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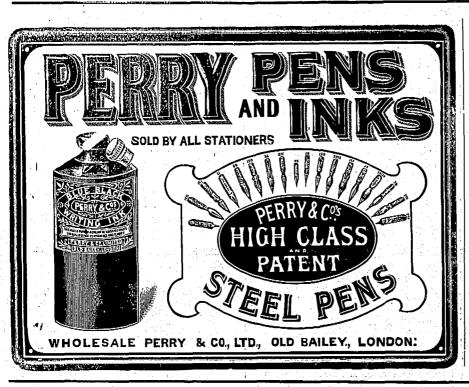
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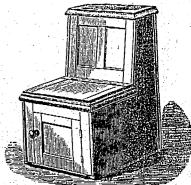
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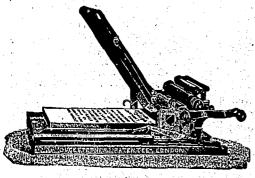
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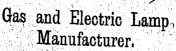
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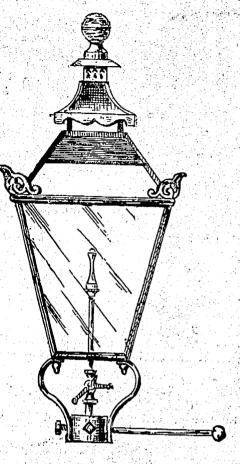
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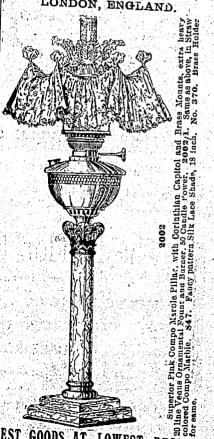
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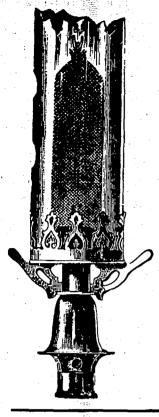
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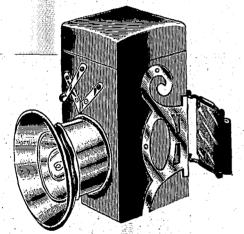
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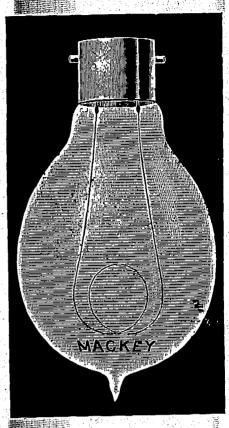
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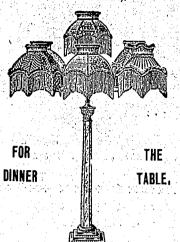
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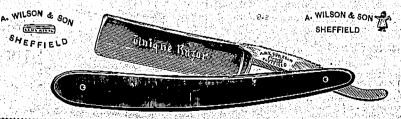
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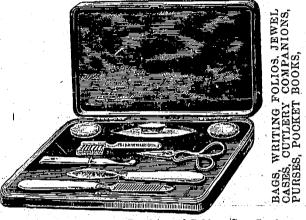
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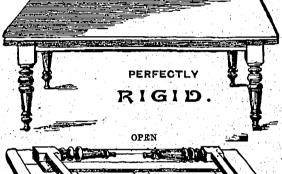
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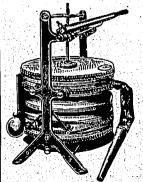
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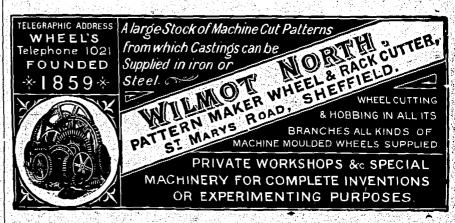
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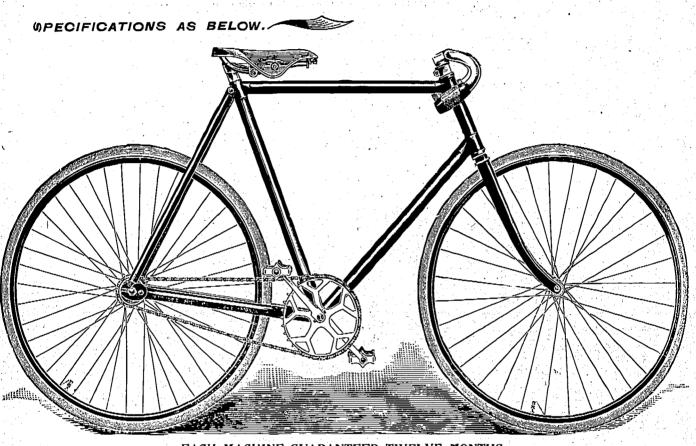
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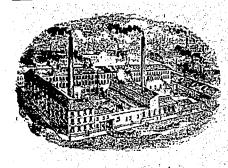
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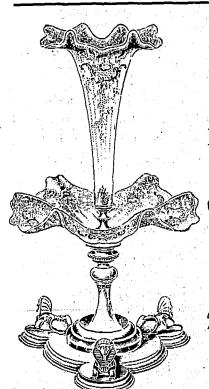
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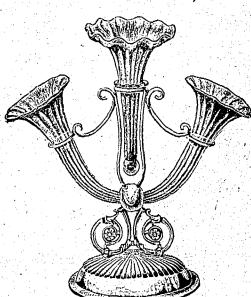
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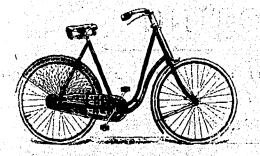
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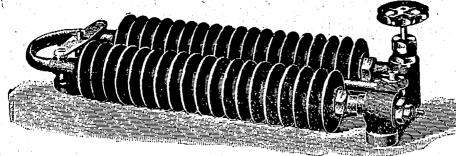


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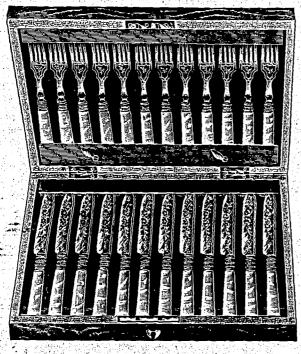
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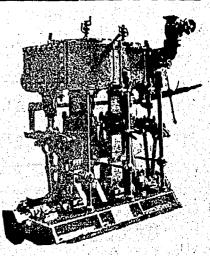
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-An agency of the Merchants Bank of Prince Edward Island has been opened at Summerside, P.E.I.

It is stated that another large industry will shortly be added to the list of manufactures at Hamilton, Ont.

-A condensed milk factory is being built in Ingersoll, Ont., by a Chicago concern. The cost will be about \$100,-

-The Nationale Bank is offering a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of the robbers who recently looted their bank at Montmagny, Que., and \$500 for the return of the stolen money.

-At a recent meeting of the Woodstock, Ont., Board of Trade a resolution was passed asking the Town Council to petition the Legislature to grant Woodstock incorporation as a city.

-At a recent meting of the Municipal Council of St Louis, adjoining Montreal, a by-law for the purpose of authorizing the issue of debentures payable in forty years, was read a first time, and referred to a general commit-The amount required is \$200,000, of which \$75,000 is to consolidate the floating debt; the balance to continue the construction of drains, sidewalks, etc. The by-law provides for the reimbursement by proprietors within ten years of special taxes for drains. The debentures are to be for \$1,000 each, with coupons attached, and the interest to be payable on May 1 annually.

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-At Ottawa, Ont., A. E. Pageau & Co., dry goods recently referred to as in difficulties, have since assigned.,

-A settlement has been effected with the creditors of E. Clare & Co., fancy goods, Toronto, recently noted as having suspended.

-An offer of 50 cents in the dollar has been submitted to the creditors of S. B. Patton, general dealer, Oxford, N.S. He began business in the spring of '98, on limited capital, and claims to have encountered heavy losses recently.

-A Brockville, Ont., tailor, named W. Birks, has assigned. He was originally in business at Prescott, moving to his present quarters some years ago. He possessed little working capital. A recent suit for \$690, not of the kind usually moticed at a tailor shop, doubtless hastened his present position.

-The Niagara Falls Park Commissioners have reached an agreement with the Fort Erie Electric Railway Company, under which the latter will be allowed to extend its line for a distance of thirteen miles along the bank of the Niagara River to Slater's Point. This extension brings the line within two miles of Chippewa, Ont. The acquisition of the necessary right of way will cost the company about \$50.000.

-G. C. Snyder, manufacturer, St. Paul Village, Que., doing business under the name of the Revington Cutlery Company, has assigned. The liabilities are about \$5,300. The principal creditors are Whitherill Bros., Boston, \$153; Palmer, Parker & Co., \$201; Arlington Manufacturing Co., New York, \$163; McLaren Belting Co., \$100; Rodgers, Hubbard & Co., Middletown, Conn., \$150; J. B. Julien, \$106; M. L. C. Paneton, \$615; Frothingham & Workman, \$150; C. H. Branchard, \$500; J. A. Gagnon, \$720, and La Banque d'Hochelaga, \$400. G. C. Snyder was in partnership with F. G. Foisy for a few years prior to starting for himself in Numerous suits recently did not make matters July, '98. any smoother.

Our Waterloo, Que., correspondent writes:-The open fall in this vicinity has not been conducive to business, though it has given the farmers an opportunity of doing more than the usual amount of fall ploughing-significant of more crops next year. The past summer has been a bonanza for our farmers, who are not only getting freed from the burdens of past hard years, but have learned lessons about the facility of getting into debt, and the difficulty of becoming free again, which stands them now in good stend; and this is clear because of the fact that all through this part of the country while more money is being expended the credits obtained from traders is much less in volume.—The recent failure of F. A. Willard & Co., at Bolton Center, is bad in the sense that it will deprive a number of laborers of work for a time. Creditors will get very little, if anything, apart from those who are secured. This was a lumber business, to which the son, F. A. Willard, succeeded from his father the late J. C. Willard, and at the outset, some 15 years ago, his debt was larger than he could carry.-Local business is quite up to, if not better than in former years, and we do not hear the constant complaint of "hard times" as in other and recent years—Our merchants are doing well, our largest industry, "Waterloo Knitting Mills," is working day and night, with orders for nearly a year shead.

-"Truth," the London society paper, whose radical editor chronicles the small beer of upper class gossip, is now the only paper in Great Britain that condemns the present While differing from Mr. Labouchere's notions, we admire his independence, though we do not see much consistency in so pronounced a foe to the distinctions of rank being the proprietor and editor of a society paper. he is not alone in this, as he has a counterpart in Canada.

--The analysts of the Ottawa Inland Revenue Department are stated by the government organ to have just finished chemical tests of twenty-eight samples of Scotch whiskey which were purchased at random. The result of the analysis is calculated to strike terror to the heart of gentlemen who are lovers of the "barley bree." twenty-eight samples it was found that fourteen were not whiskey, but were meretricious alcoholic substitutes, most of them being of a very deleterious character. analyst will probably recommend that in future all importers of Scotch whiskey be required to furnish standard samples to the department. Thus, in the event of doctored goods being vended at retail, the sellers could easily be detected and punished.

-Old Subscriber, Winnipeg.-Names of places in South Africa are derived from those of former Governors, or are simply descriptive. Modder River means Mud River-a name which it does not belie; Kimberley is called from Lord Kimberley, the colonial minister who practically annexed this possession to the Crown; the town of Harrismith is named after Sir Harry Smith of Kaffir war notoriety, and the more celebrated town of Ladysmith is named after his The country was settled by the Dutch about two centuries ago.

-The Toronto members of the Canadian contingent in South Africa have been all insured for \$1,000 each at the cost of subscribers in that city. The number of policies paid for was 126, at a cost \$4,048, distributed as follows: Ontario Mutual, 95; Imperial, 13; and a blanket policy for 18 in the Canada Life, Confederation, Manufacturers, North American, Temperance and General, and Imperial. ther subscription is in progress for the benefit of the fami-

-Orillia, Ont., has sold \$75,000 power sheme debentures to the Central Loan & Savings Company at a premium of \$1,625. They are for 30 years.

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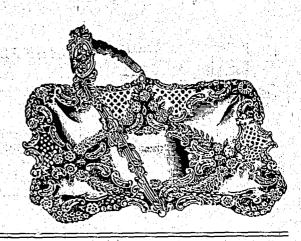
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-A smelter for copper is about being erected at Fort

—The Australians have followed the example of Canada by insuring the lives of volunteers who have gone to join the British forces in South Africa.

—A Winnipeg dispatch states that the total C.P.R. land sales for the present year to December 1st were 364,177 acres. The amount is expected to reach 400,000 by the close of the year.

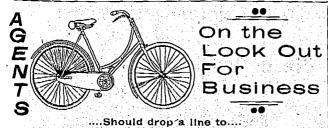
—Reference was made in our columns recently to the financial difficulties of Albert Bussiere, general dealer, Stanfold, Que. He has now assigned to the court Liabilities aggregate \$8.700; assets, \$7,900 A meeting of creditors, to appoint a curator, will be held on the 16th inst. He began business in Stanfold, in '96. moving from Lake Megantic, where he had been in business several years.

-An electric heating apparatus for dwelling rooms has been patented in England, of which "The Review" says: -"The heat is immediately available, as the radiators give off their heat combined with a moderate amount of light the moment the current is switched on. When the temperature of the room is raised to the desired pitch the radiator can be switched off. There is nothing to poison the air, and no draught. It can be moved to any part of the room, and, from a fire insurance point of view, is ideally perfect. From the health point of view, it is equally to be recommended. The next point is, naturally, the expense, and with regard to this the electric lighting companies have shown great wisdom in reducing the price of the current for these purposes. The invention has been very appropristely christened "Warm sunshine." Wherever the electric current is laid on, it will be found at once economical, clean, and luxurious in use. The estimated rate of consumption is one unit per hour, and a London Electric Lighting Company is charging 21/2d. per Board of Trade unit. Considering that the average price of a coal fire is sixpence per diem, and that the new Electric Radiator can be used intermittently, it is obvious that, besides being healthy, clean and comfortable, the Radiator is cheaper than coal, and has none of the defects, such as dirt, and draught, of a coal fire. For general use in banks and insurance offices it would seem to be an absolute necessity, and especially in cases where the doors face east or north, for the radiator can be placed close to the doorway.

-A London, Ont., letter states that a general meeting of the Western Ontario Travellers' Association was held on the 2nd inst., when the following officers were nominated for the year 1900, without opposition: President, W. L. Underwood; Vice-Presidents, William Turnbull, T. P. Blackwell, London, and John Lennox of Hamilton; Treasurer, Sam. Munro, London; Directors, for London, G. A. F. Jackson, W. A. Wilson, Charles W. Nicholls, W. A. Cameron, R. C. Eckert, W. R. Grant and J. T. Green; Toronto, F. W. Heath, R. H. Greene and H. Horsman; Hamilton, Geo. Hope, and John Booker; Stratford, James Dow; Brantford, Geo. Watt, jun.; St. Mary's, James Maxwell; Galt, John Wardlaw; Ayr, John G. Watson; Oshawa, E. O. Felt; Waterloo, S. Snider; St. Thomas, D. F. Honsinger; Woodstock, F. J. Richards; Windsor, James F. Smyth; Chatham; Chas. Hadley; Ingersoll, R. H. Cotter; Sarnia, Wm. Storey; New Hamburg, J. Ratz; Winnipeg, T Harry Slater; Aylmer, R. G. B. The retiring President, Mr. Gray, was renominated for a fourth term, but declined to stand. Mr. Munro enters upon his ninth term as Treasurer of the association. The financial statement for the year ending November 30 read by Secretary Robinson shows receipts for \$25,553.39. The principal disbursements were death claims, \$5,729; accident claims, \$1,009.11; and loan company debentures at The balance in the bank at the close of the year was \$4,120.64. The reserve fund amounts to \$56,465.33, after providing for \$1,400 in death claims not yet proved and all other liabilities. This is a gain for the year of nearly \$5,000. Three years ago the membership was 1,043, now it The reserve fund increased during the same is 1,300. period from \$43,171.98 to \$56,465.33; benefits amounting to \$25,000 have been paid out.

—The Guelph, Ont., Fat Stock and Poultry Show is being held this week, and is being largely attended. Guelph is so well known in connection with the monthly cattle fairs, which assisted in making Wellington County famous, that any such exhibitions are sure to receive more than ordinary attention.

—The dealer whose finances are not in the soundest condition need not wait till his liabilities run into the thousands in order to become experienced in all that pertains to the assignment court. W. Quenneville, a Montreal grocer, is settling his \$400 of debts by paying 25 cents in the dollar, cash.



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-The Grand Trunk Railway carnings from 22nd to 30th November, 1899, were \$743,074, as against \$620,958 in 1898, an increase of \$122,116.

-Our St. Thomas, Ont., correspondent writes:-The hardwars stock of the Stacey Hardware and Manufacturing Co. was sold in London, on the 18th inst., to Ingram and Davey, hardware merchants, of St. Thomas, at 50 cents in the dollar.

-The export of Canadian maple blocks to England is causing an advance in maple timber throughout Huron, Bruce, Grey and adjoining counties in Ontario. The blocks are 26 inches long by 61/2 inches in diameter, and are used in the manufacture of wringing machines. Some 450,000 blocks will be the amount exported during the present

-The Department of Inland Revenue, Ottawa, has issued a circular to all medical practitioners in Canada inviting their co-operation in the detection of adulteration in canned goods While cases of poisoning from this source have been rare, the knowledge to the consuming public that the matter has been taken up officially will do much toward relieving the suspecting mind of the possibility of danger. Canada should naturally produce the highest grade of fruit and vegetables for canning purposes, and accordingly should do a larger trade in these commodities.

--Our Kingston, Ont., correspondent writes: -Waugh, who was a divinity student of Queen's College about a year ago, bought out the stock of James Craig, retail grocer. He is said to have paid about \$1,800 for it, borrowing the amount from Mr. John Miller, of Belleville, his father-in-law. He subsequently borrowed \$300 more. He has now retired, and the mortgagee has taken possession. There is a claim for rent of \$300, value of stock about \$2,000. Unsecured creditors are shut out. - The stock of J. C. Hurd & Co., dry goods, Kingston, was sold at auction to Mr. H. D. Bibby, proprietor of Oak Hall Clothing Store, for 541/2 cents in the dollar. The stock was valued at \$24,000. The estate will pay between 50 and 60 cents.

-The dairy-industry is making favourable progress throughout the North-West, as will be seen by the subjoined figures. Ottawa advices give this statement of the quality of butter made and gross value of the same at the creameries in the North-West Territories under the control of the Dominion Department of Agriculture during the past three seasons: Year, 1st of May to 31st of October, 1897, number of creameries in operation, 16; quantity of butter made, 473,903 lbs.; gross value of product, \$85,264.15; year, 1st of May to 31st October, 1898, number of creameries in operation, 19; quantity of butter made, 484,984 lbs.; gross value of product, \$93,740.67; year, 1st of May to 31st of October, 1899, number of creameries in operation, 20; quantity of butter made, 501,824 lbs.; gross value of product, \$105,-383.04. The old system gave butter of various qualities and colors; it was worth only about nine cents a pound in trade, Under the co-operative creamery system an advance of 10 cents a pound is made in cash every month to the 1,100 patrons. The best quality has gone mostly to British Columbia. A good trade is being worked up in Japan for butter in 1 and 2 lb. tins. It is worth about 20c a pound at the creamery, nearly 11/2 cents more than last season.

-A Paris dispatch states that negotiations are about to be opened with the view of allowing Brazil a reduction of about ten francs on the tax on coffee, on condition that French products shall be given the most-favored nation treatment. Should the negotiations fail, the maximum tariff will be applied to Brazilian coffee.

-The amount of inland revenue collected at the port of Montreal, in November, was \$297,450.42, as against \$292,-113.89 for the corresponding month last year.

-An Ottawa letter states that tenders for the Trenton-Frankford section of the Trent canal, are being advertised, and are to be sent in not later than Dec. 30th.

-The duties collected at the Hamilton Customs-house in November amounted to \$71,249, an increase of \$7,970 over the corresponding month last year.

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-The Customs duties collected at the port of Toronto during November totalled \$398,690, being an increase of \$39,668 over the receipts for November, 1898.

The returns of the Inland Revenue Department for the port of Toronto, shows receipts during November amounting to \$103,056, a decrease of \$6,489, as compared with October. Receipts from malt and cigars increased about \$7,000, but there was a decrease in the receipts from spirits of about \$13,000. The other items were about the same.

-A beet sugar factory is likely to be located in either Welland or Haldimand counties, Ont. A professor of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, has stated that in one township in Welland County, there are over 50,000 acres of land admirably adapted to the growth of sugar beets. The establishment of such a plant would net the farmers of the vicinity some \$400,000 returns annually.

