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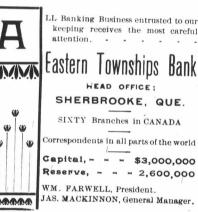
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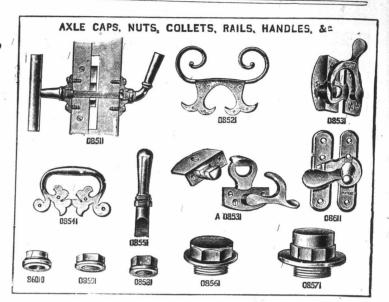
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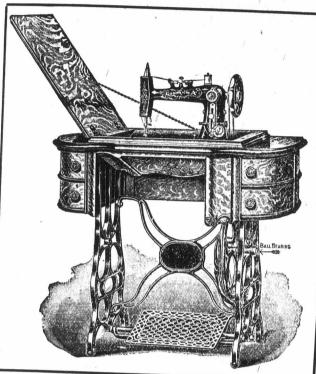
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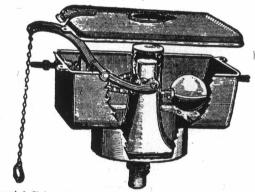
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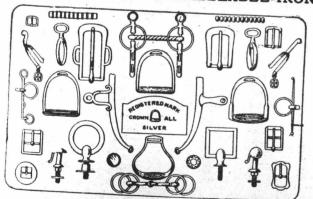
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-A system of free text-books in public schools is advocated in the report of the Ontario Text-Book Commission.

-Germany's foreign trade for the year 1906 was: Imports, \$2,085,000,000, an increase of \$225,750,000; exports, \$1,561,-000,000, an increase of \$1,500,000.

-The Standard Bank of Canada has opened an office in the town of Strath-roy, Ontario, under the temporary management of Mr. J. Neil Gordon.

Ottawa Clearing House total for week ending Jan. 31 1907, \$2.271,313; corresponding week last year \$1,949,678.— London Clearing House total for week ending Jan. 31, 1907, \$990,050.

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Canadians supplied 333 per cent, less than other countries.

—The Glasgow Herald, referring to the relief afforded the unemployed through emigration, says experience shows that many men who fail in Britain are yet successful in Canada. To the home community a change under such circumstances is a decided gain.

-Customs receipts for the Dominion during the month of January in the fiscal year 1905-6 amounted to \$4,093,293, an increase of \$531.571. For the seven months ending Jan. 31 the collections were \$30,344,628, an increase of \$4,052.513 over the same time the year before.

- Calgary is to have a new Canadian Pacific Railway station to cost \$200,000. While this seems a costly structure for a station, it is explained that Calgary is a divisional point of the system and at the present time the divisional offices are scattered in different buildings throughout the city.

—With regard to the report that the United States Steel Corporation is about to establish a large plant at Sandwich, Ont., it is authoritatively announced that in the event of this or any other company producing steel in Canada for export abroad the bounty resolutions now before Parliament will not apply to the export product.

Official figures have been issued which show that the working of the British Aliens Act passed by the late Government, but rendered nugatory by the present one, is ineffective and extravagant. Out of 463,500 arrivals there have been only 489 exclusions. The cost of working the Act is \$120,000 a year, making the expense of excluding an undesirable alien about \$200.

—The Customs receipts for the month of January show a considerable increase over those for the same period last year.

During the month of January the receipts at the Montreal Custom-house amounted to \$1,243.005, as compared with \$1,074,988 during the month of January, 1906, an increase of \$148,017, or about 30 per cent. of the increase of the month through the Dominion.

The Canadian Northern Railway is pushing work on the location surveys of its line between Ottawa, and Toronto. Seven parties are now out in connection with this work, and it is expected that contracts on a part of it at least will, be awarded in the Spring. It will take about two years to build. The contractor on the line between Hawkesbury and Ottawa states that the work is advanced so that by Fall Canadian Northern trains will be running between Ottawa and Montreal.

—A deputation of retail druggists from Ontario and Quebec waited upon Hon. Mr. Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue last week, to urge that in the contemplated Government measure regulating the sale of patent medicines no stamp tax be adopted. The deputation pointed out that the imposition of such a tax would affect the retailers rather than the patent medicine manufacturers. The deputation was headed by Mr. Geo. E. Gibbard of Toronto. The Minister promised that he would endeavour to see that no hardship would be imposed on the retailers.

—In Brussels, Malines and other Belgian towns a novel method of not only getting rid of smoke, but turning it to good account has recently been employed. The smoke is driven by a ventilating fan into a filter filled with porous material, over which a continuous stream of petroleum, benzine, alcohol or some liquid hydro-carbon flows. The result is that the smoke is entirely suppressed, while the filter yields a gas of great heating power, which can be used for domestic purposes and for driving engines. The filtering material itself also becomes a good combustible during the process.

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The earthquake clause upon which many of the insurance companies based their refusal to pay the full amount of policies on losses arising from the San Francisco disaster of last April was considered insufficient for exemption by the jury which heard the case of Thomas Bergin against the Commercial Union of London. The verdict was rendered last week before Judge Whitson in the Circuit Court. San Francisco, and judgment was in favour of the plaintiff for \$6.778. Judge Whitson directed that if the jury found that the fire originated from the earthquake, even remotely, the judgment should be for the defendant. The case was regarded as a test of the earthquake clause.

Patent Report.—The following Canadian and American patents have been recently secured through the agency of Messrs. Marion and Marion, Patent Attorneys. Montreal, Can., and Washington. D:C.:—Canada: Eugene L. Bazin, Nantes, France, processes for over-elevation and utilization of moving liquids; B. A. O. Prollius, Copenhagen, Denmark, centrifugal drums or apparatus: John W. Bacon, Enderby, B.C., baking pans; Emilien A. Manny, Beauharnois, Que., cattle guards for railways.—United States: Charles Billey, Paris, France, a portable apparatus for generating acetylene; Coloman de Kando, Budapest, Hungary, rotary current-motors connected in cascade systems; Messrs. Aube and Tremblay, Montreal, Que., smoke consumer.

Including its trust and savings departments, the First National bank of Chicago is now the largest in the United States. In its statement to the U.S. comptroller of the currency in response to the call of Jan. 26, it reports total deposits of \$104.656 071 in its national bank department and of \$35,715,636 in the trust and savings department. The total of both accounts, \$139,371.707, places the Chicago institution ahead of the National City Bank of New York, which heretofore has held the first rank in volume of deposits, and of the National Bank of Commerce of New York. The National City Bank of New York, in its statement of Jan. 26, reports deposits of \$117.000,000. The National Bank of Commerce takes second rank, with deposits of \$118,000,000.

Hon. Mr. Tessier, the new treasurer of Quebec made his first budget speech Jan. 31, showing that the receipts and expenditures had been as follows:—Ordinary receipts, \$5,340,166; ordinary expenditures, \$5.012,417; excess of ordinary receipts, \$327,749. The extraordinary expenditure paid out of ordinary revenue had been \$167,399. Thus the excess of the ordinary receipts over both ordinary and extraordinary expenditure had been \$160,349. The treasurer estimated that the revenue for the next fiscal year would be \$4,790,140, and the expenditure \$4,636,320, leaving a surplus of \$153,820. Announcement was made that the tax on commercial travellers had been abolished, and that the taxes on railways and other large corporations would be increased.

—A return brought down in Parliament at the request of Dr. Sproule, shows that four establishments for the cool curing of cheese were built at the expense of the Government. The one at Woodstock, Ont., cost \$32,904; Brockville, \$25,868; St. Hyacinthe, \$30,953; Cowansville, \$38,000. The number of cheese, respectively, cured in the different establishments last year were as follows:—Woodstock 8,923; Brockville, 12,430; St. Hyacinthe, 10,946; Cowansville, 4,325. Owing to the progress which had been made in connection with these establishments in the past five years the Government did not think there was any necessity for further operation by the Department of Agriculture. The establishments at Brockville and Woodstock had therefore been rented for the storing and curing of cheese, while negotiations are now pending for the disposal of the other two.

-The only bill of apparent general importance introduced in either branch of the Legislature at Albany was that of Assemblyman A. E. Smith, regulating the publication of printed reports or statements in referenc to the financial condition of life and fire insurance companies in the State of New York, and the value of their stocks and securities under the terms of the bill. It shall not be lawful for any person or corporation to publish such written or printed statements unless such publisher shall have assets over liabilities of at least \$100,000, and be licensed by the Superintendent of Insurance to make such publications. The sum of \$50,000 must be deposited by such person or corporation with the Superintendent of Insurance before a license is granted. This law, however, would not apply to newspapers. magazines or other publications that have been in the publishing business for at least ten years. Viclations are made misdemeanours, punishable by fine and imprisonment.

—Grover Cleveland, former president of the United States, was elected chairman of the association of life insurance presidents at the meeting of the executive committee of that organization held Jan. 31, in New York. Mr. Cleveland's election was unanimous, and he has accepted the position. The Association of Life Insurance Presidents, which was recently organized is composed of the executives of the principal life insurance companies of the United States. The object of the organization is to co-operate for all kinds of reforms which, the members claim, will increase dividends to the policyholders. Mr. Cleveland will also act as chief counsel for the association. In addition to these duties Mr. Cleveland will act as referee in cases of dispute between the companies. these services, he will receive from the association the salary For of \$25,000 a year. It was announced that Mr. Cleveland will also remain a trustee of the majority stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, but for these services he will receive no compensation from any source.

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- Speaking of the twelve bills affecting railroads, which are now in the hands of the U.S. House Committee, the "Railroad Gazette" says: "But there is a bill which ought not to die simply because it is in bad or doubtful company-the bill empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate accidents. Collisions of a magnitude to alarm the public do not seem to be growing less frequent, and the need of a judicial form of investigation and a determination of their causes is undisputed. The public, competent independent critics and farsighted railroad officers ask for this. The correction of those defects in railroad practice which have caused the notable train accidents of the past two years is not in all respects easy, and many of the features of the desired improvement in practice cannot be dealt with by a Government board to any profit: but as/a 'promoter of publicity' the Federal Government not only has a useful function in this particular field, but a plain duty. Letting such subjects go over from session to session, because of the exigencies of polities, is a sin."

The commerce and customs commissions of the chamber of deputies of France have reached an agreement on the imposition of duties on cottonseed and cottonseed oil imported from the United States. The latter yielded to the views of the former, in favour of the maximum and minimum conditions being extended to cover all vegetable oils. The customs commission's proposition to increase the tariff on cottonseed to 6 francs (\$1.14) per 100 kilograms will be retained, says the Paint. Oil and Drug Review. As the agreement makes its adoption by the chamber practically certain, Ambassador Mc-Cormick applied in advance for the imposition of the minimum tariff on American oils, and received assurances that it will be granted. A later report says that under the agreement arrived at with the United States ambassador on the subject of the imposition of duties on cottonseed and cottonseed oil imported from the United States the question will not be pressed as a rider to the budget, but will be brought up as a separate measure. This insures ample time for representations to be made in behalf of the American exporters and for their consideration by the French authorities.

-At a recent meeting of the Louisiana Planters' Association a speaker made the statement that alcohol can be made from molasses at 20 cents per gallon, which would give the planter 6 cents for his molasses f.o.b. tanks, whereas he now for what is known as agricultural distilleries, where the production of the owner or owners (many stills are run on a cooperative basis) is converted into crude alcohol for mechanical purposes. Some of these stills provide as small a quantity as 13.2 gallons (half a hectolitre) annually, while others are run on a large scale. The average production from this class of

stills. the agricultural, is from 132 to 264 gallons (5 to 10 hectolitres) annually. The German stills use potatoes principally, and in many sections where the land is not fertile and the market is distant the land would not be cultivated at all save for the possibility of producing a profit through distillation of the alcohol. There are 6.069 distilleries using potatoes alone in Germany and 57,635 small "material" distilleries using berries, fruits, wine and lees and waste products generally. It is expected that not only American sugar mills, but also fruit and vegetable canneries will soon take up the production of alcohol as a means of utilizing their waste products.

-Walter H. Linforth, chairman of the committe of the Transatlantic's San Francisco policyholders, states that he has received advices to the effect that the Transatlantic Insurance Co. of Hamburg, Germany, is going into liquidation and will probably settle all claims on a basis of 50 cents on the dollar. Dr. Gutsch, the representative of the Transatlantic policyholders of San Francisco, has cabled from Germany to the effect that on January 14 the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Co. signed and made a written proposition of settlement to the policyholders. A copy of the agreement has been mailed and will probably be in the hands of the local committee this week. From the cable advices, the action of the company in going into liquidation is in line with this compromise offer. condition attached to the offer is that 90 per cent. of the policyholders must agree to it. It is the intention of the policyholders interested in San Francisco to have Dr. Gutsch remain in Germany during the liquidation in the interests of the policyholders represented in the Transatlantic Policyholders' Association. Provided the proposition is accepted by the policyholders, Dr. Gutsch will attend to the details of collection in Germany. A meeting of the association will probably be held as soon as the statement arrives, and the terms will be discussed and answered.

