

THE MONETARY TIMES



The Molsons Bank

92nd DIVIDEND

The Shareholders of The Molsons Bank are hereby notified that a Dividend of **Four per cent.**, and a **Bonus of One per cent.** upon the Capital Stock has been declared for the current half year, and that the same will be payable at the office of the bank, in Montreal, and at the branches, on and after the

First day of October next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 19th to 30th September, both days inclusive.

The Annual General Meeting

of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at its banking house, in this city, on **Monday, the 21st of October** next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

> By order of the Board, _______ JAMES ELLIOT, General Manager.

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Fourth Day of October Next

to the Proprietors of Shares registered in the Colonies. The dividend will be payable at the rate of exchange current on the Fourth day of October next, to be fixed by the Managers.

No transfer can be made between the 20th inst. and the 4th prox., as the books must be closed during that period. By order of the Court,

> A. G. WALLIS, Secretary,

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September 3rd, 1901.

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20th August, 1901.



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Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Three and One-half per cont. has been declared upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of the Bank for the current six months, being at the rate of Seven per cent per annum, and that the same will be due and payable on and after **TUESDAY**, 1st Day of **October**, **1901**, at the Offices of the Bank. The Transfer Books will be alosed from the 15th to the 30th of September. By order of the Board. T. H. McMILLAN, Cashier. Oshawa, August 24th, 1901.

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Mercantile Summary.

THE Royal Electric Company has formally accepted the proposition of Montreal city council to light the streets of that city at the price of \$6) per lamp per year.

STRATFORD ratepayers last week voted in favor of a by-law to authorize the issue of debentures for \$20,000 for the purpose of completing the sewerage disposal works.

THE Good Roads Machinery Co's premises, and the Copp Bros.' stove foundry in Hamilton, were, on the 7th inst., badly damaged by fire; loss, \$8,000; insured.

THE Manchester N. H. "Union" says: "The post office department has just awar ed a contract for 3,000,000 postal cards at 213/ cents a thousand. There is a large measure of profit in that for your Uncle Sam."

It is stated that the Canadian Pacific Rail way Company has guaranteed to give the Kingston Locomotive Works a large order for engines each year, provided those at present being built for the Company are turned out satisfactorily.

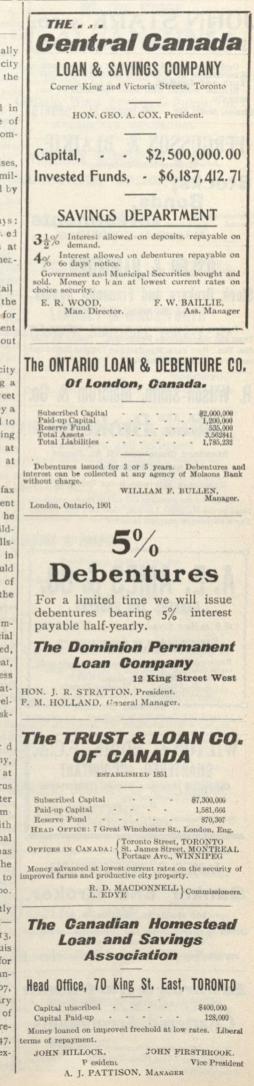
TORONTO council has instructed the city engineer to report on the cost of extending a line of the street railway from Bathurst street to the breakwater, crossing to the Island by a swing bridge (or otherwise) along the Island to the eastern channel, crossing this' by a swing bridge (or otherwise); thence along the bar at Ashbridge's Bay, joining the mainland at Woodbine avenue.

THE Sydney correspondent of the Halifax Chronicle learns from a gentleman prominent in commercial and industrial circles, that he has reason to feel certain that a steel shipbuilding plant, headed by Swan & Hunter, of Wallsend-on-the-Tyne, would be established in Canada within two years. The plant would probably be operated under the direction of that firm, though Canadians would supply the greater part of the capital.

LAST week a new feature of considerable importance was added to Winnipeg's commercial interests. The new option market was opened, the first quotations being Manitoba wheat, October, 67, September, 671. At first business was rather slow, but afterwards, when operators had become more accustomed to the novelty of the methods employed considerable briskness developed.

THE following companies have been charter d in this province : The Preston Glove Company, limited; capital \$20,000, with head office at Preston. The provisional directors are Cyrus Dolph, Clement Rowland Hanning and Peter Bernhardt. The British America Can Company, limited; share capital, \$100,000, with the head office at Sarnia. The provisional directors are William S. Cumming, Thomas H. Cook and Charles R. Morrison. The National Agency Co., limited, is authorized to increase its capital from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

THE following is a list of the patents recently granied to Canadians in the United States ;-681,711, nut lock, Gordon R. Kennedy; 681,713, device for breaking the speed of ships, Louis Lacoste; 681.718, variable speed gearing for bicycles, George T. Martin; 681,738, permanent foundation post, William O. Roy; 681,907, gas burner, John H. Cliff et al. ; 681,919, rotary engine, Alfred Kitchen ; 682,027, propulsion of vessels, Harold F. Burgess; 682,044, scale removing device, George W. Dean et al.; 682,047, ball caster, Richard B. Dixon; 682,129, cork extractor, William A. Walsh et al.



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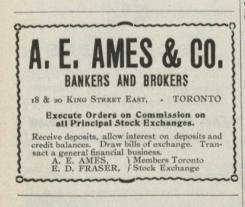
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Critec-Bank of Commerce Building, 5 King West, Toronto Telephone 1163. A BY-LAW to continue the commutation of taxes on the Canada Paper Co's. mills at Windsor Mills was last week defeated.

THE Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co. has contracted for the building of two fast modern boats to take the place of some which have been disposed of.

LAST Monday was the opening day of the Western Fair in London, and according to what we hear, the fair is going to prove an immense success

WE understand that the deal by which the Imperial Electrical Company, of Montreal, becomes amalgamated with the Heat, Light and Power Co. has been consummated.

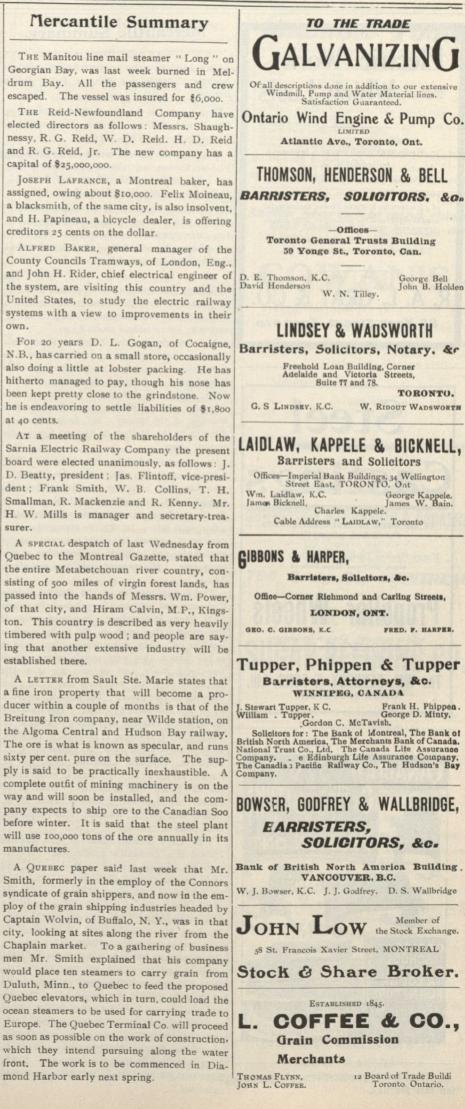
DECISIONS IN COMMERCIAL LAW.

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HOUSTON AND WARD VS. MERCHANTS BANK. -The law of bankruptcy is constantly coming before the Courts in some of its many and various phases. When a man becomes aware of the fact that his business is declining, he naturally makes extra efforts to pull it together again. This frequently necessitates the placing of chattel mortgages on his stock in trade, and the adoption of other recuperative means, all of which produce very tangled situations if he finally becomes a bankrupt. In the present case Houston held a chattel mortgage on a sawmill belonging to one G, with machinery and lumber therein, and all lumber that might there. after at any time be brought on the premises This mortgage not being registered, gave Houston no priority over subsequent incumbrances. A couple of months later G. gave Houston a second chattel mortgage on the same property to secure a note of about \$700. Shortly after this a contractor applied to G. for a large quantity of lumber, and G, being unable to purchase the logs, applied to the Merchants Bauk for an advance. They, knowing of his virtually insolvent condition, refused to do so, unless he secured some other reliable person to purchase and hold the logs for him. Thus G. arranged with his book-keeper to purchase the logs, at the same time assigning the contractor's order to him. An advance of \$3,500 was thus secured, G. arranging to cut the logs at a fixed price and to deliver them to the book-keeper at the mill-side. The latter then assigned to the Bank all moneys to accrue in respect the contract, which assignment was agreed to by the con tractor, and a day or two after that also assigned to the Bank three booms of logs by numbers, in addition to one previously assigned. This assignment was ostensibly made in accordance with sec. 74 of the Bank Act. Shortly after the completion of the above transactions, G. made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, previous to which however the logs had arrived at the mill and were mixed with other logs belonging to G. The greater part had been converted into lumber when Houston, the chattel mortgagee, seized them under his two mortgages. The question before the Court was whether or not any property in these logs, which had been purchased by G.'s book-keeper really for G., after which they were assigned by him to the Bank, had remained in Houston by reason of the clause in his chattel mortgages entitling him to all future acquired lumber. The Supreme Court of Canada decided, on appeal from the Supreme Court of British Columbia, that G. himself had never really had any property in the logs which were assigned to the Merchants Bank, and that Houston, having no higher right than his mortgagor, had never had any property in them, and could not therefore claim them under his chattel mortgages.







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Mercantile Summary

THE Manitou line mail steamer "Long" on Georgian Bay, was last week burned in Meldrum Bay. All the passengers and crew escaped. The vessel was insured for \$6,000.

THE Reid-Newfoundland Company have elected directors as follows : Messrs. Shaughnessy, R. G. Reid, W. D. Reid, H. D. Reid and R. G. Reid, Jr. The new company has a capital of \$25,000,000.

JOSEPH LAFRANCE, a Montreal baker, has assigned, owing about \$10,000. Felix Moineau, a blacksmith, of the same city, is also insolvent, and H. Papineau, a bicycle dealer, is offering creditors 25 cents on the dollar.

ALFRED BAKER, general manager of the County Councils Tramways, of London, Eng., and John H. Rider, chief electrical engineer of the system, are visiting this country and the United States, to study the electric railway systems with a view to improvements in their own.

FOR 20 years D. L. Gogan, of Cocaigne, N.B., has carried on a small store, occasionally also doing a little at lobster packing. He has hitherto managed to pay, though his nose has been kept pretty close to the grindstone. Now he is endeavoring to settle liabilities of \$1,800 at 40 cents.

Sarnia Electric Railway Company the present board were elected unanimously, as follows : J. D. Beatty, president ; Jas. Flintoff, vice-president; Frank Smith, W. B. Collins, T. H. Smallman, R. Mackenzie and R. Kenny. Mr. H. W. Mills is manager and secretary-treasurer.

A SPECIAL despatch of last Wednesday from Quebec to the Montreal Gazette, stated that the entire Metabetchouan river country, consisting of 500 miles of virgin forest lands, has passed into the hands of Messrs. Wm. Power, of that city, and Hiram Calvin, M.P., Kingston. This country is described as very heavily timbered with pulp wood ; and people are saying that another extensive industry will be established there.

A LETTER from Sault Ste. Marie states that a fine iron property that will become a producer within a couple of months is that of the Breitung Iron company, near Wilde station, on the Algoma Central and Hudson Bay railway. The ore is what is known as specular, and runs sixty per cent. pure on the surface. The supply is said to be practically inexhaustible. A complete outfit of mining machinery is on the way and will soon be installed, and the company expects to ship ore to the Canadian Soo before winter. It is said that the steel plant will use 100,000 tons of the ore annually in its manufactures.

A QUEBEC paper said last week that Mr. Smith, formerly in the employ of the Connors syndicate of grain shippers, and now in the employ of the grain shipping industries headed by Captain Wolvin, of Buffalo, N. Y., was in that city, looking at sites along the river from the Chaplain market. To a gathering of business men Mr. Smith explained that his company would place ten steamers to carry grain from Duluth, Minn., to Quebec to feed the proposed Quebec elevators, which in turn, could load the ocean steamers to be used for carrying trade to Europe. The Quebec Terminal Co. will proceed as soon as possible on the work of construction, which they intend pursuing along the water front. The work is to be commenced in Dia-



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Mercantile Summary.

THE Lindsay town council is going to ask Andrew Carnegie for \$10,000 for a public library.

THE turning of the first sod of the Victoria Beach and Middleton Railway took place at Granville Ferry on the 3rd inst.

THE stock of general merchandise belonging to Alex. Cowan, in Kingsville, valued at \$8,000, has been purchased by L. H. Barber, of Essex, at the price of $66\frac{1}{2}$ cents in the dollar.

It is stated that Mr. C. D. Lane, owner of No. 15 Ophir Creek claim, made \$90,000 on two clean-ups from that property. This creek promises to become one of the richest in the Golovin Bay district of B.C.

JOSEPH IRVINE, of St. John, N B., was obliged to give up his trade as printer a couple of years ago, through ill-health, and started a boot and shoe business, but has had to assign, owing \$3,500; nominal assets \$2,400.

