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THE CIGAR MANUFACTURERS AND THE GOVERNMENT.



E remember about two years ago writing in very hopeful terms about the prospects of the British cigar trade, though we did not forget at the same time to dwell upon the ever-increasing popularity of the cigarette.

Since then the consumption of cigarettes has increased to an even greater extent than we had anticipated, and though the big firms keep on turning out these dainty trifles by the million, they can hardly keep pace with the enormous demand. Unfortunately from a series of causes which we could not have anticipated, the British cigar trade has quite falsified the predictions we made as

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to its future, and the demand which the United Kingdom Cigar Manufacturers' Federation have made upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer, asking for an increased rate of drawback, seems fully justified. As this matter is of such vital importance, it will be found fully reported elsewhere, but we may perhaps emphasise the point by quoting from the admirably drafted petition:—

"When Mr. Gladstone fixed a common drawback rate in 1803 on all kinds of tobacco, he granted an extra penny per pound to cover the dutiable losses in manufacture, amounting, perhaps, to I or 2 per cent. (Hansard, pp. 1615-6.) In the case of cigars, these losses are much higher, and consequently on their exportation we have not received the full compensation promised us in 1863 for the duty paid in the first instance. This inadequacy of drawback has been equivalent to saddling us with an export duty on British-made cigars, and has placed us on such unequal terms with the Germans, Dutch, and Americans on foreign and Colonial markets as to prevent the development of this branch of the tobacco export trade.

"Were a just and equitable drawback allowance granted, we feel confident that a large export trade in cigars could be done, and increased employment given to operatives in our factories. The manufacture of cigars in bond is inconvenient and unsuitable to our requirements. We wish to manufacture them in our own factories.

"With a view to obtaining recent and reliable data affecting the manufacture of cigars, independent experiments were formed by two cigar manufacturers, one in London and one in Nottingham. Working with great care, the total dutiable loss sustained in the process of manufacture was an average of over 6 per cent., against the I or 2 per cent. allowed for by Mr. Gladstone. On the basis of allowing an extra Id. for I per cent. of loss, the drawback rate should be at least 6d. additional, viz., 3s. 6d. per lb. on a duty of 3s."

The figures as to export given elsewhere clearly show that the present system is completely strangling the industry, and surely it is not too much to expect that such changes may be introduced as will give the British cigar manufacturer a fair chance of competing with foreigners. There is an enormous export trade lost to this country by the present unfair system, and we trust that those who have the matter in hand will not relax their efforts.

Our contemporary, The Irish Tobacco Trades Journal, did us the honour of reprinting our editorial, "Where the Grass Grows Green," and we were glad to note that they added their appeal to ours to those at the head of The Imperial Tobacco Company to put a stop to the present ruinous competition. We confess that the situation seems almost hopeless, but we think that there is still a chance of wise counsels prevailing, and we shall therefore not enter now into the pros and cons of the disastrous struggle. We cannot help saying, however, that there is much common sense in the letter of an Irish retailer (which we publish elsewhere).

This gentleman points out that the Irish manufacturers have been singularly apathetic, and that had they possessed a proper organisation they would not have found themselves in their present position. Nevertheless we doubt whether any possible combination of manufacturers in Ireland could hope to successfully contend against a " combine" with such an enormous capital as the Imperial. The strength of the manufacturers' position lies in the patriotism of their fellow-countrymen, and this is much underrated on this side of the water. We have over and over again pointed out that if this feeling is once thoroughly awakened the result will certainly greatly injure the trade of the Imperial in their proprietary articles, and therefore should they prove victorious in the case of the Irish roll, the victory may prove worse than a defeat. It would be a graceful act on their part to make peace, and in the end the policy would turn out to be most profitable. It is not for us to do more than make a suggestion, but this much we feel it our duty to do in order to endeavour to put an end to such a painful position. We believe that if a conference between leading Irish manufacturers and representatives of the Imperial were arranged, the points in dispute could be satisfactorily settled. Alas, it may be that there is a difficulty in getting the Irish manufacturers to agree upon concerted action, but surely at such a crisis all personal differences should be waived.

THE following paragraph from the Morning Leader shows that a large amount of public sympathy continues to be shown with Mr. Jacob Popp, the High Wycombe tobacconist, who has been for so long the victim of police persecution for Sunday trading. We hope that the demonstration held on the day before we go to press will be a great success.

"Mr. James Reeve, of Boswell House, Harlesden, describes a visit of encouragement which he and some 20 other cyclists paid to Mr. Jacob Popp, of High Wycombe, in his struggle against the Sunday trading law. Mr. Popp, he says, has just paid his seventy-ninth fine for Sunday trading.

"'Surely,' writes Mr. Reeve, 'there must be other London cyclists who would like to devote a Sunday to such citizen service, and I therefore propose that as many thousands as possible should meet me at the Uxbridge Road milestone on Ealing Common, on Sunday morning next, at a quarter past ten. The start will be at half-past ten.

"'Ladies who take interest in public questions are particularly invited. Amateur snapshottists should bring their best cameras, as it is intended to make some permanent souvenir of the visit.

"'Sympathisers with Mr. Popp residing within a radius of 10 or 15 miles of High Wycombe should be on the square to witness the arrival and exchange greetings.

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FOR LOVERS OF THE PIPE.—Those who love the pipe, who form the majority of smokers, ought to know that the comfort and healthfulness of a pipe depend upon its power of absorbing the secreted tobacco juices. Hence a clay or a meerschaum is the most healthy pipe. A hook-shaped, bent pipe is better than a straight-stemmed one; the juices collect in the U. The longer the pipe, the more healthy; the smoke from a short pipe wreathes about and may affect the eyes. It is of paramount im-portance to keep briar pipes clean. No briar should be allowed to get so foul as to make its cleansing a work of necessity. Regularly the bowl should be scraped and the stem probed and cleaned by a red-hot wire, a feather, a blade of grass, or any of the cleansing methods which every smoker knows.

DON'T BUY CHEAP CIGARETTES.—Eschew cheap cigarettes. The tobacco dust of which they are largely composed is most injurious. Learn to smoke a cigarette dry, without pulping the end. Never inhale. The practice shatters the nervous system, weakens the heart, and develops a form of asthma. Once begun, the habit is difficult to renounce. In many cases this may be done by smoking a pipe instead, or by using strong cigarettes—say of shag or perique. The fume of these is too pungent to be inhaled with ease. In smoking a cigar do not be too economically minded. The butt-end becomes a natural reservoir of the juice, and saturated therewith. Throw a cigar away after smoking three-fifths, even if you use a mouthpiece.—The Sun.

MARK TWAIN AND HIS CIGAR .- No, I don't smoke all the time. I never could form the habit of smoking in my sleep. I only smoke when I am awake. You know, I began smoking when I was eight years old. I used to be a printer's devil in a little village where there was a tobacconist named Beegle. This Beegle said he would give us devils a cigar for every exchange paper we would give him. We kept him well supplied with reading matter—used to give him about 50 papers a week in exchange for as many cigars. That's how I learned to smoke. They were not the best cigars I have smoked. He used to call 'em "Beegle's damnedest." But they were good enough to learn on.

A COLOURED MEERSCHAUM.—Some old pipe nokers set great store on a well-coloured pipe. This smokers set great store on a well-coloured pipe. was the case with a working man named Wiltshire, who, at the Edmonton County Court, recently sued a firm of tobacconists for the loss of a pipe entrusted to them for repair. The pipe was a meerschaum of ripened years, to wit 50 or 60. It was, according to plaintiff, "beautifully coloured," and he would not have taken fro for it. A pipe manufacturer, however, said there was no value in meerschaum pipes nowadays, and that colouring did not enhance their worth. The Judge had to confess that he never smoked a pipe in his life, and was wholly ignorant on the colour problem. £5 was the sum sued for, and his Honour allowed a verdict for 35s. That will very probably be the utmost value of the pipe. Meerschaum has lost its charm in these days, and comparatively few pipes of this material are now seen. Briar holds the day—and the tobacco; it usually contains the incense offered to My Lady Nicotine.

TOBACCO IN ARGENTINA.—The rapid growth of the tobacco industry in Argentina and the friendly competition it is beginning to produce in European markets with the output of the United States, have attracted the attention of American growers, manufacturers, and exporters. According to the last census (1895), the tobacco acreage in Argentina was 39,000 acres. In 1900 it had grown to 95,000 acres. At the present time, according to Hon. R. A. de Toledo, Consul-General, it is over 120,000 acres. The acreage promises to increase for many years to come. The home consumption for smoking is very large, nearly all the men being inveterate users of the weed. Enormous quantities of stem and low-grade leaf arc used for making sheep-dip, the tobacco dip being the most esteemed of all the medicinal preparations used to cure skin disorders of that animal. There are about 120,000,000 sheep in the republic to dip which requires some 60,000,000 pounds of tobacco. The export trade, though varying from year to year, is large and increasing. In 1902 the exports were 46,024 bales. The industry is profitable, especially in the provinces of Corrientes, Incuman, Misiones, Cordoba, Salta, Jujuy, Santa Fe, Buenos Aires, and Chaco. The leaf grown is coarse and strong, this being suitable for sheep-dip or for cheap cigars. For fine smoking the Argentine public depends on imported merchandise.

INHALING TOBACCO SMOKE.—On the labels of some boxes of cigarettes at present being sold to the public, says the London Lancet, is a statement to the effect that the cigarettes are made of the purest tobacco and paper obtainable, and that, therefore, the smoke from them may be inhaled safely and without irritating the respiratory passages. We do not hesitate to say that such a statement is highly mischievous and that the practice of inhaling smoke into the lungs is attended with considerable risk to the health of the smoker. It is to be feared that the cigarette is responsible largely for the prevalence of this objectionable habit of inhaling tobacco smoke. The pipe or cigar smoker is, as a rule, not addicted to it because probably the smoke is too strong or too irritating. But the fact that the smoke of a cigarette may be unirritating does not minimise the evil effect of drawing the smoke into the lungs, for by this method the absorption of the more or less poisonous constituents of tobacco smoke is rapid, these entering quickly into the circulatory system by way of the pulmonary capillaries. Even in the mouth and nasal passage there is some amount of absorption, but this is trifling compared with that which takes place in the lungs. The practice of inhaling tobacco smoke is, therefore, strongly to be discountenanced, and vendors of cigarettes should refrain from printing on the boxes mischievous statements such as that to which we have alluded. There is no reason for believing that smoking tobacco in a rational way is productive of harm; on the contrary, it is the common experience that when moderately indulged in it serves to allay restlessness and irritability.

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FORMATION OF TOBACCONISTS' ASSOCI-ATION AT SEACOMBE.-

For some time the tobacconists of Wallasey and district have felt the need of an association of wholesale and retail tobacconists to look after the interests of their trade. A month ago Mr. W. C. Millar, of Seacombe, went round to a number of the tobacconists of the district with a view to forming an association. A meeting was held, and eventually an association was formed under the title of "The Wallasey and District Wholesale and Retail Tobacconists' Association." At the meeting Mr. J. H. Little, of Seacombe, was elected chairman; Mr. J. G. H. Rotherham, vice-chairman; Mr. W. C. Millar, secretary: and Mr. Langfield, treasurer, with a committee of nine. The objects of the association are (1) To improve the position and protect the interests of its members gener-(2) To attain and maintain a clear profit of 25 per cent. on all cigarettes, and 20 per cent. on all tobaccos sold. (3) To enable its members to meet in conference and discuss questions appertaining to their business as tobacconists, and (4) to create a better and more friendly feeling throughout the tobacco trade, and to endeavour, as far as possible, to prevent cutting of prices by any member engaged in the tobacco trade. On Thursday, May oth, the second meeting of the association was held in the Abbotsford Hotel, Seacombe, when a representative body

of tobacconists of the district were present. Mr. J. H. Little (president) occupied the chair, and among those present were :—Messrs. J. G. H. Rotherham, W. C. Millar, Langfield, Boulton, Hayes, Openshaw, R. Russell, J. Russell, Lewis, Gadd, Roberts, Avery, Johns. E. Titley, Foster, and Robinson.—Mr. Millar announced that he had 18 new members to propose. These were elected.—Mr. Little said that a month ago the association did not exist, and up to that night they had a membership roll of 42 which was that night they had a membership roll of 42, which was a very fair representation of the district. If they increased in the same ratio in the future month they would do well.— Mr. E. Titley then proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Openshaw. The resolution was that the committee take into consideration and draw up a list of the prices to be charged for all tobaccos and cigarettes, and report same to the association, and the next meeting for discussion.—Mr. Millar asked for an assistant to help him in the secretary's duties. After some discussion Mr. Johns was elected as assistant secretary.—Mr. Johns said that if they were strong, he was sure the manufacturers would help them.—The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the Visiting Committee, who were

to visit tobacconists, and ask them to join the asso-ciation:—Messrs. Russell, Avery, Roberts, and Foster. The meeting closed with the customary votes of thanks.