--Justice Eady, in the Chancery Division of the London High Court of Justice pronounced judgment in favour of D. C. Haldeman, formerly London manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York and the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., in the suit of the Mutual company asking for an injunction and indemnities. Justice Eady said the plaintiff's case had wholly failed against both defendants. and it was therefore dismissed, with costs against the Mutual company. Justice Eady added that he was quite satisfied Mr. Haldeman had not done anything inconsistent with his duty. The circular alleged to have been sent out by Mr. Haldeman was really sent by the committee of the policyholders. Mutual Life Insurance Co. asked for an injunction and indemnities against Mr. Haldeman and the North British Co., alleging that while Haldeman was still in their employ he suggest-

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ed to the North British Co. a scheme to transfer the British policyholders of the Mututal to the North British, and that on the day of the termination of his engagement with the Mutual. Mr. Haldeman sent out a circular to all the British policyholders, inviting them to surrender their policies in the Mutual and transfer them to the North British. It was further contended by the Mutual that Mr. Haldeman wrongfully used information which he obtained as London manager for the

The Canada Gazette announces incorporation of the Copalt Club, with a share capital of \$40,000. The club's charter contains prohibition against sale or use of intoxicating liquors on the premises. Other companies incorporated are the J. Albert Thompson Co., Toronto; capital \$100,000.—The Kelly Island Lime Co., Windsor; capital \$40,000.—The Defiance Mfg. Co.. Toronto, capital \$40 000.—The Morton Baking Co., Windsor, capital \$40,000.—The Berlin Comb and Novelty Co., capital \$40.000.—The Garner Mfg. Co., Chesley; capital \$150.000.—The Mansion, Redman and Walder Co., Toronto; capital \$40. 000.—The German Development Co., Ottawa, is licensed with the powers granted under a Dominion charter.—The Canada Landed Securities Co., Toronto; capital, \$1,000.000.—The Love Brothers, Toronto capital, \$150,000.—The Ahmic Telephone Co./ Ahmic Harbour; capital \$25,000.—Cameron and Co., Ottawa; capital \$100,000.—The Standard Glass Co., Toronto; capital \$40.000.—The Foster-Dack Co., Toronto; capital, \$30,000.—The Biggar-Wilson Co., Toronto; capital \$40,000.—The Arbor Oil Co., and the Multi-Scale Co., American corporations, are licensed to do business in Ontario.—The Logan Bros., Renfrew; capital, \$50.000.—The Wm. Neilson Co., Toronto; capital, \$100.000.—The W. B. Bartram Co., Ottawa; capital, \$60,000/-The A. K. Jefferies Fur Co., Toronto; capital. \$40,-000.—B. Ryan and Co., Toronto; capital \$50,000.—The J. J. Gibbons Co., Toronto; capital \$100,000.

-Superintendent Kelsey made another visit to the Mutual Life and New York Life last Saturday and expressed to the inspectors of election satisfaction with the way they were counting the ballots. The Mutual's inspectors announced on Saturday that they had counted 145,000 votes. That is to say, 145,-000 votes have been put through a certain number of the different processes. One of the watchers who has been with the canvass from the beginning, estimated that it would take four months from the present time to complete it, and that as a matter of expense it would be cheaper for/the Legislature to decree a new election now under equitable conditions than to proceed with the present count which seems to be leading only into the courts. The New York Life inspectors have completed the preliminary tabulation of 42,325 votes out of the entire vote that came into the company by mail in the campaign. exclusive of the Administration Committee's votes. These votes classify as follows: +Administration ticket, good votes, 16,052; administration ticket, bad votes, 2,265; administration ticket, challenged, 17,390; policyholders' ticket, good votes, 4.335; policyholders' ticket, bad votes, 517; policyholders' ticket, challenged. 436; split tickets. good, 493; split tickets, bad, 769; split tickets challenged, 83; in "suspense" 7. This division of the votes would allow to the International Committee's ticket a proportion of the admitted votes approximating the claims made by the committee at the time of the election, and with its own vote added in would give it a chance to win. With the challenged votes thrown in, the administration's vote would appear greatly in excess of the committee's estimates. Chairman Alphonse Koeble, of the New York Life Inspectors of Election, is on record as saying after the resignation of Inspectors Kinkead and Marks that the International Committee's ticket didn't have a chance to win.

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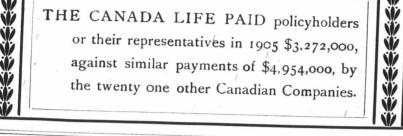
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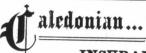
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THE DUTY ON BOOTS AND SHOES.

Boot and shoe manufacturers in Canada have been airing their grievances before the honourable the author of the Tariff at Ottawa. They claim that they have the sole right to supply the people of the Dominion with all the leather footwear they require, at reasonable rates, of course, and that any law which enables foreigners to poach upon what they deem their inalicnable rights as taxpayers is unjust to them. They point for example to the quantity of goods of the kind imported to this country during the last fiscal year, entered at the value of \$1,284,654, of which \$1, 216,000 worth were of United States ananufacture, a country that buys from us in return boots and shoes of the trifling value of \$24,800 in spite of the Preference. They point to Great Britain, also from whom we buy such goods to the value, of \$66,629, but which takes from us in return \$6,656, worth. Our total exports amount to only \$133,792, of which more than half go to Newfoundland and New Zealand. St. Pierre-Miquelon buys from us nearly as much as the Motherland; the West Indies nearly double. Even Austria has inserted the thin end of the wedge in Canada, notwithstanding our tariff.

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With a view, therefore, to some equitable adjustment of the tariff, delegations have been interviewing the Finance Minister, recommending that the duty be advanced at least ten per cent., that is, from 25 to 35 per cent. ad valorem. They contend that footwear is equally entitled to a 35 per cent. protection with gloves ("handschuh" in German) which we import to the value of \$1,168,000 annually, chiefly from Great Britain, \$436,230; France, \$341,740; Germany, \$168,660; the United States \$153,950, and Austria \$43,250. Both are equally covering for the body; and there is no longer, in Canada, at least, any reason for reckoning gloves among the luxuries which should be singled out to help the revenue, for all our people appear to be as well gloved as they are shod, as well in summer as in winter.

The successful Minister is reported to have asked the delegates whether 30 per cent. would not serve the purpose, but it was deemed insufficient. some hope that the duty may be raised to 35, equal to that on gloves.

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Complaint is heard occasionally concerning the prices of boots and shoes for town and city wear. We may, perhaps, point to the prices charged in Philadelphia, now the great centre of custom work in the United States, which are as high as \$15 a pair, while in Montreal dealers are content to get \$5 to \$6; and an excellent article may be bought at from \$3.50 to \$4. But retailers may prepare themselves for an early advance all round in the prices of leather and rubber goods.

ECONOMIES OF THE COTTON TRADE.

Returns recently received from the United Kingdom show that, notwithstanding the establishment of manufactories the world over, including the Colonies, the Motherland is holding her own among the nations. This may be seen in respect of the cotton trade the raw material of which must all be obtained from foreign countries.

The total laid-down value of raw cotton brought to the U.K. during 1906 reached \$280,626,020, an increase of \$16,924,446, or 7.1 per cent., as compared with the preceding year. After manufacturing and providing for home consumption the Motherland was enabled to export cotton goods to the value of nearly five hundred millions of dollars. Assuming, as explained in our issue of 8th January, 1904, that each inhabitant requires cotton cloth (piece goods) to the value of \$2.25, a liberal allowance in Canada, and we find that the British Isles are enabled to supply the needs of their own 42 millions (about) of people with cotton fabrics, and have goods to the value of \$498,012,075 for export, or a total output of \$592,512,075.

If similar calculations be applied to the Dominion we find that Canada imported during the last fiscal year raw cotton to the value of \$7,626,625 and, after distributing \$13,500,000 worth of cloth through traders for home consumption, was enabled to export cotton textiles

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to the value of over 2 million/dollars. But this does not fill the bill, for we find that Canada imported in the year '05 and '06 manufactured cotton (all goods) for home consumption to the value of \$10,150,000. these imports, printed, dyed or coloured fabrics represent \$3,608,500; white or bleached cottons amounted to \$1.275,000; clothing \$672,760; white embroideries (largely from Switzerland) \$536,600; sheets and quilts \$202,860; thread on spools \$355,700; handkerchiefs \$335,700; other sewing cotton \$405,000; socks and stockings \$314,370; velvets and plush fabrics of cotton \$470,000; curtains and shams \$634,000, etc. Many of these and other goods of cotton manufacture are not as yet made in Canada. Adding the above \$4,883,500 werth of imported piece goods to Canada's own supplies, and it will be seen that each of our 6 millions consumes about \$3 worth of cotton cloth per annum.

Our customers for manufactures of cotton are chiefly as follow:-China \$635,600; British Africa \$100,000; Australia \$100,000; New Zealand \$59,000; Newfoundland \$45,500; United States \$39,300; Mexico \$35,600; Japan \$26,900, and Great Britain \$33,625.

It will thus be seen that the cotton industry in Canada will require a good deal of nursing before we enter into competition with manufacturers who have as yet to pay for longer haulage of the great bulk of their raw materials

The returns from Great Britain, it will be borne in mind, cover miscellaneous goods made from cotton both for domestic consumption and for export. following table shows the value of unbleached cotton piece goods from Great Britain to Canada and tothe largest purchasers during 1906:

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Countries.	Yards.	Value.
British India	1,357,000,000	\$61,200,000
China	245.390,000	13,395,000
Turkey	140,000,000	6,940,000
Egypt	100,000,000	3,943,000
Japan	53,000.000	2,785,000
Straits and Malay	54,000,000	2,600,000
Belgium	54,500,000	4.820.000
East Indies	43.480,000	2.319.000
Germany	31,177,000	2,340,000
Australia	16,340,000	1,330,000
Argentina	25,000,000	1,257,000
Chili	24,000,000	1,075,000
Canada	4,367,700	274,820

All countries 2,325,752,000 \$113,857,000

The quantity, value and destination of bleached piece goods are as follow:

	Countries.		
	,	Yards.	Value.
	British India	466,400,00	00 \$22,370,000
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The quantity, value and destination of printed piece goods exported during the year 1906 are as follow:

Countries.					,
		*		Yards.	Value.
British India Turkéy				316,008.500	\$17.870.000
Turkey			22 24 100	128,174.000	7.152,000
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China			** ** **	48.437,000	3,200,000
Argentina Brazil				45.482.000	3.890,000
Australia				45,000.000	2.919.000
Canada			** ** **	32.894.000	3.192.000
9 9				20.328.200	1.534,435
All countries				1.131,600.000	\$70.818,000

Following are the quantity, value and destination of cotton piece goods, dyed or manufactured of dyed yarn, exported during the year 1906:

Countries.		
	Yards.	Value.
British India China Turkov	212,000,000	
Turkey	170.580.000	18.051.000
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Argentina Australia	56,500,000	
Australia	50.042.000	4,645,000
British Africa	44.469,000	3.600 000
	41,105,000	3,025,000
United States	37,698.000	6.404.600
Egypt	30,800.000	2.163.000
Thurs	28,757,000	1.928.000
Chili Foreign West Africa	24,000,000	1.781,000
Foreign West Africa	22,457,000	1.564,500
Japan	19.122.000	2,530,000
Germany Canada	18,178.000	1.970,000
Canada	15,771,000	2.107,710
All countries	1.119,406,000	\$93.844.500
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The total of piece goods of all kinds exported for the year was 6,261,300 yards, of which the value is given, free on board, as equal to \$376,950,000.

Among the countries who markedly increased their purchases during the year are British India, Turkey, Egypt, Columbia and Panama, Argentina, the Straits Settlements and Malacca, Venezuela, Australia, the United States, Chili, Belgium, Canada and Germany; there was a reduction in the purchases of China (large), Japan, the Dutch East Indies, Central America, Brazil, Uruguay, South Africa and Bombay.

