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THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1892.

Merry Christmas.

We wish our patrons and readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Editorial Notes.

The legislature of Manitoba meets in February next, and several important matters will come before that body for consideration. Prominent amongst these will be the question of the liquor traffic, upon which the vote of the province was taken a short while ago. It will be remembered that the verdict of the people was overwhelmingly in favor of prohibition, and the action of the legislature at the coming session will be watched with a good deal of interest by the other provinces. Prior to the vote being taken Premier Greenway committed himself by promising to give effect to the will of the people whatever the latter might be, and Lieutenant-Governor Schultz has pronounced himself strongly in favor of the most stringent measures. As the people declared for the abolition of the traffic, legislation in that direction will as a matter of course be undertaken.

PRESIDENT Harrison in his recent message to Congress misrepresented the position of Canada in regard to the duty of 10 per cent. on tea imported into Canada from the United States. The latter duty is imposed upon tea imported wholesale into the United States by middlemen, and then re-sold from warehouses to dealers in Canada. But the article imported by way of San Francisco and carried by American railways direct into Canada is entitled to the same free entry as if it came in by way of Vancouver. The New York and Boston importers bring their tea over the Canadian Pacific, via Vancouver, just as Toronto and Montreal importers are permitted to bring their goods over American roads, via San Francisco, free of duty. The United States have therefore no grievance against Canada in the matter of the tariff complained of. It is worthy of note that the discriminating duty in question was originally imposed by the Washington authorities. The effect of the repeal by our government of this 10 per cent duty on tea purchased in the United States would be to divert our freight, capital and enterprise from Canada to the United States. As it is now, Canada imports, carries, handles and distributes her own tea trade almost exclusively, whilst the consumer pays no duty on the article.

Manitoba's Monopoly.

Manitoba barley is offered at 16c. f.o.b. Winnipeg, which after deducting 2c. per bushel for elevating charges and commission for buying, and 5c for threshing, leaves 9c. per bushel for the poor farmer in Manitoba. But while the farmer only receives 9c. net for his barley, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (Manitoba's great monopoly) gets over 20c. per bushel for bringing it to Montreal. The C.P.R. may well flourish, and flaunt its big earnings on the Montreal, New York and London stock exchanges, and boast of the grand future in store for it, when it can extract such abnormally high freight rates, at the expense of the very life-blood of the producers of the North-

west. At all points along the C.P.R. where there is no railway competition (and that refers to the great majority of stations), the farmers are at the mercy of a monopoly whose power and influence for its own aggrandizement are being felt to an alarming extent, and to the detriment of the tillers of Manitoba's soil. The grain merchants of this city have long viewed with surprise the extravagant freight rates that have been levied upon Manitoban produce. It is well known that during the past year the rates of freight on the lower grades of Manitoba wheat have been actually more than the grain brought on this market. As a proof that the freight on grain shipped from Manitoba is excessive, we may state that the Grand Trunk, Northern Pacific and Wisconsin Central railways combined will carry the grain out of Manitoba via Chicago to the same points in Canada or to the sea-board, a greater distance by about 500 miles, for the same rate as the C.P.R. charges for the shorter distance. The fact that these rates are the same demonstrates how excessive those of the C.P.R. are. Considering the many privileges the C.P.R. has received from the country in the shape of innumerable grants, etc., and in fact the gift of lands and the whole road, it turns round and bleeds the poor farmers wherever it has a monopoly of traffic, instead of remembering past favors and contributing its share towards the building up of the Canadian Northwest. - Montreal Trade Bulletin.

WORLD'S FREIGHT SHIPS

ARE ENGAGED AT PRESENT IN A LOSING BUSINESS.

The Number of Idle Vessels Abroad Was Never So Large - Freight Rates Below a Profitable Basis in America - Tramp Ships.