—While the contracts for the winter steamship services from St. John and Halifax have been signed it is doubted whether all will be carried through regularly. The demands of the Imperial Government for transport vessels has paralyzed the sailings of many of the regular lines. The Manchester Liners Company has been deprived of three of its vessels from its regular service, and it is feared that other companies may be similarly crippled. The regular weekly mail service, however, between St. John, Halifax and Liverpool will be maintained by the Elder-Dempster line. Should the other services to London, Belfast, or Glasgow be interrupted in a like manner it is felt that the Dominion Government can hardly consistently impose the penalty clause in the contracts.

The man who is perfecting the flying machine will require to hurry his invention along or it will be too late. The world will have passed by it. Among the latest rumoured contrivances is the power over an electric air current which enables any solid body at a distance to be lifted as though it were a feather and transported through the air to any other point. This would prove a snap in cases of elope-A London letter states that an invention has been tested at Weymouth for steering any craft, whether submerged or otherwise, by means of an ether wave on the wireless telegraphy principle. The model was subjected to a variety of tests, and followed the current wave as if guided by a rudder. In addition to steering in straight lines, various figures were described. If further tests are successful, it is likely the system will be adopted by the admiralty. Its effect on modern warfare is inestimable, as it is expected that the system cannot only be applied to torpedo and other craft, but can be attached to mines and other destructive agencies, firing them without visible means at the most vulnerable spots.

-Two small failures occurred in Fergus, Ont., during the past week, James Phillips, who has been doing a grocery business since '86, has been compelled, through lessening of trade, to assign.—D. D. McGillivray, pumps, has given the assignee possession of his belongings. Te originally started at Hillsburg, in the fall of '96, moving to Fergus last spring.

-Large quantities of turkeys are being shipped from Lindsay, and Port Perry, Ont., for the English market. The price paid raisers equals 10 cents per pound, dressed.

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Branches of Canadian banks in Newfoundland have again stepped in to relieve a financial crisis in the Island as they did some years ago.

-A gang of fire-bugs was seen leaving a building in Toronto on the 4th inst., to which they had set fire. Such candidates for the cat and a life sentence will, we trust, be successful in securing their desserts.

-Forty cents in the dollar, half cash and half in six months, is the amount E. D. R. Phillips, general dealer, Bath, N.B., is offering as a settlement. His financial affairs were recently referred to in these columns.

-A Toronto fruit dealer, James Caldwell, has assigned. He started only last spring succeeding to the retail business of J. Cleghorn & Son, with whom he had formerly been employed as bookkeeper. His location was not the best for that line.

-The Cheese and Butter Association of the Province of Quebec has been in session at St. Jerome. Visitors attended from all parts of the province, among them being Hon. S. A. Fisher, Messrs. Gigault, M. L. A.; J. C. Capais, J. L. Tache, Rev. Chauret, Ls. Desjardins, Magnan, and U.: Gar-

-Originally a miner near Sudbury, Ont., Richard Thomas started a small general store at Wahnapitae, Ont., in the spring of '94, concluding there was more wealth to be obtained on the surface of the earth than underneath. April last he gave his wife a chattel mortgage for \$650. His assignment now for the benefit of his other creditors has not created much surprise.

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-A London, Ont., dispatch states that the entries for the provincial fat stock and dairy show which will be held from Recember 12th to 15th, are mostly in, next Saturday being the last day for receiving. The show will excel anything of the kind ever seen on this continent, every department, except perhaps the dressed poultry being better filled than ever before.

\_Mr. James Ross has been appointed director of the Bank of Montreal, in succession to the late Mr. Hugh Mc-Lennan. Mr. Ross is a large shareholder of the bank, has very extensive business connections, and in every sense is eminently qualified for so honourable and so responsible a position.

-The village of Rockland granted a bonus to the Canada Atlantic Railway Co., on condition that it was built to that place in two years. The railway failed to comply with this condition; the village was sued for the grant, and judgment was given with costs against the railway:

-The total fire loss for November, in Canada and United States was \$11,857,650, and up to end of last month the total for 11 months was, \$123,512,550, as against \$106,938,400 last year and \$98,991,000 in 1897.

-The latest proposal by the canners of British Columbia is to pool all the interests on the Fraser River, with a view of eventually including the salmon business of the whole province.

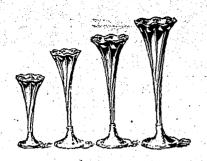


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The Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, left this week on a four weeks' tour of inspection of the commercial agencies of the West Indies, with a view to an enlargement of trade with Canada. The preferential tariff on sugar grown in British territory has not had the expected effect of increasing the consumption of Canadian goods in West India markets, and this mission is for the purpose of trying to stimulate trade.

—The following statement shows the customs revenue collection in the Dominion during the first five months of each fiscal year, since 1894-5: 1894-5, \$7,228,946; 1895-6, \$8,404,308; 1896-7, \$8,088,105; 1897-8, \$8,480,481; 1898-9, \$10,569,606; 1899-1900, \$12,051,378. A similar increase is to be seen in the flugres for November of this year, as compared with those for the same month last year:—Customs receipts, November, 1899-1900, \$2,394,163; November, 1898-9, \$1,933,106; increase, \$461,057.

—A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington, for a Pacific cable to be built by the Government to Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan and China, at a limit of cost of \$5,000,000, of which \$500,000 is to be immediately available The route and general control is placed under a Pacific cable commission, including the Portmaster-General and Chief Signal Officer of the army.

-It is pleasing to know that action is being taken in the matter of honest packing of apples for export. A Whitby, Ont., letter states that at the annual meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association on the 5th inst., the salient feature was a discussion on fraudulent packing of export The facts stated by representative members showed that the evil was a grave one. A disgraceful sample of dishonestly packed apples was exhibited and a depressing letter was read from the president, Mr. W. E. Wellington, now in London, England, upon the low estimation in which Canadian apples are held in England. of Grimsby, introduced the subject with a paper, on "How can we prevent trickery in packing of apples for export?" and moved a resolution suggesting that certain marks be adopted by legislation, indicating certain grades and sizes of apples and that it be a misdemeanor to stamp these marks on packages unles their contents are of the quality stamped. Mr. William Wolverton, the secretary, read a letter from the Dominion Minister of Agriculture saying that he is determined to investigate this matter of fraudulent packing and to do everything possible to check the Mr. Thos. Carpenter produced a sample of apples packed by a professional packer. The barrels were faced with Baldwins, but the inside apples were "ciders." Mr. Wellington's letter compared the favorable position of the Nova Scotia apples in the English market with the suspicion entertained of the Canadian goods. The association expressed strong feeling on the matter and unanimously adopted the resolution.



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-In reply to the resolution recently adopted by the Freight Committee of the Toronto Board of Trade, published elsewhere in this issue, Mr. George B. Reeve, general traffic manager of the Grand Trunk, has written to Mr. E. A. Wills, secretary of the Board of Trade, in which he says: "It must be remembered that we had five years of the greatest depression that this country ever went through, during which period the railway companies endeavoured in every way to help the manufacturers and merchants generally, and in doing so there was a continual reduction of freight rates, in many cases to such an extent that the railway companies carried not only without profit but at an actual loss. This was specially so in Canada, as the manufacturers of all articles in the United States during the depression made Canada what might be called a slaughter market for their over-productions, and it was with the endeavor of protecting our own manufacturers, against these imports that we made such ridiculously low rates as above referred to. Now, that universal prosperity has returned, in fact I may say been in effect for the last eighteen months, it would appear to us that it is only fair that the railway companies should share to some extent in the general prosperity, and we would, therefore, suggest that our present advanced rates be given a fair trial, and I am sure that we, together with the representatives of other Canadian railways, will only be too glad to consider fully all cases that are laid before us where our rates are actually hurdensome. If articles are being imported on account of our rates in Canada being too high, the particulars of such cases, if laid before us, we would gladly consider."

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### GROCERY NOTES.

-A private London, Eng., circular, date 25th ult., treating of the dairy situation says: The weather continues favourable to the consumptive demand for provisions, especially of butter, although it is not quite so seasonable as in some years, and a cold spell would be welcome. There is a better demand for Australian and New Zealand butter than there'was last week, and prices are about 2s. per ewt. higher. There is a scarcity of really "Choicest," or what are called "Fancy Brands," which have been making 106s. In "Finest" there is a large selection, and prices are very various, some being quoted at 92s, and others as high as 100s, but 94s to 98s is the average price for this quality, while "Choicest" may be quoted at 100s to 104s. At Manchester on Tuesday owing to short supplies of Danish,a considerable amount of cold stored "Choicest" Canadian was placed on the market and 104s to 108s, was made for it, while "Finest" brought 100s to 102s. The arrival this week of Canadian butter is very small, while Australian and New Zealand is pretty large, there being three vessels in at once, the total being nearly 30,000 boxes. In consequence of this somewhat large arrival some of the agents are pressing sales and minimising the stronger feeling that is pervading As the next arrival from New Zealand is due about December 16th, there is no need for alarm, but weak holders are causing the continuance of the peculiar feature which has been prominent for some weeks, viz., that provincial markets are 2s to 4s per ewt. higher than London. If Tooley Street houses were to hold their consignments a little firmer the prices in London would move up to the level of the provincial markets. The Copenhagen Committee very judiciously refrained from raising the Official Quotation this week, although the advance in Danish butter all over the north of England was 3s to 4s per cwt. higher than last week, but the landed prices are so much below the Copenhagen rate, that buyers prefer to wait for consignments rather than purchase in the Danish capital. The action of the Committee is wise, and will have a beneficial effect upon the market. Supplies from Denmark remain small, and for the last month are 10,320 cwts. below the corresponding month of last year, while, for the last three months, there is a deficiency of 52,574 cwts. of Danish butter compared with 1898 The total arrivals of foreign butter for the month are 13,175 civts, short of last year, while the total arrivals of Colonial are 12,843 cwts. more, thus showing a total shortage of supply; for the month of 332 cwts. This is but a small amount, but, when the excellent position of the working classes is considered. there need be no fear at present that supplies are so much in excess of demand that prices must be reduced.—Cheese.

The demand for Canadian cheese has much improved, and an active market apparently is close upon us. Regarding prices the market is fully a shilling better on the week. There is considerable enquiry for cheese at 52s to 54s, but The first consignstocks of such goods are very light. ment of New Zealand cheese, consisting of 110 tons, is due about December 16th; the second consignment of 100 tons is due 1st January.

-The announcement of the Mersey Bedstead Company of Warrington (Hadfield Works), England, is postponed until next week, awaiting the reproduction of their illustrations.

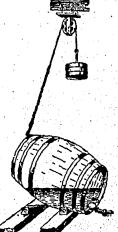
METAL AND HARDWARE MEN.

The annual meeting of the Metal & Hardware Merchants' & Manufacturers' Association, held in this city on the 6th There were present: Messrs. William McMaster, president, in the chair; George E. Drummond, T. H. Newman. W. W. Near, George Caverhill, F. O. Lewis, G. A. Kohl, Fred. Bacon, T. P. Bacon, James McCormick, W. S. Leslie, J. T. McCall, T. J. Drummond, A. A. Brown, James Peck, and T. C. Davidson. The president submitted a report of the business of the association during the past year, which was adopted for publication in the annual report of the Board of Trade. Mr. George E. Drummond was chosen as the association's nominee for election on next year's Council of the Board of Trade. The election of officers for next year resulted as follows: President, Mr. T. H. Newman: vice-president, Mr. W. W. Near; treasurer, Mr. James Mc-Cormick; directors, Messrs. Charles Cassils, R. Gardner, F. O. Lewis and G. O. Kohl.

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# NORTH-WEST PROGRESS.

Our correspondent at Calgary, N.W.T., writes:—The crops just harvested have been exceptional both in quality and quantity, except wheat. In the Edmonton country particularly, the oat crop has been the best harvested for many years. We know of instances in which the crop has run as high as 125 and 130 bushels to the acre. The summer being very wet, for a time the indications were the harvest would be destroyed, but fortunately the crop was well harvested.

The influx of new settlers into the district during the past season has been very large and while many of us object to the class there are undoubtedly many excellent farmers homesteading and purchasing lands all along the line of the C. and E. and in the district north of Edmonton.—We believe fuilures have been very few during the past year, everywhere merchants are speaking with more confidence of the future and there seems to be a permanency about business concerns not heretofore prevailing. With better prospects new businesses are being commenced.—A large portion of Southern Alberta is primarily a ranching country and the year just closed has probably been one of the most successful that the ranchers have ever The Kootenay country has been a continually improving market for our cattle and sheep, in fact the ranchers of Alberta are not producing sufficient sheep to meet the demand, and Messrs, P. Burns & Company, who are probably our largest cattle dealers, are now arranging for the importation of sheep from New Zealand. The market for horses seems to be somewhat improving of late, the formation of Mounted Rifles corps at Lethbridge, Maclcod. Medicine Hat, and Calgary (thanks to Major-General Hutton, who made a most favorable impression in the West). will enable our horse dealers to become better acquainted with the requirements of the British authorities and contribute in supplying remounts for the British service.

The largest enterprise presently being carried on in this district is the irrigation works at Lethbridge and Cardston. By the aid of irrigation that large section between Lethbridge and the boundary will be converted into a very fertile district. The colonization portion of the scheme is proving a great success. The Mormon settlers having had large experience in irrigation work under the best possible circumstances in Utah are able to go forward with the work to advantage, and Scotch and other settlers are profited by their example.

Calgary seems to be entering upon an era of prosperity. The C.P.R. have expended upwards of \$100,000, in the erection of shops and round houses and have transferred their divisional point facilities from Medicine Hat here, the Superintendent having taken up his residence here. Building has been very brisk during the past season. Lougheed has crected two fine stone blocks, and Mr. W. R. Hull is erecting another large stone block. Messrs. P. Burns & Co. have erected a magnificent abattoir and put in a cold storage plant thus providing facilities for the handling of dead meats, second only to those in Winnipeg. The capacity for killing is 150 head per day, while the storage room is for about 4,000. These buildings were erected under the supervision of Mr. Moller, of Chicago. This firm does an extraordinary business as you may gather when we tell you that at one time they had upon the ranges in Alberta nearly one million dollars worth of cattle, purchased and under contract.

-Alaska is coming into the ring with rapid strides. A Vancouver, B.C., dispatch states that Dawson City'is to have an electric railway line. A line is being built through the city which will cross the Klondike River and connect Dawson City and Klondike City, if Parliamentary sanction is obtained. It is proposed to extend the line up the Klondike River to the mouth of Bonanza Creek, and thence to the forts of Bonanza and Eldorado.

-The steamship Tainui, owned by the Shaw, Savile & Albion Company, has been sold to the Anchor Line for their Atlantic passenger trade. The Tainui was built by Denny Bros., at Dumbarton, in 1884, and has a gross tonnage of 5,049 and a net tonnage of 3,192. During the past summer the Tainui ran in the Allan Line service between Liverpool and Montreal.

# FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 1899.

## THE IRISH BISHOP OF KIMBERLEY ON THE WAR.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Kimberley, South Africa, has issued a letter on the present war. He has been a resident of the Transvaal over thirteen years, but is a native of Marysboro, Ireland, where he was educated for the priesthood. We give a few extracts from his letter:

"Now for my personal opinion about the matter, I can, with a safe conscience, say I think that England very seldom had a more just cause for war. The state of things in the Transvaal was a scandal to the nations. That a liandful of men, some of whom were very illiterate, and all of whom were very prejudiced and selfish, should expect to be allowed to make laws forever for those who spent their money in buying up property in that country and developing its wealth, is preposterous. Chamberlain's indictment of the Transvaal Government was perfectly fair. I have no hasitation in saying so, and I have had thirteen years to study this question. I am not an Englishman, as you know, nor are my sympathies in general with England; but in this case I do believe England will do credit to our common humanity by forcing a small State calling itself a republic to give equal rights to all.

"Whatever one may call England's title to interfere in this matter, it is certain that in former years most of the a Boers, their President at their head, asked England to come to their aid and take over the State. She did so, and then when the debts of the little republic were paid by England, and Paul Kruger received his salary, which was in arrears for a long time, he started a rebellion against the new authority. Gladstone gave them back their country under certain conditions. The fourth clause of the convention conveyed the idea that all who go into the country shall have equal rights. The Boers and their Volksraad did not keep that promise; they did not give equal rights to all."

Bishop Gaughan of Kimberley gives a shocking description of the illiteracy of the Boers, who, evidently, are only on the borders of civilization. He predicts immense gains to South Africa from the war, and says the Transvaal is governed not as a republic but as an oligarchy of the basest type.

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THE STORAGE ELEVATORS AND THE HARBOR.

As intimated in the last issue of this journal, the question of providing elevators in the harbour entered on a new phase last week when the matter was considered by the Harbour Commissioners and it was virtually settled that the modified proposition of the Buffalo syndicate should be accepted.

The nature of that modified proposition was not known, except to the few within the circle, until it was read at the meeting of the Harbour Board on the 1st inst., at 2 p.m., and after six applications from different companies had been read, and discussed, the lengthy, evidently prepared in advance decision of the Board, with all its "whereases and resolves," in real American style, appeared in the evening papers soon after four o'clock.

We are not finding fault with the results arrived at. The most objectionable features of the previous Buffalo syndicate's proposition have been eliminated, and if the terms last proposed are carried out the trade by the St. Lawrence route and to Montreal will be greatly benefited. At the present time it is reasonable to assume that the promises made by the Buffalo syndicate will be carried out literally, but before the final agreement is made and the choicest part of the harbour for storage elevators is handed oved to this newly-developed organisation, the utmost care should be taken that purely Canadian interests are not to be sacrificed in the future. Sufficient guarantees should be exacted to ensure the fulfilment of the promises made and in case of failure to have the valu able sites to be alienated revert back to the Harbour Com missioners and the Government, and that promptly. 

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This question of storage elevators and who should build them has been a burning one for more than a year back. The great majoirty of the Board of Trade, the Corn Exchange and the Chambre de Commerce have all along been against giving these privileges to private companies and insisted that it was the duty of the government to build them in order to prevent combines and monopolies.

On the 21st November last, the Board of Trade held a numerously attended meeting to elect a Harbour Commissioner in succession to the late Mr. D. G. Thomson. The gentleman elected declared his opinion in strong terms that the Government should provide and control all the appliances and facilities for the trade in the port and he was loudly applauded for his utterances. The Buffalo syndicate, however, had been keeping comparatively quiet for some months, but had been maturing their plans. To a few only it was known that they were providing a modified proposition. The time for action seemed propitious and on the 28th November the Harbour Board with a suddenness of movement decided to call for propositions from all parties who desired such privileges to be in, not later than the 1st December, furnishing therewith details of the business proposed to be done, with the cost of construction and other details of

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like character. The notice was short for such an important matter, giving only two clear days. Short as it was, however, it brought about six applications from parties likely to build one or more elevators in the harbour. Most of the applicants stated, that the time given was too short and asked for an extension and an opportunity to consult further. The Buffalo syndicate, however, was ready with a very clear statement of what they were prepared to do and the conditions they expected in consideration.

This proposition was promptly accepted in principle. It seems to have been—in the minds of most people a foregone conclusion that it would be finally accepted. It might have had a better appearance and just as clfoctive, however, if a little more time had been devoted to it. All the other applicants were treated with scant courtesy, this might have been avoided.

It will readily be admitted that many objectionable teatures of the first proposition of the Buffalo syndicaic have seen eliminated from the last one, but the 'ac: remains that men entirely new to the country are to have the preference and obtain the most valuable sites, for that particular business, in the upper part of the harbour, over the heads of those who have done so much to build up the trade already established here. For instance, the claim for consideration of the Canada Atlantic Railroad was ably presented by Messrs. Reford & Co., to the Board of Trade's representative and supported by Mr. John Torrance. As far as the grain trade is concerned that company's line is more a water than a During the season just closed it brought somewhere about 13,000,000 bushels of grain and 20,000 tons of other produce to this port without any fuss or pretension.

Although a new through line, this business, worked up chiefly through the energy of Mr. J. R. Booth, of Ottawa, has this year been an important factor in this year's successful shipping business in Montreal. The greater part of that trade came from the United States and but for that line from Parry Sound probably none of it would have come to this port. The reading of the strong letter in support of the Canada Atlantic application was objected to because it came from a private firm and addressed to the representative of the Board of Trade. That was not very wise because the letter was

published all the same. Again, although the Canada Atlantic expressed a preference for the Windhill Point site, one of the members is reported to have said, in the innocence of his heart, that he thought that the Canada innocence of his heart, that he thought that the Canada Atlantic might perhaps prefer to locate at the East End! Of course they might but they said the other thing.

In all this it must be said that the Buffalo syndicate have shown themselves to be astute managers of men and great tacticians. They came here a year ago asking something that astounded the country and prepared to accept what they could get, if there proved to be enough in it to make it worth while to go on. They have been working very quietly but with great perseverance to get influence from Ottawa on some people here, and, judging from the precipitate action of the last few days, they have been entirely successful. It remains to be seen yet what the final action of the Government will be and if all the guarantees for good faith are properly inserted in the agreement to make sure that the promises made, apparently so lavishly, will be carried out.