The quality or cost of the goods may be readily ascertained by dividing the number of yards into the total value. For example the bleached goods bought by the U.S. cost upwards of eleven cents per yard: those for the Turkish market cost under 5 cents; for Argentina 734 cents; British Africa about 7 cents; Australia about 8 cents; the West Indies between 5 and 6 cents; Japan about 6 cents; Venezuela under 5 cents; Canada about 8 cents. But these goods vary in quality from those employed for the negro workers on tropical or subtropical plantations, to the material which enters into the making of the best class of men's shirts which cost from \$30 to \$60 a dozen, or the various grades of muslins worn by the fair sex in all habitable climes.

IRON AND STEEL.

Sufficient is now known of the history of 1906 to form an estimate of its character and history. It will certainly be remembered as a very remarkable year in many respects. First of all there is the fact that the volume of trade was beyond all precedent, but still, in contrast with other outstanding periods (notably 1871-1874) the advance in prices cannot be pronounced excessive. This was undoubtedly due to the continued increasing production in the States, and the fear associated therewith had a restraining effect on the course of prices. It may be well now to indicate the extraordinary progress of the trade, taking first the figures of production for the whole world, and following with those of the United States, Germany, and Great Britain during the last 27 years:

Production of Pig-Iron Over the Whole World.

1906. 1905. 1904. \$1903. 1900. 1890. 1880. Millions of tons . . 60 54 45 46 41 271/2 181/6

Production of Pig-Iron in the United States.

Production of Pig-Iron in Germany.

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Production of Pag-Iron in Great Britain.

1906. 1905. 1904. 1903. 1900. 1890. 1880. Millions of tons . . 101/4 91/2 81/2 9 9 8 73/4

On examining these figures we realize one fact, and that is how considerable the ratio of increase has developed during the last seven years. Taking eleven years, 1880-1890, the consumption of iron and steel throughout the world increased at the rate of about 4½ per cent. per annum, and in the period of 1890-1900 the result is about the same, whereas, taking the seven years 1900-6, the increase is over 7 per cent. annually. It may be that the latter period was exceptional, es-

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pecially the years 1905 and 1906, but in both of these periods there were good and bad years. In looking at the separate figures for the United States, it is seen where this great expansion was, for, comparing 1900 with 1906, it is equal to about 11 per cent. per annum. When it is remembered that the United States' exports in 1906 are less than 5 per cent. of the whole production, we can then estimate the enormous home consumption of that country; but it is well known that it has for some time enjoyed a prosperity beyond all precedent. It is because of the inability of many on the eastern side of the Atlantic to realize the enormous expansive power of the great Republic, that they have been nervous as to the ability of America to absorb the 25 million tons of iron and steel made during the past year. At present, however, it seems as if iron for prompt delivery were scarce when higher prices are being paid for it, beside which large purchases are being made of British iron and steel. In addition, it is stated that the manufacturers are well sold for about the first half of 1907. Having said so much about the trade of the United States, it may be as well now to indicate the course of prices in that country. back to the last revival we find that the price of No. 1 foundry pig-iron, which was \$10 to \$11 in the year 1897, rallied to \$25 in 1899. The last movement began towards the end of 1904, at which time the price was \$15; since then it has advanced, until the quotations to-day are \$25 to \$26 and upwards.

Is this state of things to continue? One fact may be noted, namely, that this growing ratio of expansion is taking place in a country of the highest civilization, which, owing to its natural attractions, is drawing away from the Old World millions of emigrants, who are forming new cities, with all the requirements of the present age, and this accounts for a great deal. If we remember that the United States takes 95 per cent. of its whole production for home consumption, whilst Great Britain takes only about 60 per cent., it will be understood how different are the conditions of the two. It is facts such as these which make it difficult to use the experience of the past as a guide for the future. and it may be that the expansion of the trade will now prove very different to what it has been. It is now about 50 years since Bessemer took out his patent for making steel, and for many years the effect was but slight, but now, thanks to the triple patents of Bessemer, Siemens-Martin, and Thomas Gilchrist, we are living in the age of Steel, and it is this which explains the development and growth of the last few years. Steel is now almost as cheap as iron. The quantity of basic steel made in the United States in 1905 was 7,815,-000 tons, in Germany 9,289,000 tons, and in Great Britain 1,373,000 tons. The production of basic steel is growing in the U.K., but it is far short of what it ought to be to meet the competition of America and Germany in foreign markets, new and old.

It will be seen from the figures already given the growth of production in the United Kingdom has been comparatively slow when compared with America and Germany; but it must be borne in mind that in addition to the quantity produced from English furnaces, England has for several years

past been importing, in the form of half-manufactured steel, etc., from 1,000,000 to 1,300,000 tons, all of which must be included to make up the total of her trade. Taken in this way, the production and imports in 1906 would be about 111/2 million tons, as compared with 81/2 millions in 1901, a result that may considered a very fair increase for a country such as Britain, which has been exposed to competition on all sides for some years

The special feature of the year was the large and continued demand for pig-iron from Germany, which resulted in the shipments from the East Coast being the largest on record. Taking Germany and Netherlands, the quantity shipped during the eleven months was 519,388 tons, a gain of over 300,000 tons when compared with the same period in 1905; Belgium took 130,634 tons, compared with 60,443 tons in 1905; and France 94,861 tons, compared with 41,201 tons in 1905. The United States also took an exceptionally large quantity, viz., 248,391 tons in eleven months, against 162,762 tons in 1905, and 51,385 tons in 1904. total exports of pig-iron for the eleven months were 1,498,002 tons, a gain of 531,233 tons over 1905.

The course of pig-iron prices was somewhat remarkable, and requires some explanation. To make the matter plan, we must go back to the end of 1904, when a powerful syndicate of well-known men in the North of England was formed for the purchase of a large quantity of Cleveland No. 3 warrants, in the expectation that the American trade, which was then beginning to indicate renewed activity, would so develop as to require large supplies of English pig-iron, as formerly had been the case on similar occasions. Disappointment was, however, experienced, and this operation in time led to a "corner" in warrants, which raised the price gradually to \$13.20 by May 19, 1905, but in a very short time thereafter the price fell to \$10.20. Towards the end of 1905 there was a decidedly improved feeling, caused by the extraordinary conditions of the U.S. trade and a marked revival in shipbuilding and other departments, which led to a steady advance until the former price was again reached by the close of the year. Strange to say, this improvement was not maintained in the early months of 1906, and the price again fell back to \$11.40, which was reached in March. The reaction was most difficult to account for or explain, but the failure of the leader of the syndicate early in April threw some light on this matter. There is little doubt that the syndicate, or their financiers. were left with a very large quantity of warrants on their hands, as the stock in public stores had increased over 200,000 tons in the two months during which great efforts were made by the "bears" to prevent the threatened "corner." But this was not all; similar tactics continued to be pursued, and large deliveries were made into the public stores in Middlesbro' week by week, until the stock, which was only 78,275 tons in August. 1904, had swollen to 747,505 tons by March, 1906; and it was the continued pressure of this increasing quantity competing with the syndicate's holding which led to the fall early in this year. During the summer months prices improved until \$12.36 was reached by the end of July, and in August and September there

was a further advance to \$13. In October the public seem to have become alive to the strong position of pig-iron, owing to the large trade doing with Germany and the United States, and the price rapidly advanced to 13.92, and in November and December the price further rose, till \$15.24 was reached on December 5th. This rapid rise led to a general realizing of profits, and there was a reaction to \$14.58 towards the close of December. There is little change in the general conditions. Makers are all well sold ahead. Shipments from this country are beyond previous records, and the reserve stock in store at Middlesbro' has been reduced about 150,000 tons since March, and seems likely to be reduced further, as there were still large shipments to be made to Germany and the United States.

The rise in pig-iron was followed lately by 'an advance of about \$2.40 per ton in all descriptions of iron and steel. The position of the latter is rather peculiar owing to the exceptional strength of hematite pig-iron. For a good portion of the year hematite was in slow demand, owing to the quietness in shipbuilding and steel rails. In consequence, furnaces making hematite were changed on to foundry iron, and the supply is found now to be rather short, and prices exceptionally high. The difference between No. 3 Cleveland and hematite at the close of the year was about \$4.32 per ton, which is a little higher than usual, but it is justified by the exceptional conditions, and the fact that prices of ore and coke are the highest known for many years. Galvanized sheets in England were about \$7.20 per ton higher.

Tin-plates, under the same influences as steel, coupled with the exceptional price ruling for tin, advanced 60 cents per box during the year, and look like going dearer, as the demand is improving. There is little to be said about tin, except that it has remained under \$972 per ton for some time, and there is the prospect of larger supplies of Banka tin, as well as of increased shipments from Bolivia, China, and other countries.

Some interest is being manifested in Canada over expectations that the Government may establish the payment of a bounty of so much per ton on shipping via the St. Lawrence route. Every reasonable encouragement should be given for such purposes, but all people recognize the equity of beginning at home.

Our neighbours are recognizing the importance of being ready at an early day to apply labour-saving machinery to the loading and unloading of ores where, as in the case of iron, they occur in very large quantities and convenient to vessels or wharves.

We are beholden in Canada to the trade over the border for annual statistics which are in some respects, perhaps, made to order after a manner which strong rivalry would seem to warrant, and of which we have witnessed conspicuous examples lately.

According to this guesswork information the output of pig iron by six leading iron countries shows increase of at least 5,500,000 tons over their output in 1905. The remaining countries, including Russia, will probably show no gain. The production of the leading iron-

producing countries for 1906, their increase, and the per cent of the increase can be estimated as follows (in tons):

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Country. Production.	Increase.	Inc.
United States	2,908,000	11
Germany	1.420,000	13
England	807,000	8.5
	150,000	5
Belgium	30,000	2
628 000	160,000	34
	5,475,000	11
Other countries. 53,030,000 Total for world 5,340,000		
Total for world	5,475,000	10

From this it is evident that with continued prosperity the world's production will overtop the 60,000,000 ton mark in 1907. The production, during the last half of 1906 is considerably above 30,000,000 tons. In the United States furnaces to have a capacity of at least 8,000,000 tons per year are in course of construction. Germany expects to increase about 1,500,000 tons in 1907 from new furnaces, and England as well as several other countries are preparing to make moderate gains in their output of iron in the near future.

The gain for 1905 and 1906 has been 13,500,000 tons. Since 1900 the increase has been 10,008,000 tons, to 59,000,000, a change the more remarkable since there was no material gain in either 1901 or 1904.

The increase in the world's output of iron at periods five years apart has been as follows:

Year											Production.	Increase.	In p.e
1906											59,000,000		~
1900							į,				40,000,000	18.600,000	4
1895											29,000.000	11,400,000	4
1890											27,000,000	2.000,000	
1885												8,000,000	4
1880									•		19,000,000	1.000,000	
1875									•		18.000,000	4.300,000	3
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These figures are given for what they may be worth, more or less.

THE ONTARIO BANK TRIALS.

Two important decisions have been rendered by the courts in Toronto since the issue of the Journal. of Commerce last week. One was the verdict condemning Charles McGill, general manager of the defunct Ontario Bank, to five years' imprisonment for reasons already enlarged upon in these columns. The curious may consult the Index to our 63rd volume, furnished with the first number of January last. On the following Monday the ex-president of the bank, Mr. George R. R. Cockburn, was acquitted of the charge brought against him of having, with guilty knowledge, signed the monthly statements of the bank as furnished to the Government at Ottawa.

It were superfluous to say that both cases were fully ventilated and every opportunity given for the defence. It is ill arguing with people who have lost their money, and there are many shareholders who believe that there are more nounced bank are public, victimiz more or tions are there is the erri erect be liely deruged.

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fully nce. ney, here are more guilty ones than the one who has been so pronounced. Much, doubtless, of the inner history of the bank and its unfortunate manager remains to be made public, and although it can do but little good to the victimized shareholders to know who were accomplices more or less in the general manager's downfall, his actions and modes of living and planning of late years, there is some relief in being able to point fearlessly to the erring ones outside the bank who walk with heads erect because they have not been found out, or yet publicly denounced. Readers are welcome to whatever they may discover between the lines.

So far as the country at large is concerned it was most fortunate that the collapse was precipitated at a time when credit and prosperity were at high-water mark, and that the intervention of our greatest financial institution was so promptly and wisely applied to prevent any semblance of a panic. The punishment meted out to the arch sinner—the poor deluded unfortunate criminal in the case—will go some distance to carry a little consolation to those shareholders who, with their poor dependants, have lost their all in the smash. The philosophic among them are too often reminded of the fact so well expressed by Anacharsis, Prince of Seythia, in days long anterior to the time when the Lombards were driven—owing to the seizure by Charles I. of £200,000 sterling stored by them in the Tower of London—to establish banking where it has ever since had its principal centre— that "Laws are like cobwebs, where the small flies are caught, and the great ones break through."