New York, Dec. 21. - The Evening Post says: Ocean freight traffic for the past year has been much depressed, but according to reports from the offices of different steamship lines the depression lately has been growing worse and worse, until at the present time it is almost unprecedented. Abroad it is said the number of vessels lying idle was never so large, while in this country the competition of owners or charterers of vessels is so keen as to bring freight rates far below a profitable basis. In fact, many shippers, it is reported, are doing business at a loss. In the case of tramp ships, if they are not tied up they are fitting to and fro among the Atlantic harbors wherever a chance to obtain freight presents itself, in hope of obtaining a cargo.

Cause of Depression.

The cause reported to be at the bottom of this depression is said to be overproduction throughout the world. As a consequence the foreign demand for products of the United States has been growing less and less, as, adding to the depression in freight business caused by the increasing lack of orders from the overstocked ports abroad, it is pointed out that the laboring classes, being in large part unemployed, do not consume as much breadstuffs as usual, which has almost caused a cessation of the demand for grain and flour from abroad, staples which made up a large proportion of the export trade. But the warehouses abroad are well stocked, so foreign manufacturers being well supplied are not now ordering at the high prices. In addition to this there are apparently too many steamships in the trans-Atlantic trade.

THE SCHEDULE WAIVED.

A Cattle Vessel, Delayed for Repairs, Lands the Cargo in England.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21. - The last vessel taking cattle from Canada has arrived, after the exceptionally long voyage of 43 days from Montreal, and her cattle have been allowed to land under the old regulations, although the scheduling of Canadian cattle went into effect on Nov. 21. The circumstances are as follows: The steamship Ontario left Montreal for Avonmouth on Oct. 28 laden with cattle. At that time there was not the slightest fear of Canadian cattle being scheduled and she would probably have reached port before there was any question of scheduling, had not her machinery broken down, which compelled her to put into St. John's, N.F., for repairs. These were not completed until Nov. 28, when she left St. John's for Avonmouth, where she arrived on Dec. 10, nearly three weeks after the scheduling order carried into force. On the day her arrival was announced by cable the Montreal Board of Health telegraphed the Minister of Agriculture to request Sir Charles Tupper to endeavor to get her cattle exempted from the scheduling order. This was done at once, but nothing was heard from the High Commissioner until to-day, when he cabled to the effect that the Board of Agriculture had allowed the Ontario's cattle to land under the old regulations.

A BEER SYNDICATE.

The Small Breweries to Be Crushed Out of Existence.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 21. - The great European financiers, the Rothschilds, are the leaders in an enterprise which, in its line, surpasses anything of the kind ever conceived in this country. It is their purpose to establish an immense beer trust, with headquarters in New York and branch business offices and warehouses in at least a dozen New England cities, as well as in the same number of western towns. Many millions of capital are to be used in backing the scheme, which has for its ultimate end the extinction of all the smaller similar concerns of the country, or their absorption by the Rothschilds' syndicate. Sites have been already secured in this city, in Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury, Chicago, Columbus, San Francisco and several other cities, and the organization of the gigantic enterprise is being pushed to a successful outcome.

A SARNIA SAFE ROBBED.

THE CANADIAN EXPRESS COMPANY OUT A NICE LITTLE SUM.

Seven Thousand Dollars Taken - The Agent Was Ill and at Home - The Clerk Was at Dinner - A Duplicate Key Was Used to Open the Safe.

SARNIA, Ont., Dec. 21. - A bold robbery was perpetrated yesterday during the time the employees were at dinner, whereby a large sum of money, estimated at \$7000, was stolen from the office of the Canadian Express Company here.

The agent, T. H. Cook, had been ill for about a week and confined to the house. The clerk in charge of the office locked the safe and office at 12:20 and returned at 12:55 and found the safe and office door open and the contents of the safe gone.

The entrance was effected by the basement door at the back and the safe opened by a duplicate key, which would go to show that the robbery was concocted by some person entirely familiar with key and office. Up to the present nothing has transpired to throw any light on the mysterious affair.

ANXIOUS FOR WEALTH.

A Nursery Man Who Is Charged With Unprincipled Acts.