It is intended by the Canadian Bent Chair Company of Listowel, to build a factory in that town, and perhaps the New Year will see it working. A Listowel paper says that Mr Fred. Seifert of Wingham has entered the company and is likely to be the practical manager of the factory. Mr. Seifert has been foreman in the Button & Fessant factory for several years.

An assignment has been made by E. Julien, a tanner of Hedleyville, a suburb of Quebec, who has had a rather checkered business record. He originally began business about the year 1885, and is reported as having failed a few years later. In 1895 he arranged a compromise of 50 cents, but could not complete the settlement, and assigned in December of the same year. His present liabilities are about \$8,000.

THE annual meeting of the Quebec Bridge Company was held on the 3rd inst. President S. N. Parent in the chair. In a brief survey of the construction work on the bridge made a week or two since, our correspondent gave it as his opinion that very satisfactory progress was being made, and we now see from the annual report that everyone was more than satisfied on this score. The cost of the work up to date has been \$360,000. The balloting for directors resulted as follows :- Messrs. R. Audette, H. J. Beemer, V. Boswell, J. Breakey, Hon. R. R. Dobell, Hon. N. Garneau, J. B. Laliberte, Gaspard Lemoine, Hon. S. N. Parent, H. M. Price, N. Rioux, in other words the old board was re-elected. Hon. S. N Parent was re-elected President, Hon. R. R. Dobell and Mr. R. Audette, Vice-Presidents. Geo. Lefevre, Auditor.

THE Cape Breton issue of the Halifax Herald is a creditable production. It consists of 42 pages, printed in three colors, and contains descriptions and views of Sydney and her industries; portraits of the town council, of the dignitaries of the Dominion Steel and Coal Companies; special articles by Mr. Moxham, Mr. Stairs, Mr. G. H. Dobson, Sir John Bourinot and Sır William Van Horne, full of interest to those who desire to know more about that wonderful island. "Cape Breton an island! Wonderful! Show it me on the map. So it is, sure enough. My dear sir, you always bring us good news." Such was the exclamation of Newcastle, the Secretary of State to King George, 150 years ago, as out of the room he shuffled to "go and tell the King that Cape Breton is an island." Let us hope that later day kings and dukes are better informed."



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Mercantile Summary,

LILLIE's saw mill, near Sharbot Lake, has been burned down, at a loss of \$4,000, insured.

A FURNITURE firm in Quebec, Lefebvre & Frere, are reported as having assigned with liabilities of \$5.350, and estimated assets of \$6.800.

According to a report of the officials of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company, the business traffic of the present season is the largest that company has ever known.

J. M. MEIKLE started general store keeping at Cardinal, Ont., in January, 1900, under fairly favorable auspices, having had a considerable clerking experience, and some little capital. The business is said, however, not to have received all the attention it should, and he has now assigned.

THE Intercolonial Railway has purchased a tract of over 38 acres of marsh land along their line at Gilbert's Lane in St. John, on which they will erect a new engine house and extensive yard room and other improvements arranged in anticipation of largely increased business. The price paid was \$17,537.

FROM the Government pamphlet last issued, on the state of Quebec crops, it appears that the general average is 79 per cent. against 72 per cent. at the same period of last year. The hay crop averages as high as 93; green fodder. 88; potatoes, 85; wheat and barley, 88, and oats 81. All other products of the farm promise large yields, except the apple crop, which is deficient.

FROM an Ontario Government report on colonization roads, just issued, it appears that during the past seven years the total expenditures have amounted to \$761,529, which includes expenditures on 4,064 miles of roads The number of miles of road built repaired. was 1,242, costing \$198.43 per mile. The amount paid for labor was \$587,288, while \$85,060 was paid to overseers.

P. SMITH, representative of the Rat Portage Lumber Company, stated last week that this season, up to 4th September, the Rat Portage Lumber Company has started 50,000,000 feet of logs down Rainy River. When he left there were 13,000,000 yet to go out of Rainy Lake into the river and 12,000,000 feet to come out of the Little Fork River. That makes 76,000,000 feet for the season, but is more than the cut of last winter, as quite a good many logs are those that were hung up last season by low water.

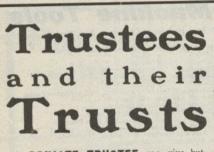
IT is years since Murdock McKenzie failed as a general storekeeper in Lucknow. He afterwards moved to Wyoming, where he started business under cover of his wife, the style being McKenzie & Co. She managed to keep going until February, 1900, when she assigned. Afterwards the store was opened under the name of M. McKenzie, with his son, a minor, as registered partner. About a month ago their stock was disposed of. Now Murdock offers creditors 25 per cent of their claim on condition that he gets his discharge.

AT a public meeting of citizens of Louisburg, the following resolution was passed recently "That whereas the matter of the building of iron and steel ships is now a live issue in this province, and whereas Louisburg offers advantages second to none in this province. Therefore resolved, that this meeting of ratepayers of the town of Louisburg request the Mayor and Council to take immediate steps looking forward to the establishment of a site in the said town and offering it free to any company

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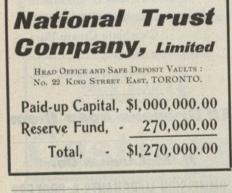
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undertaking the building of iron and steel ships in our town. That the town of Louisburg grant exemption of taxation on iron or steel ships built in said town for the term of twenty years."

It is stated the Government survey party has discovered a practically direct route from North Bay to Temiscamingue, touching Lake Temagami at the end of its northeast arm. Mr. D. O'Connor, of Sudbury, who has just returned from a trip through this country, states that there are at least three billion feet of timber in the Temagami reserve, and if its value were only increased \$1 per thousand feet the increased value would be \$3,000,000, or twice the estimated cost of the road. In this country there are also large deposits of iron, nickel, copper and arsenical ores.

On Wednesday last there opened in Toronto the 10th convention of the International Ticket Agents' Association, of which Mr. E. N. Blood, of Buffalo, is president. About 200 railway ticket agents are present from all parts of the continent. After the addresses of we come, which were read by Mayor Howland and others, and the transaction of scme routine business, the election of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows: President, Col. J. A. Robins, Chicago; first vice-president, W. F. Hambright. Lancaster, Pa.; second vicepresident, F. S. Montgomery, Vincennes. Ind.; third vice-president, J. H. Sterling, Pittsburg, Pa.; secretary, C. G. Cadwallader, Philadelphia; treasurer, Ellwood Ramsey, Philadelphia.

THE list of business casualties in the Province of Quebec, for the week, is as follows :-Joseph Harvey, carrying on a small store, cheese factory &c, at L'Anse au Foin, in the Saguenay district, has assigned on demand of a Quebec creditor. B Girard, another small trader in the same section, at St. Fulgence, has also assigned. Fabien Turgeon has carried on a tanning business for fifteen years, first at Arthabaska and recently at Ste. Anastasie de Nelson, but with only a limited measure of success, and he has now placed his estate in the hands of an assignee.-The insolvency is reported of Bourk & Co., dry goods dealers at Valleyfield. Mr. Bourk was long in business in St. Johns, Que., moving to Valleyfield, where he failed in 1898. He was unable to get a compromise settlement, and resumed under cover of his wife's name, but has again been unsuccessful. Upon demand Frechette Freres, general dealers, East Angus, have assigned. They began business in 1898 with good backing from their father, who had been a successful merchant in Megantic county, but there has been a lack of careful management apparent, and payments have been dilatory for some time back. A few months ago one of the partners withdrew, and with lessened drawing from the business it was hoped more favorable results might be shown, but a demand of assignment has now been made by Thibaudeau Bros. & Co., Quebec -G. A. Labelle, general dealer, Masham Mills, is reported embarrassed and trying to arrange with his creditors, who are mainly in Ottawa. He has been in business only a year or so, and is said to owe about \$3,500 J. E. Verret, succeeded in 1896 to the business of his late father, who had done a fair business for a lengthy period, as a general merchant at Becancour, with a good record. In the hands of the son, however, matters did not prosper. He was careless of the business, and in January, 1900, he is said to have arranged a compromise 1900, he is said to have arranged a compromise at 50 cents. He is now reported as having assigned.—An assignment has been made by J. P. Girard, dealer in boots and shoes at Three Rivers. He has been unfortunate before, having in April last year compromised liabili ties of \$3,000 at 40 cents.

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Mercantile Summary.

PULP mills are to be built on Sechelt Inlet and on Power River, both in British Columbia. Much of the product would probably go to Australia.

A DISASTROUS fire took place last Sunday in Belleville whereby Lazier's grist and paper mills were completely destroyed. Loss about \$50,000, insurance \$20,000.

Some of the shingle mills in Washington have closed down recently, with good results, it is expected, to the mills in British Columbia. The latter are said now to be rushed with orders.

W. U. CROSS, a builder in Winnipeg for a number of years, finds his assets locked up in real estate, and he is, besides, in poor health. This renders it necessary for him to ask creditors to compromise the amount of their claims against him. - In the same place a chattel mortgage covering the assets of E. A. Stanley, bicycle repairer, has been foreclosed.

A QUARTER of a century ago W. S. Robinson opened a drug store in the northern part of Toronto, and continued until the time of his death in February, 1890, when he left the business to his son, E. F. At that time there was a surplus in the business, it is claimed, of \$10,-000. Since then, owing to heavy expenses, keen competition, and at times, depressed trade, he is now obliged to assign with assets and liabilities of \$7,000 each.

DR. DAVID LOWREY, of Toronto, seems to have got into difficulty through his connection with the Sauble Falls Ranch and Lumber Company, of Sauble Falls, and has assigned. This company went into liquidation some time ago. The grocery stock of L. A. Wright & Co., at Picton, is advertised for sale here on Tuesday next. - L. H. Barber has bought the general stock of Alex. Cowan, Kingsville, at a discount of 331 per cent.

MR. COPP, the member for Digby, N.S., tells the fisheries and customs departments at Ottawa of the difficulty in securing bait by Canadian fishermen in Passamaquoddy Bay and adjacent waters on the Canadian side of the line. Thereabouts there are nearly 7,000 weirs authorized by the Canadian government The complaint is that in these weirs hundreds of thousands of small herring are caught and sold to sardine canneries at Eastport at the rate of \$4 per hogshead of 15 bushels. On these the American canners of sardines make a thousand per cent. profit. But in the meantime the Canadian fishermen cannot get bait. The fishermen want a stop put to this state of things.

THE precarious condition of the iron and steel trades in France is reflected by a resolu tion of the Chamber of Commerce at Charleville, which is translated as follows : " Having regard to the fact that actual business is very bad and orders scarce, facts which aflect the metal trade in the Meuse Valley and in all the districts of the Ardennes, a situation which closes works and throws out of employment a great many workmen, it is proposed that the public authorities attend urgently to this matter, as it is necessary to save from disaster an industrious population. To this end large public works should at once be started. Also it should be insisted upon that French railway companies should no longer be allowed to pass their contracts to foreign firms at a time when in the whole of France the lack of work is so acure, tending to make the situation for domes-CHAS. E. MCCLURE tic industries and labor so extremely critical.



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THE tax rate of St. Mary's this year will be the high rate of $25\frac{3}{4}$ mills.

It is reported that that the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. has purchased the Nictaux iron deposits for \$200,000.

ABOUT nine months ago, W. McGinn, son o a wealthy farmer, opened a small grocery store in Guelph. Having neither business ability nor experience, his assignment at this early date is not unnatural.----Anderson & Miller opened a tinsmith shop in Deseronto, in November, 1889. Five years later they dissolved partnership, E. T. Miller continuing the business. Although an honest, decent fellow, he finds difficulty in keeping his creditors at bay, and now he has assigned.

THE United States Rubber Co. defines its policy to Jan. 1, 1903, in the following letter which it has sent to the jobbing trade of that country. "The United States Rubber Company . . . will continue the contract system from Jan. 1, 1902, to Jan. 1, 1903, and continue a policy of low prices. It will also provide a margin between the company's selling price to jobbers and the price at which jobbers will sell to the retailer, beginning Jan, 1, 1902, of 8 and 8 per cent. instead of 8 and 6 per cent. as at the present time. The company states that the announcement is made with the hope that it may be of benefit to jobbers in forming their plans for the future." This means a fight with the independent rubber factories.

INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE.

Another valuable oil strike has been made by Mr. Lodge on his property at Memramcook, N.B.

The American Steel and Wire Company is said to be considering the establishment of a branch mill in Canada. The question of a suitable site is being looked into.

Lamontagne & Co. have bought the old Balmoral Hotel in Montreal and will convert the building into a large saddlery and harness factory. They will make alterations and improvements to the amount of \$30 000 or \$40,000.

The British Columbia Electric Railway Company and the Vancouver Power Company will shortly expend \$600,000 in developing the water power of the Coquitlam, for transmission to Vancouver and New Westminster. It is expected that 5,000 horsepower will be generated.

Clark Bros., of New York, have purchased from the Quebec Government for \$15,000 a water power on the St. Marguerite river, near Seven-Islands, by means of which they will generate electric power to run a large pulp mill which is to be erected near by. They have also purchased at auction some 500 square miles of timber limits.

Exports of pulp wood and wood pulp from Canada in the year ending with June 30th last amounted to 3,335,265, of which \$966,920 were sent to Great Britain and \$2,302,215 to the United States, \$66,194 going to other countries. This is an increase of \$616,477 over the exports of 1899-1900, those to Great Britain showing an increase of \$366,372, and those to the United States, an increase of \$244,321. An increase of \$494,247 is apparent in the exports of pulp wood. the United States taking \$520,744 worth more in 1901 than in 1900, and Great Britain \$6,472 less. Of wood pulp the increased value dis. posed of is \$122,230, the details being ; Increase to Great Britain, \$372.544; decrease to the United States, \$256,423.