Even if this agreement which has been arrived at is confirmed, by the Government it will be very objectionable to some of the large interests connected with the port. The question has been settled at private meetings, therefore the public are not aware of the position of each of the members, or, their reason for adopting the course they have taken. This is unfortunate, for it is not to be supposed that the decision of the Commissioners was unanimous. It is not in conformity with the spirit of the age that a small body of men-composed as the Harbour Board is-however respectable or sound of judgment, should alienate the control of public property entrusted to them and decide upon a policy that, if care is not taken, may possibly inflict an injury on the trade of the this port and the St. Lawrence route, from which it may take long years to recover, and such action to have been taken without the reasons actuating the members being given publicity so that the country could weigh them and consider how much they were worth, is most regrettable.

### PRESIDENT McKINLEY'S MESSAGE.

American presidents, in their message to Congress immediately preceding a presidential election, usually play to the gallery," always so when they are ambitious of securing another term. There are two ways of doing this, one is, by making the Address pander to the ruling passion then swaying the American people. Another is, by giving the speech a neutral tint, a non-committal character, when business is prosperous and no political question is causing general agitation.

Mr. McKinley hopes to be his own successor, hence his anxiety to avoid taking any course by which votes might be lost. There being no very live question before the people, and political affairs somewhat mixed, he made his speech as inoffensive as the essays read at a ladies' college. Save when he waves "Old Glory," there is nothing in the Address which could not easily be shown to be capable of diverse interpretations.

After reviewing the satisfactory conditions caused by the present prosperity, as, the enormous exports, the large revenue receipts, the enormous cash reserves held by the Treasury, the prospect of a surplus in the current fiscal year, and so on, the President took up the Banking Act and the Trusts question. He seems to have realised how miserable are the currency arrangements. They are declared to be entirely inadequate to the people's needs, when from time to time, the circulation calls for expansion, like that of Canada in each harvest season.

We have never considered Mr. McKinle, a financial expert, and our doubts as to his wisdom in this respect are confirmed by his urging the establishment of national banks with a capital of only \$25,000. Such institutions would afford a very shaky foundation for an enlarged circulation, and afford a wholly inadequate basis for building up a safe banking business. This suggestion looks like a sop thrown to the Populist element. a bid for the votes of the lower classes who condemn banker: because of their financial strength, which is of especial service to the industrial population. sident seems to want a bank established alongside every corner grocery, and on the same scale, and, wherever a general store, saloon, and a blacksmith's smithy do all the local trade.

He is also desirous of the Treasury having larger powers in issuing bonds which he connects in a confused way with the maintenance of the gold standard. confess to an inability to see how it will help the gold standard to be maintained by enabling the Treasury Department to borrow money on new issues of bonds. A gold standard is maintained not by a government borrowing money, but by making its obligations payable in gold, which puts a restraint upon improvident borrowing to meet improvident expenditures. It is further maintained by making all currency redeemable in gold, and such a banking system established as will cause the gold held in the country to be distributed amongst the banks, and not piled up in Treasury vaults when the country is suffering for lack of money, starving, as it were, while the Government garner is bursting with food supplies.

The President says of trusts: "It is universally conceded that combinations which engross or control the market of any particular kind of merchandise or commodity, necessary to the general community by suppressing natural and ordinary competition, whereby prices are unduly enhanced to the general consumer, are obnoxious, not only to the common law, but also to the public welfare. There must be a remedy for the evils involved in such organization."

This is like a doctor, when consulted, saying, fever is obnoxious, &c., and then leaving his patient to find out a remedy. But, it will be said, "Mr. McKinley was down on trusts," which will please the crowd, while his abstention from advice as to methods for their suppression, will please capitalist interests.

In treating the Alaskan boundary question the President confined his remarks to a brief outline of the matter in dispute. As this is the only part of the Message which is of direct interest to Canada we give it in full:

"In my last annual message I referred to the pending negotiations with Great Britain in respect to the Dominion of Canada. By means of an executive agreement a Joint High Commission has been created for the express purpose of adjusting all unsettled questions between the United States and Canada, embracing twelve subjects, among which were the questions of the fur seals, the fisheries of the coast, and contiguous inland waters, the Alaskan boundary, the transit of merchandise in bond, the alien labour laws, mining rights, reciprocity in trade, revision of the agreement respecting naval vessels in the great lakes, a more complete marking of parts of boundary, provision for the conveyance of criminals, for wrecking and salvage.

"Much progress had been made by the commission to

wards the adjustment of many of these questions, when it became apparent that an irreconcilable difference of views was entertained respecting the delimitation of the Alaskan boundary. In the failure of an agreement as to the meaning of articles 3 and 4 of the treaty of 1825 between Russia and Great Britain, which defined the boundary between Alaska and Canada, the American Commissioners proposed that the subject of the boundary be laid aside and that the remaining questions of difference be proceeded with, some of which were so far advanced as to assure the probability of a settlement. This being declined by the British Commissioners, an adjournment was taken until the boundary should be ad-The subject has been justed by the two Governments. receiving the careful attention which its importance demands, with the result that a modus vivendi for provisional demarcations in the region about the head of the Lynn Canal has been reached. It is hoped that the negotiations now in progress between the two Governments will end in an agreement for the establishment and delimitation of a permanent boundary. In regard to these questions growing out of our relationship with our northern neighbour, the most friendly disposition and ready agreement have marked the discussion of numerous matters arising in the vast and intimate intercourse of the United States with Great Britain."

. In regard to Cuba the President said: "Our mission, to accomplish which we took up the wager of battle, is not to be fulfilled by turning adrift any loosely framed commenwealth to face the vicissitudes which too often attend weaker states whose natural wealth and abundant rescurces are offset by the incongruities of their political organization and the recurring occasions for internal rivalries to sap their strength and dissipate their energies." The mission on which the army and fleet of the States went to the Antilles was solely to free Cuba from yoke of Spain. That has been so fully accomplished there is no danger of a relapse into bondage, yet Cuba is not free, for, when the yoke of Spain was taken off, the Cubans were placed under the yoke of the United States, which they are likely to wear until they throw it off by the same methods by which they sought to cast asunder the bonds of Spain, the date of which will be the same as Cuba is now an American colony the Greek Kalends. and the sooner both parties realize and recognize this fact the wiser will they act.

So also with the Philippines. Those islands are being conquered by the States by force of arms, and it is mere rhodomontade for the President to talk about the Americans being there "in accordance with the wishes of the The islanders must have peculiar tastes, if Mr. McKinley speaks truly, for, according to his Address to Congress, the Filipinos are gratified at being shot down; their villages burnt; their crops destroyed; their aspirations for self-government crushed by an American The President's words imply, that a plebsicite was held in the hundreds of islands constituting the Philippine Archipelago on the question: "Do we, Filipinos, agree to submit absolutely to the sovereignty of the United States?" This question, he practically affirms, was answered in the affirmative. It would make an interesting historic picture, though perhaps one not suitable for public exhibition, on sartorial grounds, were a painting made of a group of savages, clothed only with a spear and shield, casting their ballots in favour of the government of the United States.

The plain truth is, the American nation is inevitably committed to a colonial policy, with Cuba, Porto Rico,

Hawaii, the Philippines, part of the Samoan group, as stock in trade to make a commencement of this class of enterprise. The sooner this situation is accepted and a colonial system of government adopted by the States, and the Monroe doctrine overboard as a dead issue, the better it will be for the honour, and the interests of the Republic.

### PROSPECTS OF IRON PRICES NEXT YEAR.

As 1889 is about closing, attention is being directed to the prospects of the coming year. The mon and steel trade is especially interested in ascertaining what are likely to be the prices of those metals and their products in 1900. Market quotations are now so high there is felt to be a time approaching when the maximum will be reached, when, whatever change occurs, there will be a turn towards a lower level. How near is that time is a question difficult to answer, but its inevitability cannot be doubted. From present conditions it seems as though another year must clapse before any definite signs will develop of the next reversal of the price movement.

Advices from the iron and steel districts of Great Britain indicate there being an unprecedented demand for goods of that class. The shipbuilding industry is extremely active. Contracts for large steamers have been entered upon that cannot be filled before 1900 is far advanced. Other contracts are in sight, not alone for British vessels but for those which will carry foreign flags. Should war break out between Russia and Japan there will be a heavy strain upon English shippards for naval equipments and war munitions, of which, probably, there would be a great destruction, calling for fresh supplies.

The wire ropes alone, which are needed for modern vessels, consume an enormous amount of metal, and the present production, say our English advices, is only limited by the capacity of the factories. Wires, indeed, are now a highly important branch of iron manufacture, the use of them for ropes and for electrical euqipments being on an enormous scale. In all mills and factories there is a large consumption of tools, so the activity of those places gives a proportionate impulse to the production of files, saws, edge-tools, and other industrial and structural equipments.

Since the United States makers ceased to have surplus stocks to slaughter, they have called off their competition in Great Britain, as, in no single article of metal goods are they even able to hold their own alongside British makers, when Americans sell their products at a fair pro-Although America has illimitable stores of iron ore there is hematite iron being shipped there from Great Britain. Though too there are very extensive steel furnaces and rolling mills in the States, there are rolled steel billets being sent from Sheffield to America. number of the "Hardware Trade Journal" says: "At one time, American makers cut out Sheffield makers in the Canadian markets; now, the American has ceased to be seller and become buyer of steel, with the result that the old Canadian business is all coming back. It is difficult, however, to get an adequate price for the better classes of steel. For Bessemer and Siemens steel quotations have twice been put up 10s. per ton during a few weeks, but for crucible steel it is complained that advances, equal to covering increased costs of production, is difficult to secure. One of the directors of the largest firm engaged in the finest steel, told me they were full of work, but he doubted if they were making much profit out of it. The demand for steel comes from all parts of the world, China and Japan included."

The armour plate works of Shelfield are producing at the rate of 30,000 tons of plates per year. If we could inspect what those plates are intended to protect, we should have a view of the consumption of iron, steel, brass, and other metals in the make up of an armoured China and Japan are vessel, that would be startling. equipping their arsenals, and projecting railways, which are now, and will in the near future, add enormously to the consumption of iron and steel. Every mile of new railway means a permanent demand for more tools, wires, Every addition made to the transengines, cars, &c. port facilities on seas, lakes, rivers, as well as those on land, brings a vast consumption of iron, as does also every new addition to textile production. There is a close inter-dependency between the cotton and iron trades. The birth of the spinning-jenny led to the locomotive; the colossal blast furnace; the steel converter; the steam vessel and other improved trade equipments; which each illustrate the old saying: "Necessity is the mother of In-Cotton mills are great consumers of iron and A new feature steel, and stimulators of those trades. developing in the iron trade, is the construction of railway cars or iron, which promises to create a very large addition to the permanent demand.

The prices of lake Bessemer ores for 1900-1901 have been decided by the miners to be \$5.50 at lower lake ports This means an advance compared with \$2.52 a year ago. The "Iron Age" of \$5.25 per ton on Bessemer pig iron. says, "It is figured roughly that the cost of making Bessemer pig in the valleys will next year be not less than \$14 to \$15 per ton for those who must buy all their raw materials in the open market." Non-Bessemer ores are selling on the basis of \$4.25, lower lake ports. ers of basis and foundry grades this means an advance close to that of the producers of Bessemer pig, and fixes a corresponding minimum for the second half of 1900 and first half of 1901. This, if maintained, by contracts for deliveries, means high prices for iron and steel for a long period.

### HOLIDAY TRADE.

To make the most of the active holiday season, winding up the year with a big record for the last three weeks, is the desire and aim of all retail merchants. The great variety of goods which may be placed in the list of Christmas presents admits of selections from almost every line of trade. How best to arrange each line in order to make an unprecedented record may seem like a problem to the average dealer, while again some will look for this result from the present generally prosperous state of the ccuntry, and may overlook the fact that inducements are as much of a necessity in drawing those with fifty dollars to spend as though they had but five. This fact being admitted there is far greater reason for allurements when the larger amount is at stake.

Proper preparation for the Holiday trade consists in first making the store as attractive as possible. This is easily and economically accomplished. Whatever adds a Holiday appearance to the store or the goods should not be left undone. To know of a competitor's place of business being a source of more favourable comment once the season's rush has started, is not quite as inspiring as to see an admiring throng before one's own window. There is an old but not unwise saying, that "to appear prosper-

ous is to be prosperous." This applies with much force to the appearance of the retail store, particularly at Christmas time. The store making the greatest display will do the greatest trade, for the Holiday customers are not the customers of the whole year. They carry the spirit of the Holidays with them and expect to see the same displayed wherever they go. If they do not find it they are disappointed, and the dealer who can sell a large bill of goods to a disappointed customer is rare, or he must reduce his prices at the one period he is expected to derive extra profits on many articles and full prices on all regular goods.

A shoe dealer may say, "Well, I've got my stock all sized up, a line window display, and the store all arranged as neat as possible, so if there's any extra trade to be done in any line I ought to get my share." But the week before Christmas it may surprise him to find a competitor having arranged many details which added to the inviting nature of his store, simple in their way, yet not thought of by others, A profusion of evergreen, tastefully draped, even though nothing else were added, lends a charm and an air of richness to the entire store, and at once betokens the presence of the Christmas time and all the cheer following in its train. This first adornment can be readily heightened by attaching fancy price cards to all displayed samples. These are inexpensive and when fastened with narrow ribbon will cause articles that would be passed by for 50 cents to sell quickly for much more. To catch the eye at a time when appropriate articles are being sought is the object. The shrewd retailer looks to the Holiday trade for the disposal of many odd articles and ends of stock which refused to attract the regular visitor, because goods will be sought and bought for another which would never be thought of for personal use. This class of goods should be well intermingled with the new Holiday display, heightened in appearance with neat Christmas card price tickets, which at once places them in the category of Christmas presents.

In conversation with a retail merchant recently, who has been in business since Confederation and who must, in justice, be given credit for a mild attempt at keeping pace with the changing times, the writer was told, in answer to a remark about the Christmas trade. "Why, we have no real Christmas trade any more. I recollect many years ago when for a couple of weeks before the Holidays we had our store so crowded we couldn't begin to wait on all, but simply rushed ahead and this kept up till 12 o'clock Christmas eve. But 'tis all changed now." This dealer could get as great a rush as he referred to within one week, which would give him much greater hurried work than before were he to simply go about it in the manner necessitated by the changed conditions. remark proved that he had allowed his trade to be drawn Opposition became greater meantime, but the city had also been constantly growing, so that he should have filled in with new trade what might be lost of the

The prosperous retailer of to-day keeps his store attratively neat, proves to his customers that it has paid them to patronize him, by giving them bargains without sacrifice; allows no mistakes that could possibly be avoided, and introduces special sales occasionally, acquainting the public with his reduced prices for the occasion. In this way he is certain of acquiring many new customers, besides proving to his regular trade that he is doing all that a competitor can do toward keeping them interested in his store and calling for their requirements where

they see the crowd centering, for they will always prefer the regular place of dealing if they see its owner fighting a hard and steady battle to hold their trade.

### PAYING ARREARS A SIGN OF GOOD TIMES.

The indications of business being far more prosperous now than for many years are too numerous to be stated, they lie around, "as thick as leaves in Vallambrosa." One of these signs is an especially pleasant one to some creditors who are apt to leave a number of small accounts run on uncollected year after year. We have drifted into this position by withdrawing one of our travelling agents part of whose duty it was to glean overdue subscriptions to this journal. We found new subscribers flowing in so freely, without personal solicitation, as to render it needless to make any effort to secure them by an agent. Quite a number of subscribers who had been accustomed to be called upon, conseugently left their subscriptions unpaid, and, in some cases, this mutual neglect—for we were also to blame-caused, in some cases, a long period to elapse before arrears were applied for, or voluntarily remitted. During the depression period voluntary remittances were like angels' visits, which are particularly scarce in a newspaper office, where an angel of quite another class to those usually referred to, is one of the mechanical staff. Since good times set in we have had a Dannen shower of One was for nine years, others remitted subscriptions. for six and shorter terms, and one, for a prolonged term. was from a bank, which shows that even a wealthy institution in hard times does not pay much respect to the command, "Owe no man anything." We shall offer no objection whatever to some who are in arrear taking the above as a gentle hint, to, "Pay, pay, pay," as Mr. Kipling says in his song about Tommy Atkins. There is an appropriate time, says Holy Writ, for everything, and the present time of prosperous trade is a peculiarly fitting one for clearing away all arrears of debt be they ever so small.

### MANUAL TRAINING IN SCHOOLS.

Sir William C. McDonald has added one more to his munificent gifts for promoting education in this country. His previous ones were devoted to McGill College in this city. His latest takes a wider, a national scope. He offers to pay for the equipment required for educational manual training in one place in every province in the Dominion, also to meet the expenses of qualified teachers and maintenance for three years in the places selected.

The new movement will be inaugurated by a highly competent and experienced teacher being given charge of this work, who will be brought from the old country, where technical manual training is given in a number of manufacturing centres. Teachers from Canada will be sent, at Sir William's expense, to study the systems established in Europe.

We regard these wise, munificent gifts as having in them "the promise and the potency" of more practical usefulness to Canada than some which have been devoted to the extension of what is called, "higher education," which, in a vast number of cases, results in useless education. The craze of latter days in Canada is to train all male scholars, and crowds of female ones, for the battle of life to be spent in the professional sphere, as lawyers, doctors, clergy, or teachers, regardless of their natural fitness for such callings, or any na-

tural taste or capacity for those intellectual studies which must be persistently pursued if a professional career is to be either a source of happiness and emolument to the individual or of service to the comunity.

When the young knight of the plane and chisel gets his first kit he is set up for life. He never dreams of adding to the working powers of his tools by his own inprovements. It is much the same with a very large section of university graduates. They regard their brains as like a sausage skin, which, when once filled up up by the cramming process of a college course, are in periect condition for the purpose for which they have been stuffed. The result has been a degradation of sentiment in regard to higher education in this country, and a debasement of the idea as to what this hackneyed phrase really means, what it implies, what are its uses, what are its rewards, its claims, and its responsibilities. There are hundreds of B. A.'s in Canada who have rubbed their noses against the travellers' tales of Herodotus; plodded their way through the Anabasis of Zenophon; an oration or two of Cicero, and the Odes of Horace; who could not say what the War of the Roses was about, or give a sketch narrative of what led up to the Commonwealth or Revolution. We heard a prominent teacher in this city, a Master of Arts,—save the mark—a few nights ago deliver an address to teachers, in which few words were enunciated correctly, while several were grossly mispronounced. Yet men so devoid of real culture, who have never, voluntarily, passed the gate of the field of English literature, presume to rank themselves educationally as the superiors of men who have spent long years in increasing historic and literary studies, to whom the very nooks and corners of the field of literature are as familiar us the course of their daily work.

Those to whom the world for long years has been a university; who have been under educating influences which have really educed and developed their mental powers; who have read men as well as books; who from the love of knowledge, from their instinctive intellectual force and tendency to development - like a growing plant—have acquired a high degree of mental culture, see no reason to pay any respect to men whose theory of education is of the carpenter's kit and sausage skin Such men get their degree, and they flaunt their hood proudly, but they are not educated in any true sense. Their degree merely certifies, that they have acquired a certain amount of literary knowledge. In a large number of cases this knowledge is lifeless veneer; it is no evidence of culture; of brain development; of their having been a force set in activity which will raise the graduate from plane to plane in an ever ascending scale of mental achievement, and an ever widening sphere of mental accomplishment.

The general prevalence of the idea, that a student's education is complete, is "finished," as young ladies say when they leave school, when he has secured a B.A. degree, causes a very low estimate to be put on "higher education, in Canada. Naturally so, for this term is associated with a mere college course, which is in no sense a finished edifice, but the foundation work upon which a temple of education may, or may not be built by a life time of study. To see men puffed with conceit, because they have secured a degree, when their education suffered at that point an "arrest of development." is a too common spectacle. This is the main reason why our colleges have to resort to the old country for professors. Our home students live in an atmosphere of depreciation, as to be the graduate of a university is no such intellectual stimulus or distinction as it is in the old land. There, the conceit of superior learning is killed in students, here it is fostered. There the strugglers are like Alpine climbers, few reach the higher ranges, but all strive to gain them. Here, the height to be reached is like the summit of our mountain, as compared with that of Mont Blanc. The top is high, doubtless, above the surrounding plain, but the crowds who succeed in getting to the highest point of Mount Royar prove how easy has been the ascent, how inglorious the struggle, and how insignificant the elevation achieved. Yet there are thousands of graduates who assume airs which only might be forgiven to a climber who had stood on the peak of the Matterhorn.

