in their favour, as recently explained in these columns.

A number of writers quote Adam Smith in favour of Free Trade, forgetful of cr ignorant of the fact that the great apostle of Political Economy wrote much more than he is given credit for, opinions favouring the other side of the question; but unfortunately (let us say) these posthumous writings were destroyed-on fell purpose, no doubt-else the "great genius of Kirkaldy" would not have been quoted by free-traders to this time as uthority for their views. An able author of the day refers to the unlooked-for results which have followed the application of his principles by England, while other countries have remained protected. He points out that while she follows the application of his principles-Free Trade-save ton, coffee, chocolate, wine, spirits, tobaccos, etc.--and the colonies adhere to Protection, it is useless in her attempting to save her industries, and that the only thing left her manufacturers to do is to remove their capital, factories and artisans to countries where they can reasonably expect to make a fair living and profit. He quotes the census of Great Britain for 1901 to warrant the statement that not only has the proportion of individuals engaged in some particular industries, such as textile fabrics and dress, greatly diminished, but that the total number in the whole industrial class also bears a smaller ratio to the population than formerly. Besides the loss of her industries, she is threatened frequently with a Wheat Ring in the United States, which would have the effect of greatly raising the price of bread. He is firmly convinced that "preferential treatment between the Colonies and the Mother-country will (1) save some of our manufactures, and (2) ensure a constant supply of cheap food." For these reasons he has joined the army of tariff reformers under the generalship of Mr. Chamberlain.

# MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Street Railway Company of this city is making an effort to secure an extension of its franchise beyond the period of 19 years which is unexpired. Whether it is wise and justifiable for those of this generation to confer legal powers and special privileges upon a company that will bind the next generation is a grave question. Long before the period arrives during which the higher classes or those who imitate them most do con- company would be in the enjoyment of its extended le gregate she had naturally to pay for her better trained franchise the great majority of those who would grant

such extension would have passed away. In 30 or  $4 \vartheta$ years the citizens of Montreal may find such conditions to exist as will render it most urgent that the Street Railway Company's privileges be materially changed. They may find it intolerable to be compelled to submit to an arrangement made by those of this generation. Have we any just right to bind the citizens who will succeed us by granting a franchise that must be recognized 30 to 40 years hence? Have we not many illustrations of the unwisdom, the utter unfairness of one generation imposing conditions upon the next in regard to public affairs and services that are changing as society and science develop?

It is quite true that capital is averse to finding itself liable to be rendered unprofitable by some charter expiring by which it was protected. This is urged as a plea for extending the Street Railway franchise. But its bearing on the present situation is not evident. All the capital invested in the plant of the Street Railway was put in with the understanding that the franchise extended to its present limit. If then that franchise is not extended, there will have been no wrong done to those whose capital is invested in the Street Railway Company. Indeed, as the capital paid up is now worth double its amount at par, the shareholders made a splendid arrangement when they secured the present franchise. If their stock in 20 years sinks to one-half its market value to day they will, in the interim, receive large dividends and their investment will be worth its face value at least. Though, as the company will then occupy the ground there is every certainty of the men of twenty years hence granting an extension of the Street Railway franchise on terms suitable to the then

That this franchise has enormous value is shown by the development of the company's traffic earnings. The net earnings in recent years were as follows:

		1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.
		\$905,939 54,592,014	\$911,032 49,947,467	\$795,413 46,741,660	\$776,979 43,362,262
		1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.
Earnings Passengers		\$747,826 40,186,493	\$707.055 35,353.036	\$605,939 32,047,317	\$555,033 29,896,471

In the last ten years the number of passengers carried by the Street Railway Company has risen from 11,631,386 to 54,592,014, and the records show that this rate of expansion is being still maintained and likely to continue. With such a profitable business, that has sent the shares to double the amount of par, the company must feel its position to be so well assured as to be in no danger of being wrecked when its franchise runs out. In that period a small annual appropriation from profits would provide a Reserve Fund equal to the Capital, so that the value of the stock could not be destroyed by the franchise being cancelled at date of maturity

If, however, it is thought right to bind our successors by extending the company's franchise say from 19 to 40 years, it is manifest that, the company is in a posi-

tion to pay for it fully as much as has been offered. Out of so necessary a service a minimum of profits ought to be made. This is realized in Great Britain that the street car service is run without profit by the local government; hence the fares in the old land are onehalf those charged in Montreal and Toronto. To extend this franchise would deprive the citizens of the power to adopt the service and work it in their own interests.

In submitting these considerations we recognize fully the excellent service of the Street Railway Company and the popularity of the management. But, in a matter of this kind, in which every one in the city is interested, the public interest must be recognized as paramount. Should, however, the company succeed in its endeavours for the extension referred to, no one among us will have any serious regrets; and posterity may be relied upon to take care of itself, if we are to judge in any degree from the young men of the day, who, as far as they have gone, are apparently in no danger of discrediting their forbears.

In conclusion we may remark that if we are to judge by the excellent examples of street-paving laid down by the company during the last year or two, the city had better authorize them to take care of the streets generally in this respect and free us from the disgraceful state of our leading thoroughfares, which has become a by-word all over the continent. An occasional mayor or alderman may not do as much for the money.

#### "WHO PAYS THE DUTY?"

As many of our present readers had not an opportunity of seeing the leading article on the above subject which appeared in our issue of July 10th, an article which merited the attention of Mr. Chamberlain himself, we reproduce it here by request:

The general threshing-out which Mr. Chamberlain's modified doctrine on the fiscal queition is receiving in the newspapers, not only in the United Kingdom and the Colonies, but the world over, ids fair to bring about a more or less thorough education on the subject of tariffs in general, and among vastly more people than was possibly sixty or even forty years ago. The revival in England of a topic which it was supposed had been settled once and for all about the time of the middle 40's of the last century, is undoubtedly due to the latter day influence of high protective systems in Cermany and the United States-under which these nation have made remarkable advances in competing with so-cled Free Trade England in the markets of the world.  $W_{2-}$ ther or not Great Britain has been distanced in the rad by protectionist countries, it is not our object to discuss here; we have already shown that John Bull is not becoming the laggard in trade he has been described of late, nor is he so seriously handicapped as some of his rivals would believe him to be-the wish being, prob- textile ma ably, sometimes, father to the thought. There is undoubtedly some indifference to be deptored here and sell, for e there, as pointed out in another article, and matters in

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this respect have not been improved by the reports and reviews in home journals after the recent visit of the Convention of Manufacturers on their tour of inspection to the United States.

In a recent able criticism on the subject the London Economist, referring to "the taxes on consumption which he [Mr. Chamberlain] hopes to see levied" as bringing in a large sum, asks, "How is this sum to ~ spent?" "It is not wanted for revenue; that is presided by the ordinary taxation of the country. It will be at the disposal of it is will pay the .ew taxes?" The Economist makes answer by you's that three-fourths of them will be , y the poorer classes and one-fourth by the wellb-do class, and claims that the respective classes should have the spending of them in proportion.

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Here we must join issue with the Economist, and our no less able contemporary the Leeds Mercury, another dyed-in-the-wool Free Trade journal. Let us apply one or two up-to-date facts to the problem: "Who is it that pays the duty?" It depends, we reply, on the oldfashioned circumstance of Supply and Demand. Who, let us ask, pays the cost of bringing to eastern markets the wheat and other produce of our own North-West? It surely is not the miller in Montreal or the perchaser in England. It is well known to those immediately concerned that the cost of bringing the grain to the elevators or railway stations over the prairie "roads," the cost by rail to Montreal and by ship to Liverpool (however greatly reduced), the cost of handling, insurance, etc., are all to be deducted from the market price in the eastern markets before the farmer can reckon up his re-Were the producer master of the situationwere an extraordinary demand to arise, such a demand as older farmers in Ontario remember during the Crimean War-the farmer could almost name his price. To-day he must market his grain for whatever it can fetch; the supply is greater than the demand: the whole world, civilized and semi-civilized, is raising wheat, and the chances of its ever again being worth a dollar a bushel to the Canadian farmer are not very hopeful. In a similar manner, any duty levied on grain entering England must be paid by the over-sea farmer, whether in the Canadian North-West or in the neighbouring or other States of the Union. But should occasion arise of a carcity of breadstuffs in England—where latterly so litle grain is raised—the consumer would be obliged to py not only the duty but also some of the other chares for bringing it to market. If any of the gentlemer composing the recent exploring expedition to Amrica inquire what effect the Canadian tariff has upn imports of United States goods by our people,

by will learn that it is not altogether the purchaser o pays the duty. Similarly it is the manufacturer in Chemnitz, Ger-

any, who must provide against the extra duty levied on the cheap hosiery which he has heretofore sold Canada-and, for the matter of that, in England 0. Hans, with all his stolidity, knows a trick worth o of that: he is already preparing to reduce the cost rob- textile manufactures to a degree sufficient to enable

our distributors, wholesale and retail, at the same price as before, and by means which it would require a Custom House expert to detect. Let inquiry be made of manufacturers in Nottingham, Belper, Hawick or Balbriggan, and the facts learned by the recent Committee of Inspection will be largely supplemented: let them ask how it is that the manufacturers in Germany, with her high protection tariff, can supply the London distributor of cotton fabrics with a more comfortable, better wearable and more saleable and cheaper article than he can obtain in his own centres with their free-trade influence-their so-called advantages. It is very difficult to change longheld opinions among older nations, for

"Faith, fanatic Faith, once wedded fast To some dear falsehood, hugs it to the last."

Yield some of Mr. Chamberlain's critics their premises-and their arguments, their conclusions, are unimpeachable. But as it is not invariably the consumer that pays the duty-and we believe we have shown that it is the producer who must pay it in the matter of grain-the free trade arguments employed so ably, in and out of Parliament, will not stand the test of practical application.

## THE ATLAS LOAN COMPANY DISCLOSURES.

The evidence adduced before the Master-in-Ordinary, Toronto, who presides over a sort of donkey-engine Court attached to the Court of Chancery-is very disagreeable reading. To all who have money invested in loan companies it is calculated to give alarm. sooner the Managers of the Ontario Loan Companies announce publicly that such transactions as those which took place in the office of the Atlas Loan Company are entirely unknown to them, and contrary to their business practices, the better it will be, as we are assured that there is a degree of anxiety abroad which ought to be subdued.

After reading the testimony of Mr. Wallace, manager and director of the Atlas Loan Company, and of Mr. Ames, the Toronto stock broker, ex-president of the Metropolitan Bank, we rubbed our weary eyes to test whether it was not all a dream, a night-mare dream indeed, so violent is the contrast between the actions of these two men and what is the natural and proper conduct of a Bank President and the Manager of a Loan Company.

One transaction of itself is most reprehensible and disturbing. While Mr. Ames was organizing the Metropolitan Bank, before a prospectus was issued, before any such Bank existed, save in the projector's brain, it was arranged that the Atlas Loan Company should purchase \$100,000 of paid-up stock in this non-existent banking company at 200, that is, at 100 advance upon par! The Atlas Loan Co. had no authority whatever to engage in such a transaction, it was a direct, flagrant un- n to maintain his hold upon the Canadian market violation of the law governing loan companies. The and sell, for example, a serviceable article of hosiery to company itself had only \$300,000 of capital, yet it was

committed by the Manager to a speculative purchase of \$100,000 in a projected bank, and later to a much larger amount. That, however, was a trifling amount compared with the stock transactions entered into in concert with Mr. Am's. Thus we find the Loan Company, the company only authorized to lend on mortgage, and on Canadian securities, was carrying 12,925 shares, chiefly in American companies, the market value of which was over 14 million of dollars. The money invested in the margin put up on this enormous mass of speculative stock was found by the shareholders and depositors of the Atlas Loan Company. They innocently supposed their funds were being utilized for loan company business, when, as a matter of fact, they were being used to carry on wholesale speculations on the Stock Exchange under the joint management of Mr. Walace, manager of the Atlas Loan Co., and Mr. Ames, the Toronto stock broker, who were partners.

Mr. Howard Hunter, K.C., Registrar of Loan Companies for Ontario, during the enquiry into this seandal, computed the net loss on these transactions to be \$106,-900! That is, a loan company having only a capital of \$300,000 engaged in stock gambling to such an extent as to entail a net loss of \$406,900. Yet, when Mr. Ames was asked:

"Were you not aware that the Atlas Loan Co. had no power, under its charter, to deal in United States or foreign securities?"

lle answered:

"I never thought it my business to enquire!" It is incredible that Mr. Ames, who was posing as a prominent financier, who was organizing a Bank, who was the son-in-law of a loan company President and brother-in-law of a loan company manager, should have been ignorant of the class of business permitted to be transacted by a loan company. The tale that he was not aware of these enormous speculations being carried on without legal authority may be told to simpletons, no business man believes Mr. Ames to have been so illinformed as he desires to be thought.

One item in the accounts involved in this scandal shows that, 1,000 shares of the Metropolitan Bank were held by the Manager of the Atlas Loan Company at the time when it was not fully organized, or in operation. It would be interesting to have it explained how such a large block of shares got into the market. Does the Toronto Stock Exchange allow the shares of a company to be dealt in before the company is in full operation? Does it permit, or wink at such gambler's equipments being operated under its auspices? Is it not a gross scandal to have had 1,000 shares of a projected Bank allotted to a Loan Company, which had no authority to make such an investment?

The shares of that new Bank were issued at a premium of \$100 per share. Is it likely they would have been subscribed for by the public if it had become known that huge blocks were being allotted by the nominated President to his own partner, and to a Loan Company, of which that partner was manager?

The whole story of the dealings of Mr. Ames with his partner, Mr. Wallace, who was also Manager, and ultimately wrecker of the Atlas Loan Comp disclosure that shows how utterly shameless, demoralized, and reckless men are tempted to become who enter

upon speculative operations in stocks, especially so when handling funds which they control but only hold in

### INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING TRADE.

In an article in the Economist on shipping and reciprocity as bearing on the fiscal controversy now going on, a number of valuabi hints are brought out which we avail ourselves of, excluding the forced arguments and application telling against the proposed reform. The principal point concerns the conveyance of coal, an article of which, if we look forward, England ha as large a store as might be desired. Although it is preferable to take coal rather than rock-ballast, there is no reason why, if England bestir herself under our preferential tariff, her ships should not find cargoes far more profitable than coal-of which we have no fear of scarcity on this continent, north or south, unless through strikes. The list of articles bought by Canada from the various countries, which has been running in our columns, with quantities, values and duties, for over a year past, should afford valuable information to British traders and shippers to whom the Economist makes appeal. The total amount of goods bought by Canada from the United States has risen to about \$125,000,000 a year, and no one can prove that a large proportion of this should not come from Great Britain. Cargoes both ways are of prime consideration to shipowners.

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The collapse of the U.S. Shipbuilding Combine, launched with a trumpet-blast, declaring that that country was henceforth going to supply all the world with ships-or something to that effect-has been followed by the issue of a report from the United States Commissioner of Navigation showing a large decline in the amount of shipbuilding in the United States, and pointing to the early prospect of absolute stagnation as far as the building of ocean tonnage is concerned ln Germany there is similar depression, and even the amended bounty system does not give an impeus to shipbuilding in France. No doubt the ocean is a present overladen with merchant tonnage, and it is an interesting fact that Spain, which bought such large numbers of our second-hand steamers after the terminatid of the war with America, has had to lay up many of hem through want of profitable employment. Shipbuiling in the U. K. also is depressed; the increase in the unnage either owned or built by foreign countries is now greater proportionally than their's. The total ad tions to the shipping on the British register last ye were 1,249,509 tons, less 596,155 tons broken wrecked, or sold abroad. Of course, no other count came within sight of this, and equally, of course, it w too much for the comfort of ship-owners. But, the the weight of tonnage is felt, not only by the U. freight market; it is felt on the whole freight mark of the world-even in the coasting trades of Ameri Russia, and France, in so far as they are reserved

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native vessels. It is the case that large numbers of American coasting vessels are laid up just now, because of the unprofitable lowness of freights. It is not contended that the present depressed condition of shipping affords a just basis for a consideration of the international mercantile relations, but it does suggest a complication with regard to them, inasmuch as the question of reciprocity in coastal trades is intinately associated with the policy of Imperial preferences and reciprocity tariffs.

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The recent Board of Trad. Blue Book on "British and The recent Board of Frao. Foreign Trade and Lisastry devotes a section to a memorandum appeables relating to the participation of memorandum to shipping trade within the British foreign vess. From these returns it appears that out of Even foreign countries with oversea possessions, fourviz., Germany, Holland, Denmark and Portugal-throw open the carrying trade between the Mother Country and these possessions. France reserves the trade between the Mother Country and Aigeria. Of the colonial trade of these countries secured by foreign vessels, about one-third is by British vessels. America and Russia reserve the trade between their distant coasts and oversea possessions to national vessels. Prior to annexation, the entrances and clearances of shipping in the trade between the United States and Hawaii and Porto Rico were 700,000 tons, of which 110,000 tons were foreign, now excluded. In the trade between the European and Asiatic ports of Russia, before it was reserved to Russian vessels (1899), 161,000 tons of shipping cleared, of which 60,000 tons were foreign, now excluded. All the countries which reserve the trade with their oversea possessions reserve the home coasting trade, as do also France (between Atlantic and Mediterranean ports), Spain, and some less important countries. America reserves the whole of her coasting trade, not only on each seaboard, but also between the two seaboards round Cape Horn. On the other hand, the whole of the U. K. coasting trade, of the trade between the Motler Country and her oversea possessions, and of the cade in and between these possessions, is open to all preign vessels, with the sole exception of Canada, the coasting trade of which is only open on condition of eciprocity.

Now, how much dos British shipping suffer by means of the restrictions on the one hand and the free comp tition on the othe? For estimating the loss through the restrictions & foreign countries we have no authentic data, but 't may easily amount to 5,000,000 tons per annum. The amount of inter-Imperiel British trade secured y foreign vessels amounts b 1,500,000 tons per annm between the Mother country and her possessions, nd to 3,500,000 tons between the different colonies ad possessions. Of the home coasting trade, foreign vssels have about 4 per cent. in the colonies and 1 per cat. in the United King-These last are insignifican proportions, but there is no limitation, and it is perfect, open to any foreign country to send all its shipping to ompete for the home coasting trade of the U. K.