THE CANADA PERMANENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION.

It is with no diminished sense of pleasure that we read the 7th annual statement of this eminent and staunch institution, as placed before the periodic yearly gathering of the shareholders at the head-office in Toronto on Tuesday last. The most important features show substantial advances all along the line. The Net Earnings for the year were \$634,048, or \$88,842 greater than those for 1905; the usual Dividends amounting to \$360,000, were distributed; the Reserve Fund was increased by a quarter of a million dollars; and \$68,756 was placed to credit of the Profit and Loss account. The Reserve Fund was thus raised to \$2,450,-\$090, an important earning factor in the resources of the Corporation. The following comparisons will show more readily the progress made during 1906:

	1906	1905.	Increase.
Deposits	\$3,639,052	\$3,443.334	\$ 195.718
Sterling debentures	9,545,743	9,048,385	the second second second
Currency debentures	3.865.304	3,860,734	
Debenture stock	446,760	446,760	No change.
Reserve Fund	2,450,000	2,200,000	250.000
Mortgages	23,051.182	22,473,550	
Call and short loans Munic. Debentures, etc		1.506,184	198,444
Real estate acquired by Deed	529,744	434,909	84,835
or Foreclosure	None.	None.	No change.

The last item, which in 1903 stood at \$37,720, in 1904 at \$786, and in 1905 at \$600, has no longer a place on the books of the Corporation, an evidence of exceptional care in the selection of properties for securing loans. This is a feature of which the Corporation may well feel proud. The other principal items of the table tell their own tale.

The Joint General Managers, Messrs. R. S. Hudson and John Massey, the Directors, including the President, Mr. W. H. Beatty, the Vice-President, Mr. J. Herbert Mason, and the Second Vice-President, Mr. W. G. Gooderham, who were all re-elected, and the shareholders of the Canada Permanent are to be congratulated upon the successful results of the business of the Corporation for the year covered by the Report, which will be found on another page of this number.

THE GAS AND ELECTRICITY QUESTION.

The first chapter in the gas and electricity supply in Montreal is finished, resulting in a victory for the aldermanic friends of the Light, Heat and Power Co. by a merely/nominal majority of 21 to 19; any more would not be worth their salt.

The victory was accomplished by a resort of the compact majority to a system of tactics unusual in these times. We should have to go back to the days preceding the reign of Charles the 1st to find a similar precedent in any deliberate body.

Here was a measure elaborate in its details, prepared, according to its reputed author, involving questions complicated in its bearings and legal phraseology as well as to the actual meaning of many portions of it, that may well puzzle the keenest well-trained legal mind—which its reputed author cannot very well pretend to possess.

Notwithstanding that, when the stalwart champions of what they considered the rights and best interests of the citizens claimed—that the measure should be considered clause by clause, as is always the course adopted in such important matters, the claim to that right was refused in rather a brusque manner and, by the mere force of a preconcerted amendment that shut off all discussion, the whole measure was jammed through at one meeting.

It seems almost incredible that such a result could be reached in these days, but there it is now, and what the final outcome may be is another matter. The general feeling is one of indignation, as any one may gather in conversation with respectable citizens. The result is condemned by the newspapers, with the exception of one English and one French, and their reasons for more or less approval may perhaps be explainable. All public organized bodies in the city, representative in the whole of all classes of citizens, have expressed in strong terms their disapproval of the course pursued, but their views are treated with disdain by the solid compact majority of aldermen well trained and disciplined.

A standing argument of the majority was that its opponents had no alternative policy to offer, and this is,

since the vote, repeated abroad. This is far from the truth. It is well known that many important amendments were prepared for consideration if the proper course of considering the measure clause by clause had been adopted. If these amendments had been considered, possibly a better result might have been obtained.

The falsity of the statement that there was no alternative policy offered is proven by the previous action of the Council itself when, some weeks ago, it authorized the application to the legislature for the passage of the Bill dealing in a vigorous and practical manner with this and other important civic matters, now before the legislature. That authority was given, if we remember aright, without much opposition, and it was only some time after that the now celebrated Payette proposal was incubated as if to defeat the legislation contemplated.

At this writing we have no information as to whether or not the Light and Power Co. will accept the offer of the majority of the City Council. Speculation on the street is/divided on the question. Some think the Company will accept, as the terms and conditions are tempting, because it would practically give it a monopoly in their business for the next 23 years, at Other shrewd observers of what is going on least. opine that the Company will be in no hurry to give an answer until after the session of the legislature is so far advanced that the City Bill will have no chance to pass this year; in that case matters will remain as before, the Company having the power and the right of way to charge the public according to their own sweet will.

In view of the present position of this vital matter it will be of interest to know what course of action the aldermen who are to go to Quebec to watch the city's Bill, will take. Some of them are known to be fast friends of the Payette proposal, as the votes taken upon it clearly showed.

Curiosity will be aroused on that point without any question or doubt.—Some real estate men and contractors are hopeful over the result.

TAPPING THE WIRES.

A mild sensation has been sprung upon the citizens of Toronto. It seems that a telephone message was tapped by some listener to whom information had been conveyed that the "Central" had been called up to connect with a certain person whose name was given. The listener probably heard something not intended for his ears. The Globje of Toronto gives prominence to the incident, and says that "the Company has the machinery for a system of espionage" more than Russian in its perfection.

"Every schoolboy knows" that conversations over the telephone are occasionally heard by persons for whom they are not intended as well as by those who are called. Transactions on 'Change are heard by cars other than those of the operator asked for; confidential prices are arranged between merchants or brokers or agents; even the butcher and the grocer have been known to send orders astray, and Mrs. Jonez and Mrs. Wilhelms, or

their housekeepers, have been known to get credit for intimate communion with the "spirits" because they can foretell the principal dish intended to grace next Sunday's dinner-table. There have been some awkward betrayals of confidence between Hockey directors or players, and even engagements for a dance or "sitout" at "our ball" are received by the wrong party. Were the good people resident on Peel Street to hear some of the messages over the wire they might fancy that this respectable street had not been sufficiently swept or cleaned out by the special snow brigade of last winter.

But this characteristic leakage is not an invention or discovery of telephone companies or users. Any one who has been obliged to spend a lonely evening hour at a railway station remembers the ticking of the little instrument within, and may have met there one skilled in reading the sounds, the dots and dashes of the Morse alphabet, as they convey intelligence from places perhaps hundreds of miles away,—and received information intended for the morning newspaper, for the Cabinet Minister, or for some anxious watcher for him who has escaped from a wreck on sea or shore.

What is heard over the telegraph wires, going day and night, may mar or make the fortune of a budding millionaire, very often by the mere accident of having the opportunity.

It is to be hoped that the gentlemen guiding the destinies of the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada with such commendable sagacity as they have hitherto shown, may be fortunate enough by means of this little breeze to purge the service of the irrational use of the instruments by subscribers (and their friends) for long conversations over the wires, often on the most trivial matters, while the man of business in reply to repeated calls upon "Central" is told by the gentle-voiced operator that "the line's busy, sir," and business of importance must wait until some people yet in their teens are discussing the play or the game of the previous evening, or older ones what somebody paid for those beautiful furs she wore in the box last night.

It is needless to say that the Company denies any knowledge of espionage over the wires of their system.

THE LATE PHILIP S. ROSS.

There passed away at his residence in Montreal on Saturday last, in the 80th year of his age, Mr. P. S. Ross, for years the last surviving member of the old Official Assigners appointed under the Government Insolvency Law of 1875. Mr. Ross was a native of that portion of the Emerald Isle where mathematic and accounting would seem to be indigenous to the soil. Shortly after coming to Canada from his alma mater in Glasgow, he engaged in mercantile pursuits which he abandoned on the enactment of the Insolvency Law and was favoured by prominent corporations and individuals with all that he could attend to in his new calling. For years past three of his five sons. Messrs. J. G., A. F. C., and John W. Ross. have carried on the business of public accountants, the respected gentleman himself having practically retired from active life. One of his sons, Mr. W. G. Ross, is secretarytreasurer of the Montreal Street Railway Co.; another son, Mr. P. D. Ross, owns and conducts the Ottawa Journal. family and relatives may long cherish the memory of the honourable man whose remains were followed to their last resting place on Monday afternoon by a large concourse of friends and acquaintances

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An occasional correspondent writes:-The past year in this section was, on the whole, highly properous. A marked change characterized agriculture here. In the past, wheat was the mainstay, but is now little grown, the coarser grains, oats, barley and rye, mainly the two former, having supplanted it, and of these the crops could not but make the heart of the most stolid glow with pleasure or thankfulness, standing, as they did, higher than the fences and fat and rich looking. In even its palmy days, wheat would play a poor second to another crop that has jumped into prominence—clover seed, In many cases this has actually yielded in a single crop more than the value of the land it grew upon. Of course, high prices prevailed, alsike from \$6 to \$7 a bushel and mammoth 25 per cent, higher. To give one instance, Mr. David McCutcheon of Mulmur took home as the proceeds of two loads over \$900. It is quite a bonanza to those who have land favourable for its growth. But generally prices were excellent—oats started at 26c, gradually erept up to 30c; barley 45c; peas (not much grown) 60c to 70c; rye 50c to 60c; butter 21 to 23c-so that the farmers' cup of luck was filled to overflowing. Feeding stock is now largely the rule, and Shelburne exports very largely hogs and cattle, not less than three hundred thousand dollars' worth in a season-not a bad showing for a village of 1,200 people, prices were excellent, too. Fruit was a fair crop, and with other knickknacks, such as fowls and eggs, helps the farmers' wives and daughters to tog out to kill; and dwellings and out-buildings, reflected prosperity that has wiped out the chattel mortage, and the land one easy to meet.

One matter more and I'll close. It is said corporations have no souls, and this produced the one drawback on this The railroad in possession of the miracle of prosperity. land, i.e., being the only road here, ignoring the duty it owed to those who for long years supplied freight that made this line a splendid paying one, coolly shipped freight cars to the West, or for some cause failed to furnished an adequate supply. The result was great loss to farmers and those who owned elevators for these getting filled. The speculator could not buy or sell, and the farmer, in many cases, had to return home with his load. The result was great inconvenience and loss to all parties, that in the case of stock was in many cases aggravated by the dentention, resulting in exposure of stock to cold, wet, snow and starvation, waiting for cars promised, but

which failed to materialize.

THE LUMBER SITUATION.

In an article on the lumber situation the Lumber Trade Journal says:-Prices on white pine lumber in the Buffalo and Tonawanda markets were officially advanced on Jan. 2, due to a marked shortage in certain grades and the extremely bullish conditions at manufacturing points touching next season's supplies. We outline below the advances made, but notwithstanding the radical action taken it is freely stated that the new schedule will not apply for the whole year, and perhaps only for a few months, owing to the situation at mill points. The conditions governing supplies at Canadian mill points is authentically reported to be even more bullish than in the West. With the two new transcontinental railroads now building through the Dominion, together with an enormous local demand due to land speculation and real estate operations, the home consumption is of such an attractive nature in regard to prices as to place the producers in a very independent position in the matter of sales for future delivery to the States, or export, with the result that the prices which are now being asked for common lumber at Canadian points are from 20 to 40 per cent, higher than those asked for the same stock at this time last year, while there is an absolute refusal to give any

prices on next season's cut, or to make any yearly contracts, the longest agreements on current business covering only a few months. Of course, the enormous utilization of lumber in the building of the railroads mentioned is an important factor in the present situation, and will be even more so next year. The Canadian market in regard to the better grades of lumber is not quite so severe, but prices on this class of stock are moving upward in sympathy with the general situation.

Authentic reports from the Western pine regions are pretty much of the same tenor. Wages for woodsmen have almost doubled, as they have in Canada, to say nothing of the appreciation in stumpage and the other expense factors which enter into the creation of a market, and viewing the white pine situation as a whole, the outlook would seem to preclude all possibilities of anything but a bull market for this year.

Georgian Bay pine has been advanced \$3 per thousand for next year's delivery. Eddy Bros. and Co., operating on Blind River, Ont., has sold its entire cut of 1907, estimated at 30,000, 000 feet, for from \$22 to \$25 per thousand, long run. Moulthrup Lumber Co. has sold its output, 17,000,000 feet, at the same prices. These prices indicate that pine will sell.at \$30, deliverd on docks on the American side. The duty is \$2 per thousand.

INDIGO.

A report from Calcutta, states that the indigo crop of India has fallen off until the importance of it is regarded as at the minimum.