THE passenget receipts of the Detroit United Street Railway for the last month were \$281,-949.26, compared with \$256,081.28 for August, 1900, showing an increase of 10.06 per cent. For the year 1901, up to Sept. 1, receipts were \$1,821,747.39, compared with \$1,624,284.68, an increase of 12.16 per cent.

NEWS comes from Halifax under date Monday last, that the iron mining property at Montaux, N.S., has been bought by the Dominion Iron aud Steel Co. for \$2,000,000. The examination of the property by experts shows, it is said, that there are 200,000,000 tons of ore in sight or easily obtainable.

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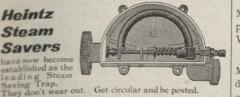
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A SERIOUS fire burned nearly all day Wednesday last. Half a dozen dwellings and a number of tanks and warehouses containing oil and fish were destroyed. Loss probably \$300,000 to \$400.000

A DISPATCH from Toledo, to the Detroit Evening News, says that the Soo Pulp and Paper Mills, the largest concern of its kind in the world, has selected Toledo as its central distributing point and proposes erecting there a large warehouse for the storage of paper pulp. The company has secured temporary headquarters and will at once look about for a permanent site.

RETURNS from the Sault Ste. Marie canals for the last month show a decrease of 93,255 tons in the quantity of freight carried as compared with the preceeding month of July, but an increase of 168,742 tons as compared with June, the total carried through both the United States and the Canadian canals in August being 4,687,817 tons. Compared with August of 1900 the past month shows an increase of 973-043 tons of freight carried. Of this 947,560 tons was an increase on the United States canal, or 211 per cent. The increase on the Canadian canal was 35.488 tons or 91 per cent.

TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

A fair degree of activity characterized the local stock market during the past week. Prices as a general rule remain very steady with an upward tendency. C.P.R. continues high, which condition was helped by the satisfactory report recently issued. Transactions for the week were as follows :- Bank of Toronto, 28 at 2342-5; Commerce. 208 at 155-6; Imperial, 2 at 231; Dominion, 32 at 239-1; British America Ass., 53 at 1082.5; Western Ass. 164 at $108\frac{7}{8} \cdot 9\frac{5}{8}$; Consumers Gas, 7 at $214\frac{1}{2} \cdot 216$; C. N. W. Land, 60 at 581; C. P. R., 1960 at 1107-1123; Toronto Electric Light, 316 at 1413-3³/₄: General Elect., 310 at 223^{3/2}-5; Commercial Cable, 54 at 1818-2; Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., 268 at 117-3; Toronto Rail'y, 1905 at $114\frac{5}{8}-5\frac{5}{8}$; Twin City, 4770 at $101\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{3}{4}$; Dominion Coal (common) 1020 at 412-44; Canada Landed, 27 at 95 and G. P. W. C., 639 at 1231-4.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

Following is a list of new companies, lately organized throughout Canada, that have received Government charters, or have been granted supplementary Letters Patent. The object of the company, amount of capital stock, location of principal office, and names of incorporators are given, so far as obtainable, and whether the charter has been granted uy Previncial or Dominion Governments:

The Shawinigan Lumber Company, Shawinigan Falls, Quebec, \$50,000; Quebec charter.

The Natashquan Iron Company, Limited, Montreal, Quebec, \$100,000; Robert T. Hopper, Robert C. Smith, K.C., J. H. Burland, W. McLea Walbank ; Quebec charter.

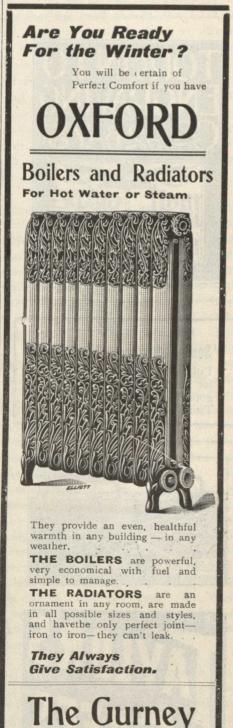
J. R. Whitla & Co., Limited, Winnipeg, Manitoba, \$500,000. To carry on business of dry goods merchants and manufacturers and otherwise; J R. Whitla, D K Elliott, Richard Driscoll. A. S. Binns, J. M. Campbell, J. A. M. Aikins; Manitoba charter.

TENDERS WANTED

Town of Midland Water Works Debentures.

Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for Debentures" will be received up to 6 p.m. September 30th, 1900, for the purchase of \$60,000 Water Works Debentures of the TOWN OF MIDLAND. Dated arst day of December, 1901, and bearing interest at four per cent.; there being forty debentures of \$3,01.4; each. (which sum includes interest), payable at the Office of Treasurer of said Municipality on the **Twenty-first Day of Decem-ber**, 1902, and the same day in each year of thirty-mine next succeeding years respectively. The debentures are guaranteed by and endorsed by that Second the Simcoe. All tenders are requested to state **Lump sum**. The successful tenderer must deliver purchase price and take over debentures at Western Bank, Midland, Ont., on OCTOBER TWENTY-FIRST, 1902. Tenders opened simultaneously on September 30th, 1907. No tender necessarily accepted. D. L. WHITE, Jk.,

D. L. WHITE, JR., Chairman of Committee.



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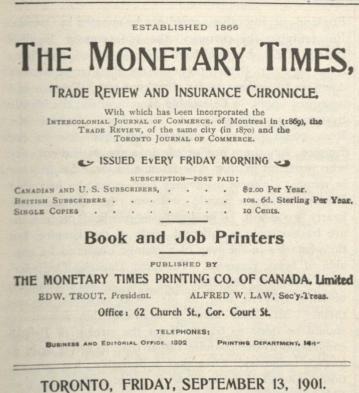
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THE SITUATION.

That anarchy tends to become ubiquitous we are unpleasantly reminded by the shooting of President McKinley. The latest phase of anarchy, which has arisen in Italy, discards the old policy of murdering the heads of States, but unhappily the improvement has not reached the United States, where anarchists feel themselves at liberty openly to preach murder. Czolgosz is said to have been inspired with the spirit of a murderer by a woman's lecture. If this be so, perhaps even the Republic will become convinced that murderous teaching is criminal, and must be treated as such; that the line between liberty and license is real and must be observed, if society is to be preserved. Regicide, as a doctrine, is not new: it has before now been preached by professed religious teachers; but it is a damnable thing, and must be dealt with before it is translated into act. This is one of the precautions against danger which it is necessary to take; if we wait till the anarchist has a pistol in his pocket, we increase the risk many fold. Guards proved of no use, though present at the side of President McKinley, to stay the assassin's hand; and it is to be feared that they never will prove entirely efficacious. In the anarchist, the best instincts of human nature are transformed into the most hideous passions. The man who becomes so penetrated with an idea that in the wild attempt, as a matter of supposed duty, to realize it, he himself goes to certain death, would seem to have been capable of heroic virtues, if his best instincts had not been perverted. He forfeits all title to bravery, and acts like a peltroon, when he attacks a man unawares and under circumstances which allow the victim no chance of defending himself. Czolgosz boasts of having done his duty in shooting Mr. McKinley; such a horrible perversion of the conception of duty is a most deplorable thing, the more so that conscientious ideas of duty to be performed are none too common among men.

Before the assassin delivered his, we hope, ineffectual blow, President McKinley had declared, in general terms, in favor of reciprocity with Canada. What this means may be better understood by recalling the fact when the highest protective tariff ever enacted at Washington was on the way, he prevented a treaty of reciprecity being agreed upon, though a Canadian agent had gone to Washington, on the express invitation of Secretary Blaine, to confer with the Washington authorities on the subject, Mr. McKinley, who could then prevent any agreement being made on the subject of reciprocity with Canada, could, by his countenance, render effective aid in the making of an agreement. This would require but a word from him. The President recognizes that the stage at which the industrial development of the United States has arrived requires a new policy. In a speech, delivered in Buffalo eight days ago, he said: "The period of exclusiveness is passed." He thinks that the tariff should now be used to promote foreign trade; as to the method, he named reciprocity as "the natural outgrowth of our wonderful industrial development." This seems clearly to indicate that the President recognizes the difference between the present and and the past, and that now the reciprocity phase of commercial development has come. These are general terms of course; but they indicate that he is no longer, as he once was, opposed to reciprocity with Canada. We are however not sanguine that a satisfactory treaty can be made.

Mr. Tarte rejects, very properly it seems to us, the proposals of Mr. Wolvin and his associates in connection with the harbor of Montreal. These gentlemen asked the Canadian Government to lend them \$500,000 at five per cent. They proposed to build ten vessels for the Canadian trade, as part of their scheme, and they asked to have those vessels admitted to Canadian register free of duty. Mr. Tarte rejects both propositions, as unreasonable. These rejections are fatal to the whole scheme of these gentlemen. Out of the \$1,000,000 loan Mr. Tarte has already authorized the expenditure necessary to build one elevator, in the centre of the harbor, which will cost \$600,000. Speaking of the harbor of Montreal, Mr. Tarte says : "We have no permanent freight sheds, we have no cranes, we have no system of sidings and rails on the wharves, we have no terminal facilities." This is plain speaking; and he points out further that the city has lost much trade by want of proper facilities to do it. The Government loan of \$1,000,000 will almost certainly become a Government investment. The Minister of Public Works has by law the function of approving the plans for improvements. So far Government responsibility goes with Government money : in all such cases the control of the Government is the necessary accompaniment of its responsibility. If anything goes wrong, no one but the Government can be called to account. Mr. Wolverin has replied to Mr. Tarte, complaining that he has not been fairly treated ; but the terms of his letter are not yet (Thursday) before us.

A grave scandal is seething in Montreal over a contract for electric lighting. In June, tenders were received for this service, one from the Royal naming \$95 per arc light for a year, and another from the St. Lawrence Power Company offering to do the same work for \$54.75. In September the city council, ignoring the lower tender, offered to give the Royal \$60 for what another thoroughly responsible company offered to provide for \$54.75. The circumstance naturally gave rise to suspicion, for which there appears to have been good grounds. Alderman Clerihue has made the statement that he was offered \$3,000 as a bribe to induce him to vote for giving the contract to the Royal. He demands an investigation, and it is obvious that the city council cannot ignore the request, without condemning itself to infamy. The bribing of municipal corporations by companies which ought to be respectable, is a cankering vice which must be stamped out. Now is the time to begin, and Montreal is the place.

Germany gets credit for an intention to obtain naval stations at Port Said and in the Caribbean Sea, ostensibly for the use of the Hamburg steamship line, but suspicion suggests, not less with a view to the accommodation of her fast developing naval arm. To a maritime power naval stations, in many places, are an absolute necessity; if it has them not, the circle of its navigation, under the modern conditions of steam, are greatly restricted. The statement of Germany's intention attributes to her the intention to take possession of new coaling stations on the plea that her interests are imperilled. With her present tariff policy, which must reduce still lower the low scale of diet on which German operatives are willing to subsist, there must come a check to her expenditure, in some direction. The military arm is to her the first line of defence; the development of her naval power on the scale projected may have to experience a halt, on account of the vast expenditure on the army, and in that case naval expansion will not demand so many more coaling stations as the Emperor may desire to obtain.

A sharp attack upon the "General Average" in marine insurance, recently appeared in a Liverpool paper, by a merchant who had had experience of its inconvenience. He was concerned in a case in which, on a loss of a little over £800, divided among sixty consignees, the fees and other charges were about £650. The writer thinks that marine insurance should be put on the same basis as fire insurance. This attack is a symptom, and may be taken to mean that there is likely to be a demand, not perhaps unlimited, for a kind of marine insurance, from which the general average is eliminated; and if the demand be made in earnest, there will be found people willing to sell a new kind of marine insurance. Others may be willing to adhere to the general average. The great development of life insurance within the last quarter of a century may well be taken as a precursor of changes in marine insurance.

DIFFICULTIES OF IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

In his Manchester speech, Premier Ross of Ontario put forward forcibly the idea of a federation of the Empire, which he believes will be the work of this century, but it cannot be said that he advanced any new ideas on the subject; at any rate, he put the old ones in the strongest possible light. He thinks we could unify many things in the Empire, and in this way the different parts might come to understand one another better. The simplification of the marriage vows, which he mentioned, might or might not take the form of unification; but with marriage laws those of divorce are connected, and it is certain that the divorce law of

England, or any other, could not be enacted in Canada For unifying the currency, the old, clumsy English system of £ s. d. would have to be discarded, and there is no sign that British prejudice could so far be broken down as to consent to its abandonment. Weights and measures ought to be capable of unification; the Metric System is making progress. The liberal ideas of Mr. Ross would give us a uniform bankruptcy law for the Empire; but there are people in some of the colonies who insist on getting a preference in fact though not in name. Uniform insolvency laws would be just, and British commerce would welcome the change with hearty good-will. The legal and medical professions are fractionized, in different parts of the Empire, but the obstacles in the way of a change ought to be capable of being removed. The next Imperial Confederation Congress, probably to be held on the coronation of King Edward, may, as Mr. Ross suggests, discuss Mr. Ross thinks it desirable that something them. should be done to try to direct the stream of British emigration to the colonies rather than to see it drift to foreign countries. Diversion is desirable; but emigration is an individual act, and it would scarcely be possible for the Government to exercise much persuasive power on the emigrants. The old laws, under which British subjects had to get official leave to emigrate. could not be recalled; but if any exertion of moral force could be made to strengthen the Empire, in the matter of emigration, it is well worthy of being tried. As a rule, we fear people do not much think about the political effect of their action at the time they have made up their minds to leave the Empire. Mr. Ross' speech is nevertheless well worthy of careful and mature consideration.