"The whole conception as to the object of a university course, and as to what is implied by higher education, will have to be revolutionized in Canada before we can produce native professors for our Colleges, as well as for other appointments requiring to be filled by men of high Study, to accomplish its purpose, ought to show that, "the appetite grows with what it feeds up-Study solely carried on to get a degree involves a strain on the mind which rather weakens than develops its powers. The movement to divert students from a course for which they have no natural gifts, or tastes, to one of merely mechanical nature, such as, learning the use of handicraft tools, the acquirement of mechanical skill, and an expert knowledge of mechanical principles will, we trust, act as a sieve to separate students who tare only adapted for mechanical callings, from those who by native capacity, by it also, by taste, and the lofty ambition which inspires the higher order of minds, are likely to do honour to their college, and to whatever profession they adopt.

### A GREAT CAPTAIN OF SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

As a result of improved trade which is general in the chief countries of the world, notably Great Britain, the United States, and Canada, there has arisen a demand for more shipping accommodation. ... Freights have risen all along the line, so that the returns on capital invested in shipping are now enough for paying dividends on stock, which, says "The Economist," has yielded nothing for a number of years, while undertakings long struggling for existence have become flourishing enterprises. Although the cost of building vessels has increased very largely owing to the advance in iron and steel, the shipyards of Glasgow and Belfast, are extremely active, and orders are on hand and in sight which will keep them so for a The transference of so many large length of time. steamers from trade routes and business to the service of the Government as army transports, has no doubt given an impetus to shipbuilding, for, even if the war comes to an early termination, there will be vessels needed for probably years to keep up closer communication between South Africa and the old land.

The capital for developing the production of steamers has been raised mainly by old established companies. The demand has not called new ones into existence. The amount raised in the current year for the above purpose was, \$12,660,000, of which \$1,200,000 was secured by the Elder, Dempster Company, \$3,250,000 by the Anchor Line, and \$1,500,000 by the Manchester Line, the latter for increasing the direct service between this port and "Cottonopolis." Besides this large sum there has been new capital devoted to industries subsidiary to shipping, such as iron and steel works where plates, girders, engines, and other machinery are manufactured.

Sir Christopher Furness, a familiar name in this city, is "chairman," says our contemporary, "of quite half-adozen companies, and of fully as many undertakings, most connected more or less intimately with that indus-The wonder is how any man can give the necessary time for overseeing so many and such gigantic enterprises, for Sir Christopher is no perfunctory chairman, but is the life and soul of whatever business he is in con-The secret is, a remarkable talent for grasping the situation without losing time over unimportant details, and of selecting officials of the highest expert knowledge in whose reports confidence may be absolutely placed. One man can drive half-a-dozen horses in hand with less strain than another has with only one in the shafts. The ease of the former arises from his selecting thoroughly sound and well broken animals, and having servants to keep harness in perfect condition, while the latter has no judgment in buying a horse, and worries himself over all the a large staff of clerks, amongst them three barristers, was once looking at a neighbour, one of his fraternity, who had only one clerk, toiling away after ten at night. He asked if such late hours were usually kept in that office, and being told they were, he exclaimed, "Poor fellow, he may well be making a bare living. I am rich, but I could not afford to waste time doing clerk's work at night, as my extensive business demands that I do some thinking with a clear, fresh brain, which I could not have unless I left my office by 4 or 5 p.m.daily, took horse exercise, lived well, and spent my evenings chiefly in recreation."

Sir Christopher Furness is a man of that stamp, he has a genius for organization, and the management of extensive enterprises. Of course, men of this class, great captains of industry, are in danger of over-rating their powers, and their choice of assistants is not infallible. They are apt also to be over sanguine, and to under-estimate the contingencies to which all forms of business are liable. The more successful of Sir Christopher's companies are reported to have "come in on the top of the wave of prosperity during the past two years." Some enterprises, of which he is chairman, have not been very successful, but the conditions of trade for some years have made it almost imposible to make dividends out of shipping industries, or those with which they are associated.

The eminent firm which is closely identified with the shipping record and present business of this port, as proprietors of the Allan Line of steamers, have developed their fleet in the past year by adding new vessels and rebuilding and equipping those which had become inferior to the high standard of the firm. After the war is over several of their vessels will need extensive repairs and alterations to restore them to first rate condition. Work of this class alone will give the shippards a large amount of work next year, and doubtless, what with good trade and the Paris Exhibition, the shipbuilding companies and the owners of vessels will have a prosperous time in 1900.

### NOTES FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

All market reports in this Journal are accurately corrected up to the hour of going to press. No reading matter is subject to the control or influence of outside individuals, but all is carefully prepared by the most widely experienced business men of the Dominion. As Montreal is at the head of ocean navigation, so is the "Journal of Commerce" at the front of business affairs, wherein all the latest news is garnered to the best advantage. A favour will be conferred by subscribers reporting any unnecessary delay in receiving papers.

### CANADIAN PARIS EXHIBIT.

Girding itself exclusively with its own products, Canada's exhibit at the coming Paris Exhibition will be worthy of the enterprise which instigated its movement, and of the natural resources of the rapidly developing country which it represents. Those who may remember Canada in the past as a country where a huge ice palace was erected, and where loaded freight trains cross the rivers on the ice during the winter months, will also have a certain chance of knowing that delicate fruit and various yaluable plants originally found only in Southern climes, where frost and snow are rare, are largely and profitably raised in the highest degree of perfection throughout the Dominion. The regular climate has much to do with this. The extremes of temperature such as are met with in many portions of the Central States are never encountered here. In Bloomington, Ills., situated in a district dividing the Lake region from that of the Mississippi valley, the temperature changes so suddenly, and with such extremes that a large weather signal is constantly displayed high over the leading newspaper office, as a guide to the public against being caught out unprepared for a sudden "cold wave," "pet cyclone," etc. Through that belt grapes are grown extensively, but much fear is entertained of Canada's fruit is of a superior quality, being benefited in its growth and maturity by the regularity of the seasons and the invigorating influence of the northern air.

An Ottawa letter states that preparations for the Canadian exhibit at the Paris exposition are steadily going on at the Department of Agriculture. Everything is to be distinctly Canadian. There will be two thousand feet of show cases or five carloads n all. These will be built of British Celumbia cedar, Douglas fir, larch, and white pine, from eastern Canada. The cases will be handsomely polished, the panels being fitted with glass when they are placed in position. Two carloads of grain, fruit, and vegetables have been collected in the West, and this display, in extent and quality, promises to eclipse anything hitherto sent out of the country. From the experimental station at Agassiz, B. C., a very complete collection of fruits in liquor will be forwarded. The exhibit, which is of more than ordinary interest, will include samples of Canadian tobacco, in both the raw and manufactured Several of the principal Canadian growers and manufacturers of cigars and tobacco, have agreed to contribute, so that Canada's capabilities in this direction may be fully shown.

### THE PONY EXPRESS.

The term "Pony Express' has come into vogue in the States to indicate a custom that is quite as common in It is applied, according to the "Republican," to a practice on the part of individuals of executing small purchase orders in New York for people or merchants in the outlying towns and transporting the bundles by the regular passenger trains on a single individual ticket. It may also be applied to the practice of individuals living in a suburban town, who run into the adjacent city, where they tuy all manner of goods which they take back as personal baggage, free of freight charges. We have seen, a railway passenger carriage so loaded up with bundles, boxes, baskets, packages of all sizes and shapes, as to have the appearance of an express car. As this traffic seems, to pay the railways they make no objection to passengers crowding a car with goods. An American railway saw reason to object to this custom.

Some time ago a man loaded down with bundles was prevented from boarding a passenger train on the Jersey Certral Railroad. He brought suit for damages which he recovered in the lower court. The railroad company appealed and the Supreme Court sustained it on the ground that, no common law right exists to the use of so large a privilege in passenger transportation. and accepted custom would establish such a right, says the Court, but this use of the passenger ticket is exceptional and not the rule. This Supreme Court decision will close up the Pony Express in that district. the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific will follow the Jersey Central example we doubt, as they have given special accommodation to this passenger-freight traffic. storekeepers in some towns at an easy distance from a large city the weekly trips made by inhabitants to effect purchases away from home is highly injurious. vents their place of residence growing; it lowers the natural volume of local trade; it thereby decreases the value of local property; it restricts the opportunities for young men to settle in the locality; it helps to impoverish all local institutions, and, in the majority of cases, it lowers the resources of those who abandon their town in this way, so that whatever they may gain by city bargains is mere than lost to them in the long run.

### NATIONAL COLOURS.

No little agitation arises in the breasts of some supersensitive Britishers when they see the French tri-color llying in this city. It must be admitted, that the flag which is the exciting cause in this case was not the flag of France when the ancestors of our French-Canadian fellow citizens landed in this country. But, as they have accepted a flag of Red, White, and Blue, as the French emblem, we see no reason why Britishers, if even of the ultra John Bull type, should object to those colours. Have they never heard the chorus of the English song, which runs, "Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue!" Those colours were harmoniously blended in what is described as a magnificent dress worn by Mrs. Tree at the Palace Theatre, London, when she recited, "The absent-minded beggar,' 'of Kipling. When she dramatically exclaimed, "Pay, pay, pay," the stage was quickly strewn with coins thrown by the audience amid the wildest enthusiasm. The shower was stopped, as the artiste was in danger of being struck by a coin, but not until \$125 had been gathered. An English journal describes Mrs. Tree's red, white and blue dress as, "the most beautiful combination of our

<sup>-</sup>The recent heavy movement of freight and the inability to freely handle it without delay is eausing the rushing through of many contemplated improvements. A Toronto letter states owing to the enormous increase of its freight business, the G.T.R. is working day and night to increase the capacity of its yard at Little York, which is the terminal, trains being made up at that point for a score of centres including Fort Erie. Niagara Falls, Hamilton, Chicago, and Stratford. The old yard gave standing room to 500 cars, but when the present remodelling is finished at about Christmas, the network of rails will accommodate 1,500 cars. To manage this yard, which will be the largest in Ontario, a number of extra switch engines will be added to the big moguls now on duty.

<sup>-</sup>A New York dispatch states that the Union Match Company, which was incorporated with a capital of \$10.000,000, has sold its manufacturing properties and some of its patents to the Diamond Match Company. Whether the company's affairs would be wound up or not could not be learned.

British colours ever seen." Under such circumstances we may regard the flag which displays those colours as quite as British as French. The tri-colour then ought to be rather regarded as a symbol of Canadian unity, then, were this view accepted, instead of the flag which our French-Canadian fellow-citizens regard with affection, exciting irritation amongst those of another race, we all might sing in unison together, "Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue!"

### AN AMERICAN ON LADY SALISBURY.

An amusing illustration of the absurd ideas on which American prejudice against England are based, is given by a writer in the "Philadelphia Press." He contributed a long article on the late Lady Salisbury. To make a great display of his knowledge of English high life, knowledge of the "Jeames de la Plush" kind, he tells a tedious story of how, according to usage, it fell to the lot of Lady Salisbury to have the alleged duty of presenting We say "alleged," for such a American ladies at Court. He says, that on receiving a list duty is not recognized. of ladies whom the American Minister wished to be presented, Lady Salisbury wrote to him in the third person, stating that while she would consent to present the ladies named by him, as a personal favour to himself, she did not have the slightest intention of considering herself obliged to present all or any American ladies whom he might wish to be admitted to the British court.

This letter, in form and matter, is described in the "Philadelphia Press," as a gross affront to America, as having been indeed a possible cause of rupture between Lady Salisbury, in the two countries. What rubbish! writing in the third person, which is said to have brought America and England to the verge of war, simply followed the universal custom of ladies when addressing a When she letter to one who is not a personal friend. informed him, that she was not inclined to present at Court every American lady who desired this honour, Lady Salisbury doubtless had very good reason to say that she drew a line which would save her the annoyance of being pestered to death with American women whose only claim to be presented was the fact of their being Americans, which claim is too foolish to be discussed. matter of notoriety in England that women from both the States and Canada have been presented at Court who, had they been residents of Great Britain, would never have even aspired to this distinction, they would have known that their social rank rendered them wholly ineligi-But, it seems from the above writer, that Lady Salisbury jeopardized the peace of the world by telling the American Minister that she did not intend to be used as a machine for introducing at Court those whose only claim was American citizenship.

Lady Salisbury was not the proud, haughty dame this Yaukee alleges her to have been. She was well known where she was born and brought up, to have been an exceedingly gracious, most amiable, and too thoroughbred a lady to be amenable to such censures as this raw scribbler has published. She was a daughter of the late Baron Alderson, and was her father's child in brightness of intellect, and lovableness of disposition. But, it is a very odd peculiarity of Americans that they love to abuse the British aristocracy, yet they fawn upon titled English people in a way no English person does, for, he has not only too much self respect to cringe to a title, but he knows that the nobility of England despise those who do so.

Lady Salisbury probably was showing this contempt when she wrote so frankly about American ladies who were desirous of presentation at Court.

### THE LATE MR. EDWARD K. GREENE.

The last enemy of man has been unusually busy of late. in removing to the bourne whence no traveller returns, a Mr. Edward K. number of our prominent citizens. Greene, who died a few days ago was head for many years of the highly prosperous firm of Greene, Sons & Co., who were in the hats and fur trade. His father was one of the Americans who found this city a profitable field for trade. In 1876-7 he was an Alderman of this city and occupied the chairmanship of the Finance Committee. the misfortune to become associated, as director, with the Exchange Bank, by which he lost heavily in his magnanimous efforts to save the bank from wreck. His brother, Mr. G. A. Greene, was associated with him in business, and both retired at the same time, about three years Deceased leaves a son and daughter to mourn a most worthy parent, whose demise is very widely re-

### NEW-LAID EGGS.

The industry displayed by poultry-raisers in supplying birds suitable for the English markets, where they have recently commanded choice figures, is proof that there are those in the business who can—or should—supply strictly fresh eggs for the home breakfast table. Yet the want of this article is the subject of much comment from the very fact that it appears to be a neglected industry.

Should the dealer in strictly fresh eggs require a chicken coop of solid silver it should not be deemed a sufficient barrier to his undertaking with a market in waiting for his product at a price of 45 to 60 cents per dozen. The few retail grocers in Montreal who claim the distinction of handling this coveted article throughout the year, receiving their supplies daily from country gatherers, find more customers at the above prices than they can conscientiously supply.

Any man who was ever in the mercantile line for more than a week knows that the average merchant cannot at all times fill each order correctly. Some article is liable to be in short supply, and the best he can do is to substitute the nearest match he can and trust to luck for the But as there is an exception to everything the line in substituting may be drawn at eggs. No dealer. however elastic his conscience may become in substituting repacked dairy butter for choicest box creamery, blending a basket Jápan and Congou tea to create an Oolong flavour, putting hickory nuts with the regular mixed supply, or a large percentage of gum drops with his special mixed Christmas candy, would ever dream of enlarging his daily supply of strictly fresh-gathered eggs at the expense of the questionable stock which had won certain distinction through travelling six abreast in martial array in the exclusive egg case of commerce. No, he would Perhaps this accounts for strictly fresh eggs being so scarce, at any price. The man who sees his order being delivered thinks they are scarce, and before he has got through testing them is occasionally confirmed in his belief.

The improvements which are gradually being introduced in all branches of trade will, doubtless, eventually encounter the hen while yet her negotiable product is

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### CYCLE COMPANIES IN 1898-9.

The London "Economist," in its last issue, had an interesting article on English cycle companies, the main portion of which we re-publish:

The cycle boom reached its climax in 1896 and 1897, and the numerous companies formed in the former year were most of them able to show good results for their first year. Last year there came something of a collapse, but bad as were the average results for 1897-8, those for the year just closed are considerably worse, and but for a few instances of partial success, would have been absolutely disastrous. Out of twenty-three companies summarised, thirteen have paid dividends on their ordinary shares—for the most part at much lower rates than in previous years—four have paid on their preference capital only, and the remaining six make no distribution at all upon their share capital.

The proportion of companies paying dividends on their ordinary capital, 13 out of 23, really conveys a better impression of the year's working than is justified, as several of these have been paid by small companies producing spevialities of various descriptions and accessories. A more correct idea of the position of the industry is obtained by comparing the net profit with the amount of capital employed. The total capital, exclusive of debentures, amounts to no less than £3,904,500, and the net profit on this, deducting losses, was £135,846. The average return, including that paid upon the high-rated preference issues is less than 31/2 per cent. Moreover, it is evident that, owing to the poor results, quite inadequate allowances have been made for depreciation. In writing upon this subject about this time last year, we showed in detail the large amount standing in the principal companies balance-sheets for good-will, patents, and other dead assets. Without going into these items individually, it is sufficient to say that little or no progress has been made in writing down, and that should the companies so burdened come upon more profitable times it would be their duty to make provision for sweeping reductions in this direction before paying dividends.

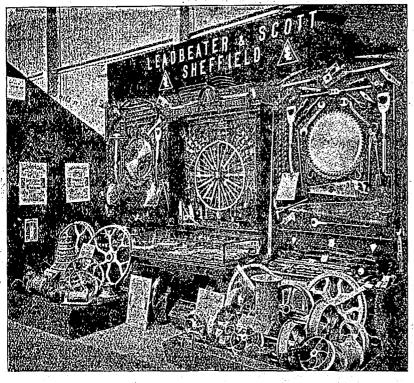
Taking all the circumstances into consideration, it is no matter for surprise that the capital of cycle companies stands at greatly depreciated market values. A considerable portion of the capital carries no market value at all, but as regards the portion shown, for which quotations are obtainable, the nominal value is £3,451,873. At the prices quoted, the value of this is £1,616,630, thus showing a depreciation of £1,835,243, or 53.2 per cent. Some portion of this must be set down as permanent loss, as although a good many weak companies have gone into liquidation, it is clear that further eliminations or amalgamations must occur before the industry can be place upon a sound financial basis.

One hopeful feature about the position is that the present collapse is not due to a falling off in the demand for cycles. The two or three companies which stand out from the rest in maintaining their dividends have achieved their success mainly by catering to the popular demand for a reliable machine at a reasonable price. The directors of other companies which have hitherto stuck to the policy of high prices now recognize the error, and nearly all the principal companies are now competing for this branch of The conspicuous failure of the Humber Company, in view of the prestige still enjoyed by its productions, is obviously due to mismanagement, and the shareholders are right in the demand they are making for a drastic change in this respect, which is to be considered at the forthcoming meeting. Most of the reports, it may be said, regard the future outlook as hopeful, and as the hard lessons of the past have had their effect, it may be that the industry has seen its worst days. In any case, the risk of loss at the present prices of cycle shares is small, and with due regard to the capitalisation and prospects of individual companies, some of them might prove to be remunerative investments, if held for a sufficient time. This should apply particularly to the shares of those companies whose machines are well-known, and hold a high position in popular estimation.

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### SUGGESTIONS TO RETAILERS.

The activity which marks the Christmas Holidays teaches a lesson often needed by the average dealer. It shows how much business can actually be done in a single day. It is occasionally a matter of surprise to find from \$50 to \$80 on the individual sales books, when during harried days or special sales throughout the past, extra hands were employed. It proves that with proper preparations, experienced store assistants can readily arrange to wait on double the average number of customers, who somehow have kept all hands busy on ordinary occasions.

Many people change their places of trading at the close of the Holidays, which also marks the new year. This is caused more through polite attention and necessary patience on the part of store assistants—or the want of it—than from any other cause. Holiday customers are seldom heard beating down prices, but they are always more particular about their choice. Hence the great need of extreme courtesy, however hurried, in serving them. Courtesy shown on such occasions wins at once a customer's esteem, whereas the opposite as quickly and surely destroys it and leaves a dull impression on the mind of one whose soul for the time is bent on bestowing some little present on a friend. Such occasions are not always available and should not be allowed to depart without an endeavor to profit by them.

This is the best time of the year to bring out odds and ends of stock, pass judgment on their real value and then mark them plainly where they may catch the eye. It will surprise the average dealer what articles are sometimes bought for presents.

Attach fancy price cards or tickets with narrow conspicuous ribbon to samples of goods intended for presents. A trial will convince how much it heightens the effect on a pair of slippers, shoes, gloves, ties, shaving mugs, vases, wine sets, fancy cups, and sauces or any article which might be purchased for another. The simplest little improvements are what often count for the most good; as the simplest little courtesies towards customers are those that win and hold their trade.

The grocery store that makes mistakes in filling orders

during the hurried Holiday time might naturally be forgiven on second thought, but the public think faster on such occasions and the first will likely make a lasting impression. The head of the order department would not be doing unwisely in getting a premium in money allowed him for the assistant who makes the least mistakes during the remainder of the year, to be made up from a fine of an equal amount for the person making the most. Customers are in greatest need, at this period, of getting their orders promptly and correctly filled.

Records have been broken during the past season in almost all lines of trade. See to it that the closing weeks of the year will admit of no hinderance to your business bringing the fullest returns possible.