In effect, then, the U. K. losesemployment for 5,-000,000 tons per annum of shippin by the restrictions of certain foreign countries, and enloyment for other 5,000,000 tons per annum of shippig in the colonial trade by admitting foreign vessels int it. In the Blue Book it is stated: "The Customs Condition Act of

1853 (sections 324 and 325) appears to give power by Order in Council to exclude from the carrying trade between the United Kingdom and British possessions vessels of countries that do not give reciprocity." Whether these sections would also give power to exclude American vessels from the home coasting trade, unless she admitted British vessels to her home coasting trade, is another matter. It might require a special Act of Parliament. Now, the question is whether it would be worth while to adopt reciprocity in mercantile marine relations with other countries. As far as the totals of tonnage are concerned, it should be pretty even for give and take, but the totals are unfortunately divided for that purpose. For instance, of the foreign tonnage engaged in the trade between the United Kingdom and the colonies, 48 per cent. is Norwegian and 24 per cent. German, and the foreign tonnage engaged in the coasting trade of the United Kingdom is mostly Norwegian, Swedish, and German-all belonging to nations which do not reserve their coasting trade from England. But if she compelled the enfranchisement of all the foreign coasting and inter-colonial trades now closed to her, she should have all the foreign tonnage at present exclusively engaged in these trades thrown into the open ocean trade or her own coasting trades. Is it worth while to challenge a new arm of competition which may be reinvigorated in the near future by subsidy schemes in America or Germany, or by shipbuilding developments in both countries?

### NEW ERA IN CANAL BUILDING.

France has a highly ambitious and far-reaching scheme of canal construction under way involving the expenditure of not less than \$200,000,000. The old project of a deep-water ship canal across Scotland, from the Firth of Forth to the Clyde, has been revived recently, with excellent chances of success. A company of Scotch and English capitalists has taken up the work, and it is reported that \$48,665,000 has already been pledged for the undertaking on condition that Parliament shall guarantee interest on the capital. The promoters are confident that Parliam nt will aid the enterprise to this extent, in view of the unportance of the canal for naval purposes.

Germany has expended during the past 10 years hundreds of millions of marks for the construction of artificial watercourses, and Austria will expend during the next nine years no less than \$65 975,000 for a like purpose, while Italy seems to be determined not to remain far behind in the improvement of inland navigation. About two years ago the Italian government appointed a commission to investigate and report upon the advisability of establishing a system of national waterways in the northern part of the kingdom. This commission has just made its report. It recommends the establishment of a network of inland water-courses of a total length of 2.112 miles. The commission estimates the total cost of the proposed improvements at \$22,774.000. The main line of the proposed system would be a canal connecting Venice with Milan and Turin. Another canal would connect Milan with Bologna, and a third Bologna with Venice. It is further proposed to open an inland water-course from Venice to the Austrian frontier, for which purpose the rivers Stella, Corno, and Ausca will be utilized.

Canada stands prominently as a thorough believer in cheap waterways, but the Dominion is peculiarly situated, and canals can do for Canada what they may not be capable of accomplishing for other countries.

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## WHAT CANADA BUYS-(62).

We continue publication of a list of the goods imported by our own people during the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1902, with the view of affording information to those of our friends abroad who may be desirous of opening up or extending business in Canada. This alphabetical list, compiled from the Customs returns, is unavoidably voluminous and will probably run through the greater portion of the "Journal of Commerce" for the current year: it should prove most valuable to those real. Newer returns show onsiderable increases: DUTIABLE GOODS.-(Continued.)

manufacturers in the United Kingdom and their representatives who would avail themselves of the advantages offered under our Differential Tariff which, it may be seen, allows one-third off the ordinary duty on goods of British manufacture exported to Canada. Any information which, alphabetically, must recur later on in our tables will be furnished meantime on application to the office of the "Canadian Journal of Commerce," Mont-

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	236	1,287	34	205				
Great Britain	129	789	129	789	276.15 51.80			
Germany	15	148	15	148	91.80			
United States					399.70	202	1.082	252.45
	380	2,224	178	1,142	099.10			
Total	5000							
	- 1.00				42.05		120	27.99
Undershirts and drawers-		243		123	43.05			
Great Britain		64		64	22.40			
United States					 @5.45		120	27.99
		307		187	65.45			
Total								
-trail fo	bries N.E.	S.—				Yds.		
Velvets, velveteens, plush fa	Yds.		Yd's.		04 004 20	000 175	113,720	22,744.00
	460,669	196,993	169,219	82,781	24,834.30			
Great Britain	05 550	18,877	31,468	16,872	5,061.60 15,074.70			
France.	96,743	50,022	97,048	50,249	15,014.10			
Germany	40.4	63	404	63	33.90			
Italy	440	113	449	113	4,122.90			
Switzerland.	00.077	13,743	28,977	13,743	4,122.80			
United States	20,011				49,146.3	20.175	113,720	22,744.00
	622,992	279,811	327,565	163,821	40,140.0			
Total	UPER C							
·	Mantels-			0	2.7	0		
Slate, and manufactures of:		9		9	48.6			
Belgium		162		162	-10:0		Received and Providence and	
United States				171	51.3			
		171		171	01.0			
Total								
						Squares.		
Roofing slate-	Sq	uares.	Squares.	67 000	8,439.			
		37,390	11,319	37,390	0,400			
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School writing slates-	No.		No.	-	4 15		5	0.84
	3 80.0	59	1,380	17 1 1	3.177			
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United States				10 70	\$32.2	5 216	5	0.84
175-4-5		13,761	548,35	5 13,72				
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#### THE INFLUENCE OF FREE TRADE ON WAGES.

The following article on The Influence of Free Trade on Wages, we find written by Mr. G. Byng in a recent numer of The National Review, a publication which we are pleased to welcome to our editorial table:— The assumption that Free Trade is good for the working classes and that Protection would be bad is wrong, and demonstrably wrong. 1 will endeavor in the ensuing pages to make this demonstration.

The initial difficulty in approaching the question of Protection and Free lrade as affecting the working classes is one which politicians usually meet by ignoring it. The difficulty is that the genus working class contains a number of species whose economic condition and (apparent) interests diverge. Though the real interests of the different classes of working men in the matter are the same in the result, yet the different conditions of their work and the different consequent standpoint from which they regard the question, make it necessary to consider the subject from as many points of view as those into which economically the working classes naturally divide themselves. The ignoring of these distinctions may be the more easy way for the platform speaker addressing a miscellaneous gathering, but a scientific consideration of the problem demands the more scientific method; and I will therefore proceed by making the distinction.

For our purpose workmen may be divided into four classes: 1) manufacturing workmen; (2) agricultural workmen; (3) workmen employed in the distinctively home trades, such as building; (4) workmen employed by middlemen. Of these classes the first and second are directly, the third and fourth indirectly affected by our present fiscal system. Let us take each class in the order above named.

Manufacturing Workmen.—The controlling factors which determine the rate of wages of manufacturing workmen may be grouped under five heads: (a) Skill; (b) Competition; (c) Masters' Profits; (d) Combination among the Workmen; (c) Equality.

(a) Skill.—It is obvious that the man who is most skilful in handling a machine or tool will, caeteris paribus, command better wages than the less skilful workman. He who makes a boot well will (I am leaving out the interference of trade union rules where they affect the subject) earn more than he who makes it badly.

It follows, then, that a workman who would increase his wages must increase his skill, must think and fearn. Who is it that can teach him? Pace technical colleges, it is the man's employer who alone is in the position to give him the necessary practical experience. Suppose the case of a brass finisher. The begins his employment on a buffing lathe. If the employer keeps the man always upon that lathe and never promotes him to the finishing benches, the man's knowledge of the trade will be partial and incomplete; but if the employer varies the man's work and puts him through the different grades, he thereby becomes more skilful, more experienced, and his wage-earning capacity is proportionally increased.

Now consider the case of a factory in which only oldtashioned things are made. The workmen never see new inventions, have no chance of learning their use: hence they have no chouce of acquiring the skill of the men who work in up o date factories, and thus, through no fault of their own. their capacity for earning high wages is reduced. This is to an incr asing extent the condition of English industry to-day: and even the most rabid Free Trader-he, indeed, more insistently than the rest-calls attention to the relative backwardness of English factories. But the rabid Free Trader omits to ask himself the consequent question, Why are so many British workmen condemned to the badly paying old-fashioned methods, and not to have the handling of the new inventions which would increase at once their skill and their wage carning capacity? The answer lies in Free Trade itself. British manufacturers condemned to work under Free Trade have to compete against foreign rivals, who are protected and encouraged in every possible way by their Governments. Now, to make new inventions, to adopt up-to-date methods, requires a great outlay of capital upon new machinery and plant, and a man cannot afford to embark upon this outlay unless he

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curity. Foreign rivals are kept out of his home market by prohibitive tariffs, and he has (at present) the additional advantage that when he makes more than his own market can consume he can dump the surplus upon the English market. How can the English manufacturer stand against this system? What encouragement is there for him to risk large capital outlays? He is not only excluded from the important markets of Europe and America; he cannot rely upon his home market, for he never knows how much it is going to be flooded with the cheap surplus goods of foreign rivals.

It is not to be wondered, then, that it is the American whose factories are up-to-date, and whose workmen become ever more and more skiiful, and earn more and more wages. and that it is the Englishman who cannot afford to embark upon new inventions, and so cannot teach his workmen up-todate methods and pay them higher wages. The "Wake-up-England" cry is being dinned into our ears all round, and in a certain sense it is a good ery; but the ery must be used with discretion and true meaning. What employers and employed need to wake up to (though most of the employers at any rate have already awakened) is that under the present system neither employer nor employed have a fair chance. English workmen need release from the conditions which prevent them from meeting their competitors upon equal terms, from educating themselves, and so from improving their means of livelihood.

(b) Competition .-- A consideration of the influences affecting wages of manufacturing workmen would, of course, not be complete without a reference, obvious though the reference may be, to competition. It hardly needs to be said that, if there is a piece of work to be done requiring ten hands, and tifteen are available, wages will be low; and conversely, if there are only five hands available, wages will rise. Yet elementary to childishuess as this statement may appear, its application to the economies of international industry has altogether escaped the attention of those politicians who think that Free Trade is good for workmen. Under the Free Trade system existing in England, with Protection operating in all other countries, the competition to which the British workman is exposed is largely increased: he has to compete with the whole world, and in many industrial countries his competitors are blackleg competitors. You have countries in which no restriction is placed upon child labor or female labor, countries in which the workmen work longer hours; countries in which climatic conditios enable men to subbsist on a scale far lower than the living wage necessary in England. Owing to the competition thus induced, wages of manufacturing workmen in this country are kept down.

(c) Masters' Prefits. -It is customary for the labor agitator, and even for the Radical politician, to treat profits made by employers somewhat in the same light as one treats the proceeds of highway robbery. But without staying here to discuss the fundamental question of the right of an employer to extract profit from the capital which he employs, let us go straight to the obvious fact that, if the employer makes a good profit, it is in the workman's power to obtain a share of that profit by higher wages: and trade unions are not backward in seeing that that share is obtained. Moreover, the connection between profits and wages is seen directly in operation in those industries, like the South Welsh coal trade and the Midland iron trade, where wages are regulated under a sliding scale. Therefore, without fear of contradiction, the relative position of manufacturers' profits and workmen's wages may be stated thus: If empoyers are making a good profit the workmen are able to get a share of it in higher wages; if the employer makes scarcely any profit, the workmen cannot get good wages; if the employer makes no profit, then sooner or later he must give up business and pay no wages at all. There may sometimes be jealousy between masters and workmen, but it is only common sense that, in the interests of both, the business should be profitable, for the interests of masters and workmen are of necessity bound up together

encouraged in every possible way by their Governments. Now, to make new inventions, to adopt up-to-date methods, requires a great outlay of capital upon new machinery and plant, and a man cannot afford to embark upon this outlay unless he has reasonable security that the result will be successful. The American manufacturer, for example, has every possible se-

bound to succeed in the end, because the foreign producer canto a great extent recoup himself for any loss he may sustain In the course of it by reason of the fact that he produces in larger quantities than are required to supply his own market -- in quantities large enough to supply our market as welland thus he reduces his cost of production.

While upon the subject of employers' profits, it will be pertinent to note the reduction of those profits by high direct taxation and the influence of taxation upon workmen's wages. It is aften said by politicians that workmen do not pay income-tax, etc. Directly, no; but they do pay indirectly in reduced wages and increased rent; and that is the point which workmen should consider when they are invited by Radical politicians to chuckle over the high direct taxation endured by the middle and wealthy classes. Workmen are not so exempt from that taxation as their Radical friends would have them think. And so an extension of indirect taxation, though some of it may appear to be a tax upon the working classes, need not really be any more a tax upon them than is the direct taxation which they do not pay at first

(To be continued.)

#### THE WOOLLEN TRADE.

To arrive at the proper conclusion regarding the depression existing for some time in the wool cloth industry in Canada, one must put political considerations aside, and view the matter in a light similar to that which causes it to be viewed in the great manufacturing centres of the world. Neither protection nor differential tariffs have to do with its there, in treating of the conditions as they present themselves within an area controlled by like tariffs, yet we find business flourishing in one section while falling away in another. To get at the real cause of this difference other reasons must be sifted, compared and shown in their every

Referring to the future of the West of England woollen trade, the Textile Moreury of recent date says:-

Among woollen manufacturers in the West of England are to be found those who are pessimistic regarding the present and luture of the industry, just as there are merchants in London and other centres ready to aver that the trade is going to the wall as fast as it can go. It is quite true that not nearly so many mills are running in the West of England as there were twenty years ago, and that the condition of those new being worked is by no means as satisfactory as could be wished. Few years go by without seeing one or more mills closed, and they are seldom roplaced by new concerns. These ominous signs of decay result from various influences. but lack of up-to-date machinery and methods, and bad management, are too often the principal among them. West of England manufacturers really made too much money in the old days, and allowed themselves to lapse into a state of prosperous satisfaction, without any inventive to entertain new ideas or bestir themselves about adopting new methods of production. It was this unfortunate optimism which caused them to allow the worsted trade to go to Yorkshire, when it might have found a permanent home in the West of England. The woollen trousering trade was then, no doubt, in a very flourishing state in the West; but the manufacturers were short sighted, and failed to see that the worstad trouscring was destined to become a formidable rival to the then popular woollen fabric. Again, instead of devoting some of the money they made to keeping the mills equipped with the most improved machinery, many of them purchased fine estates, and thus locked up their spare capital, and deprived the mills of the essential means of competing with the more modern Yorkshire firms. In the course of time it became obvious to some of the manufacturers that they must either spend money largely in refitting their factories, or close of certain recent proposed changes in the capital them down. They had not the capital at hand for the former

plan, and so were obliged to close altogether; while others who had capital, but were too obstinate to see that they must spend it to ensure future trade, were compelled to consult their creditors when they had lost their all. There are, no floubt, to-day a few who cannot see the necessity of keeping their mills up-to-date, and these will have to pay the penalty. Happily, however, there are firms in the West of England whose methods and equipment may be held up as models of perfection. It cannot be said, however, that there are many such, and a warning would not be amiss to those who are still pursuing "rule-of-thumb" methods, who grudge the scrapheap its due, and who fail to recognize that a badly-paid staff of foremen and workers are in the end dearer than better men at better wages. There is much for manufacturers to learn, and much to forget, if the West of England trade is to hold its own and to regain some of its old supremacy.

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West of England manufacturers generally would not find themselves without encouragement if they were to enter into the arena of competition with more spirit and enterprise, The name of the "West of England" is still sufficient to constitute a really valuable asset to those who mean to be in the running. The imitation of West of England goods is proof of this; and if only the manufacturers would and could agree to stamp all their goods, so as to prevent the sale of other goods as "West of England," they would be a long way towards putting their industry on a sound basis. Woollen merchants are usually unfair to West of England goods, and to manufacturers also, for many of them sell as "West" any cloths above a certain price, no matter where they are produced. Indeed, if all the cloth sold as "West of England" were made in that district, the mills would have a great deal more work than they could do. Merchants, however, have a prejudice against better-class goods because they can sell more cheap stuff, and get a higher profit out of it. They will complain to Western manufacturers that their prices are too high, and ask them why they do not produce goods such as they buy from Yorkshire: Lut if the West of England maker follows their advice, and produces cheap stuff at low prices, they turn round and say-"It is too much like Yorkshire goods!" The fact is they want to buy "West" goods at Yorkshire prices. What manufacturers need to do is to k ep their trade up, and not-as some firms have dome in the past-kill the trade by selling their goods at slaughter prices to big advertising houses. This unwise proceeding has indeed choked the legitimate trade off the class of goods which has been so treated. No better advice can be given than to keep the quality up to the highest level, to stamp every yard sent out, and to advertise the cloth as much as possible in his way, if only to prevent the imitation from being mistaken or mis-described as the genuine article. The West of England has been noted in the past for its broadcloths, beavers, doeskins superfines, etc., and it is noted today for many other fine makes the equal of which cannot be produced elsewhere. Such fabrics are billiard cloths, buckskins, riding tweeds, covert coatings, vicunas, serges, flannel suitings, searlets, whipeords, and many others. It is to be hoped that the surviving firms are not only "fit" now, but that they mean to remain so. There are, well-equipped textile schools in some of the districts, such as Trowbridge and Stroud, where all the latest methods are taught, with the use of modern machinery, and the students of these schools have more than once carried off the honors at the City and Guilds examinations. Manufacturers have realized that direct representation is the best means of keeping in touch with the markets: representatives now go to and fro between the mills and London, and also to other big centres, and there is some disposition shown to secure for the industry once again something of its original renown.

-The estate of the late Mr. Henry Cargill, M.P., for North Bruce. Ont., will, we learn, amount to upwards of \$500,000. The estate includes holdings in the stock of the Canada Cycle & Motor Company, and which has resulted in the withholding that concern.