"If you want to defend the Empire," said Mr. Ross, "you have to defend the commerce of the Empire, and if you defend the commerce of the Empire, why not make the commerce of the Empire pay?" The taxpayer is not the impersonal thing called commerce; he is a real man, with a strong antipathy to a new tax. The five per cent. tax which it is proposed the consumer should pay seems a small thing; but the British tax-payer does not so regard it, he thinks that he is overburthened now, and objects to bear a new impost, This may be upreasonable, but the fact is there and it has to be faced. Besides the policy of discrimination is one which England disdains, and any change of policy in this respect would be a serious matter, regard being had to her widespread colonial Empire and the national jealousy which its possession inspires in other countries. But national defence is paramount, and some means of providing for it must be maintained. In the case of Canada, the tax would either have to be added to other necessary taxes, or to stand alone. If all other taxes on foreign goods were repealed, our revenue could not bear the loss and our manufacturers could not sustain themselves against the robust competition of the United States and Germany. The five per cent, would have to be added to our tariff, unless some other sources of revenue were found, and this would increase the pressure of protective duties. If we admitted the manufactures of the sister colonies at five per cent., a loud outery would be raised from Canadian manufacturers, and the other less advanced colonies would object still more to the admission of Canadian manufactures, at that rate. Mr. Chamberlain, speaking for England, takes the ground that Imperial federation would require an absolutely free market to be given in the colonies for all British goods, a proposition the realization of which would bear down, by the force of competition, all our manufacturers, with the possible exception of a very few. We mention these facts to show that the difficulties in the way of Imperial Federation are immense, and as far as we can see at present insuperable; but perhaps when the atmosphere clears, it may be possible to see into what is at present the inscrutable beyond.

UNITED STATES TRADE.

The volume of trade done by the United States of America is sufficiently enormous of late years, reaching thousands of millions annually, as an aggreof exports and imports. gate It is necessary to bear in mind, however, when considering this vast trade, that it is the result of the activity of an enormous population, seventy odd millions of people, working in an area of exceptional vastness, whose various climates offer facilities for a great range of activity. We Canadians have no need to be overwhelmed with the greatness of this trade, for, as was shown us the other day by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, man for man, and woman for woman, the trade of Canada has greatly exceeded the per capita trade of the United States.

According to the figures of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, the total inward and outward foreign trade of the United States, for the year ended with June last, was \$2,310,428,573. Of this, imports were \$822,673,016in value, and the exports \$1,487,755,557. All but a fraction of these exports were domestic products, in fact the domestic products amounted in value to \$1,460,-453,000, which is 98 per cent. of the whole.

Classifying the exports, which preponderate enormously, we find agricultural products overshadowing every other item, followed at a good distance by manufactures. The exports of domestic merchandise were as follows in two years:

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Miscellaneous 4.561,278	4,665,218

In every one of these great groups, except manufactures, there is a distinct increase over the previous year. The reason for the apparent decrease in manufactures, which amounts to \$23,342,588, is due chiefly to the absence of figures showing exports to Hawaii and Porto Rico, which are estimated at about \$25,000,000 for the year, and largely consisted of manufactures. It heips to account for the decline in manufactured goods, when we remember that the total exports of copper in 1901 were only 252,769,328 lbs., valued at \$41,260,376, against 333.340,725 lbs. in 1900, valued at \$55,772,166. This decrease was chiefly due to a reduction in the demand for copper in Europe. There was also a reduction in an important item, namely, cotton cloths, of which there was a reduction, due to the temporary

suspension of exports to China. To that country the exportation of cotton cloths fell from 182,023,681 yards, valued at \$8,783,134, the previous year, to 83,859,402 yards, valued at \$4,552,534 in 1901. Asia and Oceanica are the only quarters of the world that showed a decrease of American export trade in 1901. To Europe the Great Republic sent \$96,000,000 more than in 1900; to Canada and Mexico, \$9,000,000 more; to South America, \$6,000,000 more; to Africa, \$6,000,000 more; she sent \$10,000,000 less to Japan, and \$5,000,000 less to China, while those to Russia were \$9,545,000 -a million less than in 1900. Exports to Germany were three millions greater. It is very significant that more than 55 per cent. of the total exports of the year were to British territory, the total value sent to the United Kingdom and the colonies and dependencies being \$819,551,390. Of this total the United Kingdom took \$631,268,263 in 1901, against \$533,819,535 in 1900. Uf the total increase over \$50,000,000 was in cotton, about \$15,000,000 in breadstuffs, and about \$10,000,000 in provisions. Broadly, the exports to various quarters of the world were in 1901, compared with 1900, as follows:

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Europe\$1	,136,092,260	\$1,040,167,763
North America	196,570,118	187,194,625
South America	44,770,888	38,945,763
Asia	49,402,814	64,913,807
Oceania	35,377,176	43,391,275
Africa	25,542,301	19,469,849
Totals\$1	,487,755,557	\$1,394,483,082

Separating the imports into classes, the comparison is as follows: Imported articles of food and animals in 1900 value \$218,510,098; and this year, \$22,227,898; articles in a crude condition for use in domestic industry in 1900, \$302,426,748; this year, \$269,763,404; articles wholly or partially manufactured for use in manufactures and mechanic arts in 1900, \$88,433,549; this year, \$79,080,716; articles manufactured ready for consumption in 1900, \$128,900,597; this year, \$130,662,903; articles of voluntary use, luxuries, etc., in 1900, \$111,670,-094; this year, \$120,938,095. The increase in this last-

mentioned class helps to illustrate the freedom with

which people buy luxuries in prosperous times. Where reductions are shown in the value of imports is principally in raw silk, hides and skins, wool and India-rubber. Of most of these, however, the reduced value is partially due to reduction of price rather than quantity. Raw silk, for instance, shows a reduction from \$44,549,672 in 1900, to \$29,353,777 this year, a decrease in value of 34 per cent., while the quantity shows a decrease from 11,259.310 lbs. in 1900, to 9,139,616 lbs. this year, or only 18.8 per cent. In India-rubber, while the imports of 1901 are only \$28,-455,383, against \$31,376,867 in 1900, the quantity imported this year is 55,275,259 lbs., against 49,377,138 lbs. in 1900. In wool, the importations decreased from 155,928,455 lbs., valued at \$20,260,936, in 1900, to 103,583,505 lbs., valued at \$12,529,881, during the fiscal year ended with June last. It may be wise for the American nation to take heed of President McKinley's words, just before the infamous assassin struck him down. Reciprocity in some form is an inevitable condition of successful trade. A nation cannot expect to sell exclusively-it must also buy. Therefore, no nation can be, in these days, a law unto itself.

MAKING CANADA BETTER KNOWN.

The idea now being put into practice by a Scotch firm of publishers, of sending out a party of British artizans to make observations and take pointers on the industrial methods employed on this side the Atlantic, is a good one, both from the British and the American standpoint. Such a course is apt to broaden the minds of the visitors themselves and to take off a little of that insularity of outlook which so often characterizes the average Britisher, who has not left his own country; and it is liable also to lead to an increase in the right sort of immigration. It is to be regretted, however, at least from our point of view, that so large a share of the time of the visitors has been occupied with studying the United States, and the conditions there, rather than those obtaining in this country. And the explanation for this procedure is naive, to say the least, and speaks volumes, not only for the ignorance still existing in the Motherland, concerning one of her most important off-shoots, but also for the lack of eagerness which has for a long time distinguished Canadian methods of advertising the manifold resources of this country.

We make these statements bearing in mind the fact that of this party of twelve British artizans, no less than five remained in the States, without visiting Canada, under the idea that the "industries of Canada would not so well repay inspection." One of those who remained behind, we understand, was a mining expert, who knew nothing of Canada, except as a "lumbering and agricultural country." So the average Englishman does not know that we have here in Canada quite a quantity of gold and silver, iron and coal, nickel and apatite, not to mention several other mineral products of rather more than local importance. Lumber and farm produce, forsooth! Yes, we have both in enormous abundance, but our manufacturing interests, are they so infinitesimal? Yet a spokesman of this party of visitors states that "the people of Scotland do not know that Canada has any industries." Have the people of Scotland, then, lost their boasted intelligence? We are not exactly finding fault with our visitors for We not having a better knowledge of these things. only regret that in this matter the United States, owing, perhaps, to the very overwhelmingness of its population, but possibly in large measure to its greater advertising energy, should be so much better known than ourselves in a country where we should be first.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING MATTERS.

The last two weeks were such a busy period with wholesale dry goods houses that it has been difficult to gain from them a clear idea as to whether the rush was due to merely casual visitors on account of millinery openings and cheap rates, and of exhibition time in Toronto, or to the fact that buying was particularly vigorous. The latter surmise has proved to be the correct one, and the number of purchases actually made of all sorts of goods probably beat the record in both cities for this time of the year quite easily. Indeed, it looks as though many intending purchasers had been saving up their visits until such time as cheap railroad fares and additional attractions should tempt them to come in a body, for this is what they did.

We hear of no probable reduction in price of staple goods on the Canadian market. If anything, the tendency is in the opposite direction. Even in cottons, the brighter prospects for the southern crop of which would lead one to look for less firmness, there is a very firm feeling, due partially to the idea that no fear is to be felt regarding American competition, the energies of which are likely to be occupied in supplying the improving Chinese and South African markets.

One department of the trade which is now attracting most attention, especially from the fair sex, is the display of coats and mantles. The newest tendency in coats seems to be towards length, though there are still plenty of the old style shorter variety from which to select. In color, black seems to be the favorite, while many samples show the inlaid vests which have recently become popular. Velvet is a material in some evidence. A pleasing feature among prevailing styles is the new rain-coat, which has all the advantages of a waterproof without its heat and weight and ungainliness.

Maturing September paper was met in a better manner than was anticipated. Many retail customers boing away from home at this time of the year, the requests for renewals are generally quite frequent but this year payments were very satisfactory. The general trade of the whole country is in a very prosperous condition and this is helping every individual industry.

Even so great a lumberman as Mr. Booth has been fined, under a recent law, for throwing refuse into the Ottawa river. He is reported to have said that his mill might have to close, if prosecutions continued. This would probably be only till provision was made for consuming the refuse. Somehow, little saw mills on the Muskoka lakes do manage to consume their refuse, as they go along, and it is to be hoped that this will not be found impossible at Ottawa.

OUR AUSTRALIAN LETTER.

THE SPLURGE OVER THE ROYAL PAIR AND THE NATIONAL HEADACHE AFTER IT.—THE DEBT OF THE COMMON-WEALTH AND NEW ZEALAND SOCIAL LEGIS-LATION.—CANADIAN ITEMS.

The Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament have sat for three months, and are still talking on the machinery bills of the nation, and not one of them has become law. The tariff which is the item of special interest-and only the passage of it will make the Federation a useful fact-is delayed. There are signs that patient Australians are becoming impatient, and newspapers are demanding that there shall be less talk and more action, and that the tariff shall be produced even though machinery bills be delayed. It should be remembered by Canadians that although the difficulties in the way of Federation were greater in Canada than in Australia, the difficulties in the way of putting the Federal machine into operation are greater here. Here there are six separate tariffs and differing state methods to be harmonized, in Canada there were but two. Experts prophesy that the tariff will be introduced in September

Australian trade is suffering from the expenditure and holidays created by the feasts and functions that began with the Commonwealth festivities on the 1st of January, and ended with the recent departure of the Duke and Duchess of York from Western Australia. Sales are slow and payments slower. You can't eat your cake and keep it too. However, Australia has had a merry time, and the dislocation of trade is not serious enough to last long.

The after feast sore-head is helping to attract attention

to one or two matters that are more important than festivities. I am enclosing a newspaper report of an address by Mr. Nash, the financial editor of the Daily Telegraph, upon the indebtedness of Australia. Mr. Nash is a recognized authority, and you may be able to use his facts to the advantage of your readers. His estimate in placing the foreign indebtedness of the Commonwealth at four hundred millions is considered by some as low rather than too high, but it cannot be far out of the way. It is higher than estimates published in the Telegraph some two years ago, though the flow of capital has not increased since. The judgment of those who ought to know is that capital is flowing outward rather than inward. There has been latterly no discovery of rich mines to employ the booming promoter, and the droughts have not as yet completed the liquidation of pastoral estates. It must plways be borne in mind that while there has been extravagance and waste the great bulk of the Government and corporation indebtedness has been created by the construction of railways and telegraphs, which in New South Wales pay the interest upon the expenditure, and in most of the others very nearly do so. In the case of the banks, mining companies, etc., the British investors simply got what these earned. In the case of the mining and pastoral companies this unfortunately has too often not been much.

The address also refers to a matter that is exciting attention, though not so much as it ought, for it is of more importance than the other, i.e., the tendency of the State Parliaments towards socialistic legislation. New Zealand initiated this work, and there is no country where the "progressive politics" could be so safely tried. The remoteness of that province made it less affected by other nations; its yet sparse population, its freedom from great and congested centres of population. its lands suited to close settlement, its equable climate. its comparatively small industries, its rich resources undeveloped, its relatively advanced system of education and its comfortable and contented people, amongst whom neither great wealth nor extreme poverty could be found, all fitted it for the experiment. At first there was a great outcry against these novel measures, but in most cases the complainants have been more frightened than hurt. One, and that the most important, threatens to justify the fears of its opponents. This, known as "the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act," was a laudable attempt to prevent strikes and settle disputes between employers and their workmen by referring them to a Court of Conciliation first, and by appeal to the Court of Arbitration. The first court consisted of five members, and the other of three, selected by the Trades Unions and by the employers, and the chairman appointed by the Government. In the Court of Arbitration the third was a judge. The motive of this measure was good, and the theory of its machinery appeared to be all right, and doubtless it would have worked well were it not for the infirmities of our human nature.