This is due to the general use of manufactured bluing, which, though inferior to indigo, is preferred on account of its cheapness. The export of indigo ten years ago, 1895-6, amounted to 187,337 cwt., valued at \$17,848,370. In 1905-6 it had fallen off to 31,186 cwt., valued at \$1,954,592. The United States took 1.530 cwt. of the last crop as against 4,334 cwt. taken in the year previous. The decrease was gradual for eight years, when the planters gave up the fight with synthetic indigo, and turned their attention to other crops that promised better returns for their labour. There were 380,663 acres planted to indigo the last year, as against an average of 1,-112.661 acres in the year when indigo planting was profitable.

There is a demand for indigo which can not be met with artificial dye, and this demand will doubtless continue. contraction of the Indian product caused a rise in the London market of 18 cents per pound this year. The rise in price has stimulated the planting of indigo to some extent, especially in the irrigating districts of the Punjab, where the best indigo is raised at the least cost. The total area of the Punjab crop of 1995-6 is now officially reported at 46.084 acres, 44,830 of which is in the three districts of Multan, Muzaffargarh and Dera Ghazi Khan, where the crop is grown under irrigation only. Egypt is the largest buyer, the United Kingdom standing next. Persia was a heavy buyer, but her purchases shrunk 55 per cent. last year. Many planters who formerly planted most of their acres to indigo state that they are now raising cotton instead of indigo. Some indigo plantations are now growing cotton, flax, rubber and other crops.

Other dyeing and tanning materials, such as cutch, myraboloms, and tumeric have received more attention since the displacement of indigo. Last year the report of cutch amounted 55.070 cwt., and tumeric 49,545 cwt. The consumption of indigo and other dye products is increasing in India, and as the manufacture of woollens and coloured cottons increase the demand for dyes will increase. The Indian is fond of bright colours, and he prefers the non-fading colours which will make a strong demand for the staying dies.

The committee dealing with the scheme for the re-building of Kingston, Jamaica, decided to ask the Imperial Government to grant a loan of \$5.000.000 at a low rate of interest, repayable in 20 years, and also for a grant to aid in re-building.

BAY OF QUINTE NOTES.

A Board of Trade and a Mining Association have been formed in Madoc. with prominent men as officers. -The vote on the proposed by-law to guarantee a loan of \$10,000, to be secured by the Deseronto Furniture Co., was carried by the ratepayers of that town by a practically unanimous vote. Of a total of 308 votes cast, 302 were in favour of the passage of the by-law and six only against it. Deseronto will, therefore, have the largest industrial establishment of its kind in Ontario. It is expected to be in operation by August, and work on the building will be commenced at once. It is believed that the ratepayers have by their action in so emphatically endorsing the by-law paved the way for other industries to follow. There is already talk of other manufacturers locating in Deseronto, attracted there by the excellent shipping facilities the town possesses. Deseronto has competitive freight rates on two continental lines of railway, and a third line will shortly be added. The harbour, too, is the best on the Canadian shore of Lake Ontario, giving added opportunity for shipment in the Descronto is centrally located from great centres of consumption, Montreal and Toronto, so that it is altogether a favourable spot for factory purposes.

Not since the discovery, in 1866, of the famous Richardson Mine in the Township of Madoc, which led to a mad rush to the new El Dorado, has there been so much excitement over any find in the Hastings mining region as there is now in Madoc over the discovery of a rich vein of gold-bearing rock about nine miles north of the village. A sample about ten pounds in weight, of the vein matter taken to Belleville, and closely inspected by mining engineers, was pronounced the richest sample of gold-bearing rock that has been seen there since the Richardson. It consists of mulky quartz dolemite and black country rock. It is literally studded with gold, which shows in speeks of varying size in the dolomite as well as in the quartz. Such ore would yield several thousands of dollars to the ton. -P. McAlpine has purchased the blacksmith shop and agricultural implement business at Marysville for many years conducted there by Michael Ryan.

STENCILLING WALL PAPER.

Stencilling is now used quite extensively in the production of artistic wall coverings and especially for fillings and friezes. says the Canadian Decorator. In carrying out this class of decoration the wall paper is unrolled and laid out on long tables or benches to facilitate the application of the stencil plates, those of metal being most highly recommended on account of their greater rigidity and weight. It is necessary that the paper should be first grounded in well bound distemper, except in the case of ingrains, silk fibres and other/papers of a similar nature. Under favourable conditions considerable speed can be attained on these, the workmen readily becoming more expert with such a large number of repetitions, even where blended and shaded effects are required. Special stencilling brushes are used for this. These are as large as a man's head, and are supplied with colour from pads which are moistened by an assistant as required, instead of being dipped in the pots. Both a circular and stippling motion are employed in executing the patterns, a dry brush being kept for blending and softening the colours. Considerable care is necessary to maintain a certain amount of mechanical accuracy so that the matching will come out all right. When it is found advisable to treat a paper after it has been hung, for instance, in cases where a plain filling is not desirable, the style of ornamentation may be chosen after the frieze has been placed in position on the wall, and should be done in colours which harmonize without competing too strongly with these of the frieze

—The January production of the Rand mines is estimated at 550,000 ounces fine gold. The December output was 550,167 fine ounces; November, 533.373. Value of the above estimate reckoning one ounce roughly at \$211/4, is \$11,687.500.

Meetings, Reports, etc.

CANADA PERMANENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation was held in the Head Office of the Corporation, Toronto Street, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. at 12 o'clock noon.

In the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. W. H. Beatty, the chair was taken by the First Vice-President, Mr. W. G. Gooderham. The Secretary, Mr. George H. Smith, was appointed secretary of the meeting, and read the report of the Directors for 1906 and the General Statement of Assets and Liabilities, which are as follows:-

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors herewith submit to the Shareholders Seventh Annual Statement of the business of the Corporation, duly verified by the Auditors.

The net profits for the vear were \$634,048.39 after deducting all ascertained losses, interest on borrowed capital, expenses of management, and all other charges. This sum, with the unappropriated profits of \$44.708.50 as at December 31st, 1905, amounted to \$678,756.89, which amount has been disposed of as follows:

Two half-yearly dividends of three per cent. each	
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Our total Assets now amount to \$26,206.337.54. tion of \$250,000 to the Reserve makes that fund \$2,450,000, The addiequal to more than forty per cent. of the paid-up Capital Stock.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Toronto. January 22nd, 1907.

W. H. BEATTY,

President.

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R. S. HUDSON, JOHN MASSEY,

Joint General Managers.

We beg to report that we have made an audit of the accounts, and examined the vouchers and securities of the Chanada Permanent Mortgage Corporation for the year 1906. certify the accompanying Statement is a true exhibit of the Corporation's affairs as shown by the books as at 31st December, 1906.

A. E. ØSLER, A.C.A., HENRY BARBER, F.S.A.A. (Eng.). Auditors.

Toronto, January 22nd, 1907.

The adoption of the Directors' Report was then moved by the First Vice-President, Mr. W. G. Gooderham, and seconded by the Second-Vice-President, Mr. W. D. Matthews. motion was unanimously carried.

The election of Directors resulted in the re-election of Messrs, W. H. Beatty, W. G. Gooderham, W. D. Matthews, J. Herbert Mason, Ralph K. Burgess, George F. Galt, Winnipeg. George W. Monk, S. Nordheimer, R. T. Riley, Winnipeg, and Frederick Wyld.

The Board met after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting and re-elected the following officers:—President, W. H. Beatty; Chairman of the Board, J. Herbert Mason; First Vice-President. W. G. Gooderham; Second Vice-President, W. D. Mat-

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

In Ontario recent assignments include J. W. Walker, agent. Orillia; Jos. Bazinet. trader. Cobalt; David Stinson, confectioner, Fenelon Falls; B. G. W. Glynn, general store. Mount Elgin; J. F. W. Paterson, planing mill, Hensall; H. Steinberg, clothing, Sault Ste. Marie; Minto and Barber Co., grocers, Toronto; The H. G. Simpson Building Co., Niagara Falls, is financially embarrassed. Walker Bros., shoes. Port Hope, are preparing a statement of affairs for creditors.

A number of small assignments are noted in this province, chiefly in Montreal. Robert Ritchie has been appointed liquidator to the Montmagny Light and Pulp Co.. Montmagny. signments include G. L. Lamb pork packer, city; J. P. Provencher, trader, Plessisville and A. Robert and Co., grocers, St. Jerome. Plourde and Sirois, grocers, city, are offering to N. Piche and fils. general store and lumber, Causepscal, have compromised at 50c on the dollar, cash. David Gustave a small city shoe dealer has been compelled to assign. A. D. Armand, hardware, city, are obtaining an extension. P. Bruneau, a city grocer, has failed for \$6.000 to \$8,000. failure of Jas. Currie, tailor, city, is announced, and he probably owes upwards of \$3.000. J. A. Duke and Co., mfrs., shippers, city have assigned. Adolphe Gaudry, hardware, city, has failed. Albert St. Cyr, grocer. Quebec, is offering 40c on the dollar, cash. Pierre Marimier, hotel, St. Agathe, has assigned, and a meeting of creditors has been called. Denis Chase, tins, St. Guillaume, has succumbed; also Moise Boucher, harness, St. Johns. E. A. Tremblay, general store, St. Irene, is offering a compromise of 30c on the dollar cash. A meeting of the creditors of Jeremie Marchand, pianos, Valleyfield, has been Reports from the Maritime Provinces state that Chas. Rich, dry goods, Chatham, N.B., has assigned to the sheriff. H. J. Bourgeois, boots and shoes, Moncton, is offering 50c on the dollar. E. W. Patterson, dry goods, St. John, has as-

From the North-West comes news of the assignment of Wilfred Ledoux, general store, Armaud. The estate of Beard and Walton, storekeepers, Cupar, is to be wound up. In Alberta, R. W. Good, jeweller, Innisfail, and Mrs. N. Stiles, fruits, same place, have assigned. S. J. Brailo, trader, Rossland, is offering to compromise. C. S. Windsor, salmon canner, New Westminster, and J. D. Peebles, hotel, Stanley, have assigned.

Ernest Mackay, doing business as Le Monde Illustre, Album Universal and Montreal Photo Engraving Co., has assigned on demand of Dr. John W. Mackay of Quebec. The liabilities are \$30,000 to \$35,000 and there are 135 creditors for small amounts. The chief creditors are: Merchants Bank, \$15,000; Canada Paper Co., \$5.729; Garand Terroux, \$700, and Hon. N. Perodeau, \$958. A petition to continue the publication of the paper has been granted by the court. Some time ago there was a proposal to form a joint stock company with a capital of \$100.000, but the project was not carried out. The present owner is commonly supposed to have paid too much for the

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE DUTY ON BOOTS AND SHOES.

Dear Sir.

In a leaderette appearing in the Montreal Witness of the 2nd instant, the editor makes some statements concerning the history of the boot and shoe trade. After referring to the visits of boot and shoe manufacturers to the Finance Minister lately "begging and praying for an increase of duty on fine shoes from 25 to 35 per cent." the editor says: "Before "the introduction of the protective policy, the boot and shoe "manufacture was Montreal's staple industry. It flourished "exceedingly. Almost every manufacturer grew very rich. "No shoes were then imported from the United States.

As one who can readily recall the "good old times" which the Witness says blessed the trade before the era of high protective duties dawned upon the country. I would direct his attention to the names of Montreal's wholesale boot and shoe houses existent in those days. We had Brown and Childs, Muliarky and Co., McCready and Co., James Cooper and Co., R. McCready and Co., N. Valois and Co., Wm. McLaren and Co.; Pinkerton. Whitham and Co.; O'Brien and Co., F. Stafford and Co., M. Donovan and Co.; Smith, Cochrane and Co.; Linton and Cooper; Ames, Holden and Co. J. and T. Bell, Slater and Perry, Valois and Labelle, Thompson and Co., R. Smardon and Co., G. L. Rolland and Co., James Popham and Co., W. D. Miller and Co., Mathewson and Co. (succeeded in the late 60's by Smyth' and Edmonson), Z. Lapierre, J. Fogarty and E. Angers.

Of the above 25 houses there are but 5 remaining. The 20 others would doubtless have continued the business had there been any inducement to do so. I should not omit to mention that the surviving 5 houses with two or three who recently entered the field are evidently on the high road to prosperity, although there are complaints of too keen competition to allow of adequate returns for their investments. Many of the 20 firms were out of the running before the effect of the high tariff had had time to develop, and the same may be said of many wholesale houses in Toronto, Quebec, and other cities. them wisely retired; but any misfortunes that followed others of the 25 had overtaken them before the development of the so-called National Policy. Among the wholesale shee manufacturers who have survived all the vicissitudes of the 30 odd years,—1 mean the 5 above referred to—are the following: James Linton and Co., The Ames, Holden Co., The McCready Co., J. and T. Bell and The Slater Shoe Co.