The Government have decided to offer the tariff preference of 33 1-3 per cent. now enjoyed by Great Britain to the colonies in the South Africa Customs Union, in return for tariff concessions by them to Canada. If the offer, says an Ottawa report, is accepted the reduc d rates will go into effect on a date to be agreed upon by both parties. The South Africa Customs Union was formed in March last, and consists of Cape Colony, Natal, Orange River Colony, the Transvaal, and Southerm Rhodesia. A common tariff divided into five classes was resolved upon, in which provision was made for a preference to goods the growth, product or manufacture of the Unit-d Kingdom. That preference is, however, somewhat variable. The several classes of the tariff are (1) specific and ad valorem duties; (2) specific and a few ad valorem duties; (3) duties of 21/2 per cent.; (4) free goods; (5) unenumerated goods, 10 per cent. ad valorem. The preference to Britain is 25 per cent. of any duty chargeable at the ad valorem rate in classes 1. 2 and 5. In respect of clause 3, the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. rate is rebated entirely. A clause in the convention provides for a similar preference to British colonies. This clause reads as follows: "A rebate similar to that for which provision is made in the last preceding article shall be granted in like manner, and under like provisions, to goods and articles the growth, product or manufacture of any British colony, protectorate or possission granting, equivalent reciprocal privileges to the colonies and territories belonging to the union, provided that no such rebate shall be granted in the case of any particular colony, protectorate or possession until on and after a date to be mutually agreed upon and publicly notified by the parties to the convention." The Government, it will be seen, are taking the proper and necessary measures to secure for the products of Canada entrance into the markets of South Africa on the most advantageous terms. The initial move was made by the establishment of a line of freight steamers between Canada and the Cape, which has already had the effect of greatly developing an export trade to South Africa. Now a reduction in the Canadian duties will be made, provided South Africa gives us a quid pro quo. The Canadian Government's action is taken in pursuance of that clause in the tariff which provides that the preferential tariff may be extended to any other British colony or possession the customs tariff of which is, on the whole, as favorable to Canada as the British preferential tariff is to such colony or possession.

#### TURBINE ATLANTIC LINERS.

The steam turbine having proved highly successful in its adaptation to steam yachts and the smaller types of passenger steamers engaged in the Clyde and English Channel traffic, it has been decided to construct an Atlantic liner equipped with this engine in place of the ordinary neciprocating engines. The Allan Steamship Line has been closely following the developments of the turbine-propolled vessels at present in operation, their behaviour under all conditions of weather, their speed, economy, and steadiness in travel, and proportion of coal consumption in relation to the speed developed. They accordingly decided to build a ship equipped with the turbine for traffic between Liverpool and Canada. This liner when completed will be the largest and heaviest, as well as the fastest, vessel in the Allan fleet.

The contract for the construction of the vessel has been placed with the shipbuilding firm of Workman and Clark, of Bel'ast, Ireland, and the turbines will be built by the Parsons Company, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. The vessel will be 450 feet in length over all, with a gross tonnage of 12,000 tons; a horse-power of 10,000 indicated, and a contract speed of 17

It may be urged that the speed is very low in comparison with that of some of the vessels driven by reciprocating engines plying between New York and Europe; but it is a noteworthy increase in speed of vessels plying between Canada As a matter of fact. d Great Britain. this latest ship the Dominion, while it marks an increase of tonnage of about receipts of the corresponding month last year,

1,400 tons upon the last-constructed vessel, the Tunisian, of the Allan fleet. It is anticipated, however, that when the vessel is in commission the contract speed will be exceeded. Had the British Government been willing to supplement the subsidies given by the Canadian Government, Messrs, Allan would have been glad to have made the vessel of greater speed, but apart from this, it is conceded that 17 knots in a vessel to Canada will be equal to a 20-knot steamer on the trade to New York, and fully equal so far as mails are concerned.

To the Allan Line will consequently pertain the honor of having introduced the turbine in a trans-Atlantic liner, and the results of the experiment will be followed with keen interest by the various shipping companies engaged in ocean traffic. It also partially realizes the ambition of Parsons, the inventor of the turbine, who from the first has maintained that his invention was the most satisfactory system of propulsion for deep-sea trade. A second vessel has since been ordered by the Allan Line.

#### WATERPROOF CLOTH.

Garments made of the so-called waterproof cloth are coming more into general favor each season. There are a number of processes for rendering cloth waterproof. Jobbers will say, is you ask them, that no cloth has yet been made into which rain will not soak if the garment is exposed too long to a shower. The perfect rainproof cloth is yet to be dis-

"You can make a bag of a rainproof cloth." said a jobber in explaining the difficulty, "fill it with water and hang it up. The bag will hold the water for hours, perhaps days. Make a coat of the same kind of cloth, wear it out into the rain, and in an hour or two the water will soak through. The constant stroke of the little raindrops is what wears through the garment. No textile material is in the market that will be entirely impervious to rain."

The cravenette patent is perhaps the best-known process for waterproofing woollen fabrics, having been most extensively advertised. In England it is even more widely advertised and used than in this country. Several other processes have been patented and are more or less successful in winning public favor. This fall their sales have been more extensive than ever before

Rubber coats are recognized as absolutely rainproof, but the trade finds the demand to be for something not so warm and uncomfortable, but equally imperivous to rain. Some manufacturers take a cotton fabric, stamp it on one side with a fast print and coat the other side with a thin preparation of rubber. This cloth is being used considerably for women in cloakings. Wool fabrics, of course, are the goods usually selected for the waterproofing process. The shrinking of wool makes it to some extent waterproof, as shown in the Irish friezes, which, when of good quality, will shed water for a considerable time.

The vogue of the waterproof class of goods has led to some novelties, such as the manufacture of mercerised cotton fabries in color designs similar to those of cravenette and other waterproof cloths. One mill has turned out a line of mercerized fabrics that is adapted for waterproofing, and the results are declared to be highly satisfactory. The goods may be used without waterproofing, and closely resemble cravenette in appearance. There are white, and blue and white mixtures in this line. There are also overchecks, and it is expected that there will be quite a run on these goods for women's cloaks and suitings. In men's wear about the only use for the waterproof cloths is in overcoats, but women find the materia's serviceable for coats, cloaks, suitings and skirts.

be two knots faster than any other Allan liner running to tober totalled \$101,667.92, an increase of \$23,351.90 over the

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#### OILS AND DRUGS.

Nearly all of the domestic essential oils and some of those that are imported are very firm, with prices in marked upward tendency. This is particularly true with regard to oil of cloves, the market for which is influenced by the greatly enhanced value of the spice. There has, of late, been a particularly good demand for this oil and the strength of the market is thoroughly justified.

Citronella is another oil which has been moving up recent ly. After remaining practically stationary for a number of months, the price advanced a week or so ago, on receipt of strong advices from Ceylon, where higher values are now ruling and where the supply is said to be light.

The peppermint oil situation is sufficiently familiar to require no further comment. The U.S. market, at the present time, is dull and somewhat unsettled, apparently. According to the Government figures, the amount of oil exported during the month of September was much larger than during the previous month, as will be seen by the following table, compiled by the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter:

Month.	Р	oun	—1903— ds. Value.		
January		291	\$ 668	1,330	\$ 2,328
February		134	619	1,033	1,780
March		165	649	2,137	4,266
April		65	271	1,113	1,909
May		54	191	605	1,139
June		148	314	1,733	3,014
July		291	728	2.321	4,617
August-		266	617	1,667	3,779
September.	4,	450	10,218	2,923	6,506
October	 			2.550	,5,721
November				2,490	11,430
December			5.5.5	225	475

Oil of wormwood is about the only variety in which there is anything like a feeling of weakness. This article is in good supply, and there is little demand for it at the moment. The prices quoted are, therefore, rather nominal. In marked contrast is oil of lavender flowers. Advices from abroad state that record prices are going to rule this  $\underline{\chi}ear,$  as the crop of flowers has been a flat failure. Oil of spearmint has advanced recently and is very firmly held in consequence of the light supply, both in this market and in the country. Still higher prices are looked for.

Some Roots in Upward Tendency .- Various roots. of greater or less importance to the drug trade, are occupying very strong position at the moment, and, in most cases, the prices quoted for different varieties under review, seem likely to advance still tarther than they already have. The cause of the upward tendency of values is the scarcity of supplies, and this searcity is due, not to the failure of crops, but to the small quantities gathered last year and this year. Take senega root, for instance. According to advices from the Northwest, there is still plenty of this root in the ground and, early in the season, it was thought that the amount gathered would be very large. On this account prices receded from the high point reached last year, and the article sold at comparatively low prices. Various things interfered with the digging, however, principal among them the enormous grain harvest which took all available labor and left practically no one to gather the root. The market consequently became firmer. Since new crop root has been offering, prices have fluctuated with the demand.

Blood root and mandrake root are two more articles which have been affected by the same conditions as influenced the market for senega. Both of these roots are in very light supply and have been in active demand lately, at constantly advancing prices. Kava kava is also scarce, as are all of the Pacific Coast articles, roots, barks and herbs.

The sitution as regards gensing root has already been dealt with. The demand has been more active recently and pricesadvanced, but subsequently receded. With the New York it is held by some that the enhanced values are attained under the care of the growers' organization. The ago. It carried, 793 for, 124 against.

Northwestern root has not fluctuated much this year, and it was not until September that any movement in prices occurred. The supply of golden seal, both on spot and in the country, is very light, for practically the same reasons as those bearing on the senega situation. Late in September prices advanced sharply and have been ruling high ever since. It is predicted that values will be much higher than those at which the article is now held.

#### OCTOBER FAILURES.

October insolvencies in the Dominion were much more satisfactory than those of the United States, although the returns usually show similar conditions on both sides of the border. The total number of suspensions in October was 75, compared with 88 in the same month last year, and 118 two years ago. Defaulted liabilities amounted to \$747,312, against \$502,183 in 1902, and \$594,070 in 1901. Manufacturing losses numbered 20, with unpaid debts of \$474,248, against 17 last year for \$97,740, while there were 52 trading suspensions for \$269,476, against 70 a year ago involving \$401.943. Other commercial failures were three in number and \$3,588 in amount, compared with one for \$2,500 last year. There appears a decided improvement in trading insolvemeies, liabilities being largest in general stores and miscellaneous, and in neither case reaching \$100,000, while in three of the fourteen classes there were no failures whatever. While there were few manufacturing defaults, only eight of fourteen classes reporting any losses, and five of these but one each, the aggregate of liabilities was unusually heavy on account of several su-pensions of large saw mills and one mining failure.

There were 1,086 commercial failures in the United States during October, according to R. G. Dun's report, involving a total indebtedness of \$18.387,567, in addition to which there were 21 banking suspensions with liabilities of \$13,084.635. In the coresponding month last year there were 963 commorcial failures for \$10,851,534, and 10 fiduciary insolvencies for \$3.432.376. Manufacturing defaults were 316 in number and \$11,995.369 in amount, against 257 last year involving \$5,370,-187. Trading failures numbered 720 and liabilities were \$5. 536,129, compared with 652 in 1902 for \$4,649,552. In other commercial lines, not properly included in the two principal divisions, there were 50 failures, with a defaulted indebtednes of \$856,069, against 54 a year ago for \$831,795. Thus, while there was about the same increase in number of both manufacturing and trading suspensions, most of the difference in liabilities occurred in the manufacturing class, where losses were more than double those of October, 1902, and the increase was still larger when compared with the earlier years back to 1896.

Liabilities of commercial failures in the U.S. for each month are compared below:

February       10,907,454       11,302,029       11,287,211         March       10,458,000       8,117,228       9,195,464         April       11,811,967       7,359,341       5,571,222         May       12,314,206       9,109,840       7,990,423         June       8,326,654       10,173,917       10,539,559		1903.	1902.	1901.
February       10,907,454       11,302,029       11,287,211         March       10,458,000       8,117,228       9,195,464         April       11,811,967       7,359,341       5,571,222         May       12,314,206       9,109,840       7,990,422         June       8,326,654       10,173,917       10,539,559	January	\$12,978,979	\$14,312,501	\$11,220,811
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August		10,877,782	8,068,525	9,458,866
September	September	7,229,568	10,031,258	8,261,373
		18,387,567	10,851,534	10,680,627
	November		9,276,716	9,070,446
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#### THE WORLD'S PETROLEUM OUTPUT.

The report to the U.S. Geological Survey on the production of petroleum in 1902, gives the following table, showing approximately the production of crude petroleum in all the known countries of the world, together with the percentages of each for 1902, in barrels of 42 gallons, wine measure, each:

	Barrels. P. C	3.
United States	\$0,894,590 45.6	4
Canada	520,000 .2	29
Peru	.00,000 .0	13
Russia	80,540,045 45.4	4
Galicia	4,142,160 2.3	35
Sumatra, Java, Borneo	5,860,000 3.3	1
Roumania	2,059,930 1.1	6
India	1,570,500 .8	39
Japan	1,193,000 . 6	57
Germany	350,675 .2	0
Italy	12,000	
All other countries	26,000 . 0	2
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Potal	177 991 000 100 0	

The total increase in 1902 amounted to almost 7 per cent. as compared with 1901, and to almost 20 per cent. as compared with 1900. The most conspicuous items in the list are the increase in the production of the United States and the decrease in the production of Russia, the result being that the output of these two countries reached nearly the same figures in 1902.

#### TEMISKAMING RAILWAY FINANCES.

The Tenniskaming & Northern Ontario Railway Commission has effected through the banks temporary loans aggregating \$2,300,000, to run for upwards of a year from the 15th instant, at 5 per cent. Tenders received for the \$2,750,000 $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. thirty-year gold bonds of the commission guaranteed by the Government were, with one exception, which was for a very small amount, on a basis to yield the investor 4 per cent. These tenders were regarded as favorable compared with prices ruling at the time for other high-class se<sup>2</sup> curities, but they were not felt to be as good as the commission should ultimately obtain.

The members of the commission feel that, considering the bad bond markets now ruling, the arrangement made is an excellent one, affording, as it does, an option of marketing the bonds at the most favorable period. It is on a better basis than that effected by some of the highest class railroads in the United States, which have found it undesirable to issue bonds at prices obtainable under present conditions, and have made temporary borrowing arrangements under higher rates of interest. The plan adopted by the commission provides for existing indebtednes, and also for the financial requirements for a considerable period ahead.

#### STATE BONUSES IN AUSTRALIA.

The Royal Commission of six protectionist and six free traders, lately appointed to consider a proposal to establish iron works by the aid of State bonuses, reports a Melbourne cable, is evenly divided regarding the practicability or advisability of the scheme. Two reports have been issued. The tree traders do not believe that bonuses will permanently establish the industry, or that they are commercially necessary. They say that Canada's experience in connection with the payment of bonuses is discouraging. The protectionists favor the proposal. They recommend that if it is adopted the Government be empowered to purchase the industry after a errain period. They accuse Canadian and American manufacturers of harvesting machinery of extortion, alleging that

prior to the imposition of the Federal tariff machines, valued at \$85 at the exporting port could not be procured in Australia under \$300, owing to the operations of the American-Canadian ring.

#### THE WORKINGMAN'S SAVINGS.

While it will ever be shown that the man who works for his daily wage is desirous of seeing any changes in the fiscal policy which will redound to his personal benefit, it must be admitted that, aside from whatever for the general good may be embodied in the protective side for Great Britain, the irugal workingman there is not doing so badly. In the last report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies it is shown that the working classes of Great Britain have invested in the various societies and savings banks the enormous sum of \$1,813,867,400. The following table shows the number of members and amount of savings in these societies:—

	No. of		
	Members.	Funds.	
Building societies	591,283	\$310,388,000	
Friendly societies:			
Ordinary friendly societies	2,943,213	75,225,000	
Societies having branches		102,635,000	
Collecting and other societies	7,327,496	38,295.000	
Co-operative societies	1,929,628	204,120,000	
Prade unions	1,598,809	21,325,000	
Workmen's compensation societies	133,604	615,000	
Friends of labor loan societies	33,965	1,039,400	
Railway, trustee, and postoffice sav-			
ings banks	10,485,918	1,080,225,000	

This return is for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1901. The returns for 1902 will not be ready for several months yet, but so far as counsed they show an increase over 1901, just as the latter year shows an increase in savings of no less than \$136,842,000 over those of 1900. This means that in the year 1900 the working classes in Britain added to their savings almost \$2,700,000 weekly. It should also be stated that these figures take no account of the millions of dollars invested in industrial insurance companies, the returns of which are made to the Board of Trade and not to the chief registrar.

#### COTTON FROM AFRICA.

Sir Alfred Jones, president of the British Cotton Growing Association, stated at its first annual meeting at Manchester recently, that Lancashire must recognize the fact that her cotton supply, so far as America is concerned, will diminish year by year, and that she ought therefore to give them all the support possible in their endeavor to get cotton from new parts of the world. In Africa they had got past the experimental stage in the matter. Money had been made by growing cotton there, and selling it in England, and by-and-by they would have a great cotton crop from Africa. Sir F. D. Lugard, High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria, welcomed the present movement, and stated that the soil of Nigeria was admirably suited to the growing of cotton.

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#### CHEMICALS.

For the chemical trade generally, says a private Manchester, Eng., circular, of October 24th, this has been a dull month. Transactions have been neither numerous nor large, and the enquiries for delivery over the next twelve months have been less than usual already, and there is now good reason to hope for some improvement in demand, from the textile trade at least. In heavy alkalies a moderate business is being done. Bleaching powder is now quoted at higher prices, but there is pienty effering from second hands, and sales are not easily made, most consumers having their contracts fixed. Caustic soda is steady; there is more enquiry for next year's delivery, but consumers expect some reduction on current quotations. Animonia alkali and soda crystals are unchanged. Chlorates of potash and soda are again easier.

During the nun completed months of this year as comparid with the corresponding period of 1902 the exports of bleaching materials show an increase of 5,960 tons, but a decrease of  $\pounds$  53,772, and the exports of soda compounds an increase of 10,269 tons or £2,304. Sulphate of copper is again easier, and is rather neglected. Lead compounds also are quiet: accetates of lead an steady but dull: White and red lead are attracting little attention; nitrate of lead is an exception. being in fair demand. Green copperas is moving only slowly. Carbonate and caustic potash remain quiet at unchanged prices. Montreal petashes continue scarce and dear. Muriate and carbonate of ammonia are firm, but are now more easily obtainable. Arsenic has advanced, and makers are expecting further improvement. Borax is selling freely, and at better prices. Prussiates of potash and soda have improved further, with makers still holding off the market, though the consuming demand is not heavy. Bichromates are firm, and selling for this year only. Tartarie acid has steadied, but business is only small and for early delivery.