The Act has attracted attention in Australia. The Government of New South Wales introduced a similar measure, but it failed to pass. It commissioned Judge Backhouse to report on the working of the Act in New Zealand. I have not as yet seen the report in full, but I enclose a newspaper summary for your information. I doubt if it is either full or gives a correct conception of the report, as other extracts show the evils in a stronger light. They show that it has opened a field for the agitator, multiplied disputes, and though it has increased wages it has correspondingly increased the price of living. More recent utterances of friends of the Act admit that the abuses are unsettling industry, have closed some factories and are frightening capital. The publication of the facts will moderate the character of the legislation here in New South Wales, but the introduction of the legislation is nevertheless making capitalists cautious of engaging in new enterprises. It is increased by the efforts of the State Governments to fix a minimum wage. and fix it at a rate that makes it impossible for the farmer to pay it at the prevailing low prices of his products. It is accentuated, too, by the fact that the high pay is for work too often done at the "Government stroke."

In this connection a Melbourne newspaper contains a letter from an Australian recently back from Canada, stating that a Canadian manufacturer who came over with him with a view of starting a factory, after looking into the conditions of labor, has resolved not to do so. Canadian newspapers have stated that the Massey-Harris Company of your city of Toronto purpose establishing a factory here. Representatives of the company here say they know nothing of it. That company have a considerable force in the colonies putting machines together, and it is not likely they will go further for some time to come.

A firm of Canadians who were amongst the largest manufacturers in Australia, have largely reduced their number of workmen, and are now giving their attention to importing goods. It is not altogether safe to invest largely here yet, and it will be some time before Australia becomes a manufacturing country.

The strike in the iron trade that has lasted some weeks is one of the disputes which was referred to arbitration, and the arbitrators, as usual, split the difference. The men asked a shilling and he gave them sixpence. The bakers now threaten to go out. F. W.

Sydney, New South Wales, Aug. 12th, 1901.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The statistics seem almost incredible, but the annual report of the Postmaster-General shows that at the end of the last calendar year there were nearly eight and a half millions of depositors in the postoffice of the United Kingdom. This number is equal to one in five of the population. The number of new accounts opened during the year was 1,376,171, and of accounts closed 982,868. The total number of accounts remaining open on December 31, 1900, their distribution, the average amount of each, and the proportion of depositors to population, are as follows:

Number of Depositors	Total Amount to Credit of Depositors.	Average Amount to Credit of Each Depositor.	Proportion of Depositors to Population
England and Wales 7,685,317	122,365,193	15 18 5	1 in 4
Scotland 372.801	5,126,299	13 15 0	1 in 12
Ireland 381,865	8,058,153	21 2 1	1 in 12

A writer who signs himself "Semper Vigilans" contributes a paper on Increasing the Efficiency of the Working Force of a Bank, to the July issue of the Banker's Magazine. We quote below his paragraph on the Banking Office, because it contains a pointer to bank managers and the architects of banks that is important. No counting-house employee or bank clerk can be expected to do his best work under unfavorable circumstances. And yet thousands of workers have to strain their eyesight day by day, and to submit to hours of discomfort because the office or the bank is not properly lighted and ventilated. Says this writer: In recent years, the erection of handsome, commodious and well-appointed banking offices is the rule; yet it is apparent that many modern architects still cling to the ancient order of things by which the bank officer's permanent comfort was so often sacrificed to the customer's temporary convenience. The officer spends the best part of the day at his desk, and the customer usually transacts his business in a few minutes; yet how often the architect of to-day accomplishes a monopoly of daylight for the sole benefit of the outside public. This fault is frequently found in the arrangement of the desks whereby the clerks are compelled to work facing the windows; a position which oculists affirm is largely responsible for many of the cases of eye disaffections so prevalent among office men. Where it is possible, the desks should be so arranged that the light will fall upon them from behind or sidewise; this is the scientific formula and will commend itself in practice to any one who has been accustomed to the glare from the opposite direction. A proper system of ventilation and lighting will do much to preserve a cheerful moral atmosphere, lighten labor and expedite the office work.

A YUKON OPPORTUNITY.

The people of the Yukon are naturally large consumers of canned fruits and vegetables. These they are now mainly getting from California, although some of Vancouver's and Victoria's fruit and vegetable canners-and among them the B. C. Fruit Cannery, of Vancouver-are making successful Yukon shipments. The same remark applies, it is understood, to a limited variety of products shipped from Simcoe, Ont. It is, however, understood to be possible, if the White Pass and Yukon Kailway Con:pany readjust and reduce its rates on canned products to a moderate extent next year, for a very much larger proportion of the canned fruit and vegetable needs of the Yukon to be met next year by Canadian home producers than has been the case this season, for although California's canning men will be nearer the Yukon than the producers of Ontario, they will find this advantage largely. counterbalanced by the import duties. There would consequently appear to be an opportunity worth investigating and following up by the fruit and vegetable canners of our Dominion, who might well seek to secure the further freight rate facilities which seem to be required in the case.

THE AUGUST FIRE WASTE.

It is agreeable to learn that the losses by fire in the United States and Canada during August were lower than for any month this year, and lower than those of the same month in several previous years. The excessive losses of January, March, May and July, however, suffice to bring the aggregate for eight months of 1901 to startling figures, even though not as great as those of 1900. From the compilation of the New York Journal of Commerce we learn that the totals for eight months of three years were as under:

1899.	1900.	1901.
January \$10,718.000	\$11,755,300	\$16.574.950
February 18,469,000	15,427,000	13,992,000
March 11,493.000	13,349,200	15,036,250
April 9,213.000	25,727,000	11,352,800
May 9,091,900	15,759,400	22,380,150
June 6,714.850	21,281,000	9,590,000
July 11,426,400	13,609,100	15,740,000
August 9,703,700	10,298,250	8,334,000

Totals\$86,829,850 \$127,206,250 \$113,009,150 Here we have a fire loss equal to an average of \$14,126,000 per month this year, compared with \$15,900,000 per month last year, and \$10,853,000 in 1899. The Journal says that fire underwriters were glad to have a temporary breathing spell in August after such a disastrous experience as they suffered in July. A continuance of the July loss ratio for only three months more would have resulted in the retirement of half a dozen companies at least.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY REPORT.

In hardly any great enterprise is the prosperity of a country more closely bound up than in its railways, and generally speaking its progress can be measured in no surer manner than by a glance at the financial reports of its trunk lines of rail transportation. The twentieth annual report of the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company, covering the period of eighteen months ending with June 30th last, makes very interesting and very encouraging reading. The mileage now possessed by this enormous system is 10,333 miles; its assets

amount to \$291,518,000, and the value of its lines and equipment is \$225,353,000, besides the cost of its steamboats, which is placed at nearly \$5,792,000.

The earnings for the twelve months ended June 30 last were \$30,855,203. The working expenses in 1899 were \$16,999,-872, and in the twelve months covered by the report, \$18,745,828, leaving the net earnings \$12,230,165 for 1899, and \$12,109,375 for 1900-01. Like other large systems the C.P.R. felt the increase in the cost of wages, material, and especially felt the partial failure of last year's wheat crop, etc. During the year the road carried 4,337,799 passengers and 7.155.813 tons of freight, the average passenger fare being 1.93 cents a mile, the charge per ton of freight 0.79 cents per mile. The working expenses for the year amounted to 60.75 per cent. of the gross earnings, and the net earnings to 39.25 per cent., as compared with 58.16 and 41.84 per cent., respectively, in 1800.

The report points out that in view of the rapidly increasing development of Pacific trade and the desirability of securing as much of it as possible, the directors recommend that a sufficient number of coasting steamers be provided. In order to provide for the expenditures necessary to this end the shareholders will be asked to authorize the issue of steamship bonds to the amount of £480,000 sterling.

THE MARITIME FAIR.

Halifax is to be the scene of the Maritime Fair of 1001. which promises to be a good one. The duration of the fair is to be from Saturday, the 14th, to Saturday, the 21st of the present month. Much pains has been taken to secure adequate space for different classes of exhibits, and there are separate buildings for manufactured goods, fishery exhibits, cattle, horses, poultry, sheep, swine, etc. This year, we are told, the number of entries will be larger than ever before. The size of the poultry buildings is doubled so numerous are the entries offered. The management of the fair is in the hands of persons appointed by the provincial government, the Halifax city council and the farmers' association. After long negotiation an arrangement has been effected by which the Intercolonial railway and the Dominion Atlantic railway both make close connection with the fair grounds; and not only this, but they have agreed to carry certain classes of exhibits free of charge. Cheap railway fares by boat and rail are reasonably assured, and the prospect of a large attendance was never better. The horse racing lasts for five days, and the prizes will aggregate \$3.000. Fireworks are to be furnished from Hamilton, and the grand stand will seat some four thousand people.

AN INSURANCE CONFERENCE.

Some thirty of the general agents and local agents of the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada held their annual meeting in Toronto last week. Papers on fitting topics were submitted by Messrs T. N. Scripture, B. W. Chipman, Robert Pinkerton, P. B. Fetterly, Abner Cousens and S. R. Clapp. and a discussion serviceable to the field workers of the company ensued, in which Mr. Wegenast, the manager, and Mr. Earl, superintendent of agencies, took a prominent part. On the next day, the monthly meeting of the directors was held the manager, the secretary and eleven directors being present after which the board held a conference with the agents, exchanging ideas and suggestions. Encouraging addresses were made by the president, Mr. Melvin, Hon. Dr. Borden and R. M. Britton, M.P., of Kingston. A feature of the gathering was the presentation of a beautiful onyx clock to Mr. C. E German, of London, who for a number of years served the Agents' Association as secretary, and in other capacities. The presentation was made by Mr. C. B. Linton, of Hamilton, in a felicitous speech, and Mr. German replied suitably. Such gatherings as these have a great influence in heartening and stimulating the field staff of a company It is not only the "taffy" the agents receive from the head office that does them good; the practical suggestions they get from persons more experienced than themselves, the personal acquaintances they make and the friendly atmosphere everywhere, preserves the memory of these assemblies and makes them an incentive to better work.

A FURNITURE LESSON.

It is coming to be better understood that Canada makes admirable furniture. In shape and finish Canadian furniture of to-day shows vastly more variety, more artistic sense, more appropriateness than was the case thirty or even twenty years ago. This has much to do with the success which has attended recent efforts to extend our export of furniture. But our possession in Canada of a great number of handsome woods is another and a very important factor in the case. It needed organization and enterprise, besides, to supply the further conditions precedent to a really large foreign trade. This was forthcoming in the organization in January last of the Canada Furniture Manufacturers, limited, with a capital of \$3.000,000. By this concern, twenty-one factories in twelve places were brought under the one management, each of which is thus able to take up its own line of manufacture and equip its factory with machinery to produce its especial make of the goods with the least expense and the greatest perfection. Two of the factories are situated at Berlin, one at Guelph, one at London, one at New Hamburg, one at Mount Forest, one at Seaforth, one at Stratford, one at Walkerton, two at Waterloo, three at Wiarton, three at Wingham and four at Woodstock-twentyone in all.

It is natural to begin by stating where the frames of furniture are made. This important part of the manufacture is done at the Schaefer-Killer frame factory, where the men are skilled in the foundation work. Here also is made the Morris chair, with adjustable attachment to change the position of the sitter. Then the Snyder-Roos upholstery factory completes the work done by the Schaefer-Killer people, and turns out ordinary and medium-priced goods well upholstered as well as inlaid work in mahogany and other woods. The Thomas Bell factory at Wingham makes special lines of sideboards, bedroom suites, chiffoniers and buffets. Then the Anthes factory at Berlin turns out dressers, dressing tables, wash-stands, sideboards, ladies' desks and music cabinets made in mahogany, golden oak and bird's-eye maple. The group of Woodstock factories embraces the Anderson Furniture factories, covering twenty-four acres, and described as the largest in Canada. We are told that their output is the most varied of any of the twenty-one. They make all kinds of tables, desks, secretaries, sideboards, kitchen furniture, cots, cradles, chairs, reed goods, baby carriages, besides mattresses and springs. Burr Brothers' factory at Guelph is another of the series. This establishment has for years had a reputation for honest goods. Here are made bed-room suites, wardrobes, sideboards, dressing tables and combination desks. At the Union Furniture factory they produce mostly goods of a lower grade, plain, well-made goods. Hill's chair factory turns out chairs of every conceivable kind, and the Button-Fessant chair factory is another which makes chairs alone. The Zoellner factory at Mount Forest makes really fine goods in bedroom suites, in novel as well as standard styles.

Much interest has been shown in the admirable products of the Joseph Orr factory at Stratford, which for design and for carving merit high eulogy, while the prices are surprisingly moderate. Fancy tables, centre tables, hall racks, hall mirrors, and tabourettes are among the articles on the catalogue of the Simpson furniture factory. Tables alone are produced in one department of the Siemon Brothers table factory at Wiarton; in the other, sideboards, wardrobes, cradles, beds and bedroom suites. The Broadfoot Box factory at Seaforth has been fitted up to produce office desks, bookcases, secretaries, ladies' desks, and so on. From the American rattan factory have long been turned out attractive rattan goods, and this is still the case; while the Hobbs mirror plate works in London supplies the mirrors for the different factories. The products of most if not all these various establishments were on exhibition last week in a special building—the old Bicycle Building—of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition. And the attractive nature of this exhibit, the quality and finish of the goods were the remark of admiring thousands. It was truly a lesson in furniture making. It is agreeable to learn, as we do, that with commendable foresight the Canada Furniture Manufacturers, limited, have acquired large timber limits, giving them an abundance of each kind of the native woods required for their output. Already their export trade is showing satisfactory dimensions. But we are confident that it can be doubled or trebled in the United Kingdom alone.

