

HANDWRITING IN MINIATURE

A Man Who Can Write 16,000 Words on a Postal Card.

There is a man in Detroit, Mich., who is performing the unprecedented feat of writing 16,000 words on a postal card. It sounds like a tale from Baron Munchausen, but Charles S. Monnier is prepared to prove the truth of it by exhibiting the postal card. Moreover, Mr. Monnier's work is plain, even to the single letter, although, of course, a magnifying glass is necessary to demonstrate this truth to the investigator.

Mr. Monnier says his ambition is of comparatively recent inspiration. Two months ago, while he was a novice at the art of writing, having only succeeded in producing on a postal card as many characters as an ordinary writer would require a quire or so of paper to portray, he read of the performance of a penman, who had placed no less than 7,000 words upon one side of a postal card.

Mr. Monnier studied the idea carefully, and the more he thought the more he believed he could eclipse the feat of which he had read. So he began, and for his text took the first book at hand, which proved to be a copy of "Portia." Never were the chapters of a novel written in such a condensed form as this. On one afternoon he succeeded in writing on the side of a postal card 1,000 words, occupying but a small portion of the space.

The effort, as may be imagined, was somewhat exhausting to the writer, and he found it necessary to take a three days' rest to recover his steadiness of nerve. Then he increased the number of words on the card by another thousand, and still there was an abundant amount of space to be filled. It began to look as if he would get the whole volume on the postal. He continued his efforts, writing at intervals of three days, until the number of words footed up 8,392, and still half the card was unfilled. Twenty-four pages of the book had been written on the card.

Mr. Monnier is still laboring at his self-appointed task, and feels sure that when the card is filled it will contain about fifty pages of the book, or between 16,500 and 17,000 words. The words will be contained in less than 245 lines, and the number of letters in all will be between 80,000 and 85,000.

The back of a 2-cent postage stamp would not seem to present a surface favorable to record-breaking performance of the kind that Mr. Monnier delights in. Yet on the gummy surface of a stamp the Detroit expert has written a letter containing 763 words, sufficient characters to require the use of eight pages of letter paper for the ordinary writer to produce.

Mr. Monnier also made a circle the size of a gold quarter and endeavored to place the contents of a volume within the small ring. He succeeded in writing inside one of the circles the Lord's prayer, the Hall Mary, and his signature, with the words "Champion small writer of the world" added—100 words in all.

On another he has written a poem containing 100 words, and the circle is only three-quarters full. On still another he has succeeded in placing the Lord's prayer twice, the total number of words being 114, and in a circle considerably smaller than a gold quarter he has written the Lord's prayer once, the number of words being fifty-seven.

It would be supposed that this pen expert had eyesight of remarkable keenness, but, though only 23 years old, he has been near-sighted for fifteen years. His method of holding the pen is most peculiar. He writes with his eyes very near the paper, and, peering at it through his glasses, he works away with the penholder resting on the side of the nose. He claims that by this means he can hold the pen much steadier than in the ordinary way, and can write steadily for three hours at a stretch before tired nature gives way. Mr. Monnier writes with a quill pen.—New York Herald.

Evils of Roast Coffee.

The coffee eating habit is on the increase and doctors say there are few worse. Coffee, when eaten roasted, is productive of a train of ills that finally result in complete physical and mental prostration.

The trouble is more prevalent among young girls than any one else. They eat parched coffee without any definite object, just as they eat soapstone slate pencils, but with much more disastrous results. The coffee eater becomes weak and emaciated, the complexion is muddy and sallow, the appetite poor, digestion ruined and nerves all unstrung.

Roast coffee will give a few minutes of exhilaration, followed with great weakness. The victims nearly die when deprived of the accustomed stimulant.

Something New.

The Chicago Times-Herald says that a Western gentleman lately found his new cook in the drawing-room, gazing with much interest at the aquarium.

"Well, Biddy," said the gentleman, in a kindly tone, "what do you think of them?"