LIVERPOOL AND THE TOBACCO TRADE.—Mr. H. Kerr Waddell presided on May 10th at the annual meeting of the Tobacco Trade Section of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, and in moving the adoption of the report, which detailed the proceedings of the section, observed that their efforts had been directed towards getting the cental weights adopted by the Board of Trade. Proceed-

ing, he remarked: You would observe the discussion on tobacco in Parliament yesterday, in which it was stated that this article was taxed to its utmost limit, and with which opinion most of us will agree. At the same time the question of a small increase (say 2 per cent.) in the moisture allowed, which would be a decided relief to many of our manufacturers, was unfortunately shelved through the contradictory opinions urged upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer by two deputations he received. The incidence of duty upon tobacco is a very moot point. There is little doubt the working man pays the majority of the duty upon his smoke in the common pipe tobaccos, and it does not seem to me it would be unfair to raise the duty upon imported cigarettes to that of cigars, and to allow a much larger rebate for the offal in the manufacture of cigars in this country and the above allowance of 2 per cent. to the manufacturers of common tobaccos In conclusion he observed: The excessive competition unhappily continues amongst our manufacturers, and it seems pitiful to think that the good old principle of "Live and let live" is not an up-to-date maxim acted upon by the leaders of our manufacturers. The conclusions that may be drawn from the working of trust methods in the tobacco business of this country, so far as developed, seem to be that whilst

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they have possibly proved encouraging to those few large manufacturers more immediately concerned in the combine, yet they have reacted most disastrously against the interest of all the other sections of our trade, and very hardly upon the independent manufacturers. At the source of supply the competition is being largely strangled, especially as to quality; and in the long run it can only result in the limitation of the production of such classes as cannot profit the farmer to raise.—Mr. Foster seconded, and the report was unammously adopted.—Mr. Alderman Maxwell was unanimously elected chairman of the section, and Mr. Foster was re-elected vice-president. The question of the weighing of tobacco in pounds was again considered, and it was resolved to write to the President of the Board of Trade and inquire whether he is now in a position to authorise the issue of a 50 lbs. weight, as suggested at the last deputation on the subject.

Fires.

An alarming and destructive fire broke out in the tobacconist and hairdresser's shop of Mr. BENJAMIN CURTIS, in Trimdon Street. West Sunderland, at three o'clock, on June 4th. While it lasted the fire was very destructive. It gutted the shop and did great damage to the property and the furniture in the house.

FATAL FIRE IN BATTER-SEA .- At midnight on May 18th, a fire broke out at 108, Battersea Rise, on the premises of a tobacconist, Mr. P. C. Tilly. At the time of the outbreak Mr. Tilly with his assistant, a man named Fisher, and several friends were in a room on the first floor. Noticing smoke entering the room they reached the door only to be met by a burst of smoke and a fierce blaze from the shop beneath. But for a high wall running near a back window they would probably have perished, but they managed with difficulty to climb on this and so escaped into the street. In another room a woman aged

81 was sleeping. Several attempts were made to reach her before the arrival of the brigade, but without success. The firemen, after the fire was extinguished, found her remains among the ruins. The body was removed to the mortuary.

About half-past six o'clock, on June 4th, fire broke out in the premises in High Street, Galashiels, occupied by MR WILLIAM LAUDER, tobacconist and newsagent. The burgh fire brigade was called out, but before their arrival it was evident that their services would be of no avail in saving the stock, which blazed fiercely, and the fire spread to the dwelling-house in rear of the shop. The other tenants in the block also became alarmed about the safety of their property, but with a plentiful supply of water the brigade succeeded in confining the fire to Mr. Lauder's premises, which were completely gutted. The house above escaped with slight damage, but the whole of the stock, fittings, and house furnishings on the ground floor were destroyed. The loss, which is considerable, is understood to be covered by insurance.

Foreign.

POPULAR BRITISH PIPES AND TOBACCO.—Owing to the increasing favour with which the English pipe and tobacco are regarded in Germany. Baden cigar makers experienced a falling off of trade last year.

CHINA.—In his report for the year 1902, H.M. Consul at Hankow states that the new entry of cigars and cigarettes into that port, to the value of £5,015 in 1902, marks the introduction of the revised tariff. European matches reappear with 26,260 gross, against Japan's 22,660 gross, and the local factory took more materials than ever.

CIGARETTES NOT YET PROHIBITED IN CANADA.

—An Ottawa cable states that in the House of Commons the Bill prohibiting the importation, manufacture, and sale of cigarettes was defeated. It was ruled out of order by the Speaker on the ground that it had originated in committee of the whole House.

TOBACCO IN SWITZER-LAND.—The beautiful mountain republic of Europe has carried on tobacco culture for many years, and despite the difficulties of environment has built up a very satisfactory industry. The growing is confined to three cantons—Berne, Frybourg, and Vaud. The acreage is as follows: Berne, 65 acres; Frybourg, 612; Vaud, 727. The crops as officially announced were: Berne (1899), 299 quintals; Frybourg (1901), 3.334 quintals; Frybourg (1901), 5.438 quintals. The export of tobacco leaf in 1901 was 4,639 quintals.

TOBACCO IMPORTATION INTO INDIA.—Lord George Hamilton, in reply to Sir M. Bhownaggree, has stated that the imports of foreign tobacco into India during the last two years were:—1901-2, 4,416,688 lbs., of the value of £300,158; and 1902-3, 4,199,403 lbs., of the value of £297,669. A tobacco excise or State monopoly in India had been frequently con-

sidered and rejected as impracticable. Lord Herschell's Indian Currency Committee reported in 1893 that it would involve constant and vexatious interference with the people, and that the cost of collecting and enforcing the tax would be enormous in proportion to the sum realised.

MESSRS. EDWARD SAMUELSON & CO., in their June report, state that "there is no change to note in our market for North American tobacco. The inquiries for Virginia and Carolina leaf and strips indicate that buyers anticipate lower prices in consequence of the large stocks shown by the warehouse returns, but the supplies actually on sale are so abnormally small that any extrasized buying would sweep off the medium-priced grades. There are no desirable low-priced leaf or strips. Westerns are without change, but shippers are convinced that time and seasons are in their favour. Imports: 2,119 hhds., viz., 399 Virginia leaf, 603 strips, 615 western leaf, 419 strips, and 83 other sorts. Deliveries: 5,055 hhds., viz., 584 Virginia leaf, 2,135 strips, 533 western leaf, 1,782 strips, and 21 other sorts. Exports: 337 hhds., viz.,



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39 Virginia leaf, 65 strips, 230 western leaf, and 3 strips, of which 247 were sent to West Coast of Africa, 73 Sydney, 6 Jersey, 3 Durban, 2 Isle of Man, 2 Bombay, 2 Cape Town, 1 Calcutta, and 1 Guernsey. Stock: 118,597 hhds., against 90.835, 92.190, 93.528, 79.465, and 82,010 at this period the previous five years."

GREEK TOBACCO.—The increasing demand for Turkish leaf has proved a godsend to the farmers of Greece. Tobacco grows well in the classic country, but its culture has been neglected and its merits overlooked by even its own people. Four years ago Dutch and German merchants entered the field and bought up considerable amounts, this caused prices to rise a little—enough to arouse agricultural interest. One result was the introduction of Turkish, Macedonian, and Syrian seed. That from Macedonia proved the most successful, and it is now used on a large scale. Incomplete reports for 1902 show the Greek output to have been about 8,000,000 pounds. The provinces which yielded this amount were Acarnania, 1,300,000 pounds; Aetolia, 1,200,000 pounds; Nauplia, 1,600,000 pounds. Much of the 1903 crop is contracted for, the prices showing a handsome increase over those of 1902. The buyers are Dutch, Germans, and Egyptians, with a few Italians and Austrians. It is rumoured that the American Tobacco Co. are behind the chief buyers and that they control one-half of the growing crop.

TOBACCO IN JAPAN.—The tobacco acreage and output of Japan vary to a large extent, as will be seen by the following official returns:—

1897	 66,137 acres.
1898	 65,690 ,,
1899	
1900	 81,105 ,,
IQOI	 57,500 ,,

The exports of tobacco are about as follows:—Cigarettes, 600,000,000; leaf, 200,000 lbs.; cut and other tobacco, 160,000 lbs. The sale of leaf tobacco has been a Government monopoly since the year 1896. Under the present regulations every cultivator of tobacco in Japan must receive permission from the Government, and is obliged to cultivate according to the methods prescribed by the latter. Moreover, every manufacturer of tobacco has to join the guild established according to law. Thus the industry is under strict surveillance of the Government, and either excessive or secret cultivation is carefully regulated. The tobacco plantations are rather scattered throughout the empire, but the production is comparatively large in the four prefectures of Kanagawa, Aichi, Kagoshima, and Okayama.

AMSTERDAM TOBACCO SALES.—The fourth sale of the season for Sumatra and Borneo tobacco took place at Amsterdam on May 8th, when 19,806 bales of the former and 2,032 of the latter, or a total of 21,838 bales, were offered to tender. The market, after its enforced rest owing to the late labour troubles, proved a good and active one; but the run was on fancy colours, the extraordinary light-coloured leaf which is in favour in Germany realising all the top prices. The Teutonic element was in great force, although there was also a fair amount of buying by Americans and by the trusts. The highest price of the sale was realised by two parcels, aggregating 930 bales, belonging to the Deli-Maatschappij, brands PB/3 and 5, which sold at an average of 239 cents, or 4s. a pound. The same concern took second place with a lot of 358 bales, brand P/3, sold at 234 cents, or 3s. 11d.; while the New Darvel Bay (Borneo) Tobacco Plantations, Ltd., came third with two parcels, amounting together to 433 bales, which fetched 207 cents, or 3s. 5½d. From these prices there was a drop to 187 cents, and about 8,000

bales sold between 100 cents and 200 cents, most of the balance fetching not less than 50 cents, or 10d. The United Lankat Plantations, Ltd., sold two parcels, amounting to 753 bales, at an average of 138 cents, or 2s. 3½d.; the Serdang Tabak Maatschappij obtained 94 cents, or 1s. 7d., for 344 bales; the New London Borneo Tobacco Company, Ltd., sold three parcels, aggregating 765 bales, at 50 cents, or 10d.; and the New London and Amsterdam Borneo Tobacco Company, Ltd., realised 42 cents, or 8½d., for 220 bales. According to the published statistics, there has been sold to date in Amsterdam 75,087 bales of Sumatra and 3,693 bales of Borneo leaf, and the stocks of both lying unsold come within a small percentage of the quantity of tobacco disposed of.—The fifth sale of the season for Sumatra and Borneo tobacco took place on May 28th, when 21,595 bales of the former and 1,759 bales of the latter were offered to tender, making a total of 23,354. Despite the quantity being unusually large, the market tone was excellent, and prices were very good all round considering the quality of most of the leaf offered, which, owing to the season being now fairly advanced, was of medium grade. The American buying was very pronounced, and the Germans were not far behind. Prices, as customary now, were not declared; but the honours of the sale fell to the Deli-Maatschappij, which realised over 200c. for a lot of 646 bales. The London companies did very well. The United Lankat Plantations, Ltd., obtained about 140c., or 2s. 4d., for a lot of 481 bales from its Tjermin estate, and 45c., or 9d., for 654 bales, consisting of three parcels, representing the concluding shipments from its Songei Gerpa estate. The British Deli and Langkat Tobacco Company, Ltd., sold 460 bales at about 100c., or 1s. 8d., and the Serdang Tabak Maatschappij 504 bales at about 105c., or 1s. 9d.—a very high price for Serdang. This province is generally conspicuous for large crops rather than quality. The New Darvel Bay (Borneo) Tobacco Company, Ltd., sold two