### RECENT FIRES.

St. Catharines, Ont., Nov. 28.—Barn and contents owned by the J. Norris estate burned. Loss, \$1,500; insurance, \$800. Supposed incendiary.—Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., 29.—McKinnon's summer hotel at Point Aux Pins burned. Loss about \$10,000; no insurance.—Moneton, N.B., Dec. 1.—The Moneton Furniture Company's building and stock badly damaged. Loss to stock about \$14,000, to building about \$7,000. Insured for \$18,000.—Quebec, 3rd.—Paris church at Hedleyville, destroyed. Cause unknown. Loss about \$33,000; insurance, \$25,000, divided equally among the Guardian,





Lancashire and Union Insurance Society.—Alvinston, Ont., 3rd.—The barns of D. E. McKellar, with 2,500 bushels of grain and the winter's supply of feed, destroyed. Loss heavy with an insurance of only \$1,000. Fire caused by sparks from al threshing engine.—Toronto,... 3rd.—Storehouses of the Queen City Oil Company set on fire; damage about \$1,800.—Montreal, 4th.—Dr. Geo. Tucker's residence, damaged. Loss about \$1,000.—Peterboro, Ont., 5th.—A. H. Stratton & Co.'s book store destroyed. Loss about \$15,000; insured.—Montreal, 5th.—Plasterers' shop of R. Clouthier damaged.—Loss-about-\$1,000.

### THE JOHN NAPIER FULTON CASE.

For the last year or two Mr. J. N. Fulton has deservedly or innocently, been earning a name for himself,-is now in the meshes of the law, and bids fair in a small way to point a moral for himself or the widows. The elder Samuel Weller of l'ickwick fame advised his "boy Samivel" to "beware of We never quite agreed in the implied charge against that portion of the fair sex. Indeed most modern experience tends to show that the boot is on the other "limb." Managers of savings and other moneyed institutions are too often made acquainted with the opportunities afforded ladies who are left provided for by the savings or life insurance of the dead husband or father; and cases are frequent where widows and daughters have been cautioned (generally in vain) against needy and anxious borrowers among the sterner sex. The widow of the late Thomas Coristine, for many years prior to his death a more or less invalid partner in the leading wholesale hat and fur house of James Coristine & Co., has just preferred a charge against J. N. Fulton for appropriating \$50,000 belonging to her estate. For the last year or two Mrs. Coristine had been endeavouring to show that there was more due her husband than the share allotted her after his demise, and Mr. Fulton would seem to have been her financial adviser, and as such, doubtless, made investments that some persons would scarcely have ventured on. The case on appeal is under advisement. It has been an open'secret for some time past that the widow had entrusted Mr. Fulton with a broad power of attorney, in which event the charge will likely assume a different feature. After a delay of some weeks following on a threatened arrest of Mr. Fulton while in Boston, an abandonment of his estate has been made, and a curator appointed-Mr. J. M. M. Duff. The lawyer for the prosecution asked last Tuesday that the bail should be fixed at \$30,000, owing to the seriousness of the charge. Mr. D. Macmaster, Q.C., for Mr. Fulton, claimed that the Criminal proceeding was evidently adopted to force Mr. Fulton to pay a sum of money. The warrant was dated the 16th October, but had not been executed until the 4th instant He also stated that if there was any liability on the part of Mr. Fulton, towards Mrs. Constine, it was a civil liability, and he produced and exhibited before the magistrate, a power of attorney giving to Mr. Fulton the powers of collection and investment. Bail was fixed at \$10,000. The concern of Fulton & Richards has been issuing a "Daily Record" of legal cases besides being engaged in job printing, and in making collections, Mr. Richards, who is evidently a creditor, has not been a partner for some time. Mr. Fulton organized a racket court at the suburban village of Dixie some few years ago, where he was generally a favourite, but it was feared by some people that he was undertaking too much, and the outcome would seem to warrant these impressions. The liabilities will amount to somewhat under \$100,000. The principal creditors are G. J. Richards, late partner, notes, \$32,865; Miss Napier, Gloucester, England, \$14,975; Union Bank, \$10,000; Mrs. E. H. Coristine, mortgages, \$11,-000; Dame S. Prossen, \$10,400; Miss Dixon, Bedford, England, \$2,000; Imperial Bank, \$2,000 (secured); Miss Richard, England, \$3,547; J. Poustin, \$3,000; A. Picard, \$1,000; Canada Paper Co., \$300; R. P. Barnes, \$400; Beaudoin & Co., \$500; Albert Bridges, \$300; N. Charbonneau, \$844; Diamond Glass Co., \$250; P. Dubord, \$475; C. D. Gaudet, \$300; Lafleur & McDougall, \$500 ; J. H. Leblanc, \$400; London & Lancashire Insurance Co., interest, \$250; Lyman, Sons & Co., \$750, and others.

A foot note on the liability sheet, evidently regarding the criminal action, states the said J. N. Fulton reserves the right to contest the claim of Dame E. Hawes, and the right to amend the present statement of assets and liabilities, and the right to supply further information upon obtaining access to his books of account. Mrs. Coristine was reputed to be worth in worldly gear from \$100,000 to \$150. The difficulty which Mr. Fulton has experienced in securing bail-arranged for yesterday-should prove a lifelong lesson for him. So hospitable and lavish an entertainer must have keenly felt the vanity of all such social friendship-the hollowness of good-fellowship assurances pledged around the festive board,—when not one of the partakers of his open generosity would consent to place his name upon his bail-bond for \$5,000 .- That the charge of crimicality is scarcely warranted is evident by the fact that Mr. Fulton is still a resident of Montreal. ... He appears to have accounted for the disposal of all save some \$8,000 of the money.

-Mr. Stirling, who when in business was principal of the firm of Stirling, McCaul & Co., died this week at the age of 79 years. Deceased was very highly respected for his honourable record.



### COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

A general meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada for the purpose of nominating officers and directors for the ensuing year was held at Toronto on the evening of the 2nd inst. The attendance of members was large and representative. The chair was occupied by the President, C. E. Kyle, who was again nominated for President, and elected by acclamation. Mr. M. C. Ellis, First Vice-President; William Cauldwell, Second Vice-President; J. C. Black, Treasurer, were all elected by accla-Nominations for the Toronto Board of Directors were as follows:-Thomas Brady, T. F. Corey, L. H. Duncan, P. M. Goff, H. Goodman, A. Hatch, L. A. Howard, G. A. Henderson, M. Lamonte, A. Matthews, John Orr, Wm. McKee, jun., T. McQuillan, C. Ryan, S. M. Sterling, W. N. Shaver, Joseph Taylor, Frank Tweed, George West, H. T. White and M. Wynn. For the Hamilton Board: - Wm. Bremner, First Vice-President; James Hooper, Second Vice-President, were elected by acclamation. Nominations for the Hamilton Board of Directors were as follows:-Thos. P. Allan, John Cauley, Thos. M. Davis, J. H. Herring, M. P. Malone, John Madill, George Matheson, Geo. M. McGregor, E. McCoy, W. G. Reid, Fred. Smye, and H. G. Wright. The scrutineers will be Joseph Devaney, E. Fielding, W. Madill, and the icturns from the ballot will be made known at the annual meeting to be held in St. George's Hall, on December 28th, 1899. Congratulatory speeches were made by Messrs. Kyle, Ellis, Cauldwell, Fielding floward, T. F. Corey, and ex-President R. J. Orr, John Burns and James Patterson.

—We regret to learn of the suspension of the wholesale men's furnishings house of Glover & Brais, this city, with which is incorporated the prominently situated retail store of Jacques Brais & Co. The direct liabilities are said to \$100,000; indirect, \$75,000, with other claims aggregating \$75,000 more. The firm of Glover & Brais have been in business many years. Mr. Glover retired in '82. In July, '90, N. E. Brais, a brother, was admitted as partner, but retired a year later, L. A. Brais continuing aione. In the spring of '97, a retail branch was opened on St. James street under the style of Jacques Brais & Co. Of late years the men's furnishings trade has assumed a pace which taxes the trained buyer to watch, and even the earliest riser has many times had occasion to regret, the extent of his last purchase, owing to new styles following each other so

rapidly. An offer of 40 cents in the dollar is said to be under advisement and will probably be accepted. Mr. Brais has the sympathies of a large number of friends in what, we trust, may prove to be his temporary difficulties.

### LEGAL RECORD.

The following is a record of transactions and cases in our Canadian courts of law, comprising Writs Issued and Judgments Rendered for sums of \$300 and upwards (Montreal, from \$175 and upwards), and Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale (for sums of \$550 and upwards), as taken from the public records. It will be understood that the actions or items do not necessarily affect the credit and soundness of the persons or concerns named, as they may have been paid or otherwise settled, and that good defence may exist in cases of writs, etc.

### WRITS ISSUED-ONTARIO.

November 30.

Brampton—Imperial Bank vs J. C. Smith, \$11,507; Napanee—J. Taylor vs Vanluven & Co. et al, \$7,495; Sombra Tp.—H. E. Selman vs James Fournier, \$704; Toronto—C. Morgan vs L. W. and G. L. Smith, \$600; Toronto—M. Cronan vs Whitworth & Restall, \$10,000; Toronto General Trusts vs T. H. Yeoman et al, \$1,412.

December 2.

Bolton—J. Cherry vs R. L. Stewart et al exr, \$1,784; Lakefield—Lakefield Milling Co. vs Saml. Nelson, \$1,000; London—A. Beck vs. T. D. and E. A. Hodgens, \$401; Osnabruck Tp.—Harriet R. West vs J. H. Leahey, \$2,000; Ottawa—T. Lindsay vs Brewder & McNaughton, \$7,104; Smith Tp.—Isabella Fowler vs J. A. Fowler, \$400; Taunton—W. C. King et al vs Chas. Rogers et al exrs, \$1,517; Toronto—S. B. Pollard vs Alex. Gibb, \$498; J. W. Thompson vs J. C. McLachlin, \$10,000; London and Can. L. & A. Co. vs Thos. Thompson et al, \$2,618; F. A. Clarry vs J. M. Treble exr, \$1,151; Toronto Junction—W. Booth vs James Smith et al, \$851; Edinburgh, Scotland—D. Fraser vs Jas. Lindsay & Son, Ltd., \$2,241.

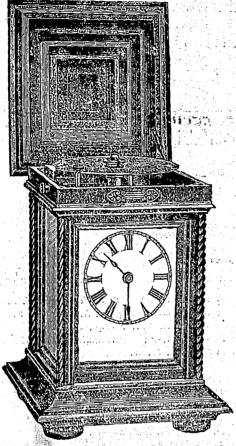
December 5.

Collingwood — J. Macdonald & Co. vs. Robert Conn, \$883 Cornwall—J. Lalonde vs Jos. Lalonde, \$1,000; Galt—Diamond Machine and Screw Co. vs Gore District Mutual Fire Insce. Co., \$1,895; Port Arthur—T. Marks & Co. vs Marie Coextler, \$1,892; Ridgetown—D. B. Taylor vs.

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WRITS ISSUED-BRITISH COLUMBIA.

November 30.

Nelson-Brackman & Kerr Milling Co., Ltd., \$1,025; Sandon-Hammond Bros. Co., Ltd., \$500; Slocan News Co., \$500.

WRITS ISSUED-MANITOBA AND N.W.T.

November 30.

Regina-Tinning & Gilroy, \$695.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED-ONTARIO.

November 30.

Clinton-Woodstock Wagon & Mfg. Co. agt James Steep, \$796; Elmwood-D. Nairn agt Adam Rossworm et al, \$355; Meaford-Priscilla Knight et al agt W. J. Stephens et al, \$358; Oneida Tp. Maria Gibson et al agt Thos. Fegan, \$543.

Fullarton-H. Anderson agt G. and F. Anderson admrs, \$2,530; Gravenhurst-Warren Bros. & Co. agt Blain and Graves, \$318; Ottawa-H. Glenn agt John Allan, \$1,718; St. Thomas-A. G. Spalding & Bro. agt Stacey Hardware and Mfg. Co., \$370; New York, N.Y.—Pearn Co. agt J. T. Sills, \$1,165.

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Brockville-E. J. Dignan & Co. agt Wm. Burks, \$716; Kingston-Warren Bros. & Co. agt A. R. Martin, \$640; Toronto-J. Lee agt Salem Eckhardt, \$1,007; London & Ont. Inv. Co. agt Thos. Meaney, \$6,070; M. E. Brown agt W. R. Scott, \$1,658; .....J. W. Simonton et al agt E. W. Scane, \$4,200.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED-QUEBEC.

Montreal-La Banque du Peuple agt C. Beausoleil et al, \$403; R. Terroux agt Oliva Benjamin et al, \$438; A. Valois agt A. Bordua, \$408; J. Horsfall agt B. J. Campbell et al, \$281; L. A. Boyer et al agt M. J. Coursol, \$215; A. Castonguay agt Consumers' Cordage Co., \$245; Dme. M. W. Ferrier et vir agt J. S. Cuthbertson, \$1,014; Corporation de Dorval agt A. Galipeau, \$191; J. Hamilton et al esql agt M. Guerin, \$4,648; J. A. Gordan agt J. B. Jacobie, \$200; J. Guilfoyle agt A. Lallemand, \$512; Dme. M. Manseau agt H. Manseau, \$4,990; Toronto Steel Clad Bath Mfg. Co. agt A. J. Martin, \$511; N. Bray agt G. Montpetit, \$1,560; R. King agt Dme M. E. E. Roy et al, \$723.

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### December 5.

Montreal—Canadian Breweries Co. agt J. W. Allan et al, \$504; J. N. Dupuis agt Maria Bazinet, \$482; Bank of Commerce agt H. H. Brosseau, \$438; M. F. Sheridan agt Patrick Flanagan, \$198; Bank of B.NA. agt Dme. J. A. Guenette, \$670; The Queen agt Babylas Laporte, \$200; Credit Foncier agt A. C. Lariviere et al, \$20,589; A. McArtur agt J. N. Lariviere et al, \$254; The Queen agt Ferdinand Lemieux, \$5,000; The Queen agt Theophile Lemieux, \$2,000; H. Hogan agt G. W. Parent, \$381; F. E. Leonard et al agt Royal Electric Co, \$5,677; B. Shaw et al agt J. B. Young, \$5,692; Westmount—T. C. Collins agt James Douglas, \$330.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED-BRITISH COLUMBIA.

November 30.

Vancouver-J. O. Johnson & Northern Trading Co., \$1,148.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED—MANITOBA.

November 30.

Brandon-Assinaboine Lumber Co., et al, \$10,250.

December 2.

Calgary—Lee & Atkinson, \$364; Gleichen—V. J. Beaupre, \$800.

### EXECUTIONS—QUEBEC.

November 30

Montreal—A. Wener agt H. Albert, \$720; L. Filion agt A. Bourdeau, \$199; T. Ligget agt Thos. Bourdeau, \$256; R. Ness agt C. R. Candlish, \$245; Star Iron Co. agt Jas. Douglas, \$331; H. A. Jenkins et al esql, agt Jos. Egan, \$242; M. Leroux agt Jos. Lalonde Fils, \$246; D. E. Papineau et al agt P. R. Lariviere, \$361; Dmc. H. Patenaude agt F. X. Perrault, \$726.

### December 2.

Montreal—Credit Foncier agt Mary P. Benoit et al esql, \$20,343; Dme. C. Mullins agt Polycarpe Dionne, \$180; A.

Simons agt Fred. Michael, \$188; J. Ferres agt C. E. Gagnon et al, \$188; U. Garand et al agt P. A. Lariviere, \$299; Royal Institution agt J. A. Rafter esql., \$5,285; L. Galibert agt Albert St. Martin, \$1,856; Pointe Claire—L. St. Germain agt J. B. L. Leslauriers, \$9,095.

December 5.

Montreal—N. B. Desmarteau agt Jean Costa, \$200; Dme. A. Pominville et vir agt Francois Deguise, \$1,180; J. Jacob et al agt James Evans Estate, \$278; L. M. Lymburner et al agt Wm. Kays, \$180; St. Henri—Credit Foncier agt Jos. Lacombe esql, \$1,853; St. Laurent—M. L. Cousineau et vir agt J. B. L. Deslauriers, \$498; St. Paul—I. S. Palmer et al agt G. C. Snyder, \$300; Sault Recollet—W. E. Mount agt Eustache Prevost, \$590; Soulanges—J. B. Daoust agt Andrew Onderdonk, \$1,170.

### BILLS OF SALE—NEW BRUNSWICK.

November 30.

Chatham—W. T. Harris, \$4,000; Fredericton—C. W. Pond, \$4,680; Rogersville—J. J. Fournier, \$1,350.

December 2.

St. John—R. P. Strand, \$850; E. Archibald & Co., \$625; Wm. Agate, \$653.

BILLS FOR SALE-MANITOBA AND N.W.T.

November 30.

Moose Jaw\_J. H. Smith, \$784.

December 2

Bann-T. E. Wilson, \$1,000.

December 5.

Winnipeg-Union Shoe and Leather Co., \$2,000.

BILLS OF SALE-ONTARIO.

November 30.

Little Current-Ella Kilganan to H. B. H. Turner, \$4,000

December 2.

Emo River—Richard Lockhart to D. Mosher et al, \$3,000; London—R. Kirkpatrick, jr., to R. Kirkpatrick, sr., \$843.

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### BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

-Fulton & Richards, printers, Montreal, have assigned. Liabilities, \$90,-

-An offer of 65 cents cash has been made by F. X. LaSalle & Fils, shoes, Montreal, previously reported.

-A Galt, Ont., grocer, W. W. Lawrason, has assigned. He began in the fall of '97. In the spring of '98, he admitted F. Roelafson, who retired again early this year. Liabilities not heavy.

-An extension is being asked by Miles Birkett, hardware, Ottawa, Ont., to be made up in monthly payments. He owes about \$3,000. He began in October, '96, with small capital, realizing on stock shortly afterwards.

-In the 12th century Sicily became celebrated for its brocades, many of the weavers being Greeks who had been

carried away from their native country as captives by King Robert of Sicily, who was greatly interested in the progress of the Sicilian silk industry. From Sicily the manufacture extended to various cities in Italy, especially Lucca, Genoa, Fiorence, Milan, and Venice. In the fifteenth century Venice was famous for her damasks, woven in silk and gold. In the same century Flanders began to make silks, those of Bruges being especially celebrated, while Flemish velvets were acquiring a very high reputation. Spain also began to weave brocades, but France, which is now so famous in silk manufactures, paid but little attention to the indus-

-A meeting of New York tea importers was held in that city last week to discuss the new regulations issued by the Treasury Department relative to the furnishing of samples of all teas to New York, etc. The most important feature of the new regulations considered was the provision requiring the labels on all samples forwarded to specify "the marks, numbers, name of consignee, name of importing vessel, date of importation, invoice number," etc. Strong objection was made to this requirement, the importers not caring to disclose information concerning their private business, especially when it might reach their competitors. It was decided to recommend the Treasury Department that the new regulations in this respect be modified, so that it will not be necessary to disclose the name of the consignee on the labels of sam-

### FINANCIAL.

Thursday, 7th December, 1899.

The harbour elevator question, when settled is likely to be quite a financial event. There is little objection to foreign money being expended for carrying out improved public works in Ca-

nada, as home capital to that extent is left at liberty for home enteprises. There is, however, a danger, as is dwelt upon elsewhere in this issue, and as we have several times pointed out, that money spent in providing elevators in this city by those whose main interests are in a rival foreign port, may not be conducive, ultimately, to the advantage of Montreal. The position is one requiring the most thoughtful consideration so as to obviate all risk of the concessions granted to foreign capitalists proving in years to come an injury to Canadian shipping interests. The money market in London, on the Continent and New York continue and seem likely to remain a length of time very unsettled. France is restless and an excited state of feeling there is assuming an aspect which causes no little anxiety in financial circles. At the seat of war the situation is not satisfactory, save in spots. General Buller is probably planning a movement for deating a decisive blow at the enemy, but our troops are being terribly punished, not in spite of, but in consequence of their magnificent bravery. It seems as though the war were developing into a rude trial as to which side could afford to lose most men, as was; the case in the American civil The President's colourless Message had not the least affect on financial affairs, as some previous ones had. On the local 'Change business has been dull, with a sagging tendency, the bears scoring, but the general feeling is not favourable to either class of operators. The bulls are expecting a lively time when some decisive battle is fought with the Boers, who are now sitting heavily on the market. A few Pacifics have been sold from 94% to 94%; Royal Electric ranged from 182 to 18434; Toronto St., 109; Montreul St., 311 to 3111/2; Gas, 192; Bank of Montreal, 2601/4; Merchants Bank, 165 to 166; but, save in Electrics, the tran-

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sactions were very trifling. The committal of Mr. William Weir for two years, less a day, to the common jail, is a terrible fate to befall an aged bank president, but no man knew the risk he was running better than himself, and having faced it with his eyes open, he has nothing to complain of, so far as the law is concerned or its enforce-Mr. Weir knew, that even by approving or concurring in such statements as had for years been issued by the Bank Ville Marie, he was liable to two years' imprisonment, and further liable to an action for damages by every person who was thereby misled to his financial injury. Happily for the honour of Canadian banking history, the Weir case has no precedent, nor is it likely to be one.