In the tar products branch the improvement noticed a month ago has since been more than maintained. Benzoles are firm; contracts have been placed for large quantities for gas enrichment. Solvent naphtha is now taken up more freely by consumers; the market is decidedly firmer, and higher figures are no weasily obtainable, for forward delivery. Tolnol is also in better demand, and bringing better prices. In creosole some good quantities have been placed at advanced figures, and the market is strong. Crude carbolic remains fiam, and makers are not at all anxious about the future; crystals have latterly had rather more enquiry. Pitch has been sold at reduced prices, and the market is barely steady. Sulphate of animonia continues firm, and some important quantities have been placed up to June next at good figures; still higher prices may rule, in view of the labor troubles at the Shale Oil Works, and the firm position of nitrate of soda.

Minerals.—Trade is quiet in this branch. Iron ore is freely offered, and prices are easy. Imports show a further decline during September, but during the nine completed months of this year as compared with the corresponding period of 1902, there is still an increase of 147,129 tons or  $\pounds74,480$ . Brimstone is steady, and a moderate business doing: imports are rather better in September, but during the nine months. January 1st to September 39th this year as compared with the corresponding period of 1902, there is a decrease of 2,468 tons or  $\pounds12,879$ . Phosphates of line are steady, and there is perhaps a little better enquiry, but no large business is being done. The China elay trade is in good condition, and some large contracts have recently been made for next year's delivery.

#### DAIRY PRODUCE.

A private London circular, date 23rd inst., treating of the dairy produce situation, says:—Butter—The mild, unseasonable and abnormally rainy weather still continues, and all retail trades are suffering severely in consequence. In Russia the winter has begun fully a fortnight earlier than usual, and if the cold travels westward it will bring the long-lookedfor bright frosty cheery days that usually are associated with October. There is a good demand for Canadian butter, especially as Irish is falling off in supply, but prices remain unaltered from last week. "Choicest" salt freshly landed brings 98 to 100s, and an occasional shilling more for an extra fine parcel. "Finest" ranges from 24 to 96s, and for inferior quality 90 to 92s is being made.

The arrivals of Australasian butter this week consist of 863 ewts., in the "Mimalaya" from Australia, and 2,721 ewts. in the "Paparoa" from New Zealand. The exact quantity on board the "Rakaia," now discharging in Liverpool, is not yet known, but is about 1,500 ewts. The "Areadia" sailed from Au-tralia this week with about 470 tons of butter on board, and is due in London at the end of November. The "Himalaya" brought the first shipment of new season's butter, consisting of about 750 boxes, and it has been sold at about 108s per ewt.

The very great scarcity of strictly choicest butter has forced the Danish Committee, which sits weekly in Copenhagen, to raise the price by two kroner, and the official quotation now stands at 102 kroner, which is one kronenr higher than it was last year at this date. French, Dutch and all other Continental butters, as is usual at this time of the year, are very irregular in quality, and the amount af really choicest is very restmicted. Irish butter is rapidly declining in quantity and the quality is deteriorating. This year the exceedingly wet season has aggravated this annual decline in quality, and, consequently, the amount of strictly choicest butter is in smaller compass than formerly. In a few weeks the quality will improve, but in the meantime the scarcity of choicest make will stimulate high prices. When supplies of Australian and New Zealand butter made from spring grass scome fairly plentitul on our markets then values will be easier. Notwithstanding the fact that this year during the last twelve weeks the imports of butt r from Australia and New Zealand have been 36,000 cwts, against only 27 cwts, last year, the total imports from all sources are 54,600 cwts, less for the twelve weeks than they were last year.

Cheese.—The demand for Canadian cheese shows an improvement on last week although prices remain quotably unchanged. In Canada, at the Legianing of the week, there was a rise of 3s per ewt., but towards the close there is a weakening in values in c.i.f. quotations to the extent of about 2s to 3s per ewt. Choicest is quoted at 54 to 55s, and finest at 52 to 53s. Corresponding week, 1902, choicest Canadian sold at 55 to 56s, and finest at 52 to 53s.

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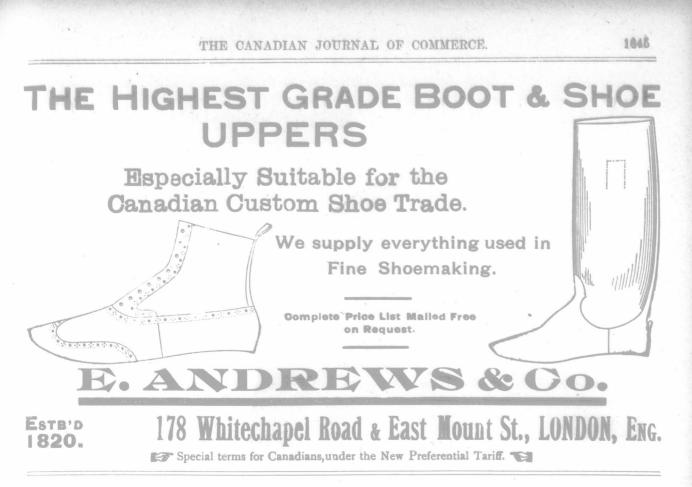
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#### LARGE HOTEL FOR WINNIPEG.

A Montreal architect has, we learn, completed plans for a million dollar Canadian Pacific hotel and station at Winnipeg, which will be the best building in Canada, west of the Great Lakes, and one of the finest hotels on the continent. The C. P. R. hotel in the Manitoba capital has been talked of for years, but the people of that eity have lost nothing in waiting 1%r the railway to complete their extensive plans. The designs indicate a great undertaking and one that will do credit to even the great west. Operations will be begun in the early spring and it will take about two years to complete.

All materials entering into the Winnipeg structure will be Canadian. The Main street frontage will measure 220 feet, with a depth of 750 feet on Higgins street; the hotel will possess 400 rooms. The chief entrance will be from Main street, but there will also be a second entrance from the station platform. Stony Mountain or Calgary stone will be used and the building will be fire-proof throughout.<sup>55</sup> Here will centre all the offices of the great trans-continental railway in the city of Winnipeg, except those connected with the immigration department.

-The Ottawa, Northern & Western Railway, for some time operated by the C. P. R., will, according to a formal announcement, in future be conducted as part of the C. P. R. system.



#### LONDON FUR SALES.

We learn from London that Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co. held their regular October sale of furs and skins on the 20th and 21st, offering the following:-Raccoon, 12,000; muskrat, 110.000; skunk, 1,400; mink, 4,500; marten, 4,500; baum marten. 550; stone marten, 2,600; Russian sable, 3.000; red fox, 3.000; gray fox, 850; silver fox, 30; cross tox, 60; blue fox, 40; white fox, 1,400; Japanese fox, 6,000; lynx, 700; otter, 600: beaver, 500; bear, 1,300; wolf, 1,000; wild cat, 500; real chunchilla, 2,000; bastard chinchilla, 17.000; grebe, 11,000; Australian opossum, 850,000; wombat, 72,000; wallaby, 160,-000; kangaroo, 10,000; kolinsky, 64,000; squirrel backs, 31,-000; mole, 50,000; Siberian dog skins, 15,000: nutria skins, 10.000, and 2,300 dry hair seal.

Salted fur seal-Cape Horn, 9,200; Cape of good Hope, 674; South Sea, etc., 1,300.

Results by cable:

Red fox, 10 per cent. lower than March.

White fox, 10 per cent. lower than March.

Gray fox, 20 per cent .lower than March.

Bear, all kinds, 30 per cent. lower than March.

Mink, 10 per cent. lower than March.

Otter, 15 per cent. lower than March.

Raccoon, 15 per cent. lower than March. Marten, 15 per cent. lower than March.

Beaver, 10 per cent. lower than January.

Lynx, 10 per cent. lower than March.

Wolf, 25 per cent. lower than March.

Wolverine, 10 per cent. lower than March.

Wallaby, 25 per cent. lower than June.

Wombat, 30 per cent. lower than June.

Australian opossum, 20 per cent. lower than June. Kangaroo, same as in June.

Muskrat, Canadian and Eastern, 15; Delaware and Maryland, 10; Western and Northwestern, 25 per cent. higher than January.

Same as in March-Silver and blue fox, wild and house cat, badger, chinchilla, real and bastard.

Salted fur seals-Cape Horn, seasoned, 10, and Cape of Good Hope, 10 per cent. lower than in June.

-C. W. Burns, groceries and shoes, Meaford, Ont., has assigned to J. W. Lumbers of Toronto.

#### PREPARING SHODDY.

Shoddy is prepared from old woollen goods of various colors, which shoddy sorters endeavor to grade by keeping the dark colors together, and separate from light-colored goods. The dyer is aften called upon to deal with them, and in order to obtain the best results it becomes necessary to prepare the goods more or less. If the shoddy is to be dyed in dark shades it will, as a rule, not be needful to do anything with it, in fact the color it often possesses will be a help to the dyer and save him material; but when pale to medium shades are required, it is needful to treat it for the purpose of removing as much of the color it possesses as possible. There are two plans which are available for this purpose

The shoddy is treated for half an hour in a boiling bath of 4 lb. bichromate of potash and 5 lb. sulphuric acid to each 100 lb. of shoddy. After this treatment the shoddy is well washed, and is ready for dyeing. This process more or less mordants the shoddy with chrome, so that as a rule it is ready to dye with fordant dyes like alizarine, anthracene, yellow, or diamond yellow without further treatment. If the shoddy is to be dyed, as is sometimes done, with direct dyes, such as diamine scarlet, it ought to be neutralized by adding a small quantity of ammonia to the rinsing waters. Sometimes better results are obtained in stripping the color from the shoddy if it be treated with 3 lb. bichromate of potash, 4 lb. sulphuric acid, and 3 lb. oxalic acid.

This method consists in using a solution of hydrosulphite of soda. This body has a strong reducing action on colors and very few are able to resist it. To treat 7 lb. of shoddy a liquor is made from 27 lb. hydrosulphite and 21/2 lb. acetic acid. The shoddy is put into this bath, and worked for half an hour, at the boil, after which it is taken out, rinsed in water, then in water containing a little sulphuric acid, and afterwards in clean water, when it will be ready for dyeing. The hydrosulphite is made by adding together, with constant sturring, 21/4 lb. zine dust, 23/4 gallons water, and 271/4 lb. bisu phite of soda. After the re-acting has begun, the mixture is allowed to stand for 3 or 4 hours, when the clear liquor is poured off the crystals which form, and is used as above described. This process is better for shoddy which is liable to contain cotton than the bichromate process, as its action on the fibre is much weaker. It does not deposit oxide of chrome as does the bichromate, and so the shoddy is not available for dyeing with mordant dyes. It is more available, especially with shoddy containing cotton, for dyeing- with direct dyes.



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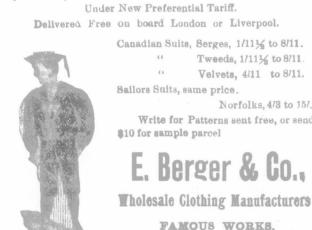
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### QUEBEC FIRE LOSS.

The late fire at Quebec was, it appears, caused by the explosion of a lamp in the dark-room of the Photographic Company of M. D. Armaly. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000. The insurances, as far as known, are as follows: Mr. Nadeau, on building, North British & Mercantile, \$8,000, North American, \$5,000; Messra. Martel & Martel, \$4,000; M. D. Armaly, ≈300; Mr. J. H. Begin, on stock in St. Joseph street store, Phoenix, London, \$6,000, Manchester, \$2,000, Western \$4,000, Guardian \$3,000, London Assurance \$2,000, Union \$1,000, Sun \$1,000, Ottawa \$1,000, total, \$20,000; value of stock \$30,000; Stock in warehouse on Desfosses street, valued at \$25,000, Phoenix, London, \$2,000, Alliance \$2,000, Union \$4,000, Western \$3,000, Guardian \$2,000; total \$20,000.

-Mrs. F. E. Moore, stationery, Toronto, has assig E. R. C. Clarkson. The liabilities are not heavy, and the estate will proably pay one hundred cents in the dollar.



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#### RUSSIA'S WHEAT CROP SHORT.

According to statements made in the Russia newspapers there has been a very bad harvest and it will be necessary to purchase wheat abroad. There is great distress among the rural papulation, and many peasants will be forced to sell their cattle because of the lack of forage. In the Province of Riazan the hay erop is two million quintals below that of last year. The harvest in Siberia is very bad. The new ryc is found to be mixed with ergot, which has already had poisonous effects.

#### SKIRTS TO BE LONGER.

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Opinions, like dresses, vary, and just because they do one milliner is desirous of making skirts long in order to be in the latest fashion, while others as freely assert that more briefness is more to the point. A late Paris cable states that there is a strong movement at present against the short walking skirt. It is found that the short skirt is not practical in muddy weather unles it is two inches above the boots, and then it becomes ungraceful. The round skirt is therefore regaining favor. Fashion's decree for the coming season declares for a gored skirt with stitched seams and a small shaped flounce at the bottom, sufficiently long to require holding up in the street.

Winter Hats.—The choosing of winter hats is a serious problem this year, and it is well to remember that not only must the color be in accord with the costume, but the shape also. Following out the law of exaggeration that has been fashionable for so long a time, if the style of the gown is one that makes the wearer look short and broad, the hat is broad and flat; if the lines are long and slender the hat gives height and slenderness. But here also it is foolish to choose an unbecoming hat, simply because it is a fashionable shape and color. Hats to match the costumes in color are very smart this season, as are also the all-black hats again, and the sol-

ored hats will be worn not only with the gowns they match, but with the black costumes as well, and indeed with gowns of contrasting colors they will be seen. Small and large shapes are alike in favor.

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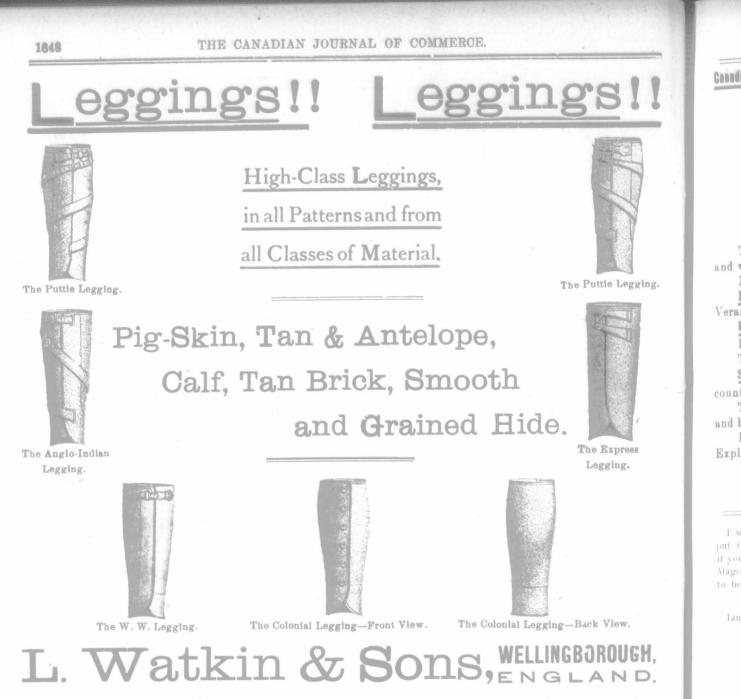
#### OFFICIAL DISTURBANCES AT LINDSAY.

The good people of Lindsay, in the North-Midland portion of Ontario, are at present agitated over the resignation of their Police Magistrate, Mr. Wm. Steers, owing to reasons over which all are evidently not of one mind. The following explanation we take from the Canadian Post, of that town:--

"In conversation with His Worship, Police Magistrate Steers, last evening, he expressed himself to The Post's representative, in reference to the escape of the prisonr from the police court, on Monday afternoon, as being annoyed beyond measure that such a thing should be possible. He said the room allotted to him for his court was wholly unsuitable, as no provision is made for the proper care and safety of prisoners appearing before him. This is the second attempt made by prisoners to escape and would not be the last, and he was fully determined that if he continued to fill the position of Police Magistrate, more suitable provision would have to be made or he would not accept the responsibility, but would resign his position.

He waited on Mayor Southeran and laid the urgency of the case before him, and had urged him to call a special meeting of the Council for last evening, to consider this important matter, but the Mayor did not seem to realize the importance of the matter or the seriousness of the position of affairs and would not call the meeting until Monday evening next. The matter was worthy of more prompt consideration.

The P. M., said he would insist on having at least two constables in attendance at each sitting of his court, so that if it should be necessary to send a constable out for a witness or other necessary commission there would be one constable on duty to guard the prisoners. Also that a proper railing or



box for the retention of prisoners be provided and such other provisions made as to make the recurrence of Monday's escape practically impossible. If the town Council does not immediately take the matter up, he would lay it before the Government, as he would not continue to asume the responsibility, and wished the public to know it.

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Since writing the above, we were handed copies of two letters, one addressed to Mayor Southeran and the other to the Hon. J. M. Gibson, K.C., Attorney-General for the Province of Ontario, in which Police Magistrate Steers tenders his resignation. The announcement will be received with great surprise by our citizens as it comes like a bolt out of a clear sky.

#### James H. Southeran, Esq.,

#### Mayor, Town of Lindsay.

Dear Sir,-Referring to my recent conversation with you in regard to the insufficiency of the present force of two constables to properly police the town of Lindsay and to the immediate and urgent necessity of the appointment of another paid constable, making a regular police force of at least three, so that there would be always one constable in Court in charge of a prisoner while the other might be upon the str if not actually employed, as he frequently is, in performing J. H. Southeran, Mayor of the town, a copy of which is ensome duty for the Court; and referring also to my having closed.

pointed out to you the present unsatisfactory condition of the room in which the Court is held, demonstrated by the complete escape therefrom during the trial of one prisoner (Anthony May), and the imminent danger of the escape of another prisoner, which was only prevented by my pursuing him in person along the street and calling for the assistance of the passers by, something which no judicial officer should be called upon to do, and something which I do not intend again doing; and referring further to the necessity for immediate action by the Town Council along the lines indicated and your refusal to call them together, I have to advise you that I have placed my resignation of the office of Police Magistrate in the hands of the Honorable the Attorney-General for the Province of Ontario, and have respectfully pressed upon him its immediate acceptance. I have the honor to be, Mr. Your obedient servant, Mayor,

WM. STEERS.

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#### Lindsay, October 28, 1903.