NEW LONDON BORNEO TOBACCO.—The report of the New London Borneo Tobacco Company, Ltd., for 1902, states that the crop of 1901 proved to be 5,499 bales. as compared with 5,575 bales produced in 1900. The average price obtained was 78 cents per half kilo., or about rs. 2\frac{1}{4}d. per lb., as compared with 74\frac{1}{2} cents per half kilo., or is. 1\frac{1}{2}d. per lb. obtained for the 1900 crop, and 78 cents or is. 2\frac{1}{4}d. per lb. for the 1899 crop. The accounts for 1902 show that the 1901 crop realised £46,621, and the total sum chargeable against the same, including London expenses (less receipts) and depreciation, amounts to £36,228, showing a balance of £10,392, and after deducting £1,077 placed to reserve in accordance with the articles of association, which will then amount to £8,978, there remains £9,315 available for distribution. The balance of undivided profit brought forward from last year is £163 which, added to the £9,315, makes £9,479, out of which a dividend of 6½ per cent. on the ordinary shares, amounting to £4,000, was paid in January, and the directors now recommend a final dividend for 1902 of $7\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. on the ordinary shares and $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the deferred shares, amounting together to £9.410, leaving a balance of £69. The total dividend for the year 1902 is thus 14 per cent. on the ordinary shares and 11 per cent. on the deferred shares. The crop of 1902 is estimated to have produced about 6,750 bales, of which 5,285 have been shipped to Amsterdam, the remaining portion having been unfortunately destroyed by fire at Bongon on 26th March, 1903. The company's claim in respect of the loss occasioned by this misfortune has been admitted by the underwriters, and is now in process of settlement. The sales at Amsterdam to date are 2,022 bales, realising an average of 72½ cents per half kilo. The crop contained a much smaller portion than usual of Havana colours and has unquestionably been affected by the lengthened droughts of last



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season; the market at Amsterdam is also depressed, owing to the largely increased supplies from Sumatra. Expenditure on the 1903 crop up to the end of the year amounts to plant in 1903 a total of about 800 fields. At the date of the latest mail advices, the weather was reported as very favourable for field operations. The joint cultivation at Sapong in co-operation with the Borneo Tobacco Estates, Ltd. is proceeding satisfactorily. The health of the coolies, always a matter of anxiety in opening new estates, is exceedingly good, and the difficulties of transport are proving less than was anticipated. The Sapong manager hopes to plant from 70 to 80 fields during the present season. In connection with this enterprise, it is the present mention of the directors to make a further call of 1s. per share in the autumn.

Law.

THE HALIFAX TOBACCONIST CASE: IL NCTION GRANTED .- On May 16th, in the Chancery Division of the High Court, Mr. Justice Kekewich con-cluded the hearing of the case of Hutchinson v. Clayton, which was an action brought by the plaintiff, a wholesale tobacconist and cigar merchant, carrying on business at Halifax, for an injunction and damages against the defendant for alleged breach of an agreement not to trade as a wholesale or retail tobacconist within a radius of seven miles of the Town Hall, Halifax. There was also a motion to commit the defendant for breach of an undertaking given to the Court. The defence was a denial of the plaintiff's allegations. Mr. Justice Kekewich said he had not the slightest doubt that the agreement between the parties existed, and they were bound by it. The issue he had to try was whether the business was really the property of Mrs. Clayton or only a sham. He held it to be a sham proprietorship, and that the defendant had himself been carrying on the business at Crown Street. He did not think it would be right to make an order sending the defendant to prison, but he should order him to pay the costs. An injunction would be granted restraining the defendant from carrying on business except as a retail tobacconist. There would also be an inquiry as to dam-

Limited Companies.

THE BARON CIGARETTE MACHINE COMPANY (Limited and Reduced) announce that the Court having sanctioned the further reduction of the capital from £90,000 to £60,000 by the return of 5s. per share (£30,000 cash) to the shareholders, cheques for the amount will be ready for delivery on the 25th inst.

JOHN HUNTER, WILTSHIRE & CO. LTD.—The annual general meeting was held on May 11th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street. Mr. John Hunter, who presided, expressed the regret of the directors that they had to recommend a dividend at a lower rate than was customary. The company had had a bad year, and the decrease which had taken place in the net profit had been caused by the growth of expenditure, which in a good year would have made but little appreciable difference. During the 16 years ended December 31st, 1901, the company paid an average dividend of 8 per cent. per annum, which was equivalent to 128 per cent. on the paid-up capital, so that original shareholders had received the whole of their investment back in the shape of dividends, with something over. In addition, a reserve account of £10,800 had been created, and £17,000

had been written off the purchase account. The present sound position of the company was due to the board's policy of not dividing profits up to the hilt. In no year had there been more difficulty than in the year under review. There had been various changes and combinations, the uncertainty in connection with which had created a feeling of unrest in the trade. A large number of Havana cigar factories were now controlled by American capitalists, and he was informed that arrangements were being made by which competition would be kept within reasonable limits. If this were done the company would benefit. Business showed signs of improving during the current year. The gross profit was £15,494, as compared with £15,778 in the previous year. The net profit of the year was £5,172, or £1,213 less than last year's. He moved the adoption of the report and the declaration of a dividend of 3s. 6d per share, being at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum for the six months ended December 31st, 1902, and making, with the interim dividend, 6 per cent for the year. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion, which was carried.

E. GABARROT & CO. (LIMITED).—The third ordinary general meeting was held on June 4th, at Winchester House, Mr. James C. Williamson presiding. In moving the adoption of the report, the chairman said that the directors shared the proprietor's disappointment at the result of the year's trading, not alone because they were the largest shareholders in the company, but because when they last met there appeared every reasonable possibility of a satisfactory result. The large sum for goodwill was really the difference between the nominal value of the shares issued to the shareholders and the actual assets acquired by the company. The property taken over from the old company had doubtless a considerable value, but owing to the compulsory legacy of goodwill, the amount at their disposal for working capital was not excessive, especially as the long credit they were obliged to give in Mexico monopolised a somewhat large amount. Owing to the falling off in the Mexican trade, the sundry debtors were f1,000 less. In explanation of this he called attention to the violent fluctuations in the exchange and to the steady depreciation in the value of the Mexican dollar, which had demoralised business in the Republic. Moreover, competition had increased with the falling off in trade, the manufacturers straining every nerve and making what they trusted might only be temporary sacrifices to secure customers. The company were not less well equipped than their neighbours, but these struggles must necessarily be reflected in their profit and loss account. The board were advised that orders, which had been dwindling down until February last, had since come in more freely. In spite of expectations the 1902 crop of tobacco proved disappointing, being unsuited to the company's requirements and very expensive. This year they had been able to purchase their stock on more favourable terms, and they had it from Mr. Baselow's actual knowledge that it was well adapted to their manufacture. A considerable saving, therefore, would be effected in the current year's working, and the quantity secured and paid for would, under the normal rate of output, carry them on until June, 1904. Arrangements were almost completed to ensure a constant and uniform supply of that class of raw material which was so necessary for the successful progress of their business. They had practically no liabilities and the balance sheet was substantially the same as it was last year, with the exception that they had a debit to profit and loss account of $f_{x,333}$, most of which consisted of loss in exchange on their Mexican assets. Since the date of the accounts, however, the Mexican dollar had so far increased in value that the greater part of the loss in exchange had already been recovered. The financial position of the company was strong, they had only had a temporary set back, and the directors confidently anticipated that the company might yet be made a success. The report was adopted.

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New Companies.

BIG BORE PIPE, LTD.—Registered 7th May. Capital, £1,000 in £1 shares. Objects:—To carry on the business of pipe makers, tobacconists, manufacturers of and dealers in cigar and cigarette holders and smokers' requisites generally, &c. No initial public issue. Registered without articles of association. Registered office, 37. Walbrook, E.C.

Registered on March 11th, with a capital of £2,710 in £1 shares (1,210 preference). Object, to adopt an agreement with Francis E. Van Raalte, E. Van Raalte, and E. Hart, for the acquisition of the business connected with the trademark Capitan General, and to carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in tobacco, cigars, cheroots, cigarettes, pipes, and tobacconists' sundries. No initial public issue. The first directors (to number not less than two nor more than five) are S. Benedictus and I. H. Benedictus. Qualification, one share. Remuneration as fixed by the company. Registered office, 23, Commercial Road, E.

W. KLINGENSTEIN & CO., LTD.-Registered on March 14th, with a capital of £600,000 in £1 shares (300,000 five per cent. cumulative preference). Object, to acquire, as a going concern, the business of cigar merchants carried on by W. Klingenstein and others, and to carry on the business of tobacco and cigar manufacturers, growers. exporters, importers, and merchants, dealers in cigarettes, snuff, tobacco, and tobacconists' sundries, &c., proprietors of cigar and tobacco divans, refreshment and reading-rooms and other conveniences, refreshment contractors, licensed victuallers, wine, beer, and spirit merchants, manufacturers of and dealers in aerated and mineral waters and other drinks, company promoters, financiers, manufacturers of plant, machinery, and apparatus necessary or convenient for carrying on any of the above-named businesses, &c. The signatories are SHARES.

C. E. Lambert, Manor House, Effingham, Surrey
W. Butler, Tolworth Lodge, Tolworth, Surbiton
W. Klingenstein, 30, St. Mary Axe, E.C.
S. Behr, 30, St. Mary Axe, E.C.
I. C. R. Butler, 7, Sloane Gardens, S.W.
I. W. Schubach, 30, St. Mary Axe, E.C.
A. Klingenstein, 30, St. Mary Axe, E.C.
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Obituary.

MR. A. E. HINE, who at one time kept a tobacconist's shop opposite the railway station, Exmouth, died on Saturday, May 9th, after a protracted and painful illness.

D. W. DICKINSON.—Mr. D. W. Dickinson, tobacconist, &c., of 8, East Street, Fleetwood, died suddenly on June

6th. Deceased had complained of pains in his cheek some time, and, feeling worse, he went to a cheek some mustard leaves. On returning he laid down on a sofa and expired almost immediately.

Police.

THIEVES AND A RECEIVER PUNISHED AT Socious, on May 28th, Israel Solomo THIEVES AND A RECEIVED AND A Clerkenwell Sessions, on May 28th, Israel Solomons Clerkenwell Sessions, and Isaac Stein (23), house the control of the control Clerkenwell Sessions, on Isaac Stein 23), bootman Isaac Goldstein (20), tailors, and Isaac Stein 23), bootman Isaac Ginsher (1) Isaac Goldstein (20), tank, and Isaac Ginsberg (48), were convicted of stealing, and Isaac Ginsberg (48), were convicted guilty to feloniously receiving the were convicted of states of feloniously receiving the property at the warehouse of Israel Zeepon. keeper, pleaded guilty of a burglary at the warehouse of Israel Zeegers and on of a burglary at the watcheds of the prisoners by Detective-sergeants of the prisoners of the prosecuted, Mr. 1. arrest of the prisoners by Detective-sergeants Crutche Smith, Cornish, and Thornell, of the H Division, for what Smith, Cornish, and jury commended them, led to the recover the Court and jury commended them, led to the recover of almost the whole of the proceeds of the burglary, which of almost the whole of almost the whole of almost the whole of the collection who included 19,000 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco leaf, value 1130 cigars, and 20 lb. of tobacco and about 12 taken from hospital collection boxes, Gold and about 12 tunes stein actually committing the robbery on the night of May 11th, whilst Solomons kept watch for the approach of the police. Most of the stolen cigars were approach of the premises of Ginsberg, who was carrying on the joint businesses of a restaurant keeper and tobacconist in Brick Lane, Spitalfields. Ginsberg had been suspected of receiving stolen property for some time, and Goldsten and Stein had been previously convicted.—Goldstein was ordered 18, Stein 15, Ginsberg 12, and Solomons—his first offence, committed through poverty—nine months' inprisonment.