Local money rates remain unchanged.
The following is a comparative table of stocks for w.e. Dec. 7th, supplied by Chas Meredith & Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal:—

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| Merchants Bank.   | 40               | 167     | 165         | 176%                              |
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| Can. Bk. of Com   | . 255            | 148.    | 148         | 140 ′                             |
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| Comm. Cable Co  |                  | 195     | 1927        | 1861                              |
| Payne M. Co.,xc   |                  | 112     |             |                                   |
| Montreal Teleg.   |                  | 176     | 176         | 176                               |
| Republic, xd  | .16000           | 115%    | 114         |                                   |
| Rich, & Ont   | 1050             | 115     |             | 100                               |
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| Montreal Gas Co   |                  | 1921/2  | 1912        | 2°31/                             |
| Bell Telephone  |                  | 195     |             | 169                               |
| Royal Electric,xo   |                  | 195     |             | 158 🔏                             |
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## MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 7th, 1899.

The sudden change to winter weather, accompanied by fairly good sleighing, together with the hurried clearing of the wharves, have made a decided change in the outward appearance of business during the past week. But in the shipping rooms trade is shown to be unusually active for the This is accounted for from the fact that delays in receiving supplies have caused like delays in filling orders. Hardware still climbs, new lists having been made for a number of articles this week. The export leather movement continues good, with full prices being received. Hides are quotably advanced one half cent per pound. and are likely to go higher. In groceries sugars are again down 5 cents per 100 pounds, this presumably to meet the low figures made by foreign refiners. Dry goods show muh activity, brought about by the winter weather. All wool goods are steadily ad-

BUTTER.—The market during the past week has much improved. The change

to cold weather has brought a much better trade all 'round. Prices are decidedly firmer, with holders carrying stocks above present quoted rates. There appears to be a good trade passing with the outlook favorable for better prices, before the turn of the year. Choicest October creamery is held at 22 to 23c, with early winter makes not equal in flavor, 201/2 to 21 cents. At the inside price there is an outlet for In dairy butter there is all offerings. all offerings. In dairy butter there is a good business passing, with quick sales for all receipts at prices ranging from 16 to 19 cents. Fresh rolls are also in good request t 17 to 18 cents. Farmers have, apparently, been studying the features of the foreign markets as outlined in the papers for there is lately noticed a much higher average in the small cities where quality counts in the small cities where quality counts so much for gain.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, &c—Prices have been marked up 10 cents all 'round on cements and \$1 per 1,000 on fire bricks. The season has virtually closed for important transactions, therefore little is to be said-regarding movement. Last week's issue gave total arrivals for the past two seasons from the different sources.

CHEESE.—In this market there has been shown an improvement in keeping with that of butter and fully in accod with our expressed ideas of the past two weeks. Much firmness is shown, unde light offerings, choicest October make being held above present quotations: 11½ to 12 cents lb.; November 10½ to 11 cents, with a good business passing. There is a rport of some large transactions, thought to be on speculative account having been consummated this week involving some 14,000 boxes, at a price of 11½ to 12 cents, but these have not been verified.

DRY Goods, DOMESTIC WOOLLENS.— The position of all wool fabrics can readily be judged from the latest London wool sales which shows further

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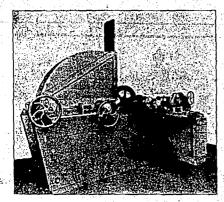
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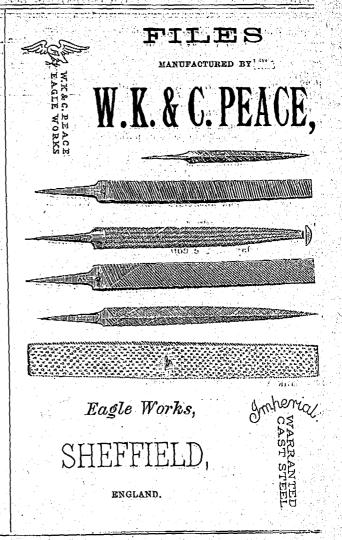
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adavnces of 10 to 20 per cent. It is impossible to quote figures accurately except to state that all goods are sold at value subject to higher prices for reorders. The advent of winter weather has been a boon to the retail dry goods, furs and kindred trades which already show the life and animation heralded with the sound of the sleigh bells.

FLOUR, FEED AND MEAL. — The situation for the time is of a quiet nature all 'round. Some fear of higher prices at the beginning of the South African trouble caused dealers to place supplies somewhat beyond actual needs and this admits of less purchasing, which, together with the closing of navigation, has a depressing effect on movements. Prices are unchanged, flour being easier in tone. Quotations are: Winter wheat patents, \$3.70 to \$3.90; straight rollers, \$3.50 to \$3.60; and in bags, \$1.65; Manitoba patents, \$390 to \$4; strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba bran, bulk, \$14; Ont., \$14.50 to \$15; shorts, \$15.50 to \$16.50; mouille, \$19 to \$20 per ton; oatmeal, \$3.55 to \$3.60; and \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bag. Baled hay—No. 1, \$9.25 to \$9.75; No. 2, \$8.25 to \$9; clover and mixed, \$7 to \$7.25; in car lots on track. Best timothy hay in bulk is held at \$8 to \$8.50 per load, averaging 1,500 lbs.

Ecos.—The condition of the egg market continues to improve, both for shippers and distributors. What are termed strictly fresh eggs are sold at 22½ to 23c; with seconds at 13c to 14c; ordinary fresh stock is quotable at 16c to 19c, Montreal limed are in good request at 16c to 17c, with Western limed one cent less. Culls are slow at 11 to 12½ cents.

GAME, FOWL, ETC.—Prices in these lines have begun to recover from the depression caused through arrivals at a time when weather conditions were against either purchase or preservation; The demand has largely improved, the market showing much strength with a decided upward tendency. Best turkeys are now worth 9 to 9½c lb.; ducks, 8 to 8½c b.; chickens, 5½ to 7c; fowls, 6 to 6½c; geese, 5½c to 6c; partridges, 70c to 90c pr., as to condition, and hares 15c to 20c pr.

GROCERIES.—The sugar market has encountered another slight drop, which makes the price of granulated \$4.40, and branded yellows \$3.60 to \$4.25, as to grade. The conditions for these low prices are not atogether governed either by local requirement or the state of the raw sugar market. The keen opposition which has been shown for some time between the U.S. sugar trust and independent refiners keeps the price of sugar in the U.S. down to a level which might readily allow of its running north. Present prices here hinder this as it has been hindered for a considerable while back. Molasses remains steady at the advances of past weeks, prices being elsewhere given, graded as to quantity purchased. Rice i steady at former prices. Raisins are scarce, stocks in many cases being down to the floor. The good demand existing may make this article a real scarce one before new crop is movable. Prunes are advancing and will, in all probability, reach a much higher level than at present shown; the quality is good. Coffees are firm at the recent advances.

GREEN FRUITS, &c-The English mar-

ket for apples has shown considerable improvement during the past two weeks. Local dealers are sending shipments across via Portland, and other adjacent points. Locally trade is extremely quiet. The heavy movement of earlier goods has, doubtless, supplied for the time many wants which otherwise would seek the open market. The quotations are: Messina lemons, boxes, \$3.25 to \$4; Spanish onions in crates, 60c to 65c; Canadian do. bris., \$1.75 to \$2; California plums, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per box; bananas, \$2 to \$3; apples, in barrels, \$2 to \$3.50; pears, 25c to 50c basket; grapes, Catawbas, pony baskets, 23c to 25c; sweet potatoes, \$3 bri.; quinces, 25c to 40c basket; oranges, \$6

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HARDWARE AND METALS.—The market shows the usual quota of advances for the week. Iron and steel wire here been marked up to \$3.45; galvanized staples have jumped from \$4.15 to \$4.35 per 100 lbs. for 1½ to 1¾ inch, and bright from \$3.35 to \$3.75; Canada plates, 52s, are now \$2.80; 60s \$2.90; ad 75s \$3.00. The hardware trade in general shows a business much ahead of previous record years. of previous record years.

HIDES AND TALLOW .- Prices of green hides have advanced, dealers now quoting prices of 101/2c for No. 1; 91/2c for No. 2; and 81/2c for No. 3. There has also been an advance in lambskins bringing the present price of these up to 85 cents. Dealers report a fair business deits. ness doing.

LEATHER, SHOES, RUBBERS, ETC .-Trade in leather circles has been quiet since the first of the month. Prices are firmly held at the recent advance. The terms, since 1st December, have been on the new basis, which now seems to be an accomplished fact as regards the leather trade Some have, naturally, objected but while this was expected, it was predicted there would be little difficulty in adhering to the new basis. Manufacturers have bought considera-ble stock in advance and will not be in the market, to any extent, for some time. Export demand continues good, shipments going forward constantly at full prices. Shoe manufacturers report spring orders coming in well and the prospects are for a lively season. Rub-bers are in good demand.

LUMBER, SHINGLES, LATHS, ETC .-Trade during the past week has been quiet. Reports from the Ottawa disquiet. Reports from the Ottawa district indicate much determination on the part of bush men in moving all possible supplies. Advanced wages are being readily offered in order to increase the staffs now employed. Michigan lumbermen are shown in some of the illustrated papers as gloomily walking across the border heading towards the Canadian timber limits with their saw mills under their arms. Quotatal and the average selling lines are: saw mills under their arms. Quotations on the average selling lines are: Good pine, 1 in., \$32 to \$35 per 1,000; do. 1½ in., \$35 to \$45 do.; 3 in., \$55 to \$60. Good strips, \$28 to \$32; good shrts, \$20 to \$30. Shipping culls, strips, \$15 to \$17 shipping cull siding, \$18 to \$20; mill cull strips, \$10; mill cull siding, \$14 to \$15; 3 x 11 pine joisting, 10 to 16 feet long, \$13 per 1,000 feet. Laths, No. 1, \$3. 50 to 4 per 1,000; No. 2, \$3 to

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since last report. The active season being over the probabilities are that settled prices may rule. Linseed oil is very firm here in sympathy with the advanced markets abroad and the conditions of the seed which shows higher prices as inevitable. Glass is steady at the basis of \$2 for first break.

Provisions.—Locally the market has not shown any added movement, the weather has been decidedly in favour of trade in dressed hogs which have recovered in price from the set-back of the past weeks. Arrivals of the latter have been light and the market has adwanced 1/2 to 1/2 cent per lb. Sales are made on the basis of \$5 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs. as to average for medium weights and \$4.25 to \$4.75 for heavy. Lard is in good request at steady prices. Liverpool advanced 3d, this week. Quotients are steady prices. tions are: Selected heavy short boneless mess pork, \$15.25 to \$15.50; heavy Canadian short cut mess, \$15.50; short cut back, \$15; heavy long cut mess, \$14.75 to \$15 per barrel pure Canadian lard, per pail, 7c to 7½c; compound refined, 5½c to 5½c; hams, 11c to 12½c per lb., as to size; bacon, 10½c to .12c per lb., as to grade.

WOOL:-DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.-The strong tendency as a result of the London late prices is fully shown not alone in wool but in all wool fabrics. Supplies here are very light. Australian greasy being entirely sold. At all points this firm and advancing tendency is apparent. A Brisbane despatch of the 4th inst. says: The fourth series of summer wool sales held to-day was

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### TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

(Revised by Telegraph.)

Toronto, Dec. 7, 1899.

Trade has slightly improved in dry goods with the colder weather, the orders for winter goods increasing. Travellers report a good demand for spring lines and expect an unusually large. turnover. Prices are very firm, with the advances fully sustained. Furs and: hats and caps are in better request, and a good trade in notions and fancy goods is in progress, wrocers fairly active with sugars 5c per 100 lbs. lower. In hardware and metals trade is fair, and leather in fair demand, at firm prices. Payments are good. Money firm, with prime commercial paper dis-counted at 6 to 7 per cent. Sterling exchange a trifle firmer. Speculation in stocks fairly active, with advances in bank issues, Richelieu and Cable. Latbank issues, Richelieu and Cable. Latest sales: Dominion Bank, 27234, Imperial 215½, Hamilton 196, Commerce 146, C.P.R. 94¼, Cable 193½, Toronto Ry. 109½, Twin City 68, Toronto Electric 138½, Building Loan 40, Canada Permanent Loan 123, Imperial Loan 50, Union Loan 40.

Butter.—The supply is fair and prices continue to rule steady. Choice dairy

tub 18c and medium 15c to 16c. Large rolls 15c to 17c, and choice pound rolls 19c to 21c. Creamery 21½c to 23c, the latter for rolls. Eggs, fresh, 18c to 20c per dozen in case lots. Cheese 12c in jobbing late

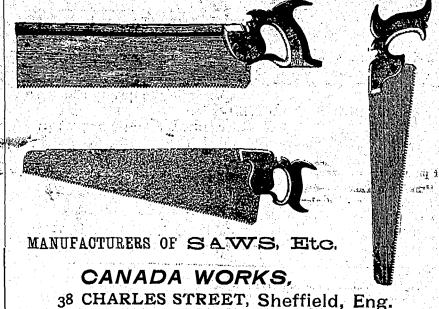
jobbing lots. Dressed Hogs.—The market is firmer, with receipts moderate. lected lots at \$5.25. Sales of se-

Flour and Grain.-The flour market is steady, with sales of straight rollers at \$2.85 west. Manitoba patents \$4 at \$2.85 west. Manitoba patents \$4 and strong bakers \$3.50 to \$3.60. Bran that strong oakers \$5.50 to \$5.00. Branks \$12 to \$12.50 west, and shorts \$14 to \$14.50, west. Wheat is quiet and steady; red winter and white, 65c to 65 1/2c west. Goose 68c low freights and No. 1 Manitoba hard, 76c to 77c Toronto and west. Barley dull, No. 2 selling at 35c west and No. 1 at 40c west. Oats, 25½c west for mixed. Peas 57c west and 55c east. Rye 50c to 50½c outside. Oatmeal Rye 50c to 501/2c outside. Oatmeal \$3.25 in bags and \$3.00 in barrels on track.

Groceries.—Trade in Christmas goods is fair, and prices as a rule unchanged. Sugars are easier, with granulated quoted at \$4.48 to \$4.53 and yellows from \$3.73 to \$4.13. The weakness is due to competition with United States refineries.

Hardware.—Trade good, the demand being active for seasonable lines. Galvanized iron and barbed wire selling freely. Canada plates firm, and dearer, for spring delivery. Iron pipes casier.

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Live Stock. — The receipts of cattle are small and prices steady. Prime exporters \$4.50 per 100 lbs. and the best butchers \$4 to \$4.25. Light stockers \$2.50 to \$3.25. Sheep, 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)c to 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)c per b, and lambs 3½c to 4c. Hogs are higher at 4½c for the best bacon lots; heavy and light fat, 3½c to 4c per lb.

heavy and light fat, 3% to 4c per lb. Provisions.—Trade is fair, with cured meats selling fairly well. Mess pork, \$13.50 to \$14, and short cut \$15.50 to \$16. Lard, 6% to 7½ c, according to package. Bacon, 7c to 7½ c. Hams, smoked, 10c to 11c. Rolls, 8c to 8½ c. Beans, \$1.40 to \$1.50 for hand-picked. Dried apples, 6c to 6½ c, and evaporated 8½ to 9c. Hops, 13c to 15c. Potatoes, 40c to 42c per bag in car lots.

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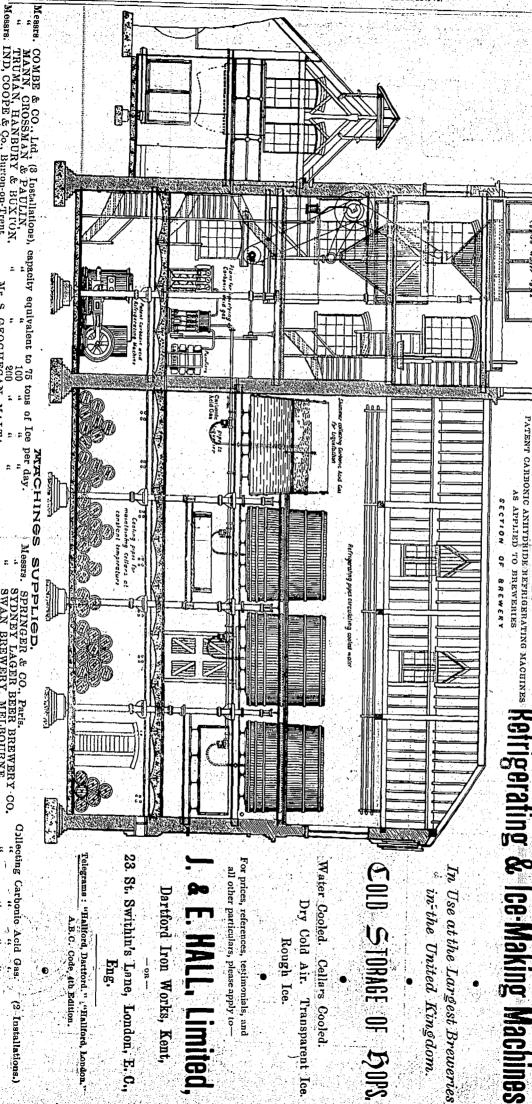
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(Signed), ANNE H. MANTHA.