#### The Hon, J. M. Gibson, K.C.,

#### Attorney-General for the Province of Ontario, Toronto.

Dear Sir,-I hereby place in your hands my resignation of the office of Police Magistrate for the town of Lindsay, and I would respectfully press upon you its immediate acceptance. The reason for this action is contained in a letter to Mr.

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#### TRIAL ORDER SOLICITED.

I would just add that I am not actuated by any desire to put the town or your department to inconveience, and shall, if you wish it and so advise me, discharge the duties of Police Magistrate until my successor is appointed. I have the honor to be, Your obedient servant,

WM. STEERS.

Lindsay, October 28, 1903.

#### A BIT OF RADIUM.

Professor Rutherford of McGill College was some weeks ago authorized by Sir William C. Macdonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer of this city, to purchase a specimen of the new substance, Radium. When it is remembered that the price at which the article is valued is given at \$80,000 per ounce, it will be inferred how small a particle Professor Rutherford felt warranted in purchasing. The specimen now in the professor's possesion is about the size of a small pea, but so intense is its power that it throws light not only through the living body, but through wood and even plates of metal. Professors of the applied sciences the world over are busy endeavoring to analyze the new substance, which, it will be recalled, was discovered through accident by a French scientist and his wife. As one of the undergraduates remarked, the X-rays are not "in it" with Radium.

-A cable which reached Montreal on Wednesday evening stated that Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham the same night was taken by reporters by means of the electrophone, which allowed them, sitting in the London office, 113 miles distant, to hear every word spoken. The speech was printed verbatim, and the paper selling on the street 27 minutes after the speech was concluded. The electrophone, it is stated, beat the telegraph one hour 27 minutes. This method has, it is claimed, inaugurated a revolution in reporting. Mr: Chamberlain's speech was attended by a vast throng of eager histeners, this being expected, in any event, from his fellowtownsmen.

#### MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY.

Meetings, Reports, &c.

The annual statement of the Montreal Street Railway for the year ended September 30th, was issued on the 2nd inst. It shows gross receipts \$2.222,000 and operating expenses \$1,316,000, an increase of \$176,000 in gross earnings, and \$182,000 in operating expenses. The decrease of \$6,000 in net earnings as compared with 1902, is accounted for largely by the fact that, during the year the company had two strikes. During the year 54,500,000 passengers were earried, as compared with 49,900,000 for 1902. There were 16,700,000 trans-

fers issued, as compared with 15,000,000. 'The report, which will be submitted to the shareholders at the annual meeting on the 4th of November, goes on to say that the net earnings are \$905,939.01, as compared with \$911.-032.27 last year. After providing for the percentage on earnings accrued to the city, and interest on bonds and loans, the directors declared four quarterly dividends, amounting to \$600,000, and in view of the company having assumed their own fire insurance risk, have placed an additional sum of \$25,000 to the credit of the fire insurance fund, which now amounts to \$239,377.31, and \$50.000 to the credit of the contingent account, leaving a surplus of \$9,907.54, which has been transferred to the general surplus account of the company. An amount of \$54,130.18 expended during the year on special renewals has been charged against the contingent account.

The operating expenses per cent. of gross carnings show an increase, due to the heavy increased rate of wages paid in all departments, the increased amount spent on the maintenance of the company's property and the increase paid to the city on gross earnings per cent.

While the gross earnings from the Montreal Park and Island Railway Company's system have shown a satisfactory increase during the past year, the working expenses have also increased, and in consequence the Montreal Street Railway Company have not received any interest on the stock and bonds of the Montreal Park and Island Railway Company, owned by them. During the past year the company paid the city of Montreal the following amounts: Taxes on earnings



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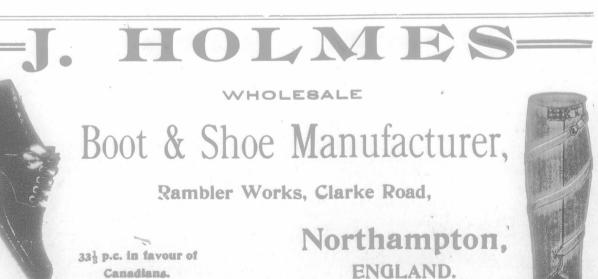
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-Grand Trunk Railway System.-Earnings 22nd to 31st October, 1903, \$1,099,961; 1902, \$988,838; increase, \$111,123.

-A statement was issued to the press early in the week relating to the liquidation of the James Cooper Manufacturing Company, Montreal. The estate of the late Mr. James Cooper, in-so-far as it relates to the manufacturing company of the same name, is still in an unsettled condition, but it is expected that further developments will be reported in due time.



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from England, and I was received with so little encouragement on every side that I gave it up in disgust. While experiencing "the Hell it is in sueing long to bide," a man from a western county who saw his opportunity, came and saw and conquered, and is now busy with his associates in manufacturing the article referred to in a district less fitted for it than one in this vicinity as to materials, power and labour.

During this time one of our largest banks has been freely lending more or less on speculative stocks, assisting in laying snares for the unwary and foolish, and bringing about the deplorable state of things with which many people have be come too well acquainted during the last six months, and which on one or two managers themselves has brought many a sleepless night lately. You may see them in the street oc-

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casionally, Mr. Editor, with cadaverous countenances and averted looks crawling along to a mid-day snack that seems to do them little good. Have the lessons brought them wisdom?

Apologizing for this lengthy communication, I am, yours truly,

MANUFACTURER.

Montreal, Nov. 3rd, 1903.

#### FINANCIAL

#### Montreal, Thursday Evening, Nov. 5, 1903.

SALE! THIS

The financial situation as regards the stock market is decidedly improving. The exposures in the United States and in Ontario showed in one case what prodigious frauds may be perpetrated by a Trust Company, and in the other how the funds of a Loan Company may be exploited for stock gambling. The Ontatio case is dealt with on an earlier page. These scandals seem to have helped to clear the air, though by the process some millions of money have been cleared out of the pockets of the too confiding victims of these disgraceful proceedings. The law needs adapting to modern conditions so as to bring those who issue bogus stocks, and those who use funds they hold in trust as managers of financial companies, into sure and swift condemnation, as well as all who aid and abet such frauds. The meshes of the law are altogether too wide. Were a few offenders of this class known to be in a penitentiary it would have a most wholesome effect on the stock market. While the situation is improving there are signs of a reaction in trade having set in. The expenditures on the Grand Trunk Pacific may be commenced in time to prevent this movement developing in Canada, but it will be advisable for caution to be exercised in stocking goods and

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manutacturing and spending, so as to be in a good position should trade conditions become adverse. The Chamberlain agitation in England is bringing into prominence the fact that the preference given by Canada to British goods has considcrably enlarged exports to Canada, and offers advantages not yet fully realized by manufacturers and merchants in Great Britain. The commercial failures in October in the States numbered 1,086 with a total liabilities of \$18,387,567, which is 8 millions in excess of October, 1901 and 1902. There were 21 bank suspensions in the States last month, with liabuilties of \$13,084,635. These are warrant enough for advisag great prudence. There have been numerous sales on the local 'Change this week, but no marked advance in prices. Pacific has been going off in small lots at 119 to 1195/8; Montreal Strest Railway at 199 to 200, and new stock 187 to 190; Power has been lively at 76 to 78; Dominion Coal  $74\frac{1}{2}$  to  $76\frac{1}{4}$ , and S1/2 to S3/4; Richelieu 80 to 81; Twin City 87 to 883/4; Dominion Coal 74 to 77; Detroit 653/4 to 661/2; Toronto Ry. 971/4. The market is a nervous one, when the morning sales show advances there is a usually slight reaction in the afternoon, as though operators had frightened themselves. Consols, SS 5-16. Paris, exchange on London, 25f 151/2c; Berlin, 20m 431/2p1. Foreign exchange, 60's 81/4, demand 9 1-16. Money rates remain as for some time past. The supply locally is ample for all requirements, but a rise in the Bank of England would cause no surprise.

The following is a comparative table of stocks for week ending Nov. 5. as supplied by Chas. Meredith & Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal:



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Banks.	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	1902.
Montreal	26	255	$250\frac{1}{2}$	262
Molsons	95	198	196	215
Toronto	2	220	220	250
Merchants	15	154	$153\frac{1}{2}$	
Hoch mga	41	130	130	$X \in \mathcal{X}$
Miscellaneous.				
Can. Pac. Railway Co	2619	121	118	$134\frac{1}{4}$
Montreal Power Co., xd	6265	78	71	931/2
Montreal Street Ry	870	200	197	$276\frac{3}{4}$
Ditto, new	311	190	185	
Toronto Street Ry	411	98	92	116
Halifax Street Railway	3	95	95	100
Toledo Railway	979	- 23	20	32
Twin City Transit	2737	$881/_{2}$	85	118
Richelieu & Ont. Nav. Co	714	811/2	76	99
Payne	.13925	13	13	
Dom. Coal, common	1662	761/2	711/2	131
Do. pref	26	110	110	
Laurentide Pulp Co	15	75	75	95
Soo pfd	25	$1121_{2}$	$112\frac{1}{2}$	
Detroit United Elec. Ry		653/4	62	871/
Dom. Iron & Steel, com	440	87/8	8	60%
Do. préf	75	25	25	96

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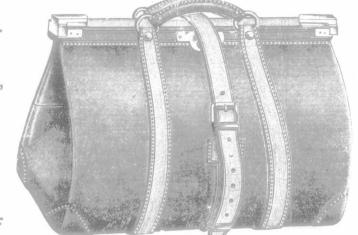
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#### MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Thursday Evening, November 5, 1903.

To-day's change to cold weather, with snow flurries, will urge buying in heavy goods. Prices show declines in several commodities, but these are expected to be but temporary. Manufacturing industries are busy, many being behind with

BUTTER.-Very little movement in the market during the past week, and sales are reported light. The feeling is still unsatisfactory, and gives buyers the advantage. Finest Eastern creamery is difficult to sell at over  $20\frac{1}{2}c$ , although 21c is asked; second grade  $19\frac{1}{2}$  to 20c, and Western 19 to  $19\frac{1}{2}$ c. In dairy there is a fair business passing, selected Western selling at 161/2 to 17c, and second grade at 15 to 16c. Offerings are large.

CEMENTS, ETC .-- Jobbing trade still good. Prices unchanged. Arrivals for week were 2,300 brls. Belgian, 300 brls. English and 222,000 firebricks.

CHEESE .- Dull market, with large offerengs and buyers scarce. Stocks are still piling up and are reported now at 400,000 boxes. Finest Oct. 1034 to 11c, but no buyers over 101/2c, with Eastern make 10 to 101/4c. Buyers are holding off for a lower market, the tendency being strongly that way at writing.

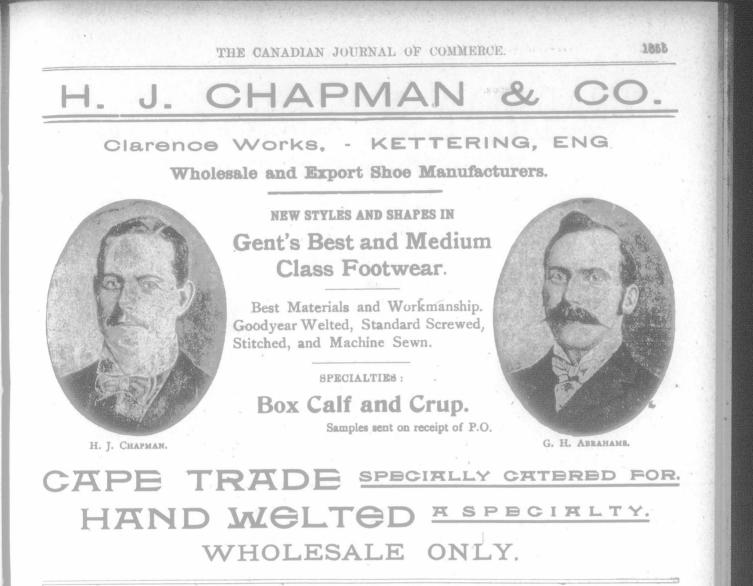
sell at 12c lb.; geese slow at 7 to 8c; chickens in demand at. for Mamitoba wheat: No. 1 northern, 81c; No. 2 do., 77c,

10c lb.; fowls dull at 8c. Partridges are more plentiful, and quoted at 85 to 90c for best. Venison, in carcass now plentiful at  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 6c lb.

DRUGS .- A tendency toward higher prices is shown in many lines. In some instances, such as that of Canada balsam, scarcity prevails because of the better condition of the labor market, which keeps the people employed who would otherwise devote their time to picking bulbs, etc., as in former years. This article is very dear now, and because of the producing season being about over, will continue high. Pot. bromide is regularly quoted at 43c, but small lots can be occasionally picked up from outside dealers at 30c, a wide range. Citric acid keeps very flat. Cocaine Hyd. has been declining recently. Cr. tartar is also easier. Glycerine: no change in manufacturers' prices, but the price is being cut very low. In morphia manufacturers are asking higher prices. Oil of lemon is flat. In opium there is no material change, prices Cod having been fluctuating up and down for some time. liver oil, Norway, is, if anything, a little higher; Nfld., Munn's is quoted in brls. at \$5 per gallon. This maker has sold the bulk of all he has made in the New York and London markets. Oil of cloves, in sympathy with the spice, has advanced about 25 per cent.

EGGS .- Supply fully up to requirements, and there is a softer tone noticeable, although no actual decline has taken place. The fine weather was chiefly responsible. New laid shipped stock is in ready sale at 22 to 23c; straight gathered, 19 to 20c. Montreal limed, 16 to 161/2c; Western limed 16. A few Montreal grocers retail what are guaranteed to be new laid eggs from private sources at 40c dozen. The price will gradually climb until it reach 60 to 75c dozen along about Feb. 1.

FLOUR AND FEED .- Prices have dropped 20c on certain DRESSED POULTRY .- Market lower, with prices weak. brands of flour, owing to cutting rather than to any slight 'Tis difficult to make over 131/2 to 14c lb. for turkeys. Ducks drop in wheat. Demand is steady. Winnipeg closing prices



and No. 3 do., 73c, ex store, Fort William, for delivery early November.

GREEN HIDES .- While there has been a drop of 1c lb. in beef hides in Toronto, tanners here are still paying the old figures of 9, 8 and 7c lb. Calfskins are lc lb. lower at 10 and Sc lb. for No.'s 1 and 2.

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GROCERIES .--- Sugars hold steady on basis of \$4.10 for standard granulated in brls. and 5c less in bags. The latter are largely forcing the cumbersome barrels aside, and it is treely predicted that the bulk of all granulated sugar will shortly be sold in this way, providing the modern craze for pkge goods does not reach sugar here, as it has in the U. S., where two five and ten lb. bags are largely sold, similar to the salt bags. Barbadoes molasses holds steady at 42c in puncheons with the usual advance of 2 to 3c in brls. and half-bris. A private letter from Messrs. Leacock & Co., shipping and commission agents, Barbadoes, to Messrs. Forbes Brothers, Montreal, date October 26, reads :--- "The weather continues most favorable for the cultivation of the sugar cane, the crop of which is under a healthy growth, and bids fair to give a large yield next season. From past experience, whenever the weather continues favorable during the growth of the canes, the quality of both the sugar and molasses has been satisfactory, and with the improved molasses packages which we shall have next season we believe that greater satisfaction will be given buyers abroad than for several seasons past." New Orleans molasses, in 40 gallon brls (imperial measure), is fast working in, this being worth 25 to 40c gal. as to grade. A London cable of the 4th inst. reports 1/2d advance in low grade black teas. A special feature to note is the constantly increasing demand for fine liquor Indian and Ceylon greens at prices that compete succesfully with Japans (a point scored for Mr. Chamberlain). The fish market is very strong. Herring are becoming high in price, Labrador being worth \$5.50 per brl. and \$3 for 1/2-brls. Green cod is almost beyond reach, held at \$6.50 for No. 1. Case cod is worth \$4.75, bone less, 6c lb. Labrador salmon is practically out of the market; \$15 to \$17 was paid for the few that came up. The B. C. salt salmon coming to this market is lighter in color, owing to plained a few days before. But all's well that ends well.

the poor salmon catch. The fish is of good flavor, the only objection being the lack of deep shade generally looked for. Price is about \$12 brl. The canned salmon situation remains very strong. No more stockeye fish to be had on the coast. Stock on this market is selling at \$5.50 to \$5.75, which is less than present cost. The second Mediterranean fruit steams er is expected here in a few days, and is expected to bring all the Malaga fruit for Xmas trade. Prices of raisins are very high, there being an advance of 30 to 40 per cent. on earlier cost. Table raisins will run from \$2 to \$3 per box as to grade; loose muscatels will run from 7c to 8c lb. Currants, fine filiatras, uncleaned, in bulk, are worth  $41_{\!/_2}$  to 4%c lb.; cleaned, about  $1\!\!/_2c$  lb. extra, and in pkgs. about one cent additional. Figs are being purchased on a favorable market this year; are offering here to arrive at 8 to 10c, as to grade, for layers and at 75c to \$1.25 for mats and boxes. Dates are very reasonable, early shipments are worth 41/2c, while later arrivals will be 1/2c lower. Nuts are comparatively reasonable; walnuts 9 to 12c lb., as to grade; almonds 11 to 121/2c; filberts 9 to 10c; pecans 13 to 15c; shelled almonds, about 25c; shelled walnuts about 25c. These prices are for early delivery, later shipments are likely to be lower.

LEATHER .- Jobbing stock is still in short supply. Export shipments are heavy and are expected to continue so till close of navigation. While local trade is somewhat quiet there is no accumulation of stocks. Shoe manufacturers report plenty of orders under prices which grade somewhat higher. Quebec trade is reported rather dull, the stoppage for a few days of one house there owing to some little local trouble with employees denoting an absence of that briskness which generally forces business through small obstructions.

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may be some skips in the first coat. When dark colored papers are to be varnished a pale glue should be used, and made up in proportions of one pound of glue to a gallon of water. For the lighter shaded papers, a mixture of gelatine, glue and white paper varnish is the best. A difficulty often met with when sizing on paper is the frothing for after the bubbles burst, there are spots that have not received the size. This can be avoided by mixing into the size a little turpentine.