ALL PRIZES—BUT GAMING.—Nicola Fabrizi, refreshment house keeper, of 412, Bethnal Green Road, was summoned at the Worship Street Police Court, on June 1st, for permitting gaming on his licensed premises. Police evidence showed that the defendant had in his shop, on the wall, a machine which, on a penny being put into the slot and fired by means of a spring, offered as a prize a cigar or a cigarette, according to the success of the person working the spring in getting the coin into one of two receptacles one for the cigar and the other the cigarette. The player always got something, the machine thus being contrary to those on which previous prosecutions had been taken, where the coin sometimes fell into a slot, which did not entitle the player to anything.-Inspector Sly, J Division, said he estimated the cigarettes at about three a penny; the cigar might be worth three-halfpence.-Mr. Corser said the player, of course, hoped to get the cigar. and that was gaming. That was the element of chance. The defendant said the owner of the machine told him it was not gambling, as it was "always a prize."-The Inspector said that since the police visit the machine had been taken away. The players were always boys.—The detendant said he would not allow the machine to be used again, and was told that if he did the fine was £5. He was let off on paying 2s. costs.

PETERSON'S PATENT PIPES.—At the Southampton Police Court last month James Bridge, tobacconist, Above Bar, was summoned for unlawfully applying a false trade description within the meaning of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887—to wit, "Peterson's Patent Pipes," to certain tobacco pipes, on October 2nd and 18th.—Mr. A. C. Hallett appeared to prosecute, and Mr. C. Lamport was for the defence.—Owing to defendant's illness the magistrates could not deal with the case fully, but Mr. Hallett said is client would be satisfied with an apology and the payment of the costs, which amounted to nearly £12, as prosecutor that come from Dublin.—The case was withdrawn on the understanding that seven guineas be paid towards the costs.

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Public Companies.

B. MORRIS & SONS.—The report of the directors of B. Morris & Sons, Limited, for the year to March 31st, states that the accounts show, after ample provision for bad and doubtful debts, depreciation of plant, machinery, and fixtures, a credit to profit and loss of £3,241. This the directors propose to deal with as follows:—By declaring a dividend of 2½ per cent. for the year, and carrying forward a balance of £722 to next year's account.

HENRY CLAY AND BOCK. THE CHANGE IN THE COMPANY'S CONDITION.—The fifteenth ordinary general meeting of Henry Clay and Bock and Co. Ltd. was held on May 13th, at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C., under the presidency of Lord Ebury.—The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said the conditions which had prevailed during the year 1902 threw considerable difficulties in the way of extracting profitable results from the Cuban Tobacco industry; but this company, nevertheless succeeded in securing profits very nearly equal to those preceding. It happened, unfortunately, that for the first time during the existence of their connection with the Havana Cigar and Tobacco Factories, Ltd., that concern had made a demand upon instead of providing a supplement to their profits, whilst they, on the other hand, had had to provide, under their contract. £9,000 to supplement that company's preference dividend. Opinions had been somewhat divided as to the causes which had led to this unhappy circumstance, but as he recently had an opportunity of dwelling upon those causes from his own point of view, he need not now introduce anything which could be regarded as controversial matter, more especially as the circumstance itself had produced one gratifying result. It had enabled those who now exercised the paramout influence in the distribution of this company's profits to show that they were alive to the propriety of a conservative policy in dealing with the balance remaining after fixed charges had been provided for. It was a balance in which the parties referred to had all but an exclusive interest, and he thought those present, as preference shareholders, would be wanting, not only in courtesy, but also in common sense, if they failed cordially to express their apreciation of the spirit which dictated that policy. Turning to the profit and loss account, the Chairman said that such items as legal, travelling, and miscellaneous expenses had been somewhat swollen during the period under review, in consequence of the costs incidental to the negotiations which, throughout the year, had been passing between London, New York, and Havana. The absence of the amount paid in the preceding year as dividend upon their holding in the Havana Cigar and Tobacco Factories, Ltd., was rectified by the presence of an item of £5,000, the amount forfeited by Mr. G. P. Butler. The actual upshot was that they carried down as profits to the balance sheet some £1,500 more than in the previous year. The sundry creditors had increased by £15,000, but this was mitigated to a slight extent by a diminution amounting to £2,000 in their debt to the Havana Cigar and Tobacco Factories, Ltd., for working capital. The reserve fund, owing to an addition which was made last year of £6,500, stood in the balance sheet at £60,000. The stock showed an increase of £26,000, but the outlay of tobacco plantations was £3,000 less, and the sundry debtors had lightened their debit to the extent of about £9,000, which, according to his view, was a good feature, because it showed that planters paid up with greater alacrity now that they had been given time to settle down again to their occupation. He could scarcely conclude his remarks without making some allusion to the change in its condition which the company had experienced during the past financial year. The 1st January, 1902, found it as it had been for 14 years, with its original constitution, and practi-

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cally with its original directorate. The 1st January, 1903, found it with a constitution remodelled, the directorate trebled in number, and the centre of gravity considerably displaced. During the intervening period, which, to him and his original co-directors, was one of all but ceaseless labour and anxiety, a bonus amounting to about £150,000 was distributed in addition to the par value of their property to about three-quarters of the shareholders in this company, and it was out of regard to the remaining shareholders, who were very few in number, that he felt he ought to offer a few words of explanation. They might reasonably desire to know the exact meaning of what had taken place and how it affected the intrinsic value of their property and their prospects in the matter of dividends, and he could give the explanation in a very few words. The parties who distributed that magnificent present to the great majority of the shareholders were not persons who spent money with the idea of losing it. They spent the money in this case because they had large interests in Cuba which they came to the conclusion could not be worked to the best advantage without being fortified with to the best advantage without being fortified with the further addition of that material portion of the Cuban industry over which Mr. Bock was the presiding genius in Havana, and they no doubt thought it also necessary to obtain a share in the services of that gentleman himself. Well, having arrived at that decision, they backed it freely with their money, and they had got now practically what they wanted, and he believed they were well satisfied with their bargain. Of course, a good deal would depend upon the way in which the old management fused with the new, but, so far as he was aware, there was no occasion for pessimism in that direction. The industry, too, would no doubt require some recuperation after the treatment which it had received at the hands, first, of rebels and then belligerents; but when once the essential conditions were established it seemed to him inevitable that the priceless advantage of a practical monopoly would find expression in profit, upon which the small sum now required to pay the preference dividend should make no appreciable inroad.-Mr. Joseph Hood seconded the motion, and, in doing so, thanked the Chairman for his expression of gratification that the ordinary shareholders had not asked for a larger dividend than 6 per cent, although the shares of that description had in the past been in the habit of receiving ten per cent. It was the desire of those whom he represented as holding the whole of the ordinary shares that the preference shareholders should be amply secured, and with that object in view they had thought it right that they should only take 6 per cent, on this occasion.—The report was unanimously adopted.

NEW DARVEL BAY TOBACCO.—The tenth ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the New Darvel Bay (Borneo) Tobacco Plantations, Ltd., was held on May 18th, at Salisbury House, London Wall, E.C., under the presidency of Mr. Sigmund Sinauer, the chairman of the company. The secretary (Mr. M. Phillips) having read the notice convening the meeting, and the report of the auditors, the chairman said: Gentlemen,—When last year I had the pleasure of addressing you I was able to give you a very near forecast of the nature of what our present balance sheet would be, and I am pleased to say that my anticipations have been realised. Our tobacco—the 1901 crop has sold at a very good price; in fact, we obtained for it the highest price of all the tobacco sold at Amsterdam last year, which is the best proof that it has made a name for itself in the trade. Therefore, if we get anything like a fair quality of tobacco in future we may feel sure that we shall get the best value for it. That, to my mind, is one of the most important points to a planter. As a result, we have been able to write off the debit balance which stood in the profit and loss account—namely, over £6,000—to write off our outlay in connection with the gold venture, to place

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(x.000 to the reserve, and to pay an interim dividend of 1s. per share. We now propose to pay a further is, per share, and to carry forward over £1,000. That, I am sure, you will admit is a very good result for a year's trading in a company like this. That really sums up the position so far as the toot crop is concerned. I presume what now interests you most is our prospect for the ensuing year—the 1902 crop. I am pleased to be able to tell you that we have successfully gathered that crop, which will be as large as the previous one and of a fairly good quality. I do not think it will be quite equal in the assortment to the 1901 crop, which was exceptionally good; still, with such a quantity of fairly good tobacco we can look forward to good The first shipment of 433 bales has arrived at am. The remainder will come forward in instal-Amsterdam. ments, and I expect that we shall have some in all the sales right up to October. As soon as we have realised an amount over estimated cost we shall be able to pay again an interim dividend. Planting for the 1903 crop is going on satisfactorily. Everything on the estate is reported as perfectly in order, and we have nothing that at present looks adverse in any shape or form to report. Altogether I seem to be able to tell you quite nice things this time. As regards the year under review, there is very little more to say besides what has been dealt with in the report. I do not think it necessary to deal separately with the figures in the accounts; they speak for themselves, but I shall be pleased to afford any explanation that may be desired and to answer any questions that shareholders may wish to ask. I now propose that the report and balance sheet be adopted, and that a final dividend of 1s. per share, free of income tax, be -Mr. Gustave Buysschaert seconded the motion.-Mr. Archer congratulated the directors on the very satisfactory report presented, and expressed a hope that it was the first of many of the same kind that would be presented to the shareholders. There was only one question he desired to ask. In previous balance sheets the directors had given the amount the crop realised, whereas on this occasion they only gave the net amount after deducting all charges. Last year the crop realised £41,000, and this year it only realised £34,000 net. He did not know whether the Board had any reason for not giving the gross figure as in previous years. Then, he also wished to know if all the expenses in connection with the gold venture had been written off. He noticed that the figure was about £200 less than last year. Baron A. von Stein (director) said the Chairman had made a most able, modest, and straightforward speech, but there was one point on which he begged to differ with him. said that the quality of their tobacco this year was fair, and not so good as that of last year. In that respect he had made a slight mistake. The quality according to the advices from the manager was the same as that of last year, only there was more broken leaf, and, therefore, the tobacco would not fetch the price it would if there was a greater quantity of firsts and seconds. He spoke as one who had a thorough knowledge of tobacco.—The Chairman, in reply to Mr. Archer, said that on this occasion the directors had given the actual result only, but at the same time they had stated in the report that the gross price obtained was 25. 7 d. per lb., and the crop consisted of 4,395 bales, which averaged about 140 lbs. each. It was, therefore, very easy for anyone to reckon what amount was realised. What the shareholders really wanted to know was the net amount they received, and that was a very important item in the present account—namely, £34,853; that was after deducting all charges, including extra remuneration to the assistant managers and European employés on the estate. With regard to the expenses in connection with the gold venture, some gold was sold after the last accounts, which reduced the amount by the sum mentioned. He was very pleased to hear from Baron von Stein that he considered the quality of the tobacco was the same as that of last year. He (the Chairman) thought it was better always to be on the safe side, and not to make the shareholders think they were