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|---|---------------|--|--|---|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| / British North Am  | 243           | A 956 666  | 4,865,666                                  | 1,460,000                                 | 21                   | Apl. Oct                              |                                       |                            |
| British North Am<br>Can. Bauk of Commerce                                     |               | 4,856,666<br>6,000,000   | 6,000,000                                  | 1,000,000                                 |                      | June Dec                              | 1471/                                 | 147 00                     |
| Commercial, Windsor   | 40<br>50      | 500,000<br>1,500,000   | 3£0,000<br>1,500,000                       | 90,000<br>1 500,000                       | 3                    | May •                                 | 2721/3<br>155                         | 136 25                     |
| Bastern Townships<br>Halifax Banking Co                                       | 60<br>20      | • 1,500,000  | 1,500,000                                  | 850,000<br>875,000<br>1,000,000           | 31/2                 | Jan□ July<br>Feb. Aug                 | <u></u>                               | 77 89<br>79 00             |
| Hamilton  | 100           | 500,000<br>1,499,700<br>1,859,700                                      | 1,497,190<br>1,280,100                     | 1,000,000                                 | 814                  | June JiDec<br>June Dec                | 194<br>152                            | 194 (.0                    |
| Imperial  | 100           | 000,004.2  | 2.311.034                                  | 565,000<br>1,502,172<br>265,000           | 4 & 1                | June Dec                              | 215                                   | 215 00                     |
| Merchants' Can<br>Merchants' Halifax  | 25<br>100     | 6,000,000  | 6,000,000<br>1,933 520                     | 2.600.000                                 |                      | June Dec<br>June Aug                  | 165<br>180                            | 180 00                     |
| Moleone   | 100<br>50     | 6,000,000<br>1,957,500<br>2,000,000                                    | 2,000,000                                  | 1,577,492                                 | 3 1/4<br>4 de 1      | Feb Aug<br>Oct 1 il April<br>June Dec | 200<br>260                            | 180 00<br>100 60<br>520 60 |
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| New Brunewick   | 100           | 1,755,100  | 1,746,440                                  | 500,000<br>2,005,500                      | 4                    | Feb. Aug.                             | 210                                   | 210 W                      |
| Ontario   | 100<br>100    | 1,000,000<br>1,500,000<br>180,000                                      | 1,000,000<br>1,500,000                     | 110,000<br>1,170,000                      | 214<br>4 & 1         | June Dec<br>June Dec                  | 132<br>190                            | 132 00<br>199 69           |
| People's of N. B  | 160           | 180,000  | 180,000                                    | 140,000                                   | 4                    | June Dec                              | 250<br>125                            | 375 00<br>125 00           |
| Quebec  | 100<br>100    | 2,500,000<br>200,000<br>1,000,000                                      | 2,500,000<br>200,000                       | 45,000                                    | 3<br>21/4            | April Oct                             | 198                                   |                            |
| Standard<br>Toronto   | 100           | 1,000.000<br>2,000,000   | 2.000.000                                  | 1.800.000                                 | 4                    | April Oct<br>June Dec                 | 244                                   | 193 U0<br>244 O∪           |
| Tradare   | 100           | 829,820<br>500,000   | 829,820<br>500,000<br>2,000,000<br>479,630 | 70,000<br>250,000                         | 3                    | June Dec<br>Mch Sept                  | 111<br>123                            | 111 (0<br>61 00            |
| Union Halifax)<br>Union it Can<br>Ville Marie                                 | 100           | 2,000,000<br>500,000   | 2,000,000<br>479,690                       | 450,000<br>10,000                         | 3                    | June Dec<br>June Dec                  |                                       |                            |
| Western   | 100           | . 500,000  | 885,239                                    | 119,000                                   | 31/4<br>3            | Apl Oct                               | ••••                                  |                            |
| Agri. Sav. and Loan Co<br>Bell Telephone Co                                   | 50<br>100     | 630,000<br>3,168,000<br>1,937,900<br>450,000                           | 629,544<br>8,168,0°0                       | 160,000<br>910,000                        | 49/8                 | Jan •                                 | 175                                   | 175 00                     |
| Brit. Mortg. Loan & Inv. Co   | 100<br>100    | 1,937,900<br>450 000   | 398,481<br>816,504<br>750 000              | 120,000<br>100,000<br>100,000             | 31/4                 | Jan July<br>July                      | 95                                    | 95 60                      |
| Building and Loan Assoc<br>Can. Colored Cot, Mills Co                         | 25<br>100     | 750,000<br>2,700,000<br>2,700,000<br>5,000,000<br>750,000<br>2,500,000 | 750 000<br>2,700,000                       |   | 2                    | Jan July<br>Oct                       | 40<br>70                              | 10 00<br>50 00             |
| Usu. Landed & Nat'l Inv'tCo.  | 10U<br>50     | 2,008,000<br>5,000,000   | 1,004,000<br>2,600,000                     | 350,000<br>1,200,000                      | 8                    | Jan July<br>Jan July                  | 90<br>125                             | 65 f0.<br>80 (0)           |
| Can. Perm. Loan and Sav<br>Can. Say. & Loan Co<br>Central Can. Loan & Sav. Co | 50<br>100     | 750,000  | 750,000<br>1,250,000                       | 1,200,000<br>220,000<br>860,000<br>10,000 | 3%                   | June Dec<br>Jan July                  | 115 '<br>134                          | 57 10<br>184 00            |
| Dominion Say, and Inv. Co.  | 50            | 1,000,000  | 0013000                                    | 10,000                                    | 2½.                  | July Dec<br>Jan                       | 75½<br>131                            | 37 75<br>65 50             |
| Dominion Telegraph Co<br>Dominion Cotton Mills Co                             | 100           | 1,000,000<br>3,000,000<br>3,221,500                                    | 1,000,000<br>8,000,000<br>1,319,100        |   |                      | Mar *                                 | 106<br>75                             | 106 CO<br>75 OU            |
| Freehold Loan and Say. Co<br>Hamilton Prov. and Loan                          | 100           | 3,221,500<br>1,500,000   | 1,100,000                                  | 300,000<br>349,109                        | 3                    | Jan July                              | 118                                   | 113 00                     |
| Home Sav. and Loan Co<br>Huron & Erie Loan & Sav. Co                          | 10<br>50      | 2,000,066<br>8,000,000   | 200,000<br>1,400,000<br>720,647<br>658,098 | 200,000<br>750,000<br>160,000<br>160,000  | 3½<br>4½             | Jan July<br>Jan July                  | 140<br>180                            | 14 00<br>90 00             |
| Imperial Loan and Inv. Co.  | 100<br>100    | 840,000<br>700,000<br>5,000,000  | 720,647<br>658,098                         | 160,000                                   | 3                    | Jan July<br>Jan July                  | 95<br>112                             | 95 00<br>112 00            |
| Lanced Banking and Loan<br>Long. & Can. Loan and Ag.                          | 50            | 5,000,000  | 100,000                                    | 210,000                                   | 3                    | Mch Sep                               | 60                                    | 50 00<br>58 50             |
| London Loan Co.<br>Lond. and Ont. Inv. Co.<br>Manitoba & North-W. Ln Co       | 50<br>100     | 679,700<br>2,750,000<br>1,500,000                                      | 661,850<br>559,000                         | 81,000<br>160,000                         | 31/4                 | Jan. July<br>Jan July                 | 10î<br>85                             | 85 06                      |
| Manitoba & North-W. Ln Co<br>Montreal Telegraph Co                            | 100<br>40     | 1,500,000<br>2,000,000   | 559,000<br>375,000<br>2,000,000            | 51,000                                    |                      | Jan July<br>Jan                       | 45<br>176                             | 45 00<br>70 45             |
| Montreal Gas Co<br>Montreal Street Ry. Co                                     | 40<br>50      | 2,500,000<br>5,000,000   | 2.097 016                                  | ]   | 21/2                 | April Oct                             | 190½<br>322½                          | 76 20<br>322 t0            |
| Montreal Cotton Co  | 100           | 1.400.000  | 1.400,000                                  | 600,000                                   | 4                    | Mcn. • Aug                            | 143 <sup>2</sup><br>130               | 143 00<br>180 00           |
| Merchants M'f'g Co<br>Montreal Loan and Mortg                                 | 100<br>25     | 600,000<br>500,000<br>466,800  | 500,000                                    | 300,000                                   | 31/4                 | Mch Sep<br>Jan July                   |                                       | ••••                       |
| Ont. Indus. Loan and Inv<br>Ont. Loan and Deb. Co                             | 100<br>50     | 2,000,000  | 314,386<br>11,200,000<br>600,000           | 150,000<br>490,000                        | 814                  | Jan July                              | 123                                   | 61 50<br>12 50             |
| Real Est. Loan Co.  | 50<br>40      | 2,000,000<br>600,000<br>578,840  | 378,720                                    | 40,000<br>50,000<br>250,000               | 23                   | Jan July<br>Jan July                  | 25<br>61                              | 32 :0<br>113 00            |
| The Royal Electric Co.  | 100<br>100    | 1,850,000<br>1,500,000   | 1,350,000<br>  1,500,000                   | 250,000<br>232,862                        | 4                    | Jan, *                                | 113<br>19234                          | 192 75                     |
| Toronto Electric Light Co   | 100           | 500,000<br>6,000,000   | 6,000,000                                  | 20,000                                    | 2                    | Jan. •<br>Jan. •                      | 188¼<br>109                           | 158 25                     |
| Union Loan and Say. Co<br>Western Can. Loan and Say.                          | 50<br>50      | 1.095.400  | 699.020                                    | 200,000                                   | 3                    | July<br>July                          | 40<br>110                             | 20 W                       |
| Western Loan & Trust Co<br>Windsor dot-1                                      | 50            | 8,000,000<br>2,201,200   | 1,500,000<br>561,721                       | 52,000                                    |                      | June Dec                              | 98<br>105                             | 49 00<br>165 to            |
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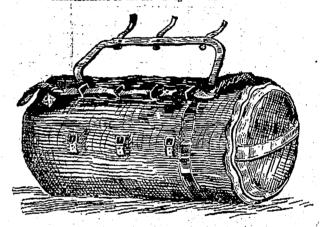
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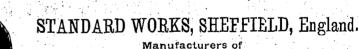


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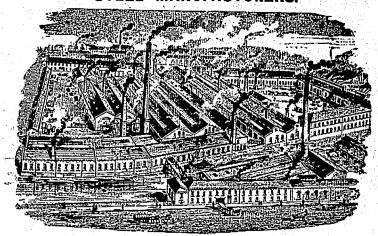


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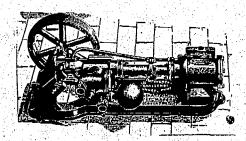


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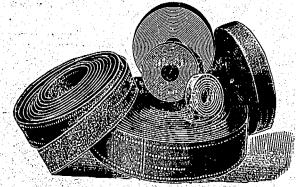
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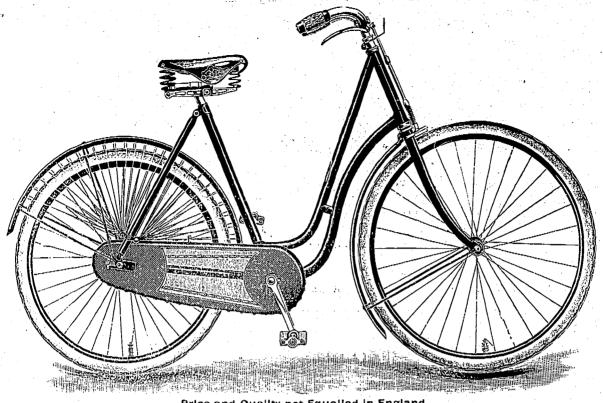


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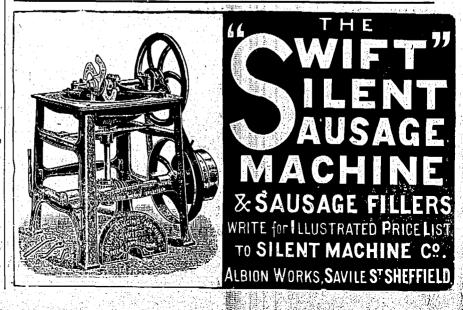


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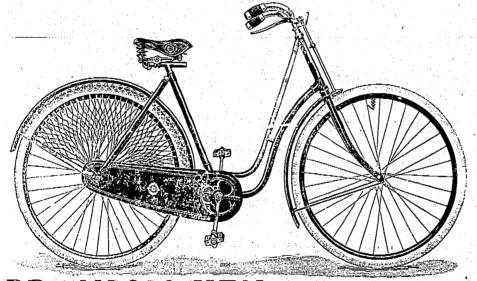
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| Name of Article.   | Wholesale.  |   | Name of Article.  | Wholesale.  |   | Wholesale   |
| Boots and Shoes.  Brogans or Cobourgs  Split Baimorals  Kip " or Congress  Split Boots  Kip "  Grain " \$2.00 to \$3.00, Felt Sox  Felt Boots, half fox  Split Batts or Bals | 0 90 1 10 0 80 0 90<br>1 10 1 20 0 95 1 00  | 0 70 0 75<br>0 80 0 85  | Good Luck 2-4 stg. Var. Han, Rose 4 varn, hand heavy Pansy 4 " " medium Thistle 4 " " " Map Leaf A 4 stgs. " B 4 " stained Shamrock A 4 " varn han B 4 " stained Daisy A 3 stgs varn handle | 4 25 0 00<br>8 85 0 00<br>8 45 0 00<br>4 25 0 00<br>8 45 0 00<br>8 45 0 00<br>8 45 0 00<br>8 15 0 00  | Heavy Chemicals. Biesching Powder Bine Vitriol Brimstone Canatic Soda 60.  " " 70. Soda Ash. Soda Bicarb. Sal. Soda. " Concentrated.  | 7 CO 8 00<br>2 00 2 50<br>1 75 2 CO<br>2 00 2 25<br>1 2 1 50<br>2 25 2 35<br>0 70 0 80<br>1 50 2 10   |
| Split Batts or Bals  Kip Pebbled or Buff Bals Pebbled Button, Machine Sewed Glazed Buff Button, Folish Calf Dongols Kid 1 quality  "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "     | 0 90 1 00 0 80 0 90   | 0 60 0 70<br>0 70 0 75  | Curling 4 Warehouse 4 heavy.  E. 3 str. hamboo handle  Drugs & Chemicals Acid Carbolic Cryst medi. Aloes, Cape.   | 2 65 0 00<br>2 40 0 00<br>3 75 0 00<br>2 75 0 00<br>2 75 0 00<br>0 35 0 45<br>0 16 0 18   | Archil. con. Cutch. Ex. Logwood. Chip Indigo (Bengal). Indigo Madras. Gambler Madder.   | 0 08 0 09<br>0 10 0 15<br>2 00 2 t0<br>1 50 1 75<br>0 70 1 00<br>0 04 0 05<br>6 10 0 15   |
| Mens' Calf, Bals, Cong or Butt. Good  "McKa "Tan Russia Calf, Bals, Cong or "French Pat. Calf or Enamel Let Ladies' Glaze Dong, Butt. and Bals., Go                          | Butt, Goodyear Welt<br>McKay  | 1 90 2 10<br>2 50 3 50<br>1 90 2 10   | Alum Borax, xtls Brom, Potase Camphor, Eng. Ref Rings "Refoz.ck Citrate Magnesia lb. Cocaine Hyd. (oz) Copperas, per 100 lbs Cream Tartar   | 1 40 1 50<br>0 66 0 07<br>0 70 0 75<br>0 65 0 70<br>0 45 0 50<br>0 00 0 45<br>0 00 7 50<br>0 75 0 80<br>0 75 0 80<br>0 20 0 25<br>1 50 1 75 | Fish.  Cape Bret. Herring, Labrador Herrings, N.F No. 1 Shore Herrings  Nova Scotla  Mackerel No. 1. pails  Green Cod, No. 1  Green Cod, No. 1  | 5 25 5 50<br>1 80 2 00<br>0 00 0 00   |
| Name of Article,   | Corn Beef 1-lb  | Wholesale  Ca. Amr, 1 20 1 45 2 30 2 62 0 00 5 12 7 00 8 65 14 50 19 00 8 00 3 48 0 00 9 50   | " Trag. Insect Powder lb  | 0 16 0 20<br>0 25 0 50<br>0 50 1 00<br>0 25 0 40<br>0 22 0 30<br>1 75 1 85<br>2 00 2 25<br>1 60 1 80<br>4 25 4 50<br>0 65 0 75              | Green ' large Draft '' No. 2 Large dry Gaspe per enti. Salmon No. 1 bris Lab Salmon, (tierces) Brit. Col bris Boneless Fish 'Cod. Finnan Haddies N. S. Salt Herrings, in bulf-barrels.                                    | 14 UO 14 50<br>11 UO 14 50<br>11 00 U UU<br>18 50 14 UU<br>U U41 U U0<br>0 (0 U OK<br>0 051 0 C7  |
| Oysters " 115 140 Tomatoses, 3s. per doz. 060 085 Peaches, 2-lb. yellow. 000 175   | " 2 -lb. " " 2 -lb. " " 2 -lb. " " 3 -lb. " " 3 -lb. " Deviled Tong s. ¼ lb. " Ham, | 8 50 10 90<br>0 00 12 50<br>0 00 13 75<br>0 95 0 93<br>0 95 0 93<br>0 95 1 85<br>0 95 1 85<br>1 30 1 95<br>1 15 1 90<br>0 00 1 65<br>0 00 3 00<br>0 00 3 00 | Potash Iodide. Quinine. Strychnine  | 3 40 3 75<br>0 35 0 45<br>0 75 0 90<br>0 35 0 40<br>0 28 0 32<br>2 00 0 00<br>2 00 0 00   | half-barrels. Salt Lake Trout, half-bris  Flour. Winter Wheat patents Manitoba patents Straight roller. do bags Strong Bakers Superfine Oatmeal, bri. Corn meal, bag Bran Manitoba, bags Bran Ontario buik Shorte Moullis | 3 70 3 90<br>3 90 4 00<br>3 50 3 60<br>1 60 3 70<br>0 95 1 60<br>00 95 1 60 |



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| Townships Dairy  |   | BUTTER: Choice Cr  | 0 22 0 23   | " " 2, "   | 0 00 0 65<br>0 00 0 621   | Evaporated Apples, New.   | 0 00 0 40   | Macaroni, "  | 0 05 0 06<br>0 10 0 18  |
| Croce   Cot.   |   | Townships Dairy  | 0 18 0 19<br>0 16 0 18<br>0 134 0 15  | Oats afloat  | 0 00 0 59<br>0 00 0 301<br>0 471 0 00<br>0 00 0 451   | Raisins: Sultanas Loose Musc. California  | 0 11 0 18<br>0 00 0 08  | Lemon  | 0 11 0 13<br>0 10 0 12  |
| Cold Storage   |   | Oct  | 0 112 0 12<br>0 10j 0 11  | Croceries Tea, (HfChest & Cad.)  | 0 00 0 61   | Con. Cluster  | 2 20 2 30<br>2 75 0 00<br>3 50 0 00   | do Chamois do do do do Pink do do do do do Tip. Van. Green do do Tip. Van. Green do do | 0 43 0 48<br>0 50 0 56<br>0 58 0 66<br>0 50 0 58                |
| Hors: N. Y. State, per B. 0 14 0 15   Pacific Coast,   |   | " No. 2  | 0 12 0 13   | good med to fine   | 0 17 0 19<br>0 224 0 25<br>0 26 0 36  | Filiatras   | 0 00 0 09"<br>0 00 0 00<br>0 041 0 05<br>0 043 0 07                                       | do do Bronze do do<br>do do White do do<br>Unsweet d blue prem do                      | 0 65 0 74<br>0 78 0 88<br>0 88 0 49                             |
| Hos Phoducts:   Bacon, smoked, per lb   0   11   0   12   18   Bacon, smoked, per lb   0   10   11   12   18   18   18   19   12   18   18   18   18   18   18   18  |   | Pacific Coast, "<br>Canadian "<br>German, "" "   | 0 14 0 144<br>0 124 0 19<br>0 18 0 35   | Gunpowder, Moyune " good " Pingsuey med to good. " fine to finest " Oclong " | 0 14 0 20<br>0 30 0 45<br>0 22 0 25<br>0 25 0 35<br>0 14 0 16<br>0 19 0 23<br>0 28 0 42               | Vostizzas   | 0 071 0 08'<br>0 06' 0 10<br>0 08' 0 10<br>0 15 0 25<br>0 05 0 06<br>0 25 0 35            | Can. Laundry\ Silver Gloss Benson's Prep. Corn  Sat. Chr. label.,, Can. Pure Corn.     | 0 00 0 07;<br>0 00 0 06;  |
| Com. Refined   |   | Bacon, smoked, per ib  Hams, city cured, ''  Canyassed.  Pork Ca. s.c. per bbl  do mess  Dressed Hogs, 100 lbs  Lard, per ib Can pure. | 0 10 0 111<br>0 00 0 00<br>00 00 15 00<br>00 00 15 50<br>5 00 5 75<br>0 074 0 094 | Congou, common   | 0 15 0 20<br>0 22 0 274<br>0 52 0 35<br>0 17 0 28<br>0 35 0 45<br>0 18 0 35<br>0 25 0 26<br>0 22 0 25 | Walnuts   | 0 10 0 14<br>0 12 0 00<br>0 10 0 11<br>0 091 0 12;<br>0 90 1 20<br>0 15 0 16<br>0 50 1 00 | Cote D'or  | 0 23 0 00<br>0 25 0 00<br>0 20 0 00<br>0 17 0 00<br>0 45 0 00   |
| Fall Rye.  |   | SEEDS: Clover, red, per lb Alsike, per b Timothy, (Can'n) per bsh.   | 0 071 0 10<br>0 071 0 09<br>2 00 2 50<br>1 50 2 10                                | Maracaibo  | 0 174 0 184<br>0 10 0 15<br>0 27 0 29<br>0 06 0 11  | African "unbl. " African " " Pimento " Pepper, Black " White " Mustard, 4lb # jar, Eng " 1 lb " " | 0 08 0 10<br>0 15 0 20<br>0 15 0 16<br>0 22 0 26<br>0 72 0 75<br>0 28 0 254               | Soap: Best Laundry  Common  Matches: Telegraph  Telephone  Parlor, 200's               | 0 05 0 05<br>0 021 0 04<br>3 70 8 90<br>3 55 3 75<br>1 50 1 60  |
| # Boxes # 100 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  |   | Fall Rye   | 0 75 0 90<br>0 75 0 90<br>0 75 0 90<br>0 75 0 90<br>0 40 0 50                     | Ex Granulated, orls  | 0 00 0 00<br>0 00 5 05<br>0 00 5 25<br>0 00 4 80  | " 41b jars, Cana " 11b " Rice, C.C " standard B " Patna \$\mathbb{P}\$ 100 lb. " Burmah"          | 0 65 0 70<br>0 22 0 24<br>0 00 3 15<br>0 00 3 25<br>4 25 4 75                             | Sovereign  | 3 45 3 65<br>0 00 2 75<br>1 60 0 00<br>1 65 0 00                |
| - market after the angle of the property of the angle of  |   | Extracted Beenwax. Brans: white ordinary bus do. Best hand-plcked Maple Sugar  | 0 07 0 094<br>0 30 0 35<br>1 40 1 45<br>1 55 1 60<br>0 09 0 10                    | Paris Lumps, in brls half brls 16 16 100-lb bxs                              | 0 00 5 05<br>0 00 5 10<br>0 00 5 05<br>0 00 5 10  | Gelatine, 1 ot pk   | 0 00 0 051<br>0 00 0 041<br>1 15 0 00<br>1 75 0 00  | Improved Globe   | 1 80 0 00<br>0 101 0 11<br>0 34 0 35<br>0 00 0 00<br>0 181 0 C0 |