"Sure, sor," answered the cook, "upon my soul, if they ain't rare lovely! Ah, begorra, perhaps you wouldn't believe it, but this is the first time that I ever saw red herrings alive before!"

Old Theory of Light.

Among the more sober physicians of old, as told by Aristotle, it was believed that in some manner the sun was conveyed by night across the northern regions, and that darkness was due to lofty mountains, which screened off the sunbeams during the voyage.

One of the most pitiful sights in the world is that of a woman moved to tears when she has left her handkerchief at home.

Nebraska Notes

The North Platte school house problem remains unsolved.

Ira L. Bare has edited the North Platte Tribune for twelve years.

Several citizens of South Sioux City have a touch of the Alaska gold fever.

The Wayne Democrat issued a very creditable holiday number last week.

The Gandy Pioneer will be sold at auction on January 2, to satisfy a mortgage.

The Logan Valley agricultural and mechanical association of Wakefield has dissolved.

An Otoe county patriarch of sixty-four was recently married to a blushing widow of sixty.

The Fullerton Post will issue a special edition containing a write-up of the town and county.

An Indian on the reservation near Rushville killed himself to escape arrest for horse stealing.

James Barone of Republican City pulled 1,000 pounds of enamel cat out of the river in one day.

The old soldiers of Pender are resolved that the postoffice shall be bestowed on one of their members.

Several married couples in Hall county are sick of their bargain, and want the court to untie the knot.

Mr. Reese, a farmer living a few miles north of Chapman, lost \$500 worth of hogs recently from cholera.

One grain dealer of Hebron has already shipped twenty thousand bushels of corn to the eastern markets.

The Nebraska City Press says Governor Furnas in the cabinet Nebraska would never have a drought.

A four-year-old son of J. H. Moody of Mason City was run over by a heavily loaded wagon and fatally injured.

The Gandy Pioneer wants a law passed prohibiting the use of a shotgun in the state for a period of five years.

Frank Taylor is now owner and publisher of the Table Rock Argus, having bought Frank Harrison's interest.

Ex-Treasurer Graves of Banner county will be called on to replace \$950 wrongfully wrung from the taxpayers.

Wild geese continue to linger in the cornfields west of the 100th meridian and sportsmen are making the most of it.

It is estimated that forty to fifty million bushels of corn is piled on the ground in this state for want of crib room.

The people of Milford have decided to hold an election, and the candidate receiving the highest vote will be the next postmaster.

Mrs. Henry Norton, the wife of a Carter county farmer, died suddenly of heart failure. She leaves a husband and four children.

A hedge fence deal was worked at Wayne and the republican says it was a clear case of "a smooth confidence man taking in suckers."

The people of Cozad propose to have the local prohibitory law respected. No guilty boot-legger stands a ghost of a show in that town.

Mason City has recently organized a commercial club, the general object of which is to promote the interests of the town and its citizens.

The town of Genoa aspires to the dignity of electric lights, which are offered to the citizens at the rate of 50 cents per month per incandescent light.

The commission of the present postmaster of North Platte will expire April 10, 1898. Republican aspirants for the place feel correspondingly blue.

Sportsmen in Lincoln county are ailing quail in great numbers and the North Platte papers have been running serial quail stories for several weeks.

Rheumatism of the heart caused the death of Bessie, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rhodes of Fillmore county. She was ten years of age.

The Hickman Republican, by F. E. La Grave, has made its appearance. It is a six-column quarto, to which local advertisers seem to take very kindly.

The editor of the South Sioux City Record was so pleased with a cup of coffee given him at a church social that he wants to marry the girl that made it.

J. H. Inman, a newspaper man formerly of Broken Bow and Nebraska-at-large, is now in Denver publishing Arid America, a very creditable irrigation journal.

Burglaries and petty larcenies are becoming so frequent on the Indian reservations, says the Pender Times, that a little Barrett-Scottism may be resorted to by intelligent settlers.