going to do wonders.—The motion was then put a carried unanimously.—Mr. Kahn moved the re-election.
Mr. Sigmund Sinauer and Mr. Gustave Buysschaert,
Mr. Sigmund Sinauer and Mr. Gustave Buysschaert, Mr. Sigmund Smaller and retiring directors. He considered the report presented very favourable one, and if the quality of the coming crowers favourable paran you Stein had told them be at was as good as Baron von Stein had told them, he though was as good as baron von they might look forward to another very satisfactory repar-they might look forward to another very satisfactory reparyear.—Mr. Eley seconded the motion, which next year.—Mr. Eley section to Chairman, in acknowledging unanimously agreed to.—The Chairman unanimously agreed to the contract of the contract unanimously agreed to the contract of the contract unanimously agreed to t his re-election, said this company was almost a pet baby of his, and he had helped to nurse it through all sorts of He thought it had come out very well, and he Mr. Archer, seconded by Mr. Archer, seconded by Mr. Archer, seconded by Mr. Cropper & Co. were re-elected auditors.—Mr. H. E. Lever son proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and directon for the able manner in which they had conducted the affair of the company during the past year. He said that the of the company during the valuable property, and he was sure the staff in the East were doing their best in the interests of the shareholders, but that was not enough The main point was selling their tobacco, watching the market, and obtaining the highest price for it. He thought the present Board of Directors were a most hard-working Board, and they watched the market very carefully. shareholders ought to thank them very much for the way in which they watched the market, and for the way in which they made the name of Darvel Bay known through out the world. The shareholders had had the pleasure of smoking a Darvel Bay cigar, and he was sure they all liked it. In England particularly the mark of Darvel Bay was wanted; in fact, he could tell them, as a tobacco merchant, that they could not do without it. Therefore, he thought the company had a great future, and with such an efficient and hard-working Board of Directors as they had, they ought to do well.—Mr. de Bernardy seconded the motion.— Mr. Knox, in supporting the motion, said he had so much faith in the continuance and prosperity of Darvel Bay that he arranged with a nephew of his to go out there to be under Mr. Arensma, their manager, and only that morning he had received news of his arrival. He suggested that Mr. Arensma's name should be coupled with the vote of thanks proposed, because, however much profit their European employés might receive in the shape of percentages, a kindly word in the form of a vote of thanks from a meeting of this kind went a very great way to cheer them in their work.—The motion was unanimously adopted.—The Chairman briefly acknowledged the compliment, remarking that the directors would continue to use their best efforts to promote the success of the company. They were perfectly satisfied that the staff on the other side were doing all they could in the interests of the company. In Mr. Arensma they had a manager on whom they could thoroughly rely. and who, with his knowledge of Eastern life and of tobacco planting, had proved himself to be the right man in the right place. As Mr. Leverson had pointed out, the principal thing in a concern like this was to obtain the highest possible price for their tobacco. In this connection Baron von Stein was most indefatigable. He rushed off to Amsterdam the moment the shipments arrived, and examined the tobacco. He was a very large consumer of the tobacco in his own factory, and since its introduction he had never used a single leaf of Sumatra. The fact that his business had progressed, and that the customers seemed to be perfectly satisfied with his output. proved in itself that he had not lost anything by making the change. He (the Chairman) considered, therefore, that Baron von Stein was more entitled to the thanks of the charge of the charge of the charge. the thanks of the shareholders than any of the other directors who had not that practical knowledge of the trade which he possessed. In conclusion, he expressed a hope that next year they would be able to meet under similar happy auspices.—The proceedings then terminated.

From the "London Gazette."

Receiving Orders.

DUNCOMBE HERBERT, tobacconist, Wellington Street, Newmarket, Suffolk. Date of order, May 1st, 1903. ESKDALE ROBERT, tobacconist, &c., 56 and 56½, ront Street. Tynemouth, Northumberland. Date of Front Street, Tynen order, May 23rd, 1903.

TAYLOR JOSHUA, tobacconist, &c., Buckle Lane, Normanton. Date of order, May 21st, 1903,

BORISSOFT, LOUIS, tobacconist, 1a, Great Dover Street, Southwark, London. Date of Order, May 26th, 1903.

SCHLARB, FREDERICK JOSEPH, tobacconist, 226, High! Street. Willesden Junction. Date of Order, June and, 1903.

First Meetings and Public Examinations.

DUNCOMBE, HERBERT, tobacconist, Wellington Street Newmarket, Suffolk. First meeting on May 13th, 1903, at 10.15 a.m., at [the Official Receiver's, 5, Petty Cury, Cambridge. Public examination, May 13th, 1903, at 11 a.m., at the Guildhall, Cambridge.

ESKDALE, ROBERT, tobac-conist, &c., 56 and 56½, Front Street Tynemouth, Northumberland. First meeting on June 3rd, 1903, at 12 noon, at the Official Receiver's, 30, Mosley Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Public examination, June 4th, 1903, at II a.m., at the Court-house, Westgate Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Adjudications.

DUNCOMBE, HERBERT, tobacconist, Wellington Street, Newmarket, Suffolk. Date of order, May 1st, 1903.

TAYLOR, JOSHUA, tobacconist, &c., Buckle Lane, Normanton. Date of order, May 21st, 1903.

ESKDALE, ROBERT, hairdresser and tobacconist, 56, Front Street, Tynemouth. Date of Order, June 2nd, 1903.

HODGSON, GEORGE WILLIAM JAMES, cigarette manufacturer, 6, Shepherds Place, Upper Brook Street, W. Last day for proofs, June 3rd, 1903. Trustee, G. W. Chapman, Official Receiver, Bankruptcy Buildings, Carey

SCHULTZ. SIMON, tobacconist, 317, Hessle Road, Kingston-upon-Hull. Last day for proofs, May 20th, 1903. Trustee, A. S. Maples, Official Receiver, Trinity House Lane, Hull.

SEAMAN, JOHN, tobacconist, late 564, Fulham Road, S.W. Jast day for proofs, May 20th, 1903. Trustee, E. S. Grey, Official Receiver, Bankruptcy Buildings, Carey Street, W.C.

MILES, JOE, tobacconist, 15, Chapel Street, Harrogate. Last day for proofs, June 12th, 1903. Trustee, Donald Sween Mackay, Official Receiver, The Red House, Duncombe Place, York.

NICHOLS, DAVID, 131a, Yorkshire Street, Rochdale. Last day for proofs, June 12th, 1903. Trustee, William Denton, 7, Sweeting Street, Liverpool.

APPLEBY, JAMES, tobacconist, &c., 16, Hope Street, Filey. First and final, of 16s., at the Official Receiver's, 74, Newborough, Scarborough, on May 26th, 1903.

Notices of Dividends.

COUSINS, WILLIAM HENRY, tobacconist, &c., 50, Dinam Street, late The Square. Nantymoel. First and final, of 1s. 35d., at the Official Receiver's, 117, St. Mary Street, Cardiff, on May 8th, 1903.

NORTON, BEN! AMIN, tobacconist, &c., 20, Alexandra Road, Leeds. First and final, of 6s. 7d., at the Official Receiver's, 22, Park Row, Leeds, on May 25th, 1903. (Separate estate.)

SMITH, JOHN WILLIAM tobacconist, 41, High Street, Grantham. First and final, of 3s. 8½d., at the Official Receiver's, 4, Castle Place, Park Street, Nottingham, on June 8th, 1903.

TADMAN, HERBERT ERNEST, wholesale and retail tobacconist, late 60, Waterloo Street, Kingston-upon-Hull. First and final, of 94d., at the Official Receiver's, Trinity House Lane, Hull, on May 13th, 1903.

Application for Debtor's Dicharge.

HODGSON, GEORGE WILLIAM JAMES, cigarette manufacturer, 6, Shepherds Place, Upper Brook Street, W. Day fixed for hearing, June 11th, 1903, at 11 a.m., at Bankruptcy Buildings, Carey Street, W.C.

Partnerships Dissolved.

TYLER & CO., tobacco manufacturers, Castle Gate. Nottingham, and Bank Street, Sheffield, so far as regards Alfred Tyler, who retires. Charles Tyler and Thomas Tyler will continue the business.

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Free on Application.

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Wholesale Tobacconists, 140 and 140a, Houndsditch, LONDON, E.C.

SPECIALITIES. . .

- "La Nikle," Id. Rothschild Cigar.
- " Zealandia," 2d.
- "British Pluck," Dark Flaked Virginia.
- "Sportsman,"
- "Glossy," Gold Flake Honey Dew.
- "My Sweet," Mixture.

ALL MANUFACTURERS' PROPRIETARY ARTICLES

At absolutely the Lowest Prices.

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Notices of Intended Dividends.

ANDERSON, JOHN, tobacconist, &c., 19, Skinner Street, Whitby. Last day for proofs, May 23rd, 1903. Trustee, J. R. Stubbs, Official Receiver, 8, Albert Road,

GARDINER, ARTHUR, tobacconist, 25, St. Benedict's Street, Norwich. Last day for proofs, May 27th, 1903. Trustee, H. P. Gould, Official Receiver, 8, King Street,

HAMMOND, ALBERT VERITY, cigar, &c., merchant, 52 London Street, Southport. Last day for proofs, May 30th, 1903. Trustee, F. Gittins, Official Receiver, 35. Victoria Street, Liverpool.

SCHOTEL GERARD ADRIANUS JACOB, cigar importer, 93, Aldersgate Street, E.C. Last day for proofs. June 11th, 1903. Trustee, E. S. Grey, Official Receiver, Bankruptcy Buildings, Carey Street, W.C.

WOOD & TANNER, cigar merchants, 8r, St. Leonards Road, Windsor.

VEALE, A. J., and T. J. CORCORAN, tobacco pipe manufacturers, Bristol, under the style of Corcoran & Co.

Order Rescinding Order made on Application for Discharge.

BRADBURY, JOHN, tobacconist and cigar merchant, 150, Soho Hill, Birmingham. Date of Order, February 16th, 1899; date of rescission, May 21st, 1903. Grounds of rescission, that the bankrupt has not filed the annual statement in accordance with Rule 244 of the Bankruptcy Rules, 1886 and 1890.

In the Matter of-

ALFRED LACY and HENRY THOMAS DUNN, tobacconists, High Street, Loughborough. The Official Receiver said the business was carried on by Dunn, Lacey tollowing the business of a joiner. In answer to the Official Receiver, Lacey said he first started in the tobacco business twenty years ago, in the Cattle Market, and made it pay, but it tell off. He then opened in the High Street, and afterwards Dunn joined him. He (Lacey) followed his own business of a joiner. The business had been practically insolvent for ten years past. The examination was closed, subject to a proper statement being filed.

JACOB LEON SLOBODINSKY .- The public examination of Jacob Leon Slobodinsky, who lately carried on business at 68, High Street, Whitechapel, under the style of the J. L. S. Tobacco Company, took place on May 18th. The statement of affairs showed liabilities £15,497, of which £13.707 was unsecured, and an estimated surplus in assets of 4,066. It appeared from the Official Receiver's observations that the debtor was a Russian Jew by birth, but was naturalised in this country a few years ago. In July last he determined to open retail shops in order to "push" goods other than those of the Imperial Tobacco Company, and he subsequently took premises in Stoke Newington and Hammersmith for that purpose. In December, the J. L. S. Tobacco Company (Limited) was formed to take over the businesses, together with that carried on in Whitechapel, and also another business, and the debtor, who received £22,139 in shares and £3,000 in debentures, was appointed managing director of the company. He attributed his present position to inability to realise his shares. At the date of the receiving order an action was pending at the instance of a creditor to set aside the transfer to the company. Mr. Walter Boyle appeared as Assistant Receiver, and Mr. Francke on behalf of the debtor, Mr. Herbert Reed, K.C., and Mr. Wace representing the trustee. On examination, the debtor stated that until the beginning of the tobacco war his business was prosperous and solvent. He admitted that he had not got sixpence to pay his liabilities with after the promotion of the company; he only had the shares. He also admitted that he did not tell his creditors as a body, prior to the formation, that his business was going to be converted into a company. He estimated that he had paid his trade creditors £100,000 a year. The examination was concluded.

The Irish Tobacco Question.

There are two sides to every question, and there seems much force in the following letter from a "Country Retailer" recently published in the Freeman's Journal:—

Dear Sir,—The public have been treated to a great many letters lately regarding the Irish roll trade, and the object the retailers of tobacco to buy a certain class of tobacco, made in Ireland, at 2d. per lb. more than they can get letter-writers urge this extraordinary demand on the tobacconists for the following reasons:—First, because the tobacco we are asked to pay 2d. per lb. extra for is the tobacco we are asked to pay 2d. per lb. extra for is prevent the English and Americans from capturing the Irish trade and ruining the Irish manufacturers. The letters, coming as they do from tobacco manufacturers or persons interested in the manufacture of the weed, are not altogether disinterested, and they certainly have the appearance of an hysterical appeal to the retailers to save the manufacturers from the Anglo-American bogic at the expense of their (the retailers') pockets.