#### AFTER KING SOLOMON'S OPHIR GOLD MINES.

Backed by American capital, a German forms, felting machine, stocking stretcher. leave early in November for Portuguese East Africa to begin the aevelopment of what are believed to be King Solomon's Ophir gold mines. The expedition will be headed by Dr. Carl Peters, the well known German colonial expert, who is confident Varnish, when applied to wall paper, that he will succeed in locating the Elern corner of the Portuguese colony close

will be begun simultaneously at three points contiguous to the Sambesi River-Inyakafura, Inyabanda and Umtalia. Dr. Peters believes he has discovered unassailable archaelogical proofs that this was the region where David and Solomon obtained the fabulous wealth they brought to Jerusalem.

One of the rediscovered mines has been rechirstened "Von Moltke" after the famous Prussion general. As evidence of the semitic antecedents of the region it is stated that the natives are different from any other tribes in Africa, being of a disinetly Hebraic type. Their dialect contains many traces of semetic origin.

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WOOD PULP AND "NEWS."

agent for the proposed syndicate, was of London asked him to give his views on the present important trade topics, knowing that no better authority could be found to express an opinion, considering his wide business connections and long experience in the trade. "I have no object-The proposed combination of Scandina- tion to answering your questions," said "

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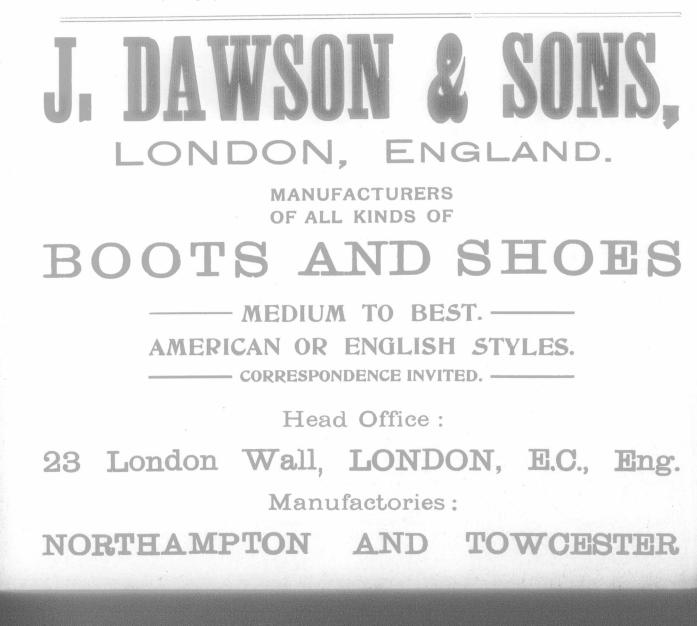
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of pulp makers containing an offer to act as general agent for the proposed syndicate, and an invitation to a conferenceto be held in Gothenburg. Although not a believer in combines, and especially in comines of articles like wood pulp, where it is so easy to check any efforts of a syndicate by the erection of new mills, I nevertheless was of opinion that it would be very desirable, if possible, to make some arrangement to give the wood pulp market more stability, as with the present ruinous prices neither for the pulp makers, dealers, nor agents. pulp business is any more profitable, and as also the frequent fluctuation of prices involves a great danger for the paper makers. I therefore accepted the invitation to meet the committee, together wih Mr. Kjellberg, of Gutherburg, who had agreed to act eventually as manager for the Swedish section. In the discussion I pointed out that the proposed statutes of the comparatively small Finnish Syndicate, whose products remain chiefly in the country, could never be adopted with success by a syndicate so large as the proposed Swedish-Norwegian one, which was to export the bulk of its product, and where so many more difficulties presented themselve s. There was, firstly, the great variations in qualities in the two countries; secondly, the fact that Norway produces chiefly wet pulp and Sweden mostly dry pulp, which latter, under ordinary circumstances, is more difficult to place, while sometimes the reverse is the case; therefore what might be a good selling policy under circumstances for Sweden might he a had one for Norway, and vice versa. Consequently a common selling office for both countries could never act without seriously endangering the interests of one of the other country. Another difficulty was that some of the mills carry rather large stocks, which they naturally wantwhich would have created a disadvantage mills that had poined it in a mess, and have been expected also by the company

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dicate. In July last I received a com- out stocks. Last, but not least, was the part of the bank that financed it against munication from the Swedish committee great animosity of buyers against syn- a numer of the mills that had joined the dicates to be taken into consideration. syndicate and made great losses. I am You know that especially the English further of opinion that a syndicate on consumer, is dependent on foreign wood the now proposed lines would have the pulp, and any forcing up of prices on the animosity of all the buyers against it." part of a syndicate at an inopportune moment endangers greatly the position of nevertheless be formed?" English paper-makers, damaging also in "No. From what I learn from Scandithe long run the pulp maker, on account navia I do not believe so, as the pulp of, through too high prices, lessened con- makers realize that it would involve for sumption. I therefore put as a condition those joining it a disadvantage and e for my taking over the general agency ger, benefiting only those who would rethat the general agent or the agents main outside, and besides foster foreign should have a voice in the committee for competition." fixing prices. I also rejected the idea of doing away with the existing agents in this country as unwise and unfair, proposing that the existing agents should continue to work for the syndicate, allotting to each of them certain districts according to the average quantities they had handled. My views were accepted as reasonable by the Swedish committee, and I believe that a syndicate formed on that basis (would have benefited both pulp makers and paper makers. The Norwegian committee, however, was of opinion that the proposed scheme would give the general aigent "too much power," and has now submitted another proposal, contemplating a common sale office in Norway alone for both countries. As the proposed scheme is nothing else than the or- satisfactory prices again." dinary syndicate scheme without the needful intimate limbs of connection with sis in Canada, and what are your views as consumers, and as the greater part of to how the stoppage of the Sault Ste. syndicates formed on these lines have al- Marie Company and losses of other ready failed, I felt convinced of the same mills will affect the European market?" fate for the one now proposed, and have therefore informed the Swedish makers pany is concerned this mill. except durthat I decline to act as general agent, ing the boom, has never exported any and, from what I understand, Mr. Kjell- quantities to speak of to Europe, and can berg also has withdrawn; others lately consequently not affect the European approached are said to have likewise re- market. The collapse has not come as a fused. We have already had the Saxon surprise to me. I do not wish to say wood pulp syndicate formed on similar more on this subject. As to the Belgolines some years ago, which broke down Canadian Company, its great loss in the ed to be taken over by the syndicate, after only a short duration, leaving the beginning was to be foreseeen, and must

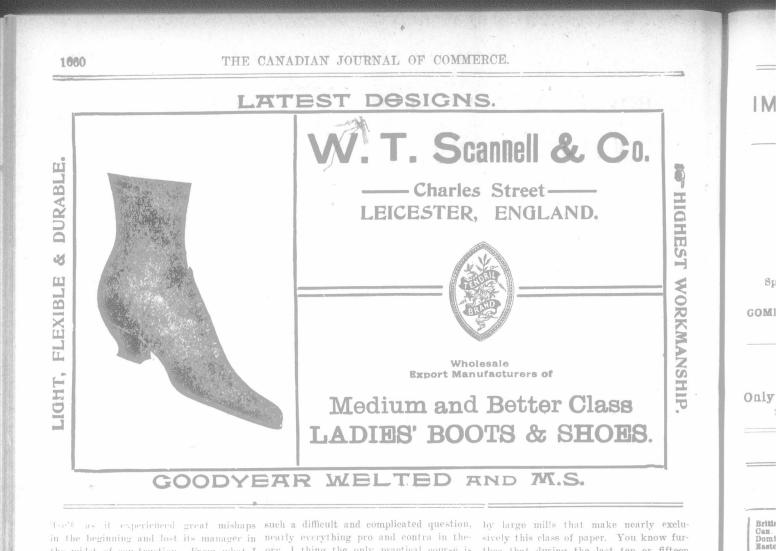
act as general agent for the proposed syn- to the mills entering the syndicate with- there are still lawsuits pending on the "Do you believe that a syndicate will

"Do you believe that the failure in forming the syndicate will weaken the market?"

"No, I do not think so. The present prices are so low that they cannot practically go lower; besides, you know that low prices always create a larger consumption. In fact, paper makers commence to realize this, and the market is already somewhat firmer. Of course, it is imposible to say and difficult to predict when this crisis will be over, this depending upon the paper production coming up to the pulp production. To judge, however, from experience in former similar periods, I should venture to say that it will not take more than one or two years before we can expect normal and

"What do you think of the present cri-

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tions of Canadian pulp mill promoters, and have therefore refrained from investhave been submitted to me. On the other hand, however, I cannot endorse the pessimistic views expressed in some trade journals on the Canadian pulp industry. On the contrary, I consider well situated and well managed Canadian pulp mills can produce pulp at a lower price than Norwegian and at a somewhat lower price that Swedish ones, and the results of existing well managed and well situated Canadian mills confirm this."

"Surely, Mr. Wertheim, you, doing a large business in this country and having offices here, take an interest in the pro posed change in our fiscal policy; and, considering that the subject is about to be discussed at a forthcoming paper makers' meeting, you will give us your views?"

"This subject is such an important and widely discussed one that it is impossible to speak on it offhand. If you think however, that my humble opinion might be of some interest for the forthcoming discussion, I may make some remarks. I have read the greater part of the speeches of your able politicians on this subject, and I must say that my experience is the same as it was about twentyfive years ago, when to study this question I read a good many books on the subject. After hearing a speech on protection you go home a convinced protectionist, and after having read in the evening a book on free trade you awake

itself as it experienced great mishaps such a difficult and complicated question, by large mills that make nearly excluin the beginning and lost its manager in nearly everything pro and contra in thethe midst of construction. From what I ory, I thing the only practical course is ther that during the last ten or fifteen know of the mill, however, I should think to listen rather less to theoretical concluthat with good management pulp could sions, but to examine the results achievbe made there at a profit. I have never ed in the different countries, not at the behaved in the exaggerated cheap calcula- hands of very often misleading statistics, from which you cannot control the difference of conditions under which the ining capital in the many schemes that dustries are working in the individual ence that exists between the mills in countries, but rather according to the protected Germany, America, Scandinavia, brutal facts as they present themselves in reality. I think for this purpose you cannot find any other industry so well fitted for the purpose of comparison as the news paper mill industry, as this industry works under practically the same conditions in all countries, and can therefore serve as a real test case in this important and all interesting question. You know that news paper is nowadays made tected countries, and that under these

sively this class of paper. You know furyears nearly all of the mills in the different countries have been equipped with the most modern and efficient machinery, so that also from this point of view they are working practically on an equal basis. The only important and vast differetc., and the mills in free trade England is, that the former ones have the needful raw material-wood pulp-in their own countries at their doors to make it themselves, while the English mills are forced to buy and import it from abroad. Consequently the mills in England are at a great disadvantage m this respect against the mills in the mentioned proin all countries exclusively of wood pulp circumstances the mills in the protected

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are the facts in reality? While in England, in spite of the mentioned unfavorable condition, most of the news paper mills pay yearly dividends of from 5 to 12 per cent., and that you hardly ever hear of a failure, what do you experience in the protected countries? Take first Germany, which country is so often cited by your speakers as a proof of the success of protection, most of them leaving out of consideration the important factor that Germany, after the war with its growing political strength, would naturally have in all cases developed its-until then -extremely small industry, with or without protection. When, not long after the introduction of protective teriffs under the Bismarckian era, news paper mills developed and commenced to export. I spoke frequently some twenty years ago with news paper makers in this market, who complained bitterly about the growing German importation, and were afraid of this competition in the long run ruining their trade entirely. I then pointed out to them that the protective tariffs must necessarily in the long run endear everything in Germany, and that consequently, after a certain time, German news paper mills would not any more be able to compete in the open English market. What I predicted has already come, and with the exception of the boom period two or three years agowhen, during the war, your paper mills could 'not supply the demand-you see hardly any more German news paper come to this market, and ,further, what are the actual financial returns of the large German news paper mills during the last ten years? With a few exceptions, some of them paid dividends of 2 to 5 per cent., some of them nothing at all, and a great many others failed. In France practically about the same state of offairs exists. With the exception of one large concern, whose prosperity is due to other circumstances, most of the mills making chiefly news paper yield a very

meagre profit, and some of them are

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there we experienced a good many failures useful to aid for a short period the deduring the last ten years. In Spain, velopment of an industry in an undevelwhere also large new well equipped mills oped country, but that for a once dewere erected, some hardly ever paid any veloped country free trade recommends dividend to speak of. A trust has now itself? It is very difficult to keep one's been formed in order to avoid a worse mind open when heaving so many able state of affairs. In America, where the speeches pro and contra, and when, in great natural resources are at the dis- order to prove their particular sides, proposal of news paper mills, one would ex- minent statesmen go so far as to cite Cobpeet that they would yield much larger den's authority in favor of protection." profits than the English mills. This, however, as far as my knowledge goes, is not the case; most of the mills have been yielding on an average smaller dividends than the English ones. What do you experience in Scandinavia, a country which, with its cheap wood supply, should be an ideal country for making large profits on news paper In reality you find that, while some of the mills yield only a small profit, a good many are only existing with great difficulties. You know that the large and exceedingly well managed, well equipped and well situated Superior. The following are the exact mill, the Union Company, has hardly yielded any profit to speak of. The reasoning so often heard that the cause was owing to the Scandinavian mill not hav- 1) ing sufficient consumption of their own country, thereby being forced to export. Chicago-wheat .. .. 37,940,953 bushels cannot hold good. As you know, the well situated Scandinavian mills like the cited Union Company can ship their products at cheaper rates to England than a is now going on in the Western States; Lancashire mill can to London, and, even for through reciprocity the wheat market if you make an allowance for the some- to the south of us would soon absorb what cheaper prices accepted by the Scan- its most serious competitor, and secure dinavian makers in the English market the control of the price to the consumer against the English product, this does by at large. Meanwhile, some 45,000 Amerfar not balance the great advantages ican immigrants have entered Western they have in the cheap raw material Canada this year already-a number against the English producer. When, con- somewhat in excess of the total American sequently, you look around in all the pro- immigration of the preceding year. tected countries, and find that the very These figures are estimated from the railsame industry is yielding considerably way returns, and an addition of some 20 poorer returns under protective tariffs per cent. should probably be made for than the same industry working under less favorable conditions in free trade their families and possessions along the England, must you not then, if you have prairie trails. Seven years ago the new kept your mind open, necessarily come to settlers that came into Manitoba and

working under great difficulties, and also the conclusion that protection might be

#### U. S. FARMERS IN CANADA.

The London Times correspondent, making a tour of Western Canada, writes as follows from Winnipeg on what he calls The American Invasion": It will probably surprise most English readers to learn that the official figures show that the Winnipeg grain receipts of the grain fiscal year ended August 30, 1903, greatly exceed those of Chicago or of Duluthfigures:

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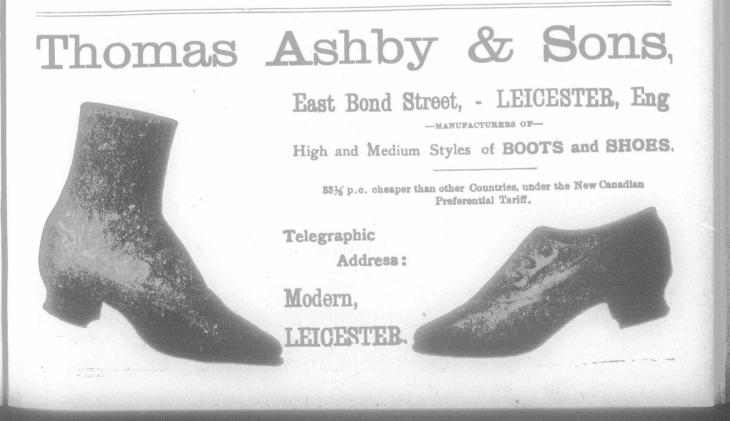


in this province, and in the territorics- tions, an increase of 250 per cent. argenized and unorganized-between us companies and corporations.

The Canadian Pacific Railway sold, in months of 1903, 1,545,500 acres for \$6,177,-

The Calgary and Edmonton Land Company, an English company with English capital, acquired, with its associates, neargary and Edmonton land grant. Of than half, and 311,500 acres have been districts of Assiniboia and Saskatchewan, panies who have agreed to put settlers purchased by Americans. In the year 1901 its southern terminus being Regina, the on the land.

occupied wheat land on the continent lies acres); in the following year 1.146 sec- the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and its northern terminus Prince The Winnipeg Western Land Corpora- Albert, on the south bank of the North and the Rocky Mountains. The move- tion (Ltd.) a Canadian Company, whose Saskatchewan River. The Qu'Appelle, meat began in earnest about a year ago, total capital is supplied by Canadians Long Lake and Saskatchewan Land Comand its extent may be estimated by read- interested in the Canadian North-West, pany took over 998,230 acres of the railing the figures of the land sales by great acquired 430,000 acres towards the west- way land grant, and last year completed ern terminus of the old Manitoba and the sale of the whole of it. At first this North-Western Railway, which started company sold, direct to settlys, 130,000 1901. 830,900 acres for \$2,643,000; in 1902, from Portage la Prairie, on the main line acres, of which area 47,000 acres were pur-2.419.100 acres for \$8,135,700: in eight of the Canadian Pacific Railway, ran to chased by Americans. Later on the com-Yorkton, and is now being extended pany received a satisfactory offer, and westerly. Out of 250,000 acres already sold out all the r-mainder of their lands sold by them 86,000 acres have been pur- to an American company, the Saskatchechased by Americans; and the sales to wan Valley Land Company (Limited). The buyers of that nationality jumped from 11 land purchased by the last-mentioned ly a million and a half acres of the Cal- sections in 1901 to 505 sections in 1902. company was put on the American mar-The Qu'Appelle, Long Lake, and Saskat- kets, and has practically been all resold this they have already sold rather more chewan Railway runs through the fertile to actual settlers, or to colonization com-





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are Western men, who have been accus- year, and that during that year they tonned to the sattling of lands of a simi- made more sales to Americans than in any bar nature in the Western States of Am- other. But though the figures of sales, erica. A number of the same men, under and possibly of homestead entries, will company, "The Saskatchewan Valley and the States come over in 1902 than in Manitoba Land Company," and have pur- 1903, this is in reality not the case. In large portion of the land grant of the but in 1903 they came over and took up Canadian Northern Railway, of which their lands. After a considerable amount they are now offering over 2,000,000 acres of land has been sold during the current for sale. The Canadian Northern Rail- year to the "homesteaders" of last yearway, with its Eastern terminus at Port that is to the men who were then satis-Arthur, passes through Winnipeg, and is fiel with taking up the Government grants now being extended westerly, having al- of free lands, but who have since been deready between 1.300 and 1.400 miles in sircus of increasing their farms. But beactual operation. This railway will in fore being allowed to take up free hometime become another transcontinental line, steads foreigners must become naturaland this is probably the greatest land pur- ized British subjects, and, therefore, this chase ever made by private individuals last class of purchasers will register themon this continent. In all large sales of selves as "Canadians" and appear as such form lands experi new shows that there is in this year's statistics. a curious ebb and flow-that is to say. there are "on and off" years, a year in Scuth are already beginning to make which a large amount of purchases are themselves felt in various ways. Ameriactually made, and a year in which such cans are starting offices of their own in purchases are settled upon. An examina- Winnipeg and the other important West-

Now the Americans who purchased the fior of the ports of the above compan-\$68,000 acres above mentionend, en bloc, ics would indicate that 1902 was their big to form an important factor in the Westthe same president, have ( rued anoth r ) robably imply that more settlers from chased, if not the whole, at least a very 1902 they "homesteaded" and purchased,

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ern towns. Socially, they are beginning ern clubs, and in Winnipeg, indeed, have started an "American Association" already, which it was at first proposed to call the "American Club." In the days when the American land agents wanted to keep the immigration on their side of the border they subsidized unscrupulous newspapers to spread the most astounding stories about this country. Canada was represented as a howling waste of snow, where starvation stared you in the face, because summer frosts ruined the scanty crops which you had raised with toil and suffering. It was a despot-ridden country whose Government made you payquite literally-tithes of all you possessed.