By giving place to this letter you will oblige many readers Yours truly,

Montreal, Feb. 5th, 1907.

SOUTER JOHNNIE

WHAT CANADA BUYS (C.).

Summary Statement of Foreign Merchandise Imported into Canada; the Quantity and Value entered for Consumption under the General and Preferential Tariffs, the Duty Collected by Articles under each Tariff, and the Total Quantity and Value of each Article entered for Consumption and Amount of Duty Collected thereon during the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1906.

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ened. 27½ p.c Lbs. Macaroni and vermicelli. 25 p.c Lbs.	256.085	35,665	73,325	6,382	1,755.31	181.920	29,169	5,348.22
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Montreal, Thursday, Feb. 7th, 1907. It will be seen by the comparative table subjoined that there has been a rather sharp recovery from the depression of last week but readers are cautioned to accept only with a grain of salt, the gossip which is being so industriously spread concerning the outlook for speculative securities.

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The local money market is firm at 6 per cent. for call loans. The market closed firmer for sterling continentals and New York funds. Closing rates were: Sterling sixties 81/8 to 8 5-32; sight. 9 1-16; cables, 9 7-32; francs, 5.205/8; marks 941/2, minus 1-64: New York funds 1-64 to 1-32 premium.

In New York, money on call, easy; highest, 3 per cent.; lowest $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; ruling rate, $2\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.; last loan $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; closing bids, 2 per cent.; offered at, $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Time loans, dull and steady; 60 days, 5 per cent.; 90 days, 5 to $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.; six months, $5\frac{1}{4}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, $5\frac{3}{4}$ to $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Sterling exchange, weak, at 4.84.55 to 4.84.60 for demand, and at 4.80.50 to 4.80.55 for 60 day bills. Posted rates, $4.81\frac{1}{2}$ and $4.85\frac{1}{2}$. Commercial bills, $4.80\frac{1}{4}$. Bar silver, $68\frac{1}{2}$. Mexican dollars, 53. Government bonds, steady. Rat!road bonds, steady.

London, Spanish 4's. 251%. Bar silver steady. 31 11-16d per ounce. Money, 3½ to 3¾ per cent. Discount rates: Short bills. 4¾ per cent.; 3 months bills 4½ to 4 11-16 per cent. Gold premium at Madrid, 8.75, and at Lisbon, 2.00. Berlin exchange on London 20 marks, 52½ pfgs. Paris exc. on London 25 francs 25½ centimes. Consols were 86 15-16 for money and 87 3-16 for account.

The following is a comparative table of stock prices for the week ending February 7, 1907, as compiled by Messrs. Meredith and Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal:—

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—The many friends of Mr. G. H. Allen, manager for the Province of Quebec of the Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada, will be pleased to hear that he has completely recovered from his recent serious illness and is able to attend to business.

FOR SALE.

The property which the cut partly illustrates, is at the junction of the Ottawa and the St. Lawrence Rivers, some 25 miles west of Montreal, within easy reach by two railroads (general and suburban service, at frequent intervals day and night in 40 minutes); also by water.

The current between the mainland and one of the islands (as shown in the cut) is caused by a fall of several feet from the Lake of Two Mountains into the River St. Lawrence.

The mainland portion, on the edge of which the fishers appear in the engraving, contains nearly four acres; the islands nearly three-fourths of an acre. The land slopes from a height of about ten or twelve feet to the lake and river.



The spot is quite picturesque, and as it is more or less preserved by the owner, there is scarcely any better fishing within double the distance of Montreal. There are excellent boating and shelter for yachts and small boats on the property.

With the above cut, the Grand Trunk Railway illustrates one of its recent booklets—that known as "Trains 3 and 4"—
"Travel at Ease," page 12.

The place was anciently known as "Lotbiniere Pointe," but has been re-named by the owner "Roslevan" from its peninsular shape and the ancestral elms growing upon it.

The mainland portion is now offered for sale. Plan may be seen on application to the owner.

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FIRE RECORD.

A serious fire occurred at Shoal Lake, Man., Sunday last. in which Scott's Hall, Findlay and Speer's furniture store, and Lathrop and Co.'s harness store were destroyed. Losses will exceed \$15,000.

Fire destroyed A. J. Fralick and Co., gentlemen's furnishers, and Cayley and Tanner, dry goods, Picton, Sunday last, /The building, which was valued at \$15,000, was totally destroyed. Fralick's loss \$5.000; Cayley and Tanner's \$15,000; both partially covered by insurance. The building was fully insured.

The Hanna store, Wingham, was destroyed by fire Saturday last. Loss \$25.000; insurance \$20.000.

The residence, owned by Mrs. Tasse, on Presque Isle, Ste. Agathe, and occupied by Mr. J. S. Evans, was burned Friday last. Loss, over \$4 000.

The general store of Marquis and McCullough at Wakopa, Man., was destroyed by fire Sunday last. Loss \$4,000, partly insured

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Montreal, Thursday, Feb. 7, 1907.

Busines has been more active than might be expected in midwinter with disagreeably severe weather thrown in. Reports from the leading plants both cast and west indicate no idle machinery, and there is every confidence in a sustained consumptive demand. Forward business is most conspicuous in iron and steel and cotton, but boot and shoe, rubber and clothing manufacturers have liberal contracts on hand. Large orders continue to be placed by storekeepers for spring lines of textile fabrics for the use of both sexes and the sustained cold weather has brought down stocks of winter wear with them to a low basis. Remittances from some sections have been less liberal as the hard weather interfered with country trade. There have been few features of interest as regards prices. which have been in the main, stationary. Hides. owing to deterioration of quality at this season are easier while wire nails are a trifle higher. Sugars, teas and coffee are steady, but rice is cheaper because of the reduced tariff rate in that article

ASHES.-Firm, but quiet. Pearls \$6.50 to \$7.50; first pots \$5.75 to \$5.85 and seconds \$5 to \$5.10

BEANS.—The outlook is better, and prices are firm. Choice white pea beans in car lots \$1.25 to \$1.30 per bushel of 90 lbs.; ex-store \$1.40.

BUTTER.—Consumption of this article seems to be large there being a good steady movement. Choicest is firm at 25c to 251/2c and medium at 24c to 25c; rolls 22c to 23c. Ordinary dairy 21c to 221/2c. Receipts reported last week were 1,-

CHEESE.—The sale is reported of 1.000 boxes Quebec white cheese at 131/2c. and more is wanted at the same price. ccipts here have been small and stocks are now well reduced some dealers putting the supply locally at less than 40,000 boxes. Dealers demand as high as 13%c for choicest September western. Reported receipts last week were 521 boxes.

DRESSED POULTRY.-There is still a good demand for fresh stock. Business in turkeys at 42c to 14c; chickens 9c to He: fowls 7e to 10e; geese 9e to 101/2e and ducks 9e to 11c.

DRY GOODS.—Quite a few orders have come in through the post from travellers who are now actively engaged throughout the country. A good feature is that buyers are wanting their spring orders forwarded, and the shipping offices in all the jobbing houses are fully employed. Prices, if anything, seem to be stiffening as a result of the firmness in raw material and the scarcity and high cost of labour. The delay in getting finished stock from manufacturers is still a cause for complaint. New York, cotton, futures, steady: March 9.13c; May 9.28c; June 9.35c; July 9.40c; October 9.68c. firm; middling uplands, 11.00c; do. Gulf, 11.25c. Sales, 34 bales, Spot closed Liverpool, cotton, spot, good business done; prices, unchanged; American middling, 5.90d. Futures opened quiet and closed American middling, g.o.c., February, 5.601/4d February and March, 5.56d; March and April, 5.541/d; April and May. 5.731/64.

EGGS.—The demand has been fairly active, and prices are firm. Selected sold at 27c, No. 1 fall gathered, cold storage, 25c, summer gathered at 23c and city limed at 23c.

FISH .- The cold weather enables fish to come forward in good condition and the Lenten demand promises well. Stocks are not heavy and prices are firm. Fresh-Frozen haddock,

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cases 300 lbs., pe codfish, cases, 250 steak cod, large (5c; B. C. red salı salmon, 10 lbs. ea Jess than case Sc; frozen mackerel, f 60 lbs. per 100, in frozen tom-cods, No. 1 lake trout, bris., large and b Scotia herrings, b kerel, in 20 lb. ki \$12; in tierces, 300 cod in bils., per 2 brls., per 200 lbs., 200 lbs., \$5.75. 112 lbs., \$6.50; pr per lb., 8c; boneles per lb., 6c; skinles Smoked-Haddies, herring, in half box new, in small boxe box, per box, \$1.20 \$1.20 Oysters a barrel, \$9; standar selects, bulk oyster per 100 pints size, \$1 medium size, per lb

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cases 300 lbs., per lb., 3%c; less than case, per lb., 4c; frozen codfish, cases, 250 to 300 lbs., $3 \, \% c\,;$ less than case, $3 \, \% c\,;$ frozen steak cod, large (heads off), cases 300 lbs., 41/2c; less than case, 5c; B. C. red salmon 8½c to 9c in cases and less; frozen Qualla salmon, 10 lbs. each, headless and dressed, case 250 lbs., 71/2c; less than case 8c; frozen No. 1 smelts, boxes 15 lbs. each, 81/2c; frozen mackerel, fancy stock, llc; frozen large herring, Halifax. 60 lbs. per 100, in brls. 250 fish, \$2.10; less than brls., \$2.20; frozen tom-cods, new per barrel, \$2.00. Salt and Pickled-No. 1 lake trout, kegs 100 lbs., \$5; No. 1 Labrador herrings, bris., large and bright, \$5.50; half bris., \$3.25; No. 1 Nova Scotia herrings, brls., \$5; half brls. \$3. No. 1 choice mackerel, in 20 lb. kitts, \$1.75; No. 1 Labrador salmon, in brls., \$12; in tierces, 300 lbs., \$16; in half brls., \$6.50; large green cod in bils., per 200 lbs., \$9.50; No. 1 green cod, medium, in brls., per 200 lbs., \$7.50; No. 2 green cod, small, in brls., per 200 fbs., \$5.75. Prepared and Dried-Large dry cod bundles 112 lbs.. \$6.50; pure boneless cod, 20 lb. boxes, 2 lb. bricks, per lb., 8c; boneless cod, in 20 lb. boxes, 1 and 2 lb. blocks, per lb., 6c; skinless cod, in 100 lb. cases, per case, \$5.50. Smoked—Haddies, in 15 and 30 lb. boxes, per lb., 7c; kippered herring, in half boxes, per half box, \$1.20; smoked herring, new, in small boxes, per box, 11c; Yarmouth bloaters, 60 in box, per box, \$1.20; St. John bloaters, 100 in box, per box, Oysters and Lobsters-Malpeque shell oysters, per barrel, \$9; standard bulk oysters, per imperial gallon, \$1.40; selects, bulk oysters, per imperial gallon, \$1.60; paper pails, per 100 pints size, \$1; per 100 quarts size, \$1.25; boiled lobsters, medium size, per lb., 15c; live lobsters, medium size, per lb.,

FLOUR.—The market is firm with a fair demand. A milling company at Winnipeg has contracted to ship 10,000 bags to China Manitoba grades \$4.10 per barrel in bags for strong bakers and \$4.60 for patents. Quotations on Ontarios are

\$3.75 to \$3.85 for bbl. of straight rollers, \$1.70 to \$1.80 per bag, and \$1.50 to \$1.60 for extras.

FURS.—No material change has been made. Arrivals have been moderate and subject to strong competition. Raw furs at present being actively traded in are quoted:-Fisher, northern and eastern, No. 1 dark, \$7; brown \$6; pale \$5; territory and western \$1 less; seconds thirds and fourths at usual lower values. Red fox, No. 1 \$2 to \$3.50. Silver fox, No. 1 dark, \$200; fair \$150; pale \$100. Cross fox, No. 1 \$5 to \$10, as to size and colour. Lynx, No. 1, \$3 to \$7. Marten, B.C., and similar, No. 1, large, dark, \$10; large brown \$6; and large pale \$5. Territory and Western, No. 1, \$5 to \$8; Ont. and Que., do., \$4.50 to \$6. Mink. Halifax and Eastern, No. 1 large, \$8; medium \$5; small \$3. Territory and Western, No. 1, \$2.50 to \$6. Muskrats, Ont., Que. and East., winter, 18c to 20c; fall 10c to 18c; kitts 2c to 5c; North-Western 8c to 15c; fall 7c to 12c and kitts 1c to 5c. Otter, Labrador and N.E., No. 1, large dark, \$35; medium dark, \$25; small dark, \$20; Territory and Western, dark No. 1, large, \$18; medium \$15; small, dark, \$10. Raccoon, black, No. 1 large, \$2.50; medium \$2; small \$1.50; dark No. 1, large, \$1.75; medium \$1.50; small \$1.00; seconds, thirds and fourths at lower walues. Skunk. prime, No. 1, all black, \$1.75; short stripe \$1.25; long stripe 50c, and broad stripe 20c; unprime, No. 2. all black, \$1; short stripe. 75c; long stripe, 30c, and broad stripe 10c. Culls worthless. The jobbing season is practically over, but not because of the weather, which has again become steadily cold.