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|---|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|--|--|--------------------|
| ardware-Continued.  | \$ c \$ c                    | Galvanized Staples-<br>100 lb. box, 11/2 to 13/1   | 4 35 0 00                | Metal Scrap<br>No. 1 Wrought Iron,                    | U (O O OO                              | Tallow. cake   | 0 00 0 0           |
| se Price, per Keg   | 2 55 0 00                    | Bright, 11/2 to 11/4   | 3 75 0 00                | No. 1 Machiner  | 0 00 0 00                              | barrel (refined) '' Ordinary   | 0 011 0 0          |
| tras—Over and above 30d,  | less oc keg                  | Gainanized Iron:   | 1. 17.0                  | Stove   | 1 0 00 0 01                            | Rough  | 0 00 0 0           |
| od, 50d, 60d and 70d Nails.   | rebate.                      | Queen's Head, and or equal gauge 28 Common and 26 gauge  | 4.75 5.00                | Malleable iron  | 0 00 / 0 01                            |  |                    |
| t and Fence Nails—<br>and 20d Hot Cut, per 100 lbs  | 0 05 0 00                    | Common Sauge 20  | 410 000                  | Hard Steel  | 1000 000                               | I NULL D. A. BUID.   | 0 26 0 2           |
| and 12d   | 0 10 0 00                    | do 26 gauge  | 4 40 4 65                | (per long ton 2240 lbs ) Lead solid                   | 000000                                 | No. 2 B. A. Sole<br>No. 3 B.A. Spanish Sole                          | 0.281 0.2          |
| nd 9d "   | 0 15 0 00                    | Bar Iron, per 100 lbs.   | 2 4U DBBO                | _ " tea   | 0 10 0 00                              | Slaughter, No. 1   | 0 28 0 2           |
| and 20d Hot clut, per too the and 12d " "" and 9d " "" and 7d " "" and 5d " "" t galleg 10c per Keg ad- | 0 30 0 00                    | Ord. Crown, base   | 2 371                    | Light Brass   | 0 00 0 00                              | Slaughter. No. 1   | 0 28 0 2           |
| tt  | 0 65 0 00                    | Best Refined   | 0 00 0 00                | Copper Bottoms Heavy Copper Red Brass                 | 0 00 0 00                              | Harness  | 0 26 - 0 2         |
| 41 ************************************   | 100 000                      | Hest Renned  | 3 75 0 0u                | Red Brass   | 0 00 0 00                              | I Unner heavy  |                    |
| phires roof her reef an   | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1                | Am. Sheet Steel, 621 14  | 3 10 0 00                | Black Sheet Iron.<br>Per 100 lbs.                     |  | I IINDAP. HØDE   |                    |
| RNCA.   |                              | 17 17 17   | 3 (0 ) (0                | 12 to 16 guage  | 3 10 0 00                              | Grained Upper  | 0.04 0.0           |
| per 100 lbs   | 100 00                       | 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11  | 3 10 3 05                | 18 to 20 do   | 1290 000 I                             | I KID AKING, Kranch  |                    |
| e blued nails—<br>per 100 lbs   | 1 60 0 00                    | 1 26 W. 1 26 W. 26 W. V.   | '8 201 0 00'             | 22 to 21 do   | 2 95 0 00                              | English  | 0.45 0.5           |
| ing. Box. Tobacco Box   | 1. 1. 10 to 10 cm 1          |  | 3 30 0 00                | 26 do   | 8 10 0 ro                              | Canada Kip   | 0 50 0 6           |
| d Flooring Nails—<br>30d "per 100 lbs   | 0.55.0.00                    | Boiler plates, iron, ¼ in.  "" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "   | 0 00 1 15                | Wires do  | 9 19 0 00                              | Canada Kip. Hemlock Calf. Light                                      | 0 50 0 7           |
| 16d **  | 0 60 0 00                    | Boiler Heads, steel  | 0 00 0 081               | Plain galv'd, No. 9.3.                                | 3 55 0 00                              | French Calf  | 0 50 0 6           |
| id 9d   | 0 65 0 00                    | Hoop Iron, base for 2 in.  |                          | do do No 12   | 3 70 0 00                              | French Calf. Splits, light and medium.                               | 0.00 11            |
| o 16d " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "   | 0 70 0 00                    | and larger   | 0 00 - 8 20              | Plain galv'd, No. 9<br>do do No 12<br>do do No. 13    | 3 85 0 00                              | heavy  | 0 17 0             |
| 5d  | 0 95 0 00<br>1 20 0 00       | Band Canadian, 1 to 6 in.  |                          | Barbed Wire<br>Spring Wire per 100, 85c               | 3.00 I.O.O.I                           | Leether Room Come  | 0 18 0'5           |
| shing nails—  | 1 20 0 00                    | 30c; over base of ordin-<br>iron, smaller size Extras  |                          | net extra.  | mondictori.                            | Leather Board, Canada<br>Enameled Cow, per ft                        |                    |
| hand longer per 100 lbs   | 060 000                      | as adopted July 7th.   |                          | Iron and Steel Wire                                   | 3 45 base.                             | Febble Grain   | A 10 0             |
| und 244 inch " I  | U 65 U UU                    | Canada Plates:   | •                        | _   | 1.14                                   | I GLOVE GIRIN  | I Λ 10 Λ 1         |
| nd 21/2 11 11   | 0 70 0 00                    | 52 sheets  | 9 80                     | Rope.   | 0 121                                  |  |                    |
| and 2½ " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "  | 0 95 0 00<br>1 20 0 00       | 52 sheets  | 2 90                     | 11 7-16 and nn  | 0 12                                   | Brush (Cow) Kid<br>Buff  | 011 03             |
|   | 1 50 0 00                    |  |                          | 5-16  | 0 18                                   | Russetts, light  | 0.95 0             |
| ing nails—  |                              | All bright Wro't Iron pipe, in in.   | 3 25                     | " 7-16 and up<br>" 5-16 "<br>" 14 "<br>" 3-16 "       | 0 13]                                  | heavy<br>No. 2   | 0 25 0 8           |
| and 13% inch per 100 lbs  | 0 95 0 00<br>1 20 0 00       | K in   | 8 KO                     | ". 3-15<br>Manilla, base                              | 0 14                                   | No. 2.<br>Saddlers' doz  | 0 85 0 4           |
| " " "   | 1 50 0 00                    |  |                          | Manilla, base   | 0 15                                   | I IMT. ETANCH L'AIF  | 000 00             |
| mon barrel nails—   |                              | 11/11  | 5 75                     | " 516 "   | 0 16                                   | THE THE OWN TO   | ו חצח וחי          |
| nch per 100 lbs   | 100 000                      | 1½ in  | 7 Dh<br>9 75             | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,                       | 0 16                                   | Dongoia, extra   | 1038 04            |
| 46 46   | 1 00 0 00<br>1 25 0 00       | 1½ in<br>2in   | 12 75                    | Manilla, base " % " " 516 " " 24 " " 3-16 " Lath yarn | 0 16<br>0 11                           | " No. 1  | 0 20 0 2           |
| 4   | 1 60 0 00                    |  |                          |   | Ŭ <b>"</b>                             | Colored Pebbles  | 0 14 0 1           |
| ch nails-   |                              | Steel, cast per lb   | 0 00 base                | Wire Nails.   |  | " Calf   | 0 16 0 9           |
| hand longer per 100 lbs   | 0 60 .0 00                   | Spring, 100 lbs  | 2 85 base                | Base Price carload<br>Less than                       |  |  |                    |
| nd 2% inch " nd 2% inch " nd 1% " "   | 0 65 0 00 0                  | 1 Project REGO TOO TOR"  | 9 RK hees l              | Less than "   | 3 17 <sub>1</sub><br>1 00 <sup>3</sup> | Cod Oll  |                    |
| nd 134 to to  | 0 95 0 00                    |  |                          | zar "   | 100                                    |  |                    |
|   | 1 20 0 00                    | " Machinery  |                          | 13  | 0 65                                   | DULOW DOGLESSESSESSESSESSESSESSESSESSESSESSESSESS                    | 0 35 0             |
| " "   | 150 000                      | IC Coke, 14 x 20<br>IC Charcoal, 14 x 20   | 4.50                     | 4d and 5d "   | 0 40<br>0 30                           | Cod Liver ()   Nild Norw   |                    |
| p and flat pressed nails<br>h and longer per 100 lbs.   | 1 35 0 00                    | IC Charcoal, 14 x 20   | 4 75 4 80                | 6d and 7d "<br>8d and 9d "                            | 0 15                                   | Process Norwegian  | 0 80 0 9<br>1 10 1 |
| nd 2% inch  | 150 000                      | CHULCUAL   | 1. 1                     | 1 10d and 193 H                                       | 0.10                                   | Castor Off   | 0.00 0             |
| nd 2½ "   | 1 65 0 00                    | IXX " D C "  | Usual<br>Trade<br>Extras | 16d and 20d ** 30d to 60d **                          | 0 06                                   | Contor Oll held  | 0.00               |
| nd 1%   | 1 85 0 00  <br>2 50 0 00     | 1  | Extras                   | and to end  | Base                                   | Lard Oll, Extra  | 0 65 0 '           |
| nd 2\( \) inch (1)  nd 2\( \) inch (1)  nd 2\( \) (1)  nd 1\( \) (1)  (1)                               | 8 00 0 00                    | DXX " Terne Plate IC, 20x28 Russ. Sheet Iron Lion & Crown tin'd sh'ts  |                          | Hides and Tallow                                      | , ( ) . H                              | Linseed, raw, nett.  "bolled, nett Olive, pure Extra, qt., per case. | 0 60 0             |
| Chain-No. 6   | 013 000                      | Russ Sheet Iron  | 8 00                     | Hides and Tallow<br>Montreal Green Hides              | :                                      | boiled, nett   | 0 00 0             |
| 5   | 0 10} 0 00                   | Lion & Crown tin'd sh'ta   | 0 101 0 CO               |   | 0.00 0 104                             | Olive, pure  | 0 90 1             |
| " 4   | 0 10 0 00 0                  | 22 and 24 guage case lots  | 700 720                  | No. 2   | 0 00 0 09i                             | Extra, qt., per case.  | 3 00 3             |
| " 3   | 0 08 0 00 1                  | 22 and 24 guage case lots 26 guage.  Lead: Pig, per 100 lbs; Sheet, Shot, per 100 lbs  Lead Pipe, per 100 lbs  Zinc: | 7 50 8 00 II             | Panners pay \$1 extra for                             | 2 00 0 00H                             | Turpentine, nett   |                    |
| % inch  | 5 65 0 00 1                  | Sheet Pig, per 100 lbs;  | 4 30 4 50                | DULLEU. CHIEG & Inanactidi                            |  | Petroleum •  | 4.7                |
| %   | 5 05 0 00<br>4 80 0 00       | Shot, per 100 lbs.   | 1 00 4 25                | Sheepskins  | 0 00 0 00                              | Gasoline 76 gravity  | 0 00 0 9           |
|   | 4 50 0 00 11<br>4 65 0 00 11 | Lead Pipe, per 100 lbs.  | 66 66                    | Lambaling coals                                       | 0 00 0 00  <br>0 85 0 00               | Stove Gasoline   | 0 01 0             |
| 0.16  | 4 50 0 00                    | Zima.  | 88 17 p.c.               | Calfskins, No. 1                                      | 0 11 0 00                              | Crown Acme   | 0 16 0 1           |
| 2-10  | 4 45 0 00                    | Zinc:  |                          | " No.2  | 11 00 0 20 0                           | Crown Acme   | 0 181 0            |
| 9-16  | 4 40 0 00                    | Spelter, V.M., per 100 lbs   | 00 0 00                  | Horse hides, No. 1<br>No. 2                           |  | Astral   | 0 20 0 2           |
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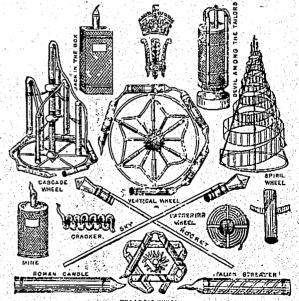
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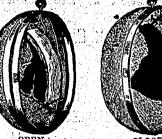
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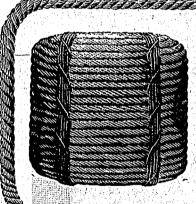
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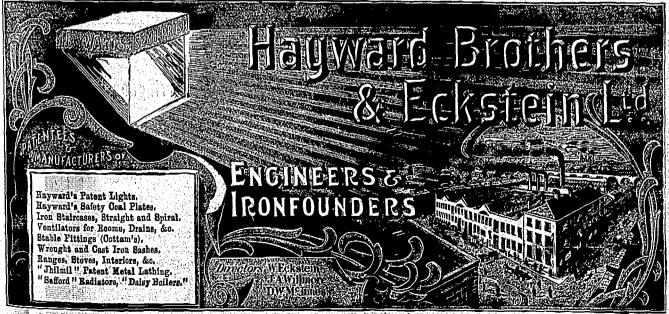
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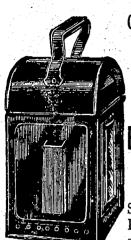
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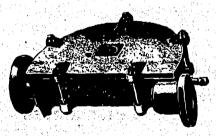
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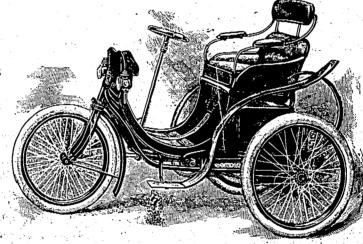
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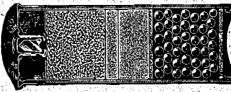
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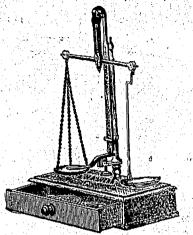


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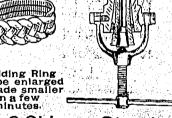
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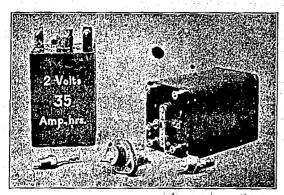
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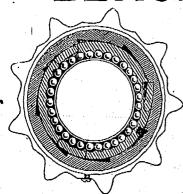
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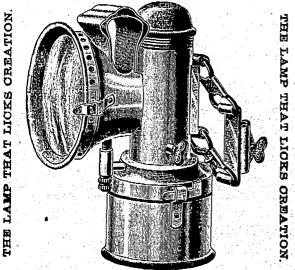
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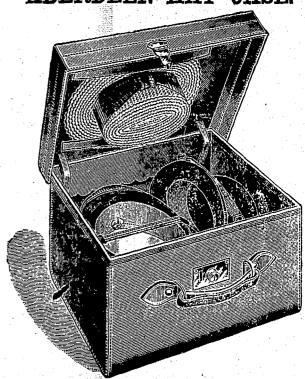
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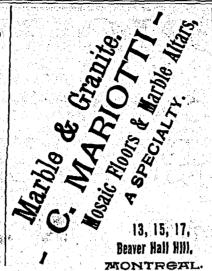
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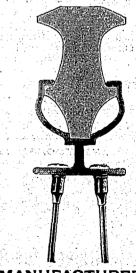


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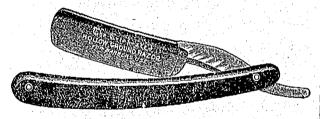
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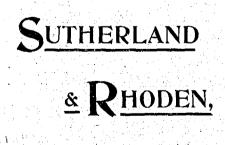


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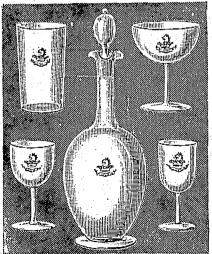
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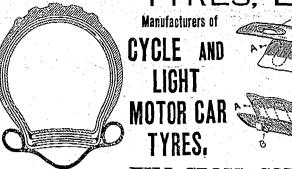
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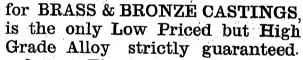
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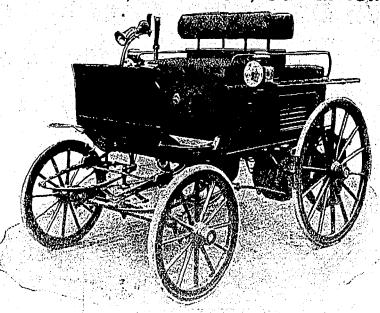
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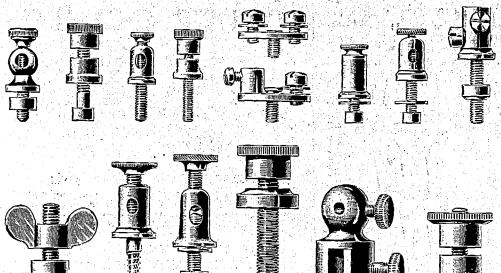
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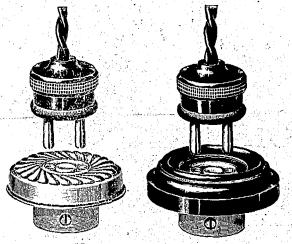
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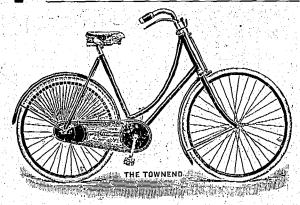
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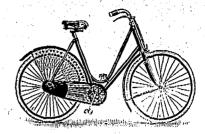
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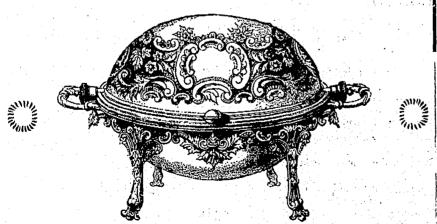
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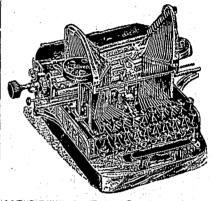
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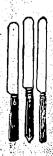
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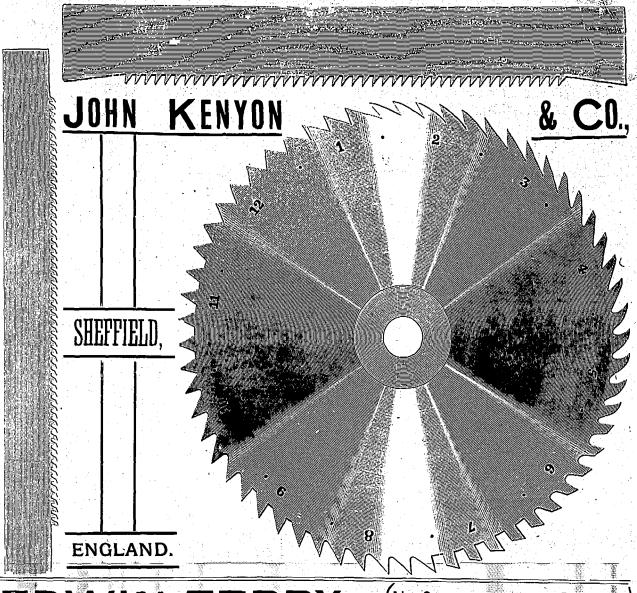
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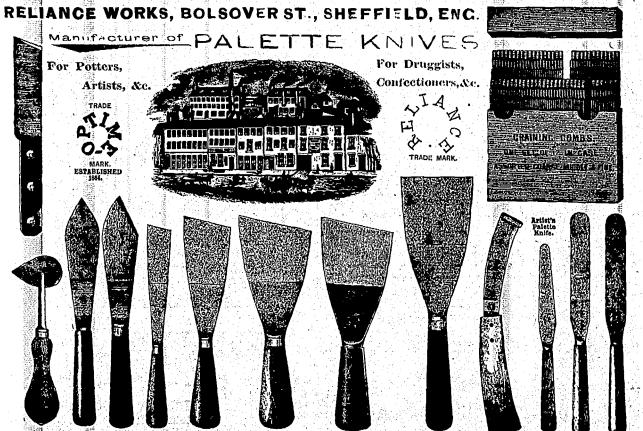
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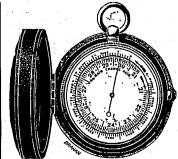
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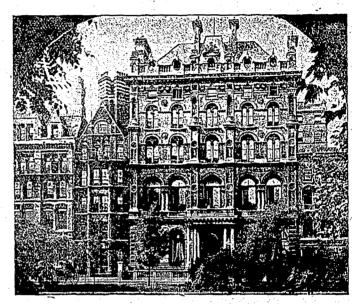
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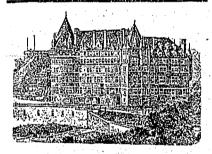
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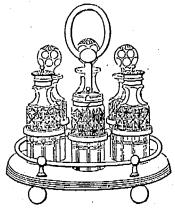
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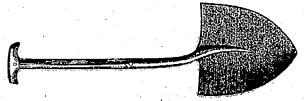
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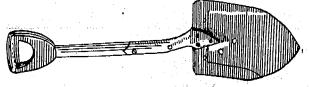
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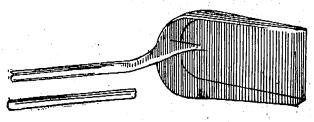
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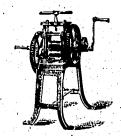
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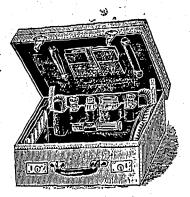


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