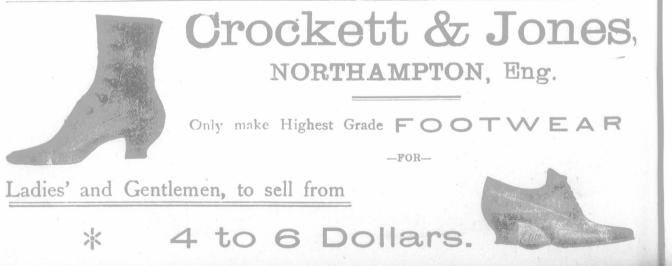
A couple of days ago I found the secretary of the Board of Trade dictating information to a busy-looking man, who represented a syndicate of 37 different American newspapers, who had commissioned him to travel through the country and report on it. I have lying before me now cuttings from eighteen of the principal agricultural journals of the United States, who sent their "leading editers" on a special trip through Western

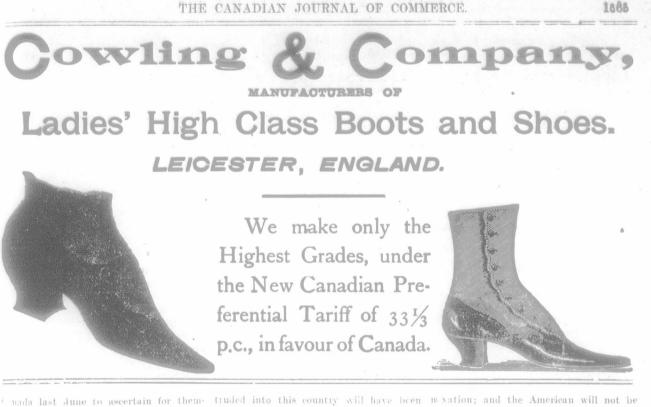


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cives the character of that country. Gencially speaking, they agree that the tide has et in to the North-West because that section is the only large area of agricultutal land available for original settletry unreservedly, sometimes with a good 'ca' of American exaggeration. Senator Alli-on, of Cincinnati, is reported, for instatute, in a public speech, to have attributed the "falling off in the deposits of our people during the last year to the and parts of our own West. "I have been intermed," he said, "that not less than \$60,000,000 of Iowa money has been investel in Canadian lands alone. A policy that drives farmers from one State to invest \$60,000,000 in lands in a foreign land in one year comes under the head of be there to take care of him."

happen when the "American cagle screams or the colony of a Monarchy. in Canada"-that there is a curious diversity of opinion. A large number of Canaof them in the east, hold that he will

"Genevolently assimilated" over here, and contented until he sees the Stars and that any movement in favor of annexation Stripes flying over his head." "There is will arise from different causes altogether. No reason in the nature of things," says The men who defend this view urge that one of the journals referred to, "why a a very large percentage of the new set- line should be drawn through the Amerment. They unite in praising the count that from over the border are really re- an continent, putting asunder what turned Canadians. Of the remainder, they God hath joined; the divorcement cannot say, probably one half are immigrants last." Another writer compares the presfrom Europe-Germans, Russians, Scandi- ent movement to the first tricklings of navians, etc.-whose residence in the United States has not been sufficiently pro- physics that "the day is not far distant tracted to engender any very fervent loy esonmous investments which have been alty to the country which has afforded will be American immigrants, just as the made by Iowa people in lands in Canada then a passing hospitality. Even some of majority of active workers and property the American newspapers take the same view, saying that beyond doubt, the ish instead of Dutch." American immigrants will wield a powerful influence in favour of more rational have, nor attempt to have, any effect upbenevolent assimilation.' When the eagle tion and that the American who crosses

to do so such portion of him as has in- United States will be a missionary for an- scale, to which they invited the bankers

water over a weakening dam, and prowhen the majority of Canadian voters holders in the Transvaal came to be Brit-

The Canadian Government prepared the field for the American speculator; not, of commercial relations, but that they neither course, with any political motive, but merely from a commercial point of view. on Canadian sentiments towards annexa- The moment at which the wild land fit for cultivation in the United States was screams in Canada, American money will from the States into' Canada finds little finally exhausted was coincident with the or nothing to remind him that he has culmination of the efforts of the Minister It is on this point-viz., on what will passed from a Republic to a Monarchy, of the Interior to induce American immigration to look to the North-West. The On the other hand, most of the Ameri- field was ready for them, and the specucan newspapers and a minority of far- lators jumped into it. They bought land dian business men, probably a majority seeing and experienced business men in by the hundreds of thousands of acres, this country predict that the movement, and then, instead of sitting down quietly. pover scream at all in Canada - at if it continue under present conditions, as an English company might have done, least, as a result of the present move- will result in the Americanization of and letting the new settlers filter in, ment-that long before he has got ready Western Canada. "Every settler from the they organized excursion parties on a large



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Hitherto a large percentage of the pioneers has been composed of returned Cana- The pl-a of distance is inadequate, for a dians. But that source of supply will soon man in Texas may easily be to all intents be exhausted: the smallest percentage and purposes as remote from Manitoba possible of the new settlers is drawn from the true Western Canadian stock, a stock here, and so are men, not solely and simply which traces back, let us say, to three generations born under the Stars and but to bind the ties of the Empire and Stripes. These men have been taught pa- to prevent the possibility, however retriotism like a religion. Over every little mote, of the granary of the United Kingheisted daily; their school books have told of stress. them that the "Britisher," is their natural foe; and they will become an increas ing factor in the situation year by year. remainder, the comparatively new arrivals from Europe, and other parts of "ne world, will probably shout with the

biggest crowd. It is difficult to suggest any particular remedy against the possible trouble ahead. A good deal might be done by State astransportation. As far as the somewhat writes a correspondent on the ground.

migrants. One at least of these excursions neerned, sentiment may be met with brought the principal business men into lesson from some of the parade at which But there is something practical 2018 men should be, at all events, worthy of consideration by the British brethren. as a man in Liverpool. Capital is wanted from the money-making point of view, country schoolhouse the national flag is dom passing into hostile hands in a time

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The strip of territory awarded to the United States by the Alaskan Boundary Commission contains gold, vast tracts sistance in the shape of cheap steamship of timber and valuable furs and fisheries,

Moreover, it is a country capable of great development in other ways, and the waterways which lead up to it, now practically all under our control, are the most beautiful in the world. From Seattle to Juneau is about a thousand miles, and the entire trip by steamer is along these inland waterways. The route lies around and between islands, through a labyrinth of channels, some of which are scarcely a quarter mile wide, yet so deep that no ship can anchor in them. A vessel can graze the cliffs at either side and yet have under her keel waters of wonderful clearness and half a hundred fathoms deep. Right from the water spring the mountains a thousand to eight thousand feet high, while behind them, inland and seaward, on the larger islands are peaks that top the timber line and lift crowns white with perpetual snows. Some of the Norwegian fjords approach them in beauty, but are far behind them in sublime grandeur.

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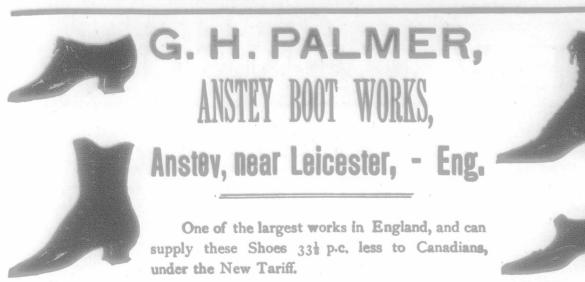
The route is fairly well charted, but as yet scarcely lighted at all, and in some places sufficiently perilous to add the thrill of danger to the other delights of travelling it. One of these danger spots is Seymour Narrows, between Vancouver Island and Valdez, hence in Canadian termory, before you reach the lower limit of Alaska, Peril Straits, north of Sitka and well within our own territory, is a similar spot, similarly dangerous, so that we break even with Canada on the matter of perils. It is unwise to attempt the entrance to this passage, with the tide running full either with or against you. If against you, you simply cannot make it;



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As you go north from this place you the mainland. Everywhere you find the same marvellous scenery in description of which volumes have been written that can yet not do justice to the reality. The mighty hills on either side are scartumble from the cliffs in cascades that land of the West. sprinkle rainbow spray upon the passing steamer. On the left are islands in a chain 300 miles long and over a thousand I believe that the timber value of the in number. Some of them are as large as forests of this portion of Alaska has to the State of Massachusetts and most of hear that it is an inexhaustible forest them practically unexplored by the white reserve. Truly, it should furnish pulpman. the luxurious growth of conifers. The of hemlock with a considerable proporvirburnums, and alder.

of the projected Grand Trunk Parific nax Horridum, a peculiarly devilish stinging brier. Under foot the mucky soil is yellow cedar, which is a most valuable covered with a heavy moss in which the wood, large, fine grain, and easily worked. enter between the Alexander Islands and traveller sinks to the knee, and which is wet the year round. When these forests are cleared by pioneers the sun will be let in on a wonderfully productive virgin soil which will bear enormous crops. The climate is such that anything that can red by frequent paths of avalanches, and be grown north of Chesapeake Bay on the the melting snows of the white peaks Atlantic coast should thrive in this new

Yet in spite of their luxurious growth, That they are rich in mineral wood for generations yet unborn; the wealth is already proved by the miners growth is rapid and the timber suited for who have touched here and there on pulp. But as lumber, it seems to be antheir shores. I have tramped for a day other matter. Here and there you find in the fascinating fastnesses of one of an individual tree that reminds you of the smaller of them. The only route was the giants of the Puget Sound country, by deer and ear paths. All else was such yet a good deal of the growth is not close a tangle of riotous growth as one does set enough to furnish the mighty limbless. not hear of outside the jungles of India. boles that are the lumberman's delight. Fallen tree trunks interlaced in inextric- In many more places the branchy trunks able confusion, through which sprang the are not pleasing to the timber cutter's standing growth of fir and hemlock. The eye and would make poor lumber. The even tempered moist climate accounts for growth seems to be a large percentage swamps were tangles of cottonwood, elder, tion of what is known as Sitka spruce. The trees cover the hillsides of the main-These are dwarfed in the main and land and islands to the height of say

finds scattered groups of the Alaskan The Indians use it in the making of their carved totem poles, paddles, etc. The country seems to lack the most important timber of the Puget Sound country, the red fir, or Douglas spruce. It lacks pines, and none of the firs of the Sierra and coast range, so common in Oregon and California, are here to be seen. The conditions for lumbering are such that in the towns already established lumber is more cheaply brought from Puget Sound than from the nearby forests. In the building of the Yukon and White Pass Railway ties and trestle and bridge timber were brought from Seattle and Victoria rather than cut them near by, though the road runs through a timber country. At Orca, on Prince William Sound, the canneries import their lumber though there is a sawmill in the neighorhood. For some reason it is unable to compete with the freighted lumber. There are saw-mills in operation, however, at Sitka, Metlakahtla, Wrangel and Douglas

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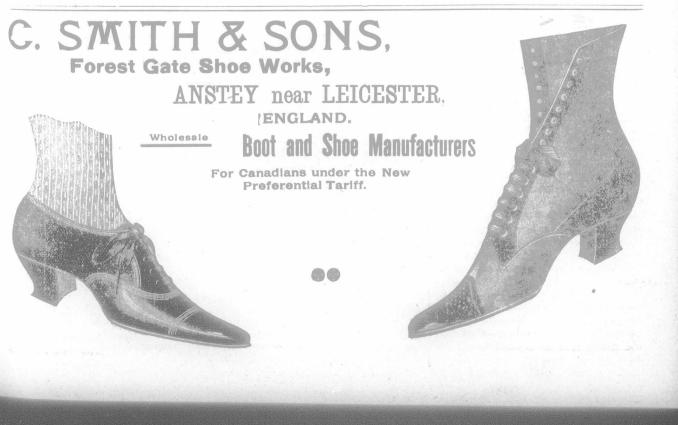


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new in England; but let us recall once more the conditions which cause the movement. The first lies in the simple fact that all the free or cheap lands of really good quality in the States and worthey of a skilful farmer's labor have been occupied. Furthermore, the Canabeyond any question a much better wheat even though he gets a good price, and country-not merely than the North-Western States are to-day, but than they ever were

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These immigrants come mainly from Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Iowa. and in a less degree from Nebraska, Illinois, Kansas, and even Missouri. Every Canadian I have seen-and they are manywho has had to do with them speaks of them with unqualified praise. They are "moving on" in a sense, but by no means in the sense in which the traditional frontiersman, flinching from civilization, "moves on" as settlement catches him up.

The mass of these men own farms in one or other of the States above mention which were bought at prairie value or homesteaded in the seventies or early eighties, and are now worth \$40 to \$75 an acre-improved, well-cultivated farms accessible to towns and railroads. It is a notorious fact that American immigration westward has leaped forward during periods of prosperity, and each successive frontier remained comparatively station ary during the intervening periods of pression. Just now prosperity is rolling its tide westward. Buyers from the east and middle west are stirring among the

The subject, I am aware, is not wholly improved farms of the belt beyond them. cept in the purchase, at a high price, of which twenty to thirty years ago, was the frontier. Prosperity, too, in America pro- ably approached or reached its limit of duces a certain demand for farms among value. But the lowa or Dakota farmer, the newly enriched business men of the newer towns and cities.

Still it may fairly be asked why the owner of a fine improved farm of 300 dian North-West has now proved itself acres in lowa should wish to leave it, move on to the cheap lands of remoter prairies. The answer is simple enough as regards a certain number of such people -pamely, those who have sons-in that the old farm provides only for one, while for the rest of the family there is no local opening on the land whatever, ex- that it had in former days. Railroads,

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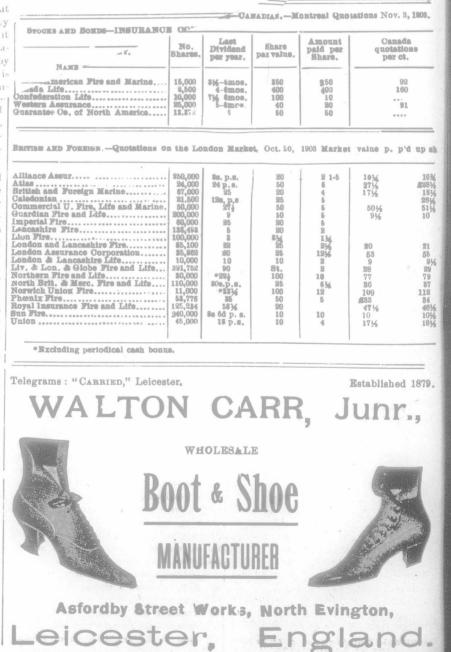
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erical strength of their fc. The retena homestead or free, the end of three tion of this invok oath of allegiance to years' probert

Perhaps the most curious thing about this immigration is the methods by which it is worked. For searly all of it is controlled and moved by land companies founded for purposes of profit by American capitalists. A big company is formed in the first instance and pur chases a block of several hundred thoy sand acres. Small companies evictual smaller blocks from the forwate agents, it in farms, through-amers in the vari-who go amer rowa, Dakota, or wher-ous dismeth is most promising.

one is so used to thinking of the real estate agent as the natural enemy of the newcomer that it is well to remember that the practical American neither regards him as such nor speaks of him as other than a business man of normal morality following a legitimate business. The Englishman who has made a fool of himself, either in the purchase of land or in its management, almost- always lays the blame on someody else, and ,failing that, upon the country. The real estate agent is the time-honored and natural scapegoat of the unsuccess ful, and gets more than his share of abuse. Americans do not talk that way, but use this traditional enemy of the "tenderfoot" fearlessly and freely.