GRAIN.—The local market has been inactive. Oats are quoted at 43c to 43½c for No. 2 in store. No. 3, 41½c to 42c and No. 4 40½c to 41c. Corn is strong at 58c to 60c for No. 2 and 56c to 58c for No. 3. Barley is steady at 52c to 53c per 48 lbs. in store. In Chicago May wheat sold at 78½c. In

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e forward in well. Stocks zen haddock, Winnipeg May was steady at 74½c, Feb., 77c May. Wheat was easier in the West although the contrary was generally expected owing to the severe weather. South-western advices say that the wheat is too far advanced to admit of any serious winter killing. Zero weather in Kansas and Nebraska a year ago and fields unprotected caused no damage whatever. In portions of Illinois. Indiana and Ohio the fields are soaked with water and the freezing we are now having may change the plant more or less. The stocks of wheat at Fort William are 2.056.000 bushels, against 2.179.000 bushels a week ago, and at Port Arthur there are 2.033,000 bushels of wheat, against 2.021.000 bushels on January 28th.

GROCERIES. A good average trade has been in progress with few changes in prices current to note. Refined sugars have kept steady and so have teas. Evaporated apples have been in good demand with business at 10c and 1014c. Sultana raisins, owing to some recent arrivals, were easier with business at 121/2 c to 15c as to quality. Valencia fruit is California advices speak of stocks as well steady to firm. cleaned up, the figures quoted making a poor comparison with last year. Coffee and tapioca are unchanged. Rice is in good demand, but cheaper, the new tariff keeping prices down. Nuts keep scarce and dear. Makers say that brooms would stand an advance of 30c a dozen, but so far there has been no change. New York, sugar, raw, firm: fair refining, 2-31-32c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 15-32c; molasses sugar, 2 23-32c. Refined, steady; No. 6 \$4.30; No. 7 \$4.25; No. 8 \$4 20; No. 9 \$4.15; No. 10 \$4.05; No. 11 \$4; No. 12 \$3.95; No. 13 \$3.90; No. 14 \$3.85; confectioners' "A." $\$4.60\,;$ mould "A." $\$5.15\,;$ cut loaf, $\$5.50\,;$ crashed \$5.50; powdered, \$4.90; granulated, \$4.80; cubes. London, raw sugar, centrifugal 10s 3d: muscovado, 8s 9d; beet, February, 8s 9d. The New York market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 5 to 10 points, in response to higher French cables, but buying was checked to some extent by the large increased world's visible supply for the month, and prices eased off slightly under selling of the distant months by European markets. The close was 'steady at net unchanged quotations to 5 points higher. The world's visible increased 755.360 bags for the month of January, and on February 1 was 15.133.293 bags. Spot. steady; Rio. No. 7, 7c: Santos No. 4, Sc. Mild, steady: Cordova 9c to 121/2c.

HAY.—There is no change in the local market, but low grades at New York have gradually declined about \$2 per ton. Prices here are \$13.50 to \$14 for No. 1 timothy, \$12.50 to \$13 for No. 2 and \$11.50 to \$12 for clover mixed.

HIDES & TALLOW.—Business fairly active. Quotations for tresh city stock:—No. 1 hides, ½c to tanners, 12c: No. 2 hides, ½c to tanners, 11c; No. 3 hides, ½c to tanners 10c; No. 1 calfskins, per lb., 12c; No. 2 calfskins, per lb., 10c; lambskins, 95c: No. 1 horsehides, each, \$2; No. 2 horsehides, each, \$1.50; tallow, rendered, per lb. 3c to 5c; tallow, rough, per lb., 1½c to 3c.

HONEY.—The enquiry has been poor, but prices hold about stendy. Extracted white clover comb. 11c per lb.; in the comb $13 \frac{1}{2} \frac{e}{c}$ to 14e; Luckwheat 9c to 10c and extracted $7 \frac{3}{4} c$ to $8 \frac{1}{4} e$.

IRON AND HARDWARE.-A good movement is reported in small wares and in nails, wire, builders' material, etc. Prices have been on the upward trend, if anything. New York pig iron, steady; northern \$23.30 to \$24.25; southern, \$23 to \$26.50. Copper. firm, \$25 to \$25.25. Lead, firm \$6 to \$6.30. Tin, steady: Straits. \$42.30 to \$42.55; plates, steady. Spelter, firm: domestic \$6.75 to \$6.85. London cables quote tin. spot, £192; 3 mos. £191 10s; standard copper, spot, £107 5s; mos. £108 5s. In lead London has declined 1s 3d net during the week, with soft Spanish closing at £19 16s 3d, against £10 17s 6d on the preceding week and against £16 5s on the corresponding day a year ago. In spelter, London has declined 10s net during the week, with G.M.B., closing at £26 12s 6d, against £27 2s 6d on the preceding week and against £27 2s 6d at the corresponding time last year. Business in pig iron certificates at New York was light. For standard foundry eash and Feb. \$22.50 was bid and for March \$22 was bid and \$23 asked. In bar iron, some contracts for 1,000 to 2,000

tons are pending for Feb. and March delivery, and the market remains steady. Current sales continue to be made on the basis of 1,70c base Pittsburg and 1.841/2c tidewater, base half extras. The jobbing trade is demanding $2\frac{1}{4}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}c$, base full extras from store. There has been increased interest in foreign iron, and the result of fluctuations abroad has been a net decline of 1s 3d on Middle*boro foundry. One cargo lot of No. 3 Middlesboro, which is about due at Philadelphia, has been disposed of at about \$21, as near as/can be learned. This is a decline of \$1 per ton from previous sales of cargo lots, but most of the business has been in small lots for interior ship-When it is stated that foreign iron can now be laid down at Atlantic coast points at \$20, duty paid, it means for future shipments in cargo lots. The ambition of railroads and industrial companies are reflected in the plans proposed by engineers and architects, which call for 700,000 tons of structural and fabricated steel. The money and security markets, however, are a check to the speedy carrying out of these plans. There is a continued large movement of copper into consumptive channels and prices close strong.

LIVE STOCK.—A cable from Glasgow reported business dull. Best Canadian 12c, seconds 11c to 11½c, bulls prime, 10c, seconds 8½c. In this market a few of the choicest cattle brought 5c per lb., but the bulk of fine cattle realized from 4¾ to 5c, and good cattle 4½ to 4¾c, while the bulk of the offerings, being medium to good cattle ranged from 3¾ to 4½c per lb., the common stock bringing 1½ to 3c. The hogs sold at from 6½ to 7c. and the sheep and lambs 3¼ to 5¼c, while the one hundred calves were purchased at from \$2 to \$8 each.

NAVAL STORES.—Pine pitch, \$3.75 brl.; pine tar, \$4.50; oakum, 4c to 7c per lb.; coal tar, \$4 brl.; roofing pitch, \$1 per 100 lbs.; cotton waste, coloured, 5c to 7c per lb.; white, 8c to 1lc. Rope:—Sisal 7-16 and upwards, 101/2c; 3/8. 1lc; 3-16. 111/2c. Manilla, 7-16 and larger. 15c; 3/8. 151/2c; 3/4 and 5-16. 16c. Lath yarn, 10c to 101/2c.

OILS AND PAINTS.—There is no special change in this market, and prices are firm. Petroleum is unchanged and demand is lessening, but for both heating and lighting it has been in good demand this winter. Fish and mineral oils have tended up and pale seal is practically out of the market. Turpentine benzine and gasoline have been called for in a job-bing way to a fair extent. Leads, paints, putty and glass have held their own and in spite of the cold weather sales have kept up better than expected. London, Calcutta linseed, spot 44s. Sperm oil, £34. Petroleum, American refined, 6 13:16d; do. spirits, 734d. Turpentine spirits, 51s 9d. Rosin, American strained, 10s 9d; do. fine, 15s 6d. Antwerp, petroleum, 20 francs 50 centimes.

POTATOES.—Few car loads have been received lately that were not touched a bit by frost. Demand is fair at 60c to 68c in car lots and 75c to 85c in smaller quantities.

PROVISIONS.—In, this market business is only moderately brisk. Cured meats and lard, were fairly called for, also small lots of dressed hogs. Prices were steady. Abattoir fresh killed hogs are quoted at \$9.75 to \$10.25 per 100 lbs. Heavy Canada short cut mess pork in tierces \$32 to \$32.50, brls. \$21.50 to \$23.50. Compound lard in tierces, 375 lbs., 8½c to 10c; tubs 50 lbs., parchment lined 8½c to 10½c; kettle lard tierces 12¾c to 13c; pure lard tierces 11¾c to 12½c. Hams, extra large sizes, 25 lbs., upwards. 13c to 14c; large sizes, 18 to 25 lbs., 13½c to 15c; medium sizes, selected weights. 12 to 18 lbs., 14c to 15½c; extra small sizes, 8 to 12 lbs., 14½c to 15½c; English boneless breakfast bacon, 15c to 16c; Wiltshire bacon backs, 15c.

/WOOL. — A good business is passing with prices firm owing to the strong position abroad. Supplies are not large. Dealers quote the following prices for wool, Montreal:—Canada fleece, tub washed, 26 to 28c; Canada fleece, in the grease, 18 to 20c; Canada pulled, brushed, 30c; Canada, pulled, unbrushed, 27 to 29c; pulled lamb's, brushed, 30 to 32c; pulled lamb's, unbrushed, 30c; North-West merinos 18 to 20c.

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FLOUR-

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Choice Spring Wheat
Seconds
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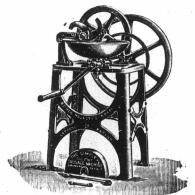
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	FARM PRODUCTS.—Con.—	
		\$ c. \$ c. 0 13 0 13 0 13 0 13 0 12 0 13
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	Best Selected Seconds Limed No. 1 Candled No. 2 Candled	0 26 0 28 0 22 0 24 0 21 0 21 0 00 0 0 22 0 20 0 21
	Sundries— /	
1	Potatoes, per bag, of 90 lbs Honey, White Clover, comb Honey, extracted	0 80 0 90 0 13 0 15 0 08 0 10 1
	Beans—	
_	Best hand-picked	
	GROCERIES—	
	Sugars— Standard Granulated, barrels Bags, 100 lbs Ex. Ground, in barrels Ex. Ground, in barrels Ex. Ground, in boxes Powdered, in barrels Powdered, in barrels Paris Lumps, in ball barrels Act Methows Molasses (Barbadoes) new Molasses (Barbadoes) old Molasses, in barrels Molasses, in barrels Molasses (Barbadoes) hew Molasses heartels Molasses in barrels	4 29 4 15 4 60 4 80 4 40 4 -50 4 75 1 80 3 75 4 00 0 36 0 334 0 08 0 08
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HARDWARE		
Antimony Tin: Block, L. & F. per 4b Tin, Block, Straits, per 1b Tin. Strips, per ib Copper: Ingot, per lb	0 00	0 28 0 48 046½ 0 22
Cut Nail Schedule—		
Base price, per keg 404, 504, 60d, and 70d, Nails Extas=-ovr ind abov 304 Coil Chain—No. 6 -/ No. 5 No. 4 No. 3 ¼ inch 5 16 in h 3½ inch 7.16 inch	0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00	2 20 0 091 0 08 0 07 0 064 4 30 3 80 3 60 3 40
Coil Chain—No. ½	3 00	3 35 3 25 3 10 3 05
Galvanized Staples— 100 lb. b/ox, 1½ to 1¾		2 85 2 5¢
Galvanized Iron—		
Queen's Head, or equal gauge 28 Comet, do., 28 gauge	4 50 4 35	4 75 4 60
Iron Horse Shoes—		
No. 2 and larger No. 1 and smaller. Bar tron per 100 lbs Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 18 Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 20. Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 20. Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 24. Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 24. Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 28. Boiler plates, fron, ½ inch Boiler plates, iron, 3-16 inch Hoop Iron, base for 2 in, and larger Band Canadian. 1 to 6 in, 30c; over base of ordinary iron, smaller size.		3 65 3 90 2 65 2 65 2 70 2 70 2 60 2 85 3 00 2 50 2 50 2 50
Canada Plates-		
Full Polish Ordinary, 52 sheets Ordinary, 60 sheets Ordinary, 75 sheets Black Iron Pipe, ½ inch / ½ inch 3¼ inch 1 inch 1½ inch 1½ inch 1½ inch		3 75 2 70 2 75 2 85 2 17 2 17 2 55 3 22 4 62 6 30 7 56
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Zinc—		
Spelter, per 100 lbs	7 75	7 00 8 00

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BUILDING PAPER-			
Dry Sheeting, roll			35
Tarred Sheeting, roll	••		45
HIDES—			
Montreal Green Hides+			
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Spring Lambskins, each	••		0 00
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COLD STORAGE EFFECTS.