AMERICAN IRON IN AUSTRALASIA.

The American consul-general at Melbourne, Australia, reports many complaints made to him about the quality of bar iron shipped from the United States to the Australian States. It seems that when the abnormal rise in the price of British bar iron at the beginning of the year 1900 furnished the opening for the introduction of American iron to the Australian market, the various agents of American rolling mills speedily became alive to the fact that British prices were \$20 a ton in excess of American, and a very large business resulted. "The American prices continued to fall, owing to internal competition, and orders were diverted from the markets of Great Britain to those of the United States. The American rolling mills missed their chance, and instead of doing all in their power to secure the business of the Australian merchants for future requirements, evinced little interest in the orders they received, took their own time for delivery and instead of giving attention to the oversea demand, considered the home trade, which was already secured, first. They failed in every instance to comply with the requirements of the importers on this side -which were consonant with the methods adopted by British exporters-and followed their own will to their ultimate disadvantage." Thus we see that other manufacturers than those of Canada have lost Australian trade through not paying attention to the views and instructions of merchants in the Australian Commonwealth.

TRADE OPPORTUNITIES.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the High Commissioner's office in London, during the week ending 30th August, 1901: Enquiry has been received from a correspondent in Rome for quotations of Canadian oak, uusawn; presumably oak logs. A gentleman who is going to Canada with a commission to purchase butter in the centres of production, asks for information respecting the situation of factories, creameries, etc., and particulars concerning same. Several business men who are shortly starting business in South Africa as general merchants, with departments for hardware, fancy goods, crockery, grocery, etc., desire to hear from Canadian manufacturers requiring representation. A Montreal mining engineer and geologist offering good references is open to undertake work for English capitalists requiring the services of a fully qualified man. A lumber merchant in Ontario desires to get into communication with English importers of small woodenware such as brush backs, and other small articles used in the brush trade.

-The latest great engineering idea is to connect the new world with the old by means of a railroad from Alaska to Siberia. Russian, French and American capitalists, including J. Pierpont Morgan and J. J. Hill, are said to be planning a railroad to run from Circle City, Alaska, on the American side of the international boundary line, following a course north of the Yukon river, south of the Arctic Circle to Cape Prince of Wales, the extreme western point of the American continent; thence crossing Behring Strait to Siberia. They also propose to build a line from the east coast of Siberia in a southwesterly direction, connecting with the Trans-Siberian line at Vladivostock, and to find an outlet into China via the Manchurian railroad.

SHIPBUILDING IN HALIFAX.

That Halifax is well adapted for the building of ships is a conceded point; and that the time is not far off when such an industry will be carried on there on a large scale is probably but a matter of making its facilities well known. With this idea Haligonians are now pretty well imbued, and they have now issued a circular setting forth the chief advantages of Halifax in concise shape. Some of the points well taken are as follows:

Labor.—We have here the largest stable population in the Maritime Provinces, affording first-class, intelligent men from whom to draw the necessary mechanics and artisans.

Material and Fuel.—We have in Nova Scotia, or soon will have, the means of assembling the material required in the construction of shipping, and we are close to supplies of fuel as cheap as obtainable anywhere.

Harbor.—Halifax harbor is large, open the year round, and has the advantage of the protection of strong fortifications, a factor that some time might be important.

Climate.—Uniform weather, less severity in winter and no great heat in summer, give a greaer number of working days throughout the year than are available elsewhere.

Repair Work.—Halifax harbor's geographical location is favorable for the obtaining of much repair work. It is conveniently situated for shipping that may be damaged at sea and require repairs. We have already a magnificent dry dock.

Market.—There is a growing tendency among provincial investors to put money into shipping, and other things being equal, into shipping constructed at home. A large fleet is required for the carrying of our own coal and iron. Our fishing vessels may and should be constructed of steel. There is a demand for shipping to supply our coastwise and passenger requirements.

Bonuses.—The city of Halifax offers \$200,000 and the province of Nova Scotia \$100,000 For the other side of the harbor \$100,000 is offered by the town and the province offers \$100,000.

FOR DRY GOODS MEN.

The flax mill at Thedford has been destroyed by fire.

Halifax millinery openings are to take place on Thursday and Friday, 19th and 20th inst.

A letter received recently from Belfast says that the demand for linen yarn is improving; stocks being weil cleaned up. Prices are firming.

The Canada Woolen Mills Co. are going to increase the capacity of their Waterloo mills by the erection of another two-story building, and the addition of a shoddy plant.

Recent advices from England state that hosiery threatens to advance in price, but wholesale houses generally do not seem to think that much appreciation in values is justifiable in the present condition of the primary markets.

The employees of the Canadian Woolen Mills at St. Hyacinthe went on strike last week, owing to a 10 per cent reduction of wages, rendered necessary, the proprietors stated, by the unprofitableness of the last two years operations. Later news, however, states that the difficulty was satisfactorily arranged.

Scotch advices state that the price of flax in tow has risen $\pounds I$ per ton, owing to heavy purchases by the Government. The Russian flax crop has been seriously damaged by drought, and there will be a considerable shortage of "the lowgrade article.

Speaking of the woolen market The New York Journal of Commerce says that the season in light weight fabrics in woolens and worsteds has now so far advanced that a fair idea can be formed of the general character of the season's business. The first round of orders on part of all the larger buyers has been recorded, and the demand now coming in is largely confined to purchases on the part of smaller buyers, who are always late, and as a rule adherents to a hand-tomouth policy.

In four years the number of spindles in the Southern States of the American Union has increased from 3,670,290 to 5,819,835, while the number in the north has increased from 13,900,000 to 15,050,000. The actual increase of the south has thus been double that of the north, while the percentage increase is more than seven times as large. In five years the number of spindles in the south has, nearly doubled.

A feature noted by the Dry Goods Economist in fall fashions is the prominence accorded to articles of personal adornment and use made of leather. The coming of this development was not overlooked by manufacturers, and the result is an unusual variety of belts, purses, pocketbooks, chatelaine bags, etc., which, if properly displayed, cannot fail to bring large business to the retail store.

FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

The Tasmanian Government has asked the Dominion for a supply of Canadian salmon, in order to stock the rivers of the former country.

It is confirmed from all sides that the quality of the coming currant crop will be unusually fine, and with moderate prices a large consumption may be expected as soon as the goods are received.

Contrary to expectations the peach crop in Essex county is very large. While a year ago owners of peach orchards, realized \$4 and \$5 per bushel for early Crawfords, they cannot now obtain more than \$1.

A new plan is being adopted by some of the Fraser river canneries whereby after a large catch, the excess of fish is put in cold storage until such time as the takings fall off and the factories have the time necessary to make use thereof.

The total pack of the Fraser river canneries this season bids fair to prove a record breaker. In 1897, the best previous year, the pack was 860,000 cases, while estimates for this year place it at at least 900,000. The Northern British Columbia pack will be something like 200,000 cases.

Cheese exports at Montreal last week were 65.760 boxes, which is a slight gain on same week 1900, but the total exports of the season are still far behind in comparison. Butter shipments for the week were 19.929 packages, which is 20 per cent. ahead of same week last year.

A Vancouver syndicate, headed by Mr. R. Martin, has been formed for the purpose of building a large fish salting and pickling factory at Portier Island, and perhaps another near the mouth of Skeena river. The process to be used is a secret one, and is said to be much superior to those ordinarily used.

The Victoria Government has been making some experiments in the preservation of fresh fruits. Pears and peaches packed in boxes for ship:nent were subjected to the vapors of hydrocyanic gas. The fruits were then taken out of the boxes and separately wrapped in tissue paper. Some of the were again treated with the gas, and the whole lot was placed in a dry room at a temperature of 40° F., and kept there for seven weeks. When the fruits were taken out, they were in an excellent state of preservation, especially those that had been treated with the gas a second time.

Exhaustive experiments made recently with various substances adapted for the preservation of eggs gave results as follows, the time limit being eight months: Eggs which has been immersed in salt brine—all spoiled; wrapped in paper and per cent. bad; immersed in a mixture of glycerine salicylic acid, the same; rubbed with salt, or imbedded in brans or coated with parafin. 70 per cent. were spoiled; of those subjected to a coat of liquid glass, collodion, or varnish per cent.; and of those which had been placed in wood ashes or had been painted with a mixture of liquid glass and boraced acid, or a solution of permanganate of potash, only 20 per cent were bad. Almost all the eggs that had been coated with vaseline, or had been placed in limewater, or in a solution of liquid glass, were in good condition. We are informed by Messrs Weddel & Co., London, in a circular, dated 30th ult., that the demand for Canadian creamery butter had been dull, but that prices were unchanged. Choicest was making 104s. to 106s. per cwt., with a few sales at slightly higher figures. Finest might be bought at 2s. to 4s. less. Shipments of butter from Canada to the United Kingdom since the 1st of May have been 40,000 packages more than lest year, or roughly about 1,000 tons.

Speaking of the prospects for canned salmon a Pacific coast trade paper remarks: The aggregate of all canneries on the Sound is 1,150,000 cases. This may safely be taken to represent the pack. Probably 90 per cent. of the figures given is sockeye. Fraser river is credited with about 1,000,000 cases. Some few sockeyes are still being packed on the river. Fall fishing is going forward at coast points. There is in sight some 2,750,000 cases of 1901 spring salmon, which is an unprecedented pack. But with low prices prevailing and the heavy work that is being put into sales this year there should certainly be room for 15 to 20 per cent. more salmon than the 3.600,000 cases of last year's pack. This consideration includes all the factors which enter into the salmon consumption question. If, therefore, the pack reaches 4,200,000 cases there should be a reasonably good clean-up in the spring. With Alaska making a nominal pack there will be fully 4,200,000 cases this year.

A paper in Scranton, Pennsylvania, announces the return to that place of a pair of attorneys who had visited Canada in the interests of the Canada Beet Sugar Company, limited, to whom a charter was granted on August 29th. The company's capital is \$600,000, and its object is to build beet sugar refineries in Canada. A number of cities in Ontario have offered free sites. Among those considered were Baden, Berlin, Simcoe, Walkerton, Lindsay, Brockville and Belleville. The first refinery will be built in the town of Baden, which has offered a fifty acre free site and exemption from taxation for ten years. The plant is to be ready for operation and to receive the first beets by September 1st next year. The buildings and equipments will cost half a million dollars, and have a capacity of 20,000,000 pounds of standard granulated sugar per annum, which will require daily 1,000 tons of sugar beets.

INSURANCE MATTERS

An advance in the rates of fire insurance on machine shops and foundries is announced by the Toronto Board of Fire Underwriters, which met the other day. The basis of the schedule under which machine shops and foundries were rated was increased 50 cents. This means, we are told, an advance of 50 cents on one hundred dollars on this class of business and on other classes of metal workers. The explanation given of the increase is that it is to bring rates into harmony with outside places, where rates were increased by the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association last spring.

-A letter from the vice-president of the Halifax Board of Trade, Mr. J. E. DeWolf, received too late for last issue, confirms Mr. Allison's correction of our account of the Maritime Board of Trade meeting, in so far as regards the insurance discussion. Mr. W. M. Jarvis left the room during that discussion, it is true, but the other insurance men remained and not only talked but voted for Mr. J. E. DeWolf's resolution, protesting against increase in fire insurance rates.

A kindly humorist was George Outram, author of "Legal Lyrics." and we believe of the inimitable poem, "The Annuity." With his humor is mingled great good sense, as our readers may find if they read the subjoined stanza on Insurance, intended to be sung to the tune of "What Can a Young Lassie:"

The premium is ae thing-the duty's anither,

It comes a'thegither to saxty pound three;

An' ilk year at Yule it gars us sing dool-

It's a terrible pull on a poor family !

But the gudeman was failin' an' constantly ailing,

'Twas high time that his life insured should be; And on ilk occasion it's some consolation

That we'll a' be provided for gin he should die.

-An item of interest, not only to Canadians but to Imperialists throughout the whole empire, is the fact that the advantages of Cape Breton are becoming manifest to the British Admiralty. War vessels are bunkering at the Dominion Coal Company's pier at Sydney this week for the first time, and it is stated that the North American squadron will take coal there frequently in future.

-Mr. J. O. Cox, of Sydney, N.S.W., who represents extensive shipping interests in Australia, is in this country for the purpose of interesting the Dominion Government in the establishment of a fast steamship service between Canada and Australia. He says that Australians strongly wish to develop trade with this country, but that it is very difficult to compete with the Americans under existing shipping conditions.

-There are some people who will now realize the value of trees to a greater extent than they have before. Recently the owner of some property in Montreal brought action to recover damages for the loss of a large elm tree close by, which had been killed by brine and other liquids proceeding from a neighboring pickle factory. The court held that trees are an adjunct to property, which increase its value, and gave judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$60.

-Writing on the subject of commercial agents for Canada in the United Kingdom, a correspondent in the Maritime Provinces says: "I quite agree with your remark that the position of affairs in London in this particular is not satisfactory. Why should not all appointments be filled by persons who have resided in Canada for some years at least, and during that time have had proper opportunity to become acquainted with our varied trade requirements? Our correspondent learns that the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Bristol has urged the appointment of a resident Canadian agent. But query, will the Government make such an appointment if the High Commissioner objects? Or has that functionary the right of such appointment in his own hands?