Now, we are told by the pioneers of the present industrial movement that it is economically wrong to pay a higher price for a home-made than for a foreign-made article, provided the quality is equal. We are told that such a course would only tend to pamper incompetent manufacturers, would never stimulate them to competition in the world's markets, and would be "economic national suicide." Those arguments (which are those of the present industrial movement) forbid us on economic grounds to pay a higher price for this tobacco because it is Irish, and our own common sense forbids us to forego a very material profit on an article which forms the biggest part of our turnover.

Irish manufacturers further say that at their present price for this tobacco (cheap roll) they are making no profit, and if they sold it at the same price as the Anglo-American firm they would lose money on the transaction. If this be true the Irish manufacturers ought to encourage the buying of this particular Anglo-American product, since on their own showing it means a dead loss to the foreigner, and (even if they get a bigger price) it means no profit for them. I would for those reasons advise retailers to do as I do, viz., buy all my good rolls from Irish makers, as they give me good value, and make their own profit, and, secondly, buy all my cheap roll (and that only) from the foreigners, on which transaction they lose money. This course appears to me to be both logical, sensible, and patriotic.

In conclusion, I would like to give a word of advice to the Irish manufacturers in return for all the anonymous advice which retailers have received lately. My advice is this-Let the Irishmen take a leaf out of the English and Yankee book and organise their trade. Combine, combine. The Yankees combined and attacked the English trade; the English combined and repelled them. The Irishmen stood idly by, and, neglecting those signs of the times, never strengthened their position. The English and Americans have now combined to capture the Irish trade, and the Irish manufacturers whine to the retailer to save them instead of organising their scattered forces into one compact body and fighting the Anglo-American combine with its own weapons. The attitude of the Irish manufacturers all through this tobacco crisis has been a most contemptible one, and not very long ago we Irish retailers were treated to the spectacle of a "leading Irish manufacturer" presiding over a meeting of London tobacco retailers, and the object of this meeting was "to protect the London shopkeeper from the operations of the Anglo-American Trust." In his opening speech the Irishman modestly likened himself to the Irish General which England objects to be about the Irish General which England the Irish General which Irish General which Irish General which Irish General wh always requires to lead her forces to victory. Very pretty, indeed, but would it not be better if this valiant "leading Irish tobacco manufacturer stayed at home and did something to organise the Irish trade and enable it to cope with foreign competition and foreign cutting?--Yours truly, COUNTRY RETAILER.

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THE LARGEST SALE OF ANY BRAND OF CIGARS IN ENGLAND.

Our customers as well as ourselves receive many letters in praise of this cigar.

"To Mr. J. R. Pound, Tobacconist and Cigar Importer, 11, Mill Street, Bideford, Devon.

"Union Club, Westward Ho, Devon, October 7th, 1902.

"Dear Sir,—I have stayed in Hayana for some time, and smoked Cabanas and the best brands of the Islands. I consider Hayana eigars have considerably deteriorated since I was there, and it is difficult to find good eigars, except at high prices. I have smoked the box of 100 Marsūmas, as well as the samples from 1d. to 6d. which I purchased from you. The Tobacco is good, the eigars burn evenly, are well made, and smoke freely and sweet to the very end. If the Marsūma people continue to supply the same quality, and at the present price, you ought to do a good business with them.

"Yours faithfully."

"Yours faithfully,

"G. M. MOLESWORTH (Capt. R.N.)."

[This letter has been forwarded to us by Mr. J. Pound, Tobacconist, Bideford.]

Mr. MAURICE LEVY, M.P., wites -

"Many thanks for samples of 'MARSUMA' Cigars. I consider 'SURABARANG' and 'SURABAKARTA' excellent Cigars."

[Above letter was addressed to Mr. J. Smith, Cigar Merchant, Cheapside, Leicester.]

Our advertising customers' names in local papers of course brings Here are letters addressed to ourselves. them many new customers.

J. EDWARDS, ESQ., of Shrewsbury, writes us as follows :--

"Clive Villa, Canon Street, Shrewsbury, March 23rd, 1903.

"Dear Sir,—The Marsūmas again have given every satisfaction, and I consider them excellent in every respect; in fact, I HAVE NEVER SMOKED ANY CIGARS TO EQUAL THEM. Having read an advertisement in a local paper that Mr. Penson, 1, Castle Street, Shrewsbury, stocked your eigars, I called upon him, as I wished to try a box of Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 6, but found to my disappointment that he only had one box 'Surabaya' in stock. I purchased this, and have ordered through him sample boxes of 2, 5, and 6. If the latter brands give as much satisfaction as the one I have tried, you may count upon my patronage in the future. I may say that I have recommended many of my friends to give Marsūmas a trial.

"Yours faithfully, "J. EDWARDS."

INCOMPARABLY SUPERIOR TO HAVANNAS AT DOUBLE THE PRICE.

"4, Ducie Street, Prince's Road, Liverpool, October 22nd, 1902.

"Messrs. Andiamio & Co., Congleton, Cheshire.

"Dear Sirs, -Some weeks ago I wrote asking for the name of a tobacconist in Liverpool who kept a stock of your MARSUMA Cigars, and you furnished me with the information. Since then I have had two boxes from Miss Pook, of Dale Street, and am quite delighted with the Cigars, which are equal to any that I have ever smoked, and incomparably superior to Havanas at more than double the price. If you continue to keep up the quality I do not think you need fear any competitors, as these cigars are far and away the best value that I have ever come across, and all the friends who have tried them are of the same opinion. I have recommended them to all my smoking friends, and I think Miss Pook must have done a pretty good business in them lately in consequence. good business in them lately in consequence. As I have at last found a really good cigar at a very moderate price I do not intend to smoke any others in future. Wishing you every success which you deserve.—I am, yours faithfully,

"ARTHUR L. CRAIK."

Send at once for Trade Price List to-

CIGAR MANUFACTURING CO., HAVANNA, near Congleton.

NEW LINES.

STATE EXPRESS.—We have great pleasure in reproducing a photo, of the well-appointed State Express Coach, which the Ardath Tobacco Company despatched to the "Derby" by way of advertising their well-known



brand of cigarettes. The idea is excellent, and we doubt not will do much to add to the popularity of the cigarettes which are already having a large sale and are firmly fixed in popular favour, owing to their uniform good quality and careful manufacture.

TOBACCO TRADE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting the 43rd annual report your committee have with the greatest regret to record the death of two brothers who have been intimately connected with the Association for a great number of years, and who were two of the principal pillars of the society, Mr. James Chambers and Mr. George Chambers.

Mr. James Chambers, who died last summer, was one of the founders of the Association, and for a number of years one of its trustees. At the annual meetings his words of wisdom and genial advice were never failing, and always proved beneficial to the Association. He is mourned by an exceedingly large circle of members of

The shock of the death of Mr. George Chambers, which occurred very suddenly in December last, was most keenly felt by all his colleagues of your committee and by the trade at large. He began to take an active part in the management of the Association in 1871, was elected one of the honorary collectors in 1873, then an honorary secretary in 1877, the work of which office was then done by two members jointly, but from 1896 right up to his death he held the secretaryship alone.

During that very long time, a record time indeed, he worked and cared with such will and heart for the benefit of the Association and those whom it helps that it would seem impossible for any one member worthily to exceed him and singly to undertake the duties of the secretaryship. Fortunately, however, two members of the committee have agreed to do the work jointly and were elected honorary secretaries, viz.:—Mr. C. Vogelsberger, 8, London Street, E.C., and Mr. E. C. Osman, 61, Crutched Friars, E.C., subject to your confirmation at the annual general meeting which your committee look forward to with pleasure.

It is gratifying, therefore, that the affairs of the Associa

It is gratifying, therefore, that the anary of the Associa-tion will continue to be managed by honorary officers. The second annual collecting day in October last although by far less successful than the first, has never although by far less success additional funds to maintain theless brought in sufficient additional funds to maintain the large increase in the number of pensioners and the

All vacancies through deaths amongst the pensioners All vacancies through occurring within six months of the last annual meeting occurring within as provided by Rule 27: no vacancies have been filled up, as provided by Rule 27; no vacancies have occurred since.

Unfortunately, the finances (which sadly require augmenting by additional subscriptions and donations) do not admit of further pensions being created to enable you to elect any of the six admitted candidates all of whose cases, after careful examination, have been found

Nevertheless, voting papers will be sent round, and a poll take place, to enable your committee to fill vacancies occurring within six months by admitting as pensioners those candidates in whose favour you record the highest

You will have to elect two trustees, one in the place of the late Mr. James Chambers and one in the place of Mr. John S. Gilliat, who has resigned.

According to Rule 10, one-third of the committee whose attendance has been least during the year retire, but are eligible for re-election.

"UNEEDA" CIGARS.

In our previous issue we remarked that, "judging by the new show card which the manufacturers of 'Uneeda' cigars were about to issue to retailers stocking the brand, the demand for these cigars would be increased to a very large extent." That we were not wrong in our surmise is proved by the fact that on inquiry at the factory, our representative was informed that the demand for "Uneeda" cigars from the trade had far exceeded anything that they had ever anticipated when they placed their offer before retailers. So much so, in-fact, is this the case that within the last few months, the number of hands employed in manufacturing "Uneeda" cigars has almost been doubled, and the extension of the factory is contemplated, in order to deal with the enormous output of "Unceda" cigars. There can be no doubt that the "star" of the British cigar is in the ascendant, and nothing so much has been done towards helping this once despised article towards popularity, than the extraordinary good value which is given to everybody concerned, by the manufacturers of "Uneeda" cigars.

Wholesale Tobacconists' Protection Association, Ltd.

The Committee and Sub-Committee of the Association have been actively at work during the month, and much useful work is being done on behalf of the wholesale dealers to place them in a more secure position. All details will be made public as soon as possible, but considerable time must elapse before this is done. Nearly the whole of the old members have rejoined the Association, and new members have also been enrolled, showing that the trade recognises the usefulness of such an Association. A Special General Meeting will be called at an early date to consider and discuss many important matters. Notice will be duly sent to all members, and it is hoped that a large number of large number of members will be present. Any wholesaler wishing to join the Association can obtain all information from the Secretary, WILLIAM FOYLE, 119, Sebert Road, Forest Gate, Essex.



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Uneeda (exquisitos) is the King of Cigars. It is manufactured from the finest Darvel Bay Borneo Tobacco procurable, and there is nothing on the market to equal it for aroma and flavour. The exceptional qualities of this

KING

of Cigars are recognised by all loyal and loving subjects of the "fragrant weed," and its popularity is second to none. Retailers who do not already stock Uneeda exquisitos should bear in mind the exceptional terms offered to them by the manufacturers: FREE WINDOW DISPLAYS, SHOW-CARDS, and TICKETS, besides a PROFIT

OF

FIFTY PER CENT. By stocking Uneeda exquisitos retailers will not only increase their profits, but also their turnover, because the splendid value of Uneedas will delight their customers and attract them for other lines which they offer for sale. Can you therefore afford to be without this king of

CIGARS

Uneeda exquisitos?

CIGAR MANUFACTURERS' FEDERATION.

THE REBATE QUESTION.