The all important subject of how long foodstuffs may be kept in cold storage without deterioration was recently discussed by Dr. Wiley, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, with the House Committee on Agriculture. Incidentally he poured a flood of valuable information on the sub-

Two cold storage warehouses at Washington were at Dr. Wiley's disposal, and he gave the committee the results he had attained by experiments with all sorts of foodstuffs. "Milk begins to deteriorate right away, and so does cream," he said. "Eggs also begin to deteriorate immediately. Fruit is improved and sometimes continues to improve for three months. Meat improves up to about six or eight weeks. But after three months for meat you can see that it has reach a the maximum, and then begins to go down. I do not care how hard it is frozen."

When asked for a further explanation of the deterioration of meat frozen in cold storage, Dr. Wiley said: "We find that meats do not taste as well, and they do not smell as well, and every time the jury can pick that which has been kept over three months. Take our quail. We have a quail a year old, and we have a fresh quail cooked at the same time. We cook them just alike and you can distinguish between them, first by their looks, and then by smell and taste. Every time the jury can pick them out blindfolded." Dr. Wiley was asked many questions about oysters. He said that the oysters opened and shipped in buckets should be prevented from entering interstate commerce as they are dead. "An ovster is dead an hour after it is opened." said Dr. Wiley, "and is not good. It loses its flavour."

In response to inquiries from Representative Haskins as to the advisability of freezing oysters to preserve them for shipment, Dr. Wiley said: "Oh, they ought not to be frozen. That ruins them and as soon as they thaw they are dangerous." He then urged that oysters

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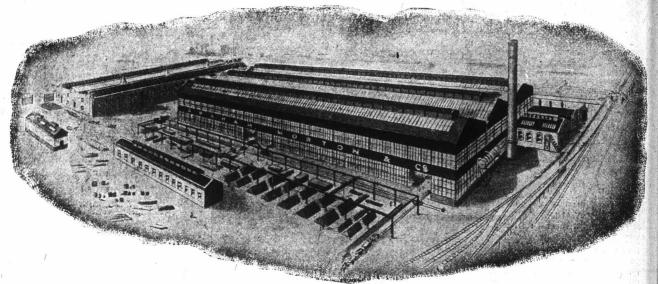
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should be shipped alive and in the shell, and said that the greatest outrage of the oyster trade is to sook oysters with fresh water and swell them up, making them look fat.

Dr. Wiley said oysters sent out in tin cans are all right, but in further denunciation of bulk oysters shipped in tubs and buckets, he said: "They are either preserved with some preservative or are dangerously near the ptomaine line, one of the two." Gelatine was denounced by Dr. Wiley, who said of it: "It is made out of hides, of the scrapings from hides. These hides go into the tanners' vats and these hides that smell to Heaven are treated and trimmed, and these trimmings are used to make gelatine. The Marine Hospital Service found tetanus germs in gelatine."

Dr. Wiley said gelatine factories were the dirtiest in the world; that the hides used were treated with alkali, which is rubbed into them for shipment. The hides are scraped and trimmed, and are then put into the tanners' vats and the residue used for gelatine. He said that this gelatine is sometimes made in glue factories and that what is not fit for glue is made into gelatine.

In reply to a question from Representative Haugen as to the uses of this gelatine, Dr. Wiley said: "It is used for putting into ice cream and putting into candies and for making capsules that you take your medicine in." He added that there is no objection to gelatine if properly made and that there is plenty of wholesome raw material of which to make it.

NEW LIFE POLICY FORMS.

The New York Insurance Department is issuing the new standard life insurance policy forms for limited payment, ordinary life and endowment, as prescribed under Section 101 of the insurance law. The Department circular accompanying the new policies says:

Section 101 of the insurance law which prescribes four forms of standard policies, which shall be issued or delivered within the New York State by any domestic life insurance corporation and after the 1st day of January, 1907, also provides that—'Whenever any domestic life insurance corporation shall de sire to issue or deliver within the New York State any kind of policy other than ordinary life, limited payment life, endowment and term policies, it shall submit a proposed form of policy to the Superintendent of Insurance, who shall thereupon fix a day for a hearing upon said application and cause notice thereof to be given to every domestic life insurance corporation; and the Superintendent may, after hearing such, approve the sai1 form with or without modifications thereof as may seem to him expedient and establish the same as a standard form of policy which any domestic life insurance corporation shall be entitled to use in addition to the forms hereby prescribed.

"In accordance with this provision of the section, a hearing was held at the New York office of the Department, on Dec. 27, 1906. A number of policy forms were submitted by a committee of actuaries, members of the Actuarial Society of America, and also by certain life insurance companies. Several of the proposed forms were upon consideration believed to be of a character included within the standard forms prescribed by the statute, and others were evidently not in harmony with the spirit of the insurance laws, and the Superintendent of Insurance felt that he was without power to approve or modify the same and authorize their use as additional forms of policies. Of the forms submitted, the following have been approved for use in addition to the forms prescribed in the section:

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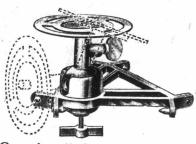
are busy, stocks small, and there is expectation of a good year. Prices of many articles are of course high, but there is a general firmness, and the reduction in the Bank rate will help to strengthen values. Heavy alkalies are moving satisfactorily. Bleaching powder sells readily, and any resale parcels are firmly held for full rates. Caustic Soda is steady and is selling fairly well. In ammonia alkali and soda crystals there

a good demand all round. Manufacturers is no change. Chlorates of potash and soda are firm at the fixed prices. The export returns for last year as compared with 1905 show in bleaching materials an increase of \$3.327 tons or \$92.195, and an average increase in value of 50 cents per ton, and in soda compounds an increase of 36.239 tons or \$868,575, and an average decline in value of 85 cents per ton. Sulphate of copper is again dearer with the metal: the present high value interferes with consumption, but production has

been considerably reduced. Green copperas has latterly more enquiry. lead compounds are in demand: makers of acetates are fully engaged for some few months, and makers of nitrate also are busy. Acetates of lime are firm, and acetate of scda is in good demand. Carbonate and caustic potash have a strong enquiry, and with a short supply on spot and a scarcity of raw material the prices are advancing. Arsenic continues in short supply and is very firm.

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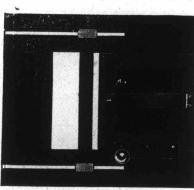


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DANGERS OF TRAVEL.

No greater change has taken place in the conditions and vicissitudes of modern life than the shifting of the preponderance of danger in travel from the water to the land. Under the old stage-coach methods there was an occasional runaway and smash-up, or an upset from bad drivinc, but there were few accidents, and the loss of life was small, says the Washington Post. After railroading came in. while the number of accidents

doubtless increased in proportion to the amount of travel, rates of speed were low and bad accidents were for a long time comparatively rare. During all this period there was an undisguised and universal dread of the dangers of the deep. Any one about to cross the ocean bade a long and solemn farewell to friends and kindred, who generally asked that prayers be said for their safety. Now, however, all is changed, people start on a railroad journey wondering, as said by Mr. Hill, whether it will not be their last, while long voyages are enter d upon without a pang of apprehension. The change of feeling, of course, results from changed conditions. Security at sea has greatly increased, and in railroad travel it has very greatly diminished. So wonderful have become the ocean liners, in which the bulk of passengers at sea are now earried, in the perfection of their machinery, in the skill and discipline with which they are handled, and their numerous appliances securing safety, that it is almost impossible to in: gine a large loss of life taking place on one of them. The railroads, on the other hand, have become vast instruments of slaughter, the number killed and maimed on them in the last decade having reached figures that are startling and that must compel drastic remedial action of some sort.

TUBERCULOSIS CONVENTION.

The seventh annual meeting of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis will be held in Ottawa the 13th and 14th of March next. A public meeting of the members of the association and of the citizens generally, at which His Excellency will preside, will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Normal School here on Wednesday evening, March 13th. at which Dr. Sheard, the chairman of the Ontario Provincial Board of Health, will deliver a lecture upon "Home Treatment of Consumption."

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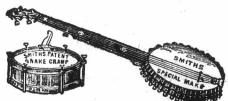
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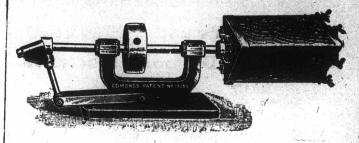
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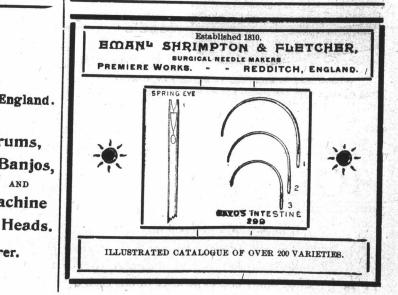


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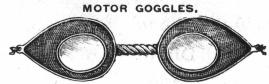
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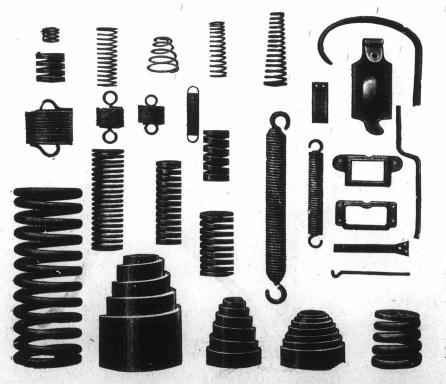


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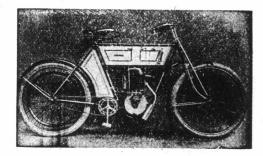
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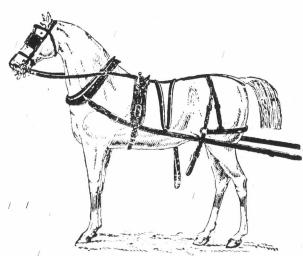
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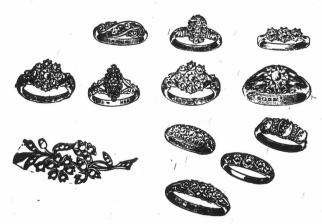


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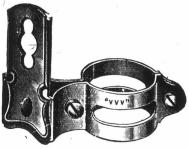
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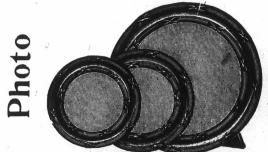
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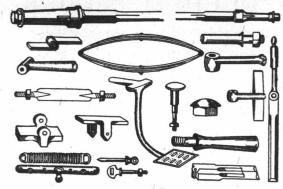
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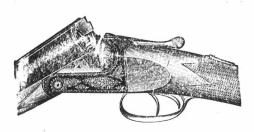
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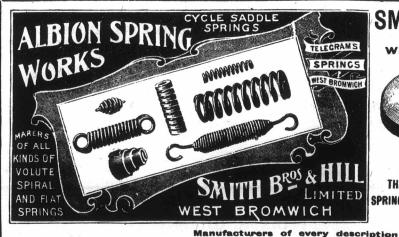
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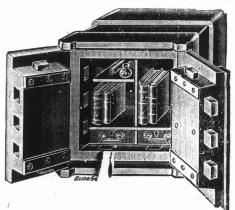
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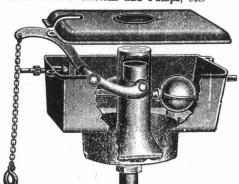
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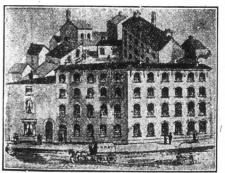
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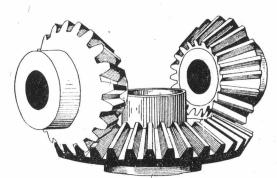
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