-The mayor of Detroit thinks he sees a prospect for closer business relations with Canada, and aims to have another convention in that city to discuss the question. Thepresident of the National Association of Manufacturers, it appears, has been instructed by the executive of that body to call a convention of representatives of all commercial bodies. to discuss reciprocity. Such gathering Mr. Maybury says, should be held in Detroit, and he has so informed Mr. Sears. It is too much to expect that American manufacturers will become advocates of reciprocity with Canada, but their association's last meeting in Detroit possibly taught some of the narrower spirits amongst them that the present high United States tariff is not eternal. Whilst we remember with friendly regard the efforts of many sensible and reasonable friends of Canada, in the states nearest to us, on behalf of freer trade with the Dominion, we may tell the American people who are so arrogant towards us that we can perfectly well afford to wait. And meanwhile we are not idle in the vineyard.

CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures of Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday. September 5th 1901, compared with the e o the previous week :

CLEARINGS.	September 12th 1901.	September 5th,	190
Montreal	\$20.882,427	\$15,985,923	
Toronto	15 586,842	11,204,731	
Winnipeg		2,138,060	
Halifax	1,567,425	1,457,580	
Hamilton	815,342	635,559	
St. John	915 325	735 417	
Vancouver	1.196 085	850,126	
Victoria	680,437	377.060	
Quebec	1,462,274	1,298,241	
	\$45,391,300	\$34,682,697	

Aggregate balances, this week, \$6,741,734; last week, \$5,315,580

AMERICAN EXPORTS.

The United States exports for the twelve months ending with June 30 last approached a billion and a half. The exports of breadstuffs, cattle and hogs, provisions, cotton and mineral oils, are about a hundred million in excess of the figures of 1900, the division being as follows

	1900.	1901.
Breadstuffs	\$253,455,000	\$267,487,000
Cattle-Hogs	29,034,000	36,357,000
Provisions	168,894,000	179,875,000
Cotton	241,666,000	313,284,000
Mineral oils	74,455,000	69,906,000

Total\$767,504,000 \$867,089,000

The agricultural interest is the greatest contributor to the nation's foreign trade, the first four items mentioned, with a total of \$798,000,000 in value. The distribution of the breadstuff exports among the different ports is as follows:

	1900.	1901.
Baltimore	\$37,042,269	\$39,026,604
Boston	22,623,345	30,027,915
Newport News	17,825,919	16,153,281
New York	62,545,081	60,945,491
Norfolk, Va	4,133,297	3,986,560
Philadelphia	28,707,399	29,138,214
Galveston	13,111,041	10,732,944
Mobile	1,251,070	2,087,746
New Orleans	20,139,504	23,889,152
Puget Sound	5,223,143	8,787,205
San Francisco	14,128,461	13,336,517
Willamette	7,602,178	9.769,106
Duluth	3,058,419	1,707,692
Superior	5.041.398	4,367,645
Other districts	11,022,179	13,531,167

\$253.454,703 \$267.487,239

New York still retains a marked pre-eminence as an exporter of breadstuffs, but it is not so great as it used to be. Other ports are in the race, for which Montreal's present harbor improvements are a prepartion, and they show gains at New York's expense, gains, moreover, that are but the continuation of others that have been going on for years-Gazette.

PENNY-WISE AND POUND-FOOLISH.

Another class of grocers is the one which wastes all its time on penny details, while dollar matters are suffering for want of their atten-tion. One has seen the grocer who will spend an hour down cellar tying together odd pieces of string, total value ten cents, or knocking bent nails out of old boxes, while somebody is upstairs flimflamming the clerk, or some incor-rigible dead beat is inducing the clerk to trust rigible dead beat is inducing the clerk to trust him for expensive groceries. Or the grocer will be too busy to leave his job of picking out damaged berries from the piles at the door, to courteously receive and wait upon a heavy-buying customer, leaving the task to a half-trained clerk and running the risk of the customer not being suited. The penny-wise and pound-foolish grocers leave their mark upon the store. Usually the force of clerks is too small and not well enough paid. The extreme economy in the delivery

force of clerks is too small and not well enough paid. The extreme economy in the delivery department prevents customers obtaining sup-plies in time, and next day they go to another store. The quality of the stock suffers because the grocer is too intent upon "price" to suf-ficiently heed the importance of quality, and more custom is driven away. This class of dealers forget to paint and clean the store as often as these duties should be done, and a mere glance at the interior of the store will reveal the faults of the owner to the practiced reveal the faults of the owner to the practiced eye.--Merchants' Review.

STRANGE THINGS OBSERVED.

How ambitious and mellow a man becomes when he talls in love.

How fond a woman is of her wedding ring no matter what her age. How many men are absolutely ignorant of

their household affairs. How many women regard themselves as good enough for the most select set.

How many men think they would have adorn-ed professional life. How many women pin their faith to men's

opinions. How many men like to talk about the money they make.

How many women have not the faintest idea of how banks do business.

How many men think they would become millionaires if they had the means to speculate in stocks, - Philadelphia Bulletin.

-The report of the directors of the Suez Canal states that the net tonnage for 1900 was 9,738,153 tons, a decrease of 157.677 tons com-pared with 1899, but an increase of 499 549 tons compared with that of 1898. The transit pared with 1899, but an increase of 499 549 tons compared with that of 1898. The transit receipts, which in 1899 amounted to 91,318.772 trancs (\$17.624,230) and were higher than in any previous year since the opening of the canal, fell to 90,623,608 francs (\$17,490,356) in 1900, being a decrease of 695,164 francs. The number of vessels which passed through the canal was 3,503 in 1898, 3,607 in 1899, and 3,441 in 1900, of which 2,295 in 1898, 2,310 in 1899 and 1,935 in 1900, carried the British flag. There has consequently been a falling off in the tonnage of British vessels, which amounted to 6,297,743 tons in 1898, 6,586,310 tons in 1800. 6,297,743 tons in 1898, 6,586,310 tons in 1890, and 5,605,421 tons in 1900. During the same period the tonnage from German vessels has increased from 969,597 tons in 1898 to 1,070,76-in 1899 and 1,466,391 tons in 1990. Of 2,407 merchant vessels and vessels in ballast, of a net tonnage of 6,612,316 tons, passing through net tonnage of 6,612,316 tons, passing through the canal, 1,661 ships, of a net tonnage of 4,705,634 tons, were British, being fully 69 per cent. of the number and fully 71 per cent. of the tonnage; 291, or 12 per cent., were German vessels, whose tonnage was 11.1 per cent. of the whole; France, Holland and Austria-Hungary combined furnishing a total of 11.8 per cent. of the vessels and 9.6 per cent. of the tonnage of the carrying trade to the east through the Suez canal.

tants-Sodville is destined to become the metropolis of the state. Prospective purchaser—Have you many stores or manufacturing plants in the town yet? Real estate agent—No; not yet. Town's only three weeks old. But we've got a Carnegie library and three newspapers already



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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 11th Sept., 1901. Ashes.—Practically no change has become known in trade conditions in this line since our last. Some limited business is reported in pearls with England, but on the whole there is little movement, and values are more or less nominal at \$4.25 for first pots, \$3.75 for seconds, and \$6.50 to \$6.75 for pearls.

and \$6.50 to \$6.75 for pearls. CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS —A good jobbing trade is reported in car lots, though no big deals are being put through. Imports for the week ending to-day are 6,900 bbls. of Belgian and German cement, 600 bbls. of English, and 5,300 firebricks. Prices are steady. We quote: Belgian cement, \$1.70 to \$1.95; German, \$2.30 to \$2.50; English, \$2.25 to \$2.35; American, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Canadian, Beaver brand, \$1.90; Star, \$2.20; Silicas, \$2.10; firebricks, \$16 to \$22.

\$2.20; Silicas, \$2.10; firebricks, \$16 to \$22. DAIRY PRODUCTS — The cheese market, which showed some further tendency to decline after last writing, is rather steadier under better enquiry from abroad. We quote fine Westerns 94 to 94c. Townships 94 to 94c., Quebec 9 to 94c. Shipments of cheese last week were the largest for some time past, aggregating 100.551 boxes, as against 88.854 boxes for same week of last year. Butter is quiet, but rules fairly steady at 204c. for finest creamery, under grades 19 to 20c., dairy about 16c. Shipments last week were 14.527 packages. as compared with 16.136 packages for the same week of 1900.

DRY GOODS .- The anticipations formed with regard to payments on the 4th seem to have been fulfilled, and about 65 per cent. seems to be the general estimate of the proportion of customer's paper provided for on that day. With the cooler weather city trade shows signs of improvement, and country buyers continue to be noticed about the warehouses in fair number

GROCERIES.—Sugar refiners report the good demand noted last week as being well main-tained, and both refineries are said to be well sold up on granulated. One of the factories has made a reduction of 10c, a cental on No. 1



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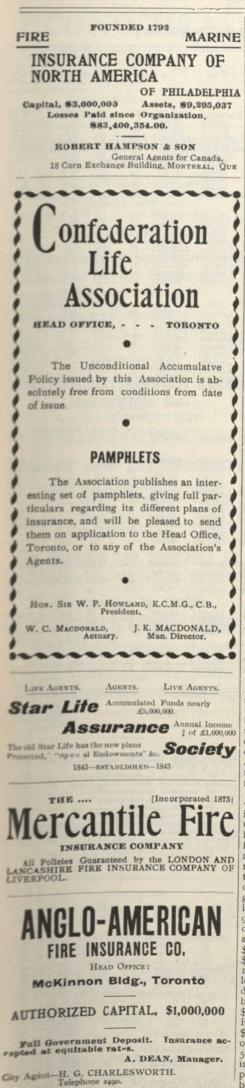
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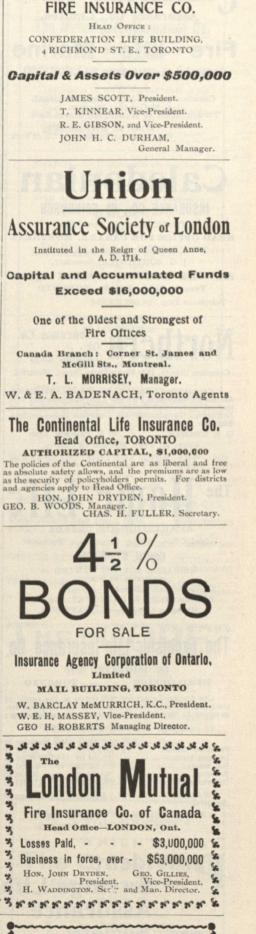
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yellows, and 5c. on No. 2, but the other com-pany has not as yet followed suit. Granulated is unchanged at \$4.40. A ot of several hundred bags of slighly caked foreign refined granulated was sold by auction in the docks a granulated was sold by auction in the docks a few days ago, and brought \$3.95. Mo asses continues firm at 29c. for Barbadoes for either the single puncheon or car lots; some small quantity of Trinidad molasses is held here, but very dark in qual ty, and the figure is 23c. A cable to hand to-day reports that the "Esca-lona," the first direct dried fruit steamer, has here delayed in loading and only sails from lona," the first direct dried fruit steamer, has been delayed in loading, and only sails from Patras to-day, and is timed to sail from Denia a week hence. The currant market is cabled again weaker; Valencias quiet but firm. Sultanas are cabled 6J. lower in cheap grades, and 6d, higher on better grades. Some small supplies of new salmon are to hand. Of River

Soltanas are cabled 6.1. lower in cheap grades, and 6d, higher on better grades. Some small supplies of new salmon are to hand. Of River Inlet and Skeena River brands packers have only been able to fisl 75 per cent, of orders; Fraser River pack is quoted a little easier, with jobbing quotations about \$5.50. HIDES.—Receipts of beet hides and lamb skins are said to show some increase this week, but business in calf skins is about dead. Tan-ners are said to be buying some fair lots of hides. We quote dealers as buying No. 1 hides at 7½c. per lb., lamb skins 35c. each, calt skins 9c. tor No 1 and 7c. for No. 2 per lb. LEATHER.—There is little new reported. A good demand exists for plump jobbing sole, but there is a difficulty in filling orders, and Western tanners say they are having some difficulty in keeping up with their export orders. Dongolas and fancy leatners are in moderate request. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1. 25 to 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24 to 25c.; No. 3, B.A., 23 to 24; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 25c, ; No. 2, 23 to 24c.; No 1, slaughter, 28c.; No. 2, ditto, 25c.; common, 22 to 24c.; Union crop, 20 to 30c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 20 to 22c.; Quebec ditto, 15 to 17c.; juniors, 15 to 16c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; imita-tion French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 26c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheep-skins, linings, 30 to 40c.; colored sheepskins, 6½ to 7½c.; black, ditto, 6 to 6½c.; black Indias, 7 to 8c.; harness, 31 to 33c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; mester and bridle, 35 to 45c.
METALS AND HARDWARE.—The demand is satisfactory, and values hold firm in nearly all cases of recent advance, but there is still gen-eral complaint of the difficulty in getting goods. The "Monteagle," just in port, is reporte

cases of recent advance, but there is still gen-eral complaint of the difficulty in getting goods. The "Monteagle," just in port, is reported to have some fair lots of plates, but nothing suffi-cient to relieve the great scarcity. Coke tins are firmly held at \$4.40 to 4.50 for standard weights, Canadas at \$2.75 for 52 sheets, and from \$4.35 to 4.50 for galvanized Canadas. A sale of a 50 box lot of Ternes is reported at \$7.75 but \$8.00 is the general asking price in a job-bing way. Black sheets as firm as ever. Ingot tin is a trifle easier at 30 to 31C.; lead in Lon-don is rather firmer, and from \$3.30 to 3.35 is quoted locally; copper steady at $17\frac{1}{34}$ c.; spelter 4§C. for Silesianland American. Donestic bar tron very firm at \$1.85 for car lots, and \$1.90 for smaller quantities. for smaller quantities. OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—The only note-

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—The only note-worthy feature in these lines is a decline of 3c. in linseed oil. All other values are steady. Quotations are; Single barrels, raw, and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 79 and 82c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 78 and 81c.; net, 30 days, or 3 per cent. for four month's terms. Turpentine, one barrel, 55c.; two to four barrels, 54c.; net, 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 32 to 35c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 47½ to 50c. per gal-lon; straw, ditto, 40 to 45c.; Castor oil, 9 to 9½c.; in quantity. tins, 10 to 10½c.; machinery castor oil, 8½ to 9c.; Leads, (chemically pure and first class brands only), \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$5.25; No. 3, \$5.00; No. 4, \$4.50; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c.; tor pure; No. 1, do., 5c.; genmine red, do., 5c.; No. 1, red lead, 4½ to 4%c., Putty, in bulk, bbls., \$2; blad-der putty, in bbls., \$2.20; ditto, in kegs, or boxes, \$2.35; 25-lb. tins, \$2.45; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.75. London washed whiting, 45 to 50c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; Parisgreen, in barrels, 1(¾c.; 50 and 100-lb. drums, 17½c; 25-lb ditto, 18c.; in lb packages, 18½c.; Window glass, \$2.10 per 50 feet for first break; \$2.20 for second break. worthy feature in these lines is a decline of 3c.