HE fourth annual general meeting of the United Kingdom Cigar Manufacturers' Federation, followed by the usual dinner, was held at the Victoria Station Hotel, Nottingham, on May 8th, Mr. R. W. Coppock presiding over a capital attendance of

officers and members

The business session, which was of a somewhat protracted character, was largely given over to a discussion of the rebate question on exported cigars, during which the determination of British cigar manufacturers to push an export trade, not out of bonded warehouses, which could only be handled by the largest manufacturers, but out of their own, where the cigars could be made side by side with those consumed in this country, was emphasised. That, however, it was pointed out, could not be done unless the present rebate allowance of 3s. Id. per pound on the cigars sent out was increased. The actual loss, according to the statistics prepared by the London and country manufacturers, on a pound of cigars, was at least 6d. on duty, a pound and a sixth of tobacco being required to be used in making a pound of cigars, and the result was that the British manufacturer was unable to produce cigars for export at his own warehouses unless he could obtain a rebate of 3s. 6d. on the pound, the increase not being desired in the way of subsidy. but as a return for duty actually paid. Eventually a resolution was carried deciding that a deputation should be appointed to wait upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the subject, and that the local members of Parliament should also be communicated with, soliciting their support of an increased rebate.

The election of officers resulted in the succession to the presidential chair of Mr. A. H. Dexter (R. I. Dexter & Sons, Limited, Nottingham), and the appointment of Mr. R. W. Coppock (W. B. Coppock & Son, Nottingham), the retiring president, and Mr. C. A. Goodman (Goodman & Harris, Leicester), vice-presidents. Mr. T. J. Fletcher (Fletcher Bros., Nottingham) was asked to again undertake the duties of treasurer, and Mr. F. E. Dexter those of the auditor, while the whole of the six retiring members of the committee, Messrs. E. Reeve (Reeve & Sons, Leicester), G. H. Hatton (Hatton & Sons, Nottingham), J. Hale (Thorns Son & Co. Limited, Boston), J. Kennedy (S. Pullinger & Co. Limited, Nottingham and Birmingham), T. Riley, jun. (T. Riley & Son, Nottingham), and T. Tyler (W. Tyler & Co., Nottingham and Sheffield), were reelected. Mr. F. Johnson, Leicester, was appointed in the place of Mr. H. Webb, and Messrs. B. J. Robinson, P. E. Stafford (the retiring vice-presidents), A. C. Pledger, and E. Alton were added to the committee. Mr. G. J. Freeman and Mr. E. P. Burton, of the London Association, were also re-appointed hon. members of the Federation.

The annual report, which, together with the statement of accounts, was passed, stated that the year had been one of activity, numerous matters of importance to the trade having been dealt with, the chief of which was the rebate on exported cigars. Several disputes had arisen with reference to the price paid for covering machine-made bunches, and a number of meetings had been held during the year, and deputations from the Female Cigar Makers' Protective Union had been interviewed in order to endeav-

our to arrange a satisfactory basis.

The cash account showed that, with a balance brought forward of £104 19s. 11d., the income had amounted to £137 17s. 8d., against which there had only been an expenditure of £19 13s. 5d., leaving a surplus of £118 4s. 3d.

The dinner, held in the evening, was numerously attended by members of the Federation and representatives of allied industries, including Messrs. R. W. Coppock (president), E. W. Coppock, C. Goodman, T. Riley, sen., T. Riley, Jun. A. S. Catlow Allen, T. Tyler, A. H. Dexter, F. E. Dexter, E. Alton, H. Alton, Lambert, H. E. Pledger, R. Wolf, B. J. Robinson, G. J. Freeman, Schroder, T. J. Fletcher, Baker, Jones, A. L. Wilson, J. Kennedy, Leverson, Haas, Gledhill, J. B. Turner, and J. N. Derbyshire (secretary).

In proposing the toast of the "Federation," Mr. Freeman and that in all his experience of the cigar trade of over 50 years, he had never known it to be under a greater cloud than it was just now. They were unfortunate in that they had to meet two great competitors at the same time—the cigarette part of the trade, which was undoubtedly affecting the cigar industry considerably, and the Imperial Trust. With regard to the cigarette department the chief regret in his mind was that they were losing a generation of smokers, for the young people who would otherwise when they reached mature years smoke cigars, were now in their immature years, either killing themselves or rendering their brains so feeble by cigarette smoking that when they grew up they would not be able to appreciate the beauties of a good cigar. They could only trust in time, the Coroner. and the doctor to eradicate that evil. So far as the Imperial Trust was concerned it was necessary that they should stand shoulder to shoulder to withstand such attacks as were now being made upon the trade. They were competitors in their own line, in which they were well justified, but they had never amongst themselves had to meet an attack in the dark, the stab in the back, the "punch' below the belt, and that was a serious matter for them to consider. The trust, in the first place, had a desire to buy up certain properties and then to eat up certain others. Well, they seemed to have done all their buying, and they in their turn must now see that the trust did no eating, so far as they were concerned. They must fight to a finish, and the only way they could do that was by concentration, or else they must make up their minds to have their independent goods tabooed and boycotted

The President, in reply, said that one of the strong points of the Federation this year had been the endeavour to get the drawback on manufactured cigars increased from 3s. to 3s. 6d. They had not been successful, but he felt confident that in the long run they would be, and when it was remembered that they were only allowed drawback on an export of 10,000 lbs., while those who manufactured in bond got a release on five million pounds, it was clear they had something to work for. He was sure that the steps the Federation had decided upon would end in success, but the organisation would be much stronger if it could speak for the whole of the cigar trade. There might be a time when they would want funds, and it was not fair that the few should find funds for the many. They ought also to make more of the injury done to the youth of the country by cigarette smoking, as was clearly seen by the testimony of doctors of eminence, and a fund created for advertising the results of indulgence in cigarettes would be advantageous to every cigar manufacturer.

"The Health of the President and Executive" was subsequently drunk, on the proposition of Mr. A. H. Dextet, who spoke with great hope of the agitation for an increased drawback, and a lengthy programme was contributed to by members of the Lute Quartette and others.

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The United Kingdom Cigar Manufacturers' Federation

COPY MEMORIAL TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.

To the Right Honourable Charles Thomson Ritchie, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

-We, the undersigned cigar manufacturers of the United Kingdom, representing practically the whole of the cigar interest of this country, respectfully ask that an increased rate of the drawback allowance be granted on British-made cigars exported from the United Kingdom. When Mr. Gladstone fixed a common drawback rate

in 1863 on all kinds of tobacco, he granted an extra penny per lb. to cover the dutiable losses in manufacture, amounting perhaps to I or 2 per cent. (Hansard, pp. 1615-6.) In the case of cigars, these losses are much higher, and consequently on their exportation we have not received the full compensation promised us in 1863 for the duty paid in the first instance. This inadequacy of drawback has been equivalent to saddling us with an export duty on British-made cigars, and has placed us on such unequal terms with the Germans, Dutch, and Americans on foreign and colonial markets as to prevent the development of this branch of the tobacco export trade.

Were a just and equitable drawback allowance granted we feel confident that a large export trade in cigars could be done, and increased employment given to operatives The manufacture of cigars in bond is in our factories. inconvenient and unsuitable to our requirements. We wish to manufacture them in our own factories.

In conclusion, we venture to annex statistics explanatory of our case, including data of experiments recently made by two of us showing the dutiable losses sustained in manufacture, and the suggested new rate of drawback.

We are, Sir, The United Kingdom Cigar Manufacturers' Federation. R. W. Сорроск, President. B. J. ROBINSON, Vice-Presidents. P. E. Stafford, Vice-Presidents. J. N. Derbyshire, Secretary.

The London Cigar Manufacturers' Association.
G. J. FREEMAN, President.
The Cigar Makers' Mutual Association.

J. COOPER.
The London Chamber of Commerce.

KENRIC B. MURRAY, Secretary.

The claim for an increased drawback rests on careful calculations of cigar manufacturers, showing that with the present moisture limit this should be raised to 3s. 6d. per lb. as an equivalent for :-

- (I) Actual duty paid.
- (2) Interest on money from time of paying duty to receiving drawback.
- (3) Loss on moisture, which increases with better grade tobaccos.
- (4) Loss in manipulation of both the lamina of leaf and stalk.
 - (5) The Debenture Stamp Duty.

The present rate is so inadequate as to practically close the market against British manufacturers. This is shown by the nominal percentage of export business done in cigars, as compared with total tobacco imported, which is only about I to every 77,000 (see official return for year

To Australia and New Zealand out of a total import of cigars-585,477 lbs.—the British manufacturer sent 1,395, or about one five-hundredth part, whilst during the same or about one five-numered party about one-third period the Continental manufacturer sent about one-third

total.

To Cape Colony and Natal the British manufacturer sent only 2 per cent., and the Continental manufacturer 35 only 2 per cent. These facts clearly show that the bases laid down per cent. per cent. These facts clearly by Mr. Gladstone in 1863 do not encourage the British export cigar trade, and that the demand for an improved rate of drawback is an eminently just one.

The proposal to grant the privilege of manufacturing in bond does not meet the difficulty, as it would only open the door for the large, and shut out the small manu-

THE CLAIM OF THE CIGAR MAKERS FOR AN INCREASED DRAWBACK ALLOWANCE.

INCREASED DRAWBACK ALLOWANCE.

In 1863, on the passing of the Manufactured Tobacco Act, Mr. Gladstone, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, inaugurated fiscal changes of the greatest importance to the tobacco trade. He lowered, by nearly one-half, the import duty on cigars, thus almitting the cheap Continental cigar; permitted the manufacture of cavendish and negro-head in bond, thus giving the manufacture the same opportunity of supplying the home market as the importer; increased the drawback rate, thus attempting to facilitate the export of tobacco; laid down scientific data allotting a just proportionate amount to each exporter, and established a new precedent in allowing an increased drawback rate for dutiable losses sustained in manufacture. He had great hopes that the new regulations would encourage the export trade, and that great strides would be made by the home manufacturer compared with the then present state of things. Forty years have since elapsed, and judged by results so far as exporting cigars on drawback is concerned, Mr. Gladstone's measure has not realised expectations. The total quantity of cigars exported on drawback for the last ten years is as follows:—*

The second second					
Year ending 31st M	larch.				Lbs.
1893 .		4.4	**	4.4	2,111
1894 .		414			869
1895		4.4	*.*	(8.8)	1,358
*Pn6		***		164	2,840
0				-1-	4,104
-0-0				4.14	5,907
-0		4.5			5,103
			1000	5/6	5,726
		14.4		*/*	9,963
					16,325
1902			1/2/		20010

The quantity last year was the largest ever exported, the bulk of it going to South Africa. Calculated on the quantity of tobacco cleared for home consumption in the same year, viz., 68,595,000 lbs., it represents 102 per cent. The failure of Mr. Gladstone's Act it represents '02 per cent. The failure of Mr. Gladstone's Act is due to the inadequacy of his data. The imposition of a uniform rate of drawback for all classes of tobacco was like making a coat to fit all wearers. It suited none. Some of the wealthiest manufacturers soon discovered the irksomeness of this fiscal garment, and discarded it by manufacturing their export tobacco in bond. As a consequence the export trade in tobacco from these bonded warehouses is reckoned in millions of pounds weight. The following table proves this statement.

Export of tobacco manufactured in Bond+:-

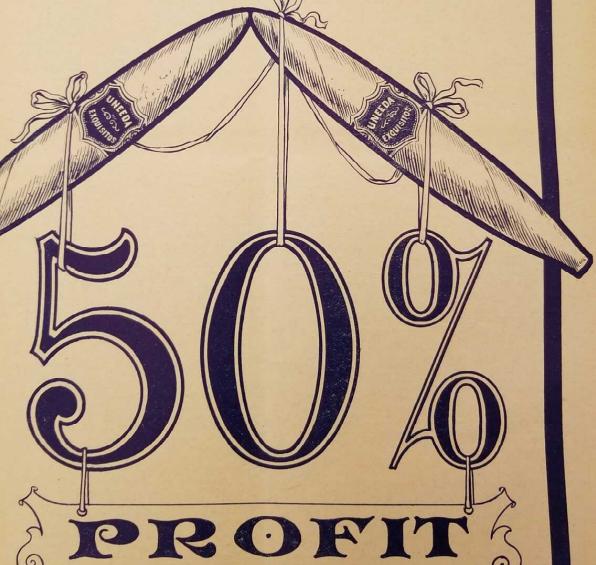
Calendar Y	ear.				Lbs
1897					 3,502,941
1898		100	Parter		 3,870,099
1899				**	 3.965.509
1900			100.00		 4,002,220
1001	***				 5,753,682

The authorities practically admit the misfit by permitting and extending this "bond" privilege to other manufacturers. Mr. Gladstone "did think it might be in the power of the Government to propose something better for the trade than allowing the manufacture in bond, namely, the readjustment of the present system. facture in bond, namely, the readjustment of the present system

^{*} From Annual Report of Commissioners of Inland Revenue.
† From 46th Report of Commissioners of Customs.