CHATHAM, Dec. 21. - Frank W. Wilson, the owner of an extensive nursery in Harwich township, near Chatham, is being tried in the Kent County Court upon a charge of employing fraudulent and dishonest methods to extort money from his customers. He has been in the nursery business for 17 years, and has lately been making a specialty of importing, cultivating and disposing of spruce trees. His agents have for months been traveling the side lines between Owen Sound and Windsor. It is alleged that farmers and others were induced to sign an order for one or more boxes at the rate of five cents per tree, believing the box to contain possibly 100 plants. But when delivered, the boxes were found to contain from 600 to 3000 trees, most of which proved to be about the size of knitting needles, and the purchasers were required to pay for that number.

J. B. Rankin is conducting the case for the plaintiffs. Several witnesses were called yesterday, and the accused was put into the box. He explained that when he began packing the trees in boxes he had in the neighborhood of 400 orders. Though the orders were identical he put 600 trees in some boxes and 3000 in others, notwithstanding that the capacity of the boxes was the same. This he explained was due to the differences in the size of the trees and most of the boxes were made one foot square and 25 inches long. His instruction to his men was to cover the trees with moss and then tramp them in because the contract called for a full box.

The witness said that the profit to him was about 3 1/2c a tree. He imported the trees from France, and then grew them at his nursery for a year or perhaps longer. They cost here about \$12 a thousand, while he paid in France \$3 or \$4 a thousand for them, the difference being made by the cost of importation. The cross-examination of Wilson will be continued to-morrow. He maintains that the farmers bought with their eyes open.

CIVIL ACTIONS.

They Have a Legal But Not a Literary Significance.

HAMILTON, Dec. 21. - A couple of civil actions, which promise sensational developments, have been or will soon be entered for trial at the coming assizes in this city. A couple of days ago Messrs. Biggar & Lee representing Mrs. R. J. Woods, wife of "Bob" Woods, who formerly kept hotel in this city and afterwards was proprietor of the Half-way House on the Dundas-road, issued a writ against R. J. for alimony. Yesterday Messrs. Nesbitt, Bicknell & Gauld, representing Mr. Woods, issued a writ against Rev. J. M. Webb of Palmerston and Mr. M. M. Buckley of Niagara Falls, claiming \$5000 damages for enticing his wife away from his home and harboring her.

The defendant Buckley is father of Mrs. Woods. He is a Niagara Falls hotel-keeper. Rev. Mr. Webb has come in for a great deal of notoriety lately. He was in this city for some time in charge of a Baptist mission church, and went from here to Niagara Falls. The trouble there in connection with the cutting down of Mrs. Goring's clothes-line which was in the way of the workmen who were engaged in the building of a church for Rev. George Webb, J. M.'s brother, is fresh in the minds of the people.

NOVA SCOTIA STRIKERS.

Thirteen Hundred Men and Boys Are Idle and On Strike.

SPRINGHILL MINES, N.S., Dec. 21. - The miners' strike continues. Thirteen hundred men and boys are walking the street idle. There was an enthusiastic meeting of Pioneer Lodge last night and a large number of non-union men were initiated. Pending the arrival of Grand Secretary Drummond for consultation a conference with the manager was postponed. Representatives of Mechanics' Lodge were present. This lodge comprises pumpmen, firemen, engineers and others employed in the mechanical department. The pumps are still at work, but it is reported that the strike will become general to-morrow and the pits be endangered by flooding if matters are not satisfactorily adjusted to-day. The workmen seem determined.

DRANK VERY HARD.

Miss Henderson Testifies at the Trial of the Man Who Shot Her.

SULLIVAN, Ont., Dec. 21. - John D. Sullivan, aged 44, is on trial on a charge of shooting Miss Elizabeth Henderson, aged 55, with intent to murder, on September last. Sullivan boarded with Miss Henderson for 12 years. He was jealous of W. Webb and fired three revolver bullets into Miss Henderson. At the court yesterday Miss Henderson gave evidence. She was very weak, but gave her evidence in a strong voice at first, although she almost broke down before finishing her testimony. Her evidence would lead to the belief that the prisoner was not in his right mind for several days before the shooting. He had been drinking to excess and acted in an insane manner on several occasions. The case was not finished.

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