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TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Sept. 12th, 1901.

Drugs, Chemicals, etc.—The local trade in drugs presents no new features, though it is up to its usual standard for this time of the year. Prices remain steady. In New York, business is a little more active in most lines, though still confined chiefly to jobbing limits. Opium is easy, enquiries being very few and quinine also is dull.

Flour and Meal.—Flour still continues quiet, the average price paid by exporters being about \$2.60 for 90 per cent patents in buvers' bags, middle freights, and \$2.90 for barrels in car load lots. Mill feed is quite firm and oatmeal remains steady remains steady.

Fruit, etc.-On the whole hardly so much fruit Fruit, etc.—On the whole hardly so much fruit has been received in the local market as might have been expected, though musk melons are very plentiful. A large quantity of small berries must have been put up in the shape of preserves, to judge from the demand while these fruits lasted. Pears are somewhat scarce. Prices quoted are as follows: Newlemons, Major-ic, \$4.25 per hox; fancy Verdelle \$3.50 to \$4.25 Prices quoted are as follows: Newlemons, Major-ic, $\S_{4.25}$ per box; fancy Verdelle, $\$_{3.50}$ to $\$_{4.25}$: Oranges, late Valencia, $\$_{4.25}$; Jamaica, $\$_{4.25}$: grapes, Champion, 20c. per basket; Moore's Early and Niagara, 22½ to 25c.; peaches, Crawford, 65 to 90c.; common, 40 to 60c.; pears, 25 to 45c.; plums, 30 to 50c.; apples, 30 to 40c. per basket, $\$_{2.75}$ to $\$_{3.50}$ per bbl.; tomatoes, 15 to 20c. per basket; bananas, fancy, $\$_{1.50}$ to $\$_{1.75}$, canteloupes, 40 to 75c. per case; cucumbers 15c. per basket; sweet potatoes, $\$_{4.25}$. potatoes, \$4.25.

Grain .- Ontario wheat is unchanged, but Manitoba has dropped from 1c. to 2c. Barley remained steady at unchanged prices. Oats are from 1c. to 2c. lowee. Peas are unchanged. Rye has gone up 1c. Corn is nominally unchanged. Buckwheat has declined from 2c. to 3c. The movement of grain throughout the country has hardly started in earnest yet.

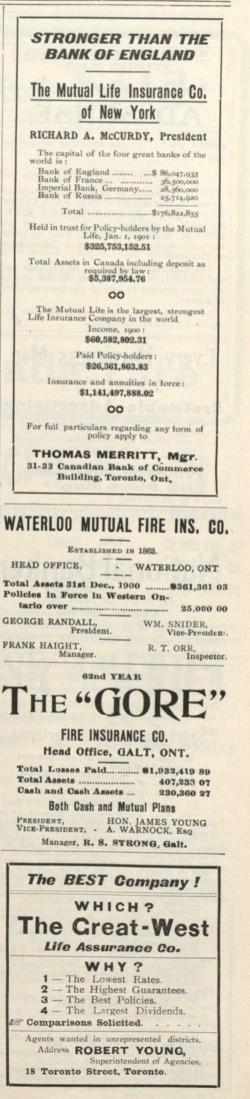
Groceries.—The main feature in the position of the grocery business this week is the very heavy movement in sugars, no doubt due to the very heavy demand for preserving purposes. In some cases it has been found almost impos-In some cases it has been found almost impos-sible to meet the requests for rush delivery. In spite of this, however, a decline took place of roc. per cwt. in low grade yellows. Prices in some lines of canned small fruit remain very firm, owing to the shortage both in this country and in the United States. The trade being carried on in teas is fair, especially in Indians and Cevlons, the price being low and Ceylons, the price being low.

and Ceylons, the price being low. Hardware.—Not a great deal of business has been carried through in shelf hardware during the past week. Many visitors to the exhibition seized the opportunity presented by being in the city to inspect the goods offered in the wholesale houses, and their purchases were well up to the average, but the last few days have been a little flat, which is nothing unus-ual as soon as the excitement of exhibition time is over. In the heavy metals trade brishness ual as soon as the excitement of exhibition time is over. In the heavy metals trade, briskness is the rule, and prices are distinctly on the firm side. Galvanized iron, more especially, shows a rising tendency. These conditions are partially, no doubt, due to the similar ones reigning on the other side of the line. From Glasgow comes the report of a quiet market for pig iron, only a limited business being transacted. Little fresh business with home consumers of Scotch warrants has transpired, though some manufacturers are more ready to meet buyers' views. Hides and Skins — Offerings are not large

Hides and Skins .- Offerings are not large, and the demand being very fair, prices have an upward tendency. Lambskins are in better demand. Tallow remains steady.

Live Stock .- Cattle have been coming in in large quantities, really choice export being sold at high prices. In butchers' cattle too a good

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trade has been transacted, though many of the offerings were not of high value. Few good milch cows were on the market. A good de mand is noted for lambs. Sheep are on the easy side.

Provisions .- The quality of the receipts (f butter to hand recently has been unsatisfactory. Very little really fine grade has been coming in, and for medium and common grades the demand is poor. Fine goods are fetching 17c. Cheese is easy at 9¹/₂ to 10c. For poultry there is a fair demand, but the continued warm wea-ther has militated against large receipts. Not ther has militated against large receipts. Not much is doing in the hop market, brewers probab'y awaiting reliable reports as to the new crop. In h g products, the market is firm in all lines, and advances are more than prob-able. Lard is very firm. In eggs the demand is very fair, with liberal receipts; quality is fair but but no means uniform fair but by no means uniform.

Se-ds .-- Prices have had a downward tendency since it was learned that Great Britain and the continent were not in such immediate need as was at first thought. The Canadian need as was at first thought. need as was at first thought. The Cahadhan alsike and red clover crops look as if they will be up to the average. The former is now quoted at \$6 to \$6.75 per bushel at outside points, and the latter at \$5, but holders are waiting for more. Timothy is \$2 to \$2.25.

BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Speaking of the satisfactory condition of condition of general business in the States, Henry Clews says, in his New York circular of Satunday last : "Clearing House returns are much in excess of a year ago, which considering the inactivity of speculation is unquestionable testimony of trade activity. The West as a whole seems to trade activity. The West as a whole seems to be enjoying exceptional prosperity in spite of setbacks here and there. At times it appears as if the country had reached the crest of the wave of prosperity; and yet the momentum has been so great that it is premature to pre-dict with any positiveness that the turn has come. In a few markets the highest level and the largest production have certainly been reached; yet it seems as if other departments of business must have their share of prosperity before the turning point can be definitely said to have been reached. At the same time prices of many commodities are very high, and the profits thus induced are greatly stimulating new competition. It is somewhat remarkable new competition. It is somewhat remarkable and not a little suggestive that in spite of the great trusts which have been formed during the past four or five years there is little complaint of oppressive monopoly. Is this because out-side competition is acting as a restraint upon side competition is acting as a result upon these powerful corporations, or is public opin-ion less hostile than formerly? Very likely both factors are partly responsible, and the trust managers find it upprofitable and unsafe to wholly disregard public opinion.

TOLEDO'S EXPERIMENT.

A little over ten years ago a few politicians and learned editors made the people of To'édo believe that by the judicious expenditure of a paltry million or so in building a municipal natural gas plant, the dear people would not only get fuel gas dirt cheap for themselves, but could sell enough of it to manufacturers and others to pay the cost of the plant, and also, in practi-cally no time, pay off the city debt. So the good people of Toledo voted to issue bonds to the amount of \$750,000, and went into the good people of Toledo voted to issue bonds to the amount of \$750,000. and went into the natural gas business. Altogether since May, 1889, the city has issued \$1,050,000 natural gas bonds, and has paid, or will have paid by October 1 of this year, \$499,500 interest on the bonds. But it was a great pipe dream. Last night the pipe went out. The council leased what was left of the plant to the Toledo Gas Light & Coke Company for a term of twenty years, at \$6,500 a year. Our annual interest account on natural gas bonds outstanding is \$47,250, and we will keep on paying that for many years to come.

*47,250, and we will keep on puying the test many years to come. Incidentally, many of the men who shouted loudest for the gas plant got their start in life out of their connection with it, and, having become taxpayers, managed to bob up and help become taxpayers, managed to bob up and help urge the council to lease the plant to a private corporation—so as to save them taxes. We could say more, but it's bad form to speak harshly of the dead, even if it's only a rusty pipe line. But in passing we might say that

in kicking the city natural gas plant down-stairs and out into the great American out-doors, the Toledo council necessarily uprooted a few of the proudest known to fame and poli-tics as the Municipal Ownership of Public Utilities. And the people don't seem to be tearing their hair about it either.—Toledo Bee.

CHARTERED STENOGRAPHIC REPORTERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Chartered Stenoraphic Reporters' Association of Ontario was held on Saturday of last week in Toronto held on Saturday of last week in Toronto Mr. George Angus, president, in the chair. A petition was presented by a number of short-hand writers stating their desire to form an association in affiliation with the Chartered Stenographic Reporters' Association. A com. mittee was appointed to confer with the appli-cants, and some action will be taken this fail Million and some action will be taken this fall. Mr. Hoskin, of the British American Business College, and Mr. R. McCullough, of the Hamilton Business College, addressed the meeting, urging that an examining board be formed to examine teachers and give certain cates to successful candidates. The following officers were elected : President, Robert Tyson officers were elected : President, Robert Tyson vice-president, A. R. Jenkins; secretary and H. J. Emerson, and E. E. Horton were elected to the council to fill the pusitions of three retiring members. Some good papers were retiring members. Some good papers were read and several other interesting features added zest to the proceedings.

THE NEW ERA

The growing general disposition amongst all shades of political thought to encourage the railway enterprise of the "Reid Newfound and Company" is apparent everywhere, and the forebodings of success are becoming more to ago denounced in unmeasured terms anything ago denounced in unmeasured terms anything quite openly that the Sydney boom will be a small affair compared with that soon inaugurated in this old and almost neglected country. Though we happen to be among those whose advocacy of the 1898 contrast received a rude shock last year, it is pleasant ago, are to-day found the warmest suppose tractor Reid agood man. To feel that a public measure is a wise and beneficent one is chart The growing general disposition amongst all tractor Reid a good man. To feel that a public measure is a wise and beneficent one is cheer ing to public men; but to have the fact admitted by opposers, who, having opportunity tried and failed to make it better, is the access of satisfaction.

A comparison of the 1898 contract with the A comparison of the 1895 contract with the of the present year, demonstrates to the unpre-judiced mind the folly of the new measure the heavy burden inflicted by its adoption upon the taxpayers. The new "deal" was sought by the Messrs. Reid, who were satisfies sought by the Messrs. Reid, who were satisfies to perform their obligations under the old but has been suggested as a means of all prejudice and unloosing the wheels colony's industrial progress. Every regards the new measure as a bonanza to contractors and none can fairly blame regards the new measure as a bolian ta tor so contractors, and none can fairly blame for accepting a gift offered; one which, giving a large amount of cash, also permission giving a large amount of cash, also permission for accepting a giving a large amount of cash, also permits in giving a large amount of cash, also permits and prise, which if it benefits the company be useful to the colony and people as well business man, himself an old liberal, remarked in our hearing, "the arrangement is abominable and oppressive one for New land, but the Messrs. Reid are in no responsible for it, and had Mr. Reid refused accept, he would certainly have sacrificed of a well-earned, well-deserved reputation business ability."

The comments in the press outside New foundland are, almost without exception complimentary to the Messrs. Reid's interest plimentary to the Messrs. Reid's integration Everywhere they are regarded as the perform fication of honor, that what they promise perform, and what they do is well done far as they are concerned locally. the new tract has accomplished nothing more satisfies tory, if we except the cash benefit, than general agreement that "Reid is all right Daily News, St. John, Newfoundland integrit

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