EXQUISITOS

HAVE 50% PROFIT ATTACHED TO THEM FOR RETAILERS.



THE CICARETTE WORLD AND TOBACCO NEWS, JUNE, 1903.

of drawbacks, which would have the effect of opening up advan-tageously to the British manufacturer the export trade. The duty of the Government was to make the measure as favourable as possible to the British trader. Contrary to expectation, the drawback coat was found to be a misht; it was not long before the cigar maker discovered his inability to squeeze into the official garment, and inasmuch as the law permitted only the manufacture of sweetened tobacco in bond, no export trade in cigars sprang into existence.

The question of the manufacture of cigars in bond was forced upon the Government in 1803, and occupied an important part of the debates on the Tobacco Duties Bill. Mr. Gladatone said that "very early in the discussion the question was raised whether it would not be possible to extend to traders in cigars the privilege of manufacturing them in bond. He had examined that question attentively, and he had come to the conclusion that there was no mode in which such manufacture could be carried on in bond, because there was such a number of persons of small means engaged in the trade that it would be impossible to reconcile the operation with the requirements of the bonding system." I The argument of Mr. Gladstone holds good to day. The cigar manufacturers want to manufacture their cigars in their own factory and under personal supervision. Even were the Customs authorities to be willing to incur the additional administrative expense of supervision of these bonded factories; many cigar manufacturers have not the means wherewith to erect separate buildings and plant for the means wherewith to erect separate buildings and plant is the purpose of manufacturing cigars in bond.

When Mr. Gladstone announced in Parliament his data for its the purpose of manufacturing cigars in bond.

When Mr. Gladstone announced in Parliament his data for its the drawback rate. Sir Stafford Northcote pointed out "that the Treasury and the Customs had fixed it at so low a point as to make exportation impossible." Mr. Gladstone promised to look into the matter, and said that the manufacturer should receive full compensation for the duty paid in the first instance. Subsequently he expressed a wish "to make the measure as liberationards the trade as he could, consistently with the interests of the revenue." With this end in view he "thought it fair and right to propose to the committee to take into view the fact that upon all descriptions of tobacco manufactured there was a certain amount of mevitable waste from absolute loss in the manipulati

all descriptions of tobacco manufactured there was a certain amount of inevitable waste from absolute loss in the manipulation, the cutting grinding, &c., amounting perhaps to 1 or 2 per cent. To make good these dutiable losses, an extra penny a pound was granted upon all classes of tobacco exported. The desire to be fair and right and help the trade was manifest. There were some doubts expressed in Parliament on the insufficiency of these particular data by reference to "High Dried Snuff," to make which members alleged that 1½ lbs. of stalks were required to make 1 lb. of snuff. Mr. Gladstone said "it was impossible to arrange the drawback upon this material differently." Throughout the debates on this Manufactured Tobacco Duties Bill, Mr. Gladstone breathed on this Manufactured Tobacco Duties Bill, Mr. Gladstone breathed

the spirit of fair play.

With a view to obtaining recent and reliable data affecting the manufacture of cigars, independent experiments were formed by two cigar manufacturers, one in London and one in Nottingham. Working with great care, the total dutiable loss sustained in the process of manufacture was an average of over 6 per cent., against the 1 or 2 per cent, allowed for by Mr. Gladstone. On the basis of allowing an extra 1d. for 1 per cent. of loss, the drawback rate should be at least 6d. additional, viz., 3s. 6d. per lb. on a duty of

The undermentioned experimental result obtained by one of the manufacturers in question will convey an adequate idea of the nature of the tobacco operated upon and of the losses sustained:—

MR, FREEMAN.

TO ASCERTAIN PROPER RATE OF DRAWBACK REQUISITE TO COVER LOSS: IMPORT DUTY AT 38. PER LB.

IMPORT

Rem	nants	Description.	Dry Tobacco.	Representive weight at the commender of the operation	ce-	Quantity weighed out at the commence- ment of the operation.		uston Duty	
lbs.	ozs.		lbs.	lbs.		lbs.	£	S.	d.
3	14 ¹ 59	Darvel Bay Sapong	1'90 2'84	2'29 3'31		60'00			
1	Deduct	total weight of	remnants		10	5'60			
		2s. 6d. Wareho		*** *** *** *** *** ***	417 417 310	54 40	8	3	2 6
			Total	*** 3**	,,,	54'40	8	7	10

TES.—£6 45, plus 158, 4d. =£0 198, 4d. divided by 40'22 lbs. cigars=38, 54d.; or, say 38, 6d. per lb. to cover cost of remaining Excise restrictions. On the basis of 54'40 lbs. the Stalks and Smalls form 10'40 per cent., Cigars 73'93 per cent. Manufacturing Loss 4'72 per cent., Loss in Grinding, &c., 2'24 per cent. or a total Dutiable Loss of

*SUB-NOTE.—Owing to the percentages being limited to two places of decimal the total

* Hansard, p. 953. | Hansard, p. 952, 27th February 1563.

				EXPORT				
Quantity calculated on a 14 per cent, moisture basis, the present drawback		Staller Frenz	s and dla:					
standard.	Dm.	oza.	Ibs.					
10.36	In	ral	54 10'41 10'30	containing 1 1 40 per sent moisture, 16 18 inorganic, 70 36 organic, sent to be ground into offal smulf. Deduct 5 per cent. loss in grinding. Net quantity deposited in Queen's Warehouse. The drawback standard is 14 per cent. moisture, 15 48 per cent. in organic, 70 32 per cent. organic, consequently the drawback is calculated on: at 38 10, per lb. for cost of grinding, and Deduct of carriage.	£ 1	5. 11	d. n	
2'60 1'22 40'22		die.	grinding (equivalent	Net drawback received ture (equivalent of 2'24 lbs.) and moistute, &c. nt of 34 59 lbs. dry) at 3s. rd. per lb.	6	8	6	
		De	rate of o	ss sustained by exporter at present frawback	0	15		=9 per cent, on
54'49				Total	. 8	7	10	outlay,

The members of the cigar trade are greatly desirous of opening up a large export trade with the colonies in British-made cigars, and are confident of doing so under equitable conditions. Other trades, as, for example, the exporters of tinctures and medicines on drawback, receive an adequate drawback allowance for losses sustained in manufacture, and the British cigar manufacturers claim the grant of a similar concession.

COPY OF LETTER SENT TO MEMBERS OF FEDERATION.

"Dear Sirs,—At the Annual Meeting of this Federation on Monday last, it was resolved that a copy of our memorial to the Chancellor of the Exchequer be sent to every member of the Federation, with the necessary accompanying statistics, so that the members of Parliament representing the various districts in which our members reside can be personally approached on the subject, in order, if possible, to secure their co-operation.

For your information I send you herewith a copy of a letter which I have sent to the three Members of Parliament representing

which I have sent to the times Members of Tahahard representations the City of Nottingham, and if you will send a letter on similar lines to your local members, no doubt it will be of very great benefit. In case you hear, in reply, that your Member is prepared to interest himself on behalf of the trade, I shall feel obliged if you will commisself on behalf of the trade, I shall feel obliged if you will compare the second at the House municate with mc at once, so that he may be seen at the House of Commons without delay.

Any further information you desire I shall be pleased to furnish " J. N. DERBYSHIRE, Secretary." on hearing from you.

COPY OF LETTER SENT TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT. "May 25th, 1903.

"Dear Sir,—The members of this Federation have for some time been considering the question of an increased rebate on British-made cigars exported from the United Kingdom. From statistics which have been prepared by certain prominent manufacturers, this rebate should be at least 3s. 6d. per lb., instead of 3s. 1d. as at present Under the arrangements now in force it is impossible for manufacturers to do not be supposed by the contract of the co facturers to do any bulk of export trade, as the loss by way of daty is so very large. The suggestion of manufacturing in bond would not meet the case, as the trade requires building up, and small manufacturers would be unable to undertake the responsibility of running two factories.

of running two factories.

"A memorial has been addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer as per enclosed copy, but no decision has yet been announced, and my Executive are most desirous of having the matter dealt with in the present Budget.

in the present Budget.

"I am therefore instructed to ask whether you will consent to meeting a small deputation on the subject, in the Lobby of the to meeting a small deputation on the subject, in the Lobby of the total part of the subject of th to meeting a small deputation on the subject, in the Lobby of the House, so that our views may be placed before you and your coperation obtained, if, on consideration, you are satisfied with good enough to say whether you will receive such a deputation, and if so when will be your most convenient time? My Executive are fully convinced that with proper facilities a very large export which at present is anything but flourishing.

"I may say that the number of cigar-making operatives in Mottingham is approximately 2,000, and it is therefore a very important branch of local industry.

important branch of local industry.

"I shall be glad to receive your reply at your convenience,

"I am, dear sir, yours truly,

"J. N. DERBYSHIRE, Secretary,"



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THE TOBACCO MARKETS.

Messrs. PRINGLE BROS., of 102, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.,	BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS, month coded and
respect or full one unclar date of 2nd June, 1001;	BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS, month ended 30th April. 1901. 1902.
There has been a moderate business in NORTH AMERICAN TOBACCO during the past month, the cheaper grades being mostly in demand. The May Imports were: 586 Hhds.; Deliveries 1,227 Hhds.; the	Unmanufactured (from U.S.A. — 3,503,662 Stemmed (,, other Countries — 240,000 3,743
The May Imports were: _\$80 1100s.; term 1902; 37,301 present Stock being 35,062 Hhds., against 32,273 Hhds. in 1902; 37,301 Hhds. in 1901; 35,450 Hhds. in 1900; 25,437 Hhds. in 1899; 25,111 Hhds. in 1898, and 25,198 Hhds. in 1897.	Total Imports 3,744,571
VIRGINIA LEAF AND STRIPS.—Have been dealt in to a moderate	Unmanufactured from U.S.A 978,747
WESTERN LEAF AND STRIPS.—Moderate business, principally in Fillers and the grade above. Leaf in short supply. LATAKIA.—Some good parcels on offer.	Total Imports 1,726,000
Ohio. — None on offer. China. — Fair business doing.	Total from U.S.A 3,631,086 4,482,400
TURKEY.—Market bare of stock. DUTCH.—In fair demand. JAVA.—Some good parcels on offer. CAVENDISH.—As usual.	The Manual Manual Countries 300,377 989,152 080,89
THE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS MAY BE TAKEN AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MONTH'S PRICES.	,, Home Consumption 5,399,882 8,014,742 6,265,055 6,400,079
Virginia Leaf, common, middling and semi-bright 4d. @ 7d.	BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS, four months ended 30th April,
Strips, common, middling and semi-bright 5½d. ,, 10d. colory, and good to fine 11d. ,, 1/4	TOBACCO. Unmanufactured from U.S.A — 13,053,674 14,924.8 r 13,053,674 14,924.8 r
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to good, fine, bright and soft pressed od. ,, 1/0 3d. ,, 6d.	Unstemmed (,, other Countries
Turkey nominal japan 5d. @ 9d.	,, Home Consumption 5,472,194 6,200,942
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Paraguay 3d. nom. Greek	TOTAL IMPORTS 21,502,315 22,058,079 24,948,204 , HOME CONSUMPTION 34,324,380 27,542,946 26,256,638
Manilla 5d. ,, 2/6 Havana 1/- ,, 5/-	BONDED WAREHOUSE ACCOUNT, month ended 30th April.
Vara and Cuba	1901. 1902. 1903. lbs. lbs.
Cheroots and Cigars, Manilla 2/- ,, 4/-	Manufactured and Snuff 1,715,000 2,252,000 2,270,000
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