As stated above, these American companies buy immense blocks of land wherever they can secure it in good quality and within easy reach of railroads. In all these tracts, however, every alternate section (640 acres) is the property of the Government, available only as a free grant on the homestead conditions. Some of these may be already occupied, but as a ru'e there is very little settlement where the American companies have purchased. They acquire their land at, say, \$3 an acre, and either directly or through sub-companies bring in their settlers in wholesale fashion from south of the line. 'Lnese last buy at, say, \$7, but, settling thus in communities, by the very force of their own numbers, they make the



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of the North-West by Americans should conversation of Western Canadian and flux. Most people thing the Americans result in political complications. Western American farmers of the same class with will become good Canadians. Canadians are mainly optimistic on this one another; their accent, ways of look- Those I have myself seen certainly expoint. It is urged with truth that a very ing at things, and appearance are prace pect to be, and upon all sides I hear that considerable number of the immigrants tically the same; and very naturally, as they express themselves as both pleased are the sons of Canadians who settled in their duily lives and surroundings have and surprised to be in a country where a the Western States before their ow. been identical. I do not say there are man who shoots another is hanged to a North-West was ripe to receive them. not subtle differences which an expert certainty, and a man who steals is im-Some, too, are the sons of Englishanen in North American ethnology would not prisoned with equal promptitude. For who settled on American soil for the recognize. But an Englishman, a New the American farmers coming in here are same reason and with the same object. Yorker, or a Virginian could not, I am not of the type who inculge in either As a matter of fact, however, when men's sure, distinguish the ordinary North- their or asassination, but are peaceable, personal interests are involved, the tri- Western Canadian of this class from the hard-working, law-abiding souls. They fling differences of life between Manitoba North-Western American, to save his life. are keen about education, and are quite and Minnesota would not weigh an ounce At the same time the prejudices of a sure to take an active part in local govin the scale. For these are immeasurably section of Canadians both East and West ernment. shire and Devonshire. A newly-arrived nored. I have come across settlers in the the districts of the North-West to which

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Alberta, however, seems upon the whole the favorite "stamping ground"-that belt of country within a hundred miles of the Rockies, and in sight of them, where ranching, small and great, is the main industry and grain a supplement. Edmonton, at the terminus of the branch line, some 200 miles long, running north from Calgary, on the C.P.R., is a popular centre, with its grain growing facilities. And, again, south of Calgary in the direction and in the neighborhood of Fort McLeod there has been concideraoble American investment. Several thousand Mormons, too, are to be found nearer the border, the best of settlers. In another 0 00 0 40 place, 5,000 acres are being prepared by

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of sugar beet, a totally new experiment. Perhaps I may be permitted to wind up this paper with a regret that so little British capital is at present invested in the various industries that from the Atlantic to the Pacific are reaping so rich a harvest in season of prosperity that is quite without precedent in Canadian history.

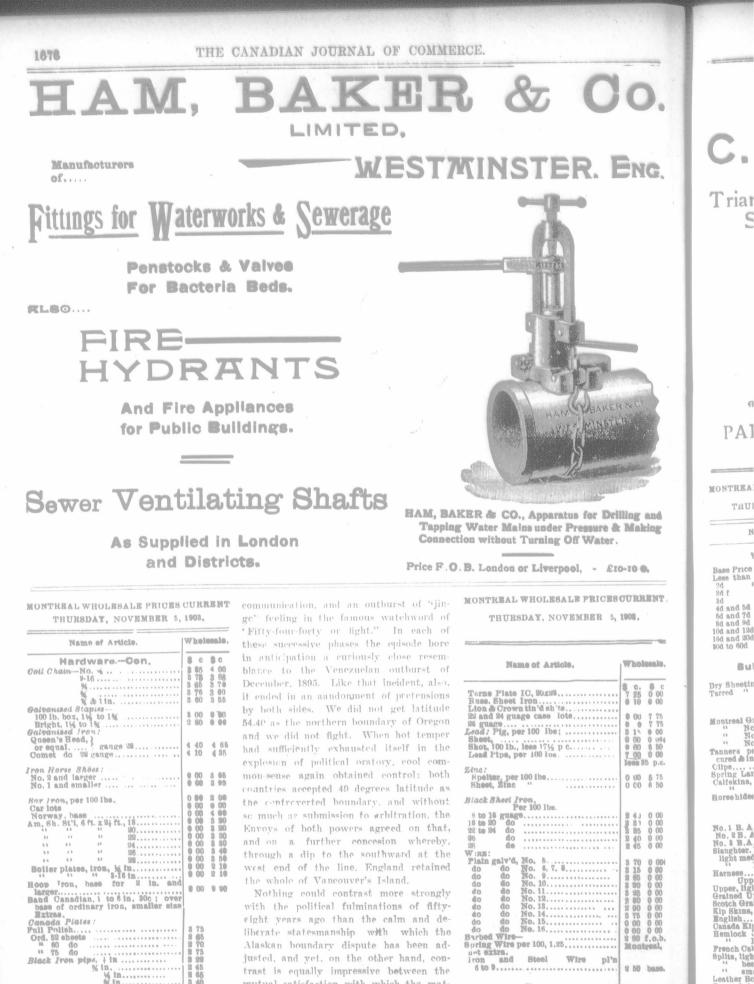
#### THE ALASKA BOUNDARY DECISION FROM A U. S. STANDPOINT.

Decision, by the international tribunal sitting at London, in the second great boundary dispute between England and this country since the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, says the New York Chronicle, is an event of much more than ordinary interest. It is such, both as a landmark in diplomacy and as an episode in the relations between Great Britain and her colonies, the two aspects being distinct and equally notable. In its resemblances the Alaskan boundary decision is less a reminder of the Oregon boundary decision of 1845 than in its contrasts.

Both controversies, it is true, were subjects of warm feeling among the citizens of the two contiguous countries; both were based on diametrically opposite interpretation of law and facts, and both were complicated and confused by the obscurity of the original documents on which the rival claims were based. But the contest of 1903 has been as conspicuous for its self-restraint and national dignity as that of 1845 was for the lack of them. The Oregon dispute was distinguished ,by such incidents as a needlesly belligerant resolution in the House of Representatives, an equally superfluous hint at war in the President's message, an unwise bit of cynicism in a British Envoy's official

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trast is equally impressive between the mutual satisfaction with which the matter was settled in 1845 and the bitter resentment with which the Canadian delegates to the tribunal have received the award of 1903. For this, however, there is a ready explanation.

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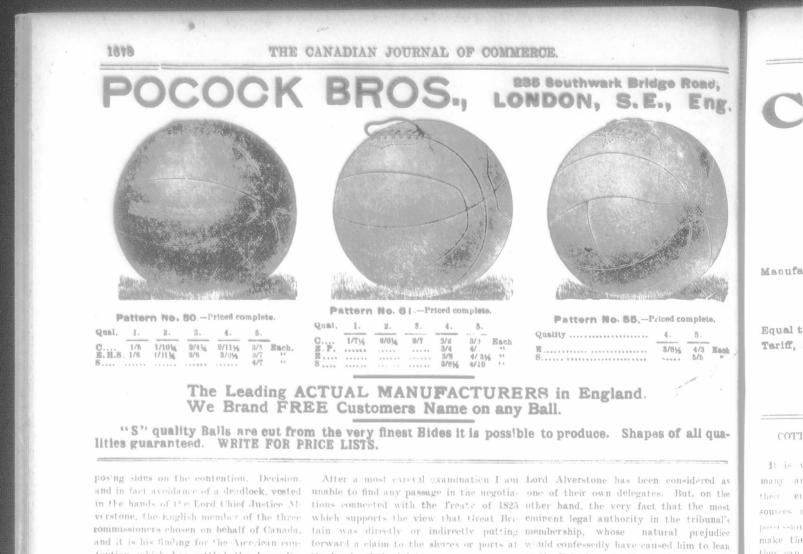
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It need not be pointed out to what extent the value of the trule has altered during the seven y-eight intervening years. The rights of Russia, however, and of the United States under the Rusian cession of 1867, to the narrow strip of coast running from Alaska southward to a point some 500 miles short of our northern boundary, has all along been conceded. Where controversy really converged was on a very different question-did the ten-league privilege inland from the water mean that the eastern boundary must be that far distant from the ocean, or from the ocean and its navigable inlets. On this point the Anglo-Russian convention of 1825 was utterly obscure; the answer had to be sought through a study of the actual purposes of the original negotiators. Its importance may be briefly shown by saying that in it, was involved possession of the port of Skagway, the gateway to the goldfields, which was Canadian if the tenleague measurement was to be made invarialy from the ocean, and American if the measurement merely started from salt Very naturally, the Canadian and water. American members of the tribunal formed to adjudicate the claim took exactly opMONTREAL WEOLESALE PRICE OURNENT TEURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5. 1908.

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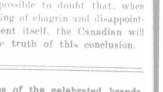


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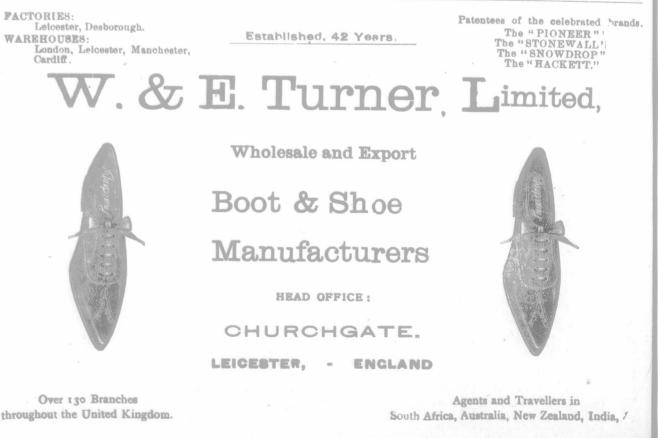
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It is well known that England, Ger. except in the form of cloth. What will many and France are now bending become or their corton and be a cerbecome of their cotton mills and cot- about Christmas. their energies to developing new tain source from which they may derive received at Liverpool, and the fibre was

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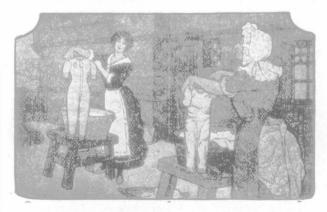
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The Yoruba country is one of the most densely peopled parts of Africa, and much grown in the Yoruba country of such a of the land is under cultivation. He re- quality that it can take the place of the ports that the natives favorably received fibre sent to Great Britain by the United rected chiefly to Lagos, Sierra Leone, and the idea of attempting the cultivation of States. The present quality would not the Lower Niger in West Africa. Expericotton on a large scale.

instructed Prof. Hoffman, the expert them for they have grown cotton and "If by assiduous cultivation," says whom it sent to Lagos a while ago, to woven it into cloth for many years. Prof. Hoffman, "the West African native, visit the Yoruba country in the hinter- The soil is rich, and the people seem under British guidance, can so improve land of Lagos, to ascertain the prospects only to await satisfactory assurances the growth of cotton in his country as to of cotton cultivation there. He has just that cotton growing for export will be fit it for the English market, he will not reported that he was much impressed remunerative to set about it in good only confer incalculable benefit upon his

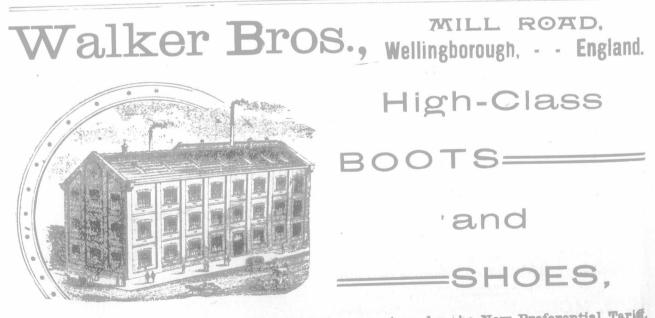
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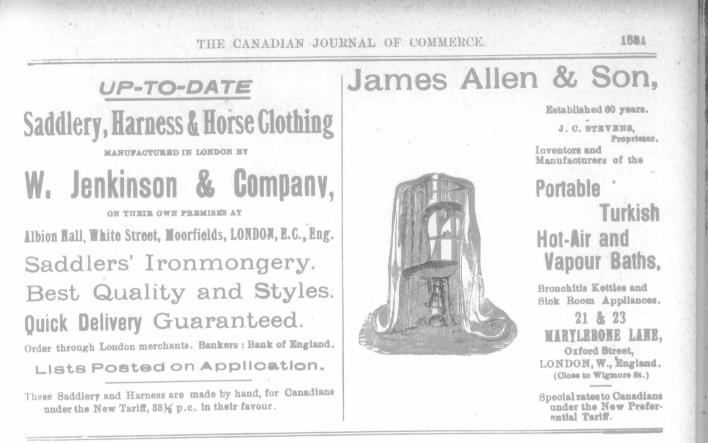
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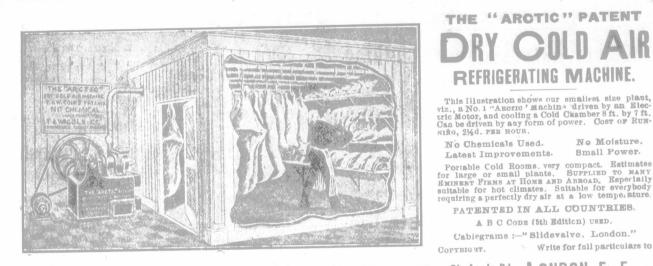
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The leading cotton mills of Germany , quality, and are heartily aiding the Ger-The Germans already regard the suc- man colonial cotton growers to extend

ments they repeatedly assert that every effort should be put forth to make Germany independent of American cotton, especially as the home manufacturers now produce \$200,000,000 worth of cotton goods yearly, giving employment to about 1,000,000 workmen. They assert that America cannot much longer be depended upon as a source of supply, the failure of which would have most disastrous results at home.

Wide attention has been called in Germany to the recent arrival of four bales of cotton imported by the Saxon Spinners' Union from German East Africa.





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The shipment was very small, but it is regarded as opening up wide possibilities It is said to be the first cotton raised in Africa outside of Egypt which possesses the quality of the Egyptian cotton. The color of the cotton is brownish yellow. and the fibre is long and silky.

France is a little behind the other two nations in this movement. But the Colonial Cotton Association, organized last ton. spring, under the presidency of Jules Siegfried, formerly Minister of Commerce, has taken steps to develop cotton culture in dent that it may be largely extended.

From 1822 to 1830 Senegal exported annually to France an average of ten tons od of four years. of fibre of fair quality. During the Civil France.

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In a paper just printed in the Bulletin of the Geographical Society of Dunkirk, R. ton growing will be made in the French Colrat de Montrozier says that the cotthe French colonies, and chiefly in the Cougo, Dahomey, Madagasear, and Sene ton now produced in the French African colonies, though not of superior quality, is all saleable in the European markets. new industry in Senegal, and he is confi- and climate, the most favorable conditions He things that the first efforts should be for cotton growing. These experiments, directed to encouraging the natives to as now planned, will continue over a peri- increase their crop, and that they can easily be made to see that it is to their M. Roume, Governor-General of French interest to substitute foreign cotton for War in the United States, Senegal sent West Africa, says that he is about to the indigenous varieties as soon as it is about fifty tons of cotton a year to send to France 5,000 pounds of native proved that the foreign kinds can be suc-

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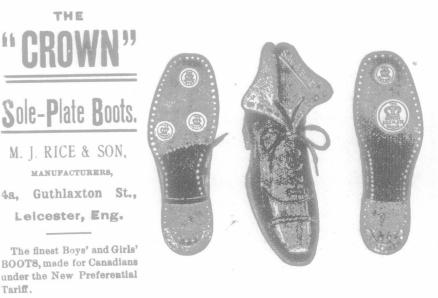
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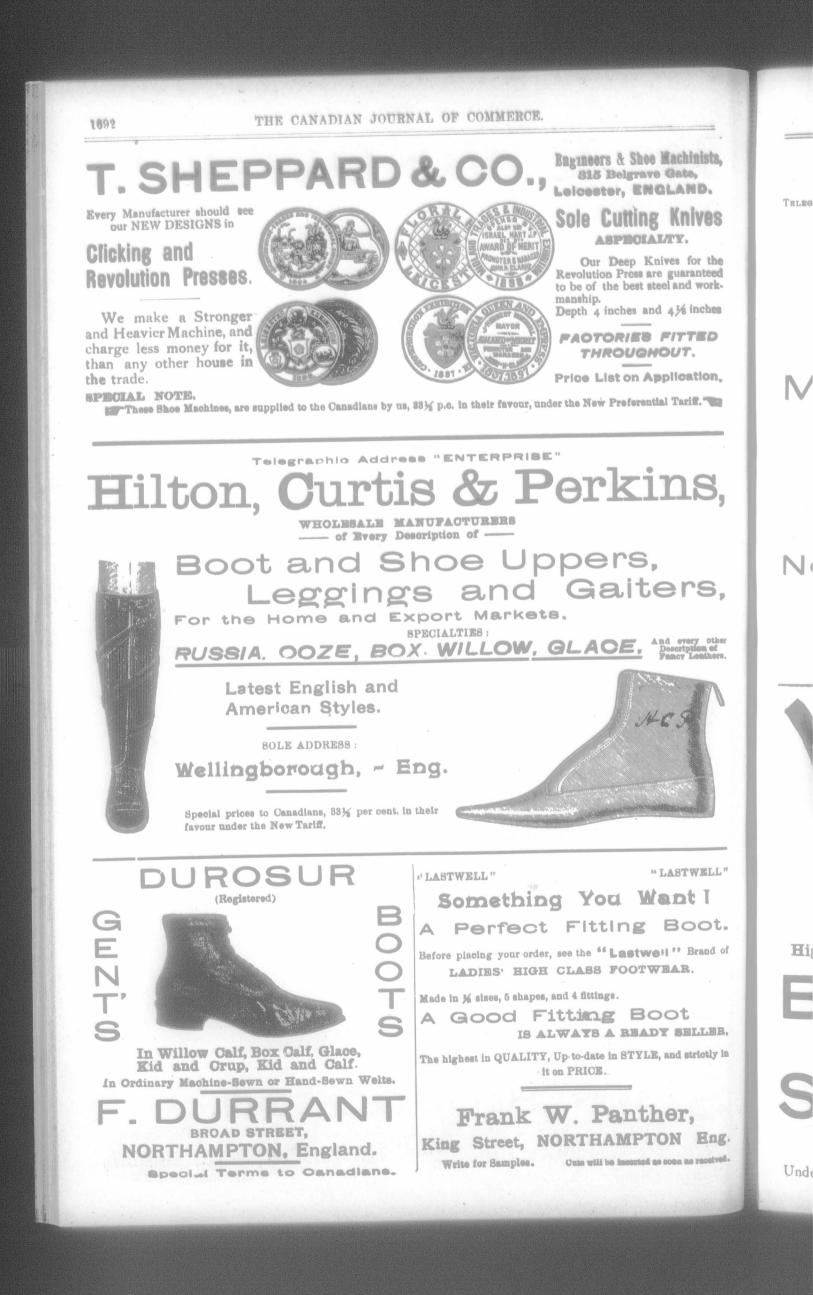
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