H. W. Cunningham of Harlan county has lost six head of horses from some unknown but very fatal disease. The trouble seems to locate in the head and the animals become crazy and blind.

Commenting on the accidental discharge of a gun by which Lester Beebe lost one of his best thumbs, the Haagan News says: "It does seem that people will eventually learn that the thing is loaded."

The Dawson County Enterprise has changed owners, G. F. Cooper and J. C. Feeharty being the new editors and publishers. The paper has been enlarged and improved under the new management.

BANKERS ARE ARRESTED

Failure of National Bank of Illinois Gets Officers Into Trouble.

RUN ON THE BANKS CONTINUES

Receiver of Roseland Bank is Discharged—Some Witnesses are Held to Testify Against Banker Dreyer—Public Scare About Over.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Charges and counter charges in connection with the management of the National Bank of Illinois were made yesterday and engrossed the attention of the financial community to the exclusion of the day's events surrounding the big national bank collapse.

The arrest of Bankers Dreyer and Berger, the discharge of the receiver of the Roseland bank and the continuation of the savings depositors' run on the Illinois Trust and Savings bank and the Hibernal Banking association, were the principal developments. The public scare is practically over and a complete restoration of confidence seems to have been effected.

By arrangement of the police department, counsel for the defendants and Justice of the Peace W. T. Hall, the accused private bankers, Edward S. Dreyer and Robert Berger, entered Justice Hall's private court room at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Detective Fay, who held the warrants which F. E. Kennedy, a saloonkeeper and depositor at Dreyer & Co.'s bank had sworn to, announced that the men were under arrest. The charge in each case is that the bankers received a deposit of \$153 at the close of business last Saturday, knowing at the time that they were insolvent. The defendants were accompanied by Adolph Kraus, their lawyer, and Charles H. Wacker, of the Wacker & Birk Brewing company. The latter signed the bond of the bankers in the sum of \$500 each, for their appearance in Justice Hall's court January 2. Kennedy says he is acting for himself only, but his action is regarded as premature and ill-advised by those who believe that the Dreyer failure could not be foreseen.

Discuss Cuba in Cities.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—The chamber of commerce, while expressing sympathy for struggling Cuba, adopted resolutions against the Cameron report to the senate. Copies of the resolutions will be sent to the senators and representatives in congress from this state, with the respectful request that they act in harmony therewith when the question shall be called up.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 24.—The Toledo produce exchange adopted a resolution introduced in the senate by Senator Cameron recognizing the independence of Cuba.

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—Colonel Pavia reports having had an engagement with a party of rebels encamped at Sao Redondo in the vicinity of Holquin, killing twenty-one insurgents and capturing and destroying their camp. The troops lost one lieutenant and four privates killed and a major and nine privates were wounded.

MADRID, Dec. 24.—Queen Regent Christina will, on Christmas day, sign a decree ordering the operation of certain reforms in the island of Porto Rico.

Admiral Beranger, minister of marine decides that the government is purchasing warships. General Azcarraga, minister of war, has rendered an account to the queen regent of the work which has been done by the war ministry with a view to the arising of possible complications. The Epoca a semi-official organ, declares that together with the reserves the Spanish army is fully capable of maintaining an international war.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee stopped last night at Ocala on his way to Havana and was tendered a reception by the citizens at the Ocala house.

New Gunboats Launched.

ELIZABETHPORT, N. J., Dec. 24.—The gunboat Annapolis was successfully launched at 10:30 yesterday at the Crescent ship yards here, Miss Georgiana Porter, granddaughter of the late Admiral Porter, christened the new addition to the navy.

The Annapolis, one of the six composite gunboats authorized by act of congress additions to be launched, the Vicksburg, Newport and Marietta having already slipped off the ways. The Annapolis' length over all is 200 feet and between perpendicular lines is 188 feet. The mean draught is twelve feet, which experts say is light enough to permit her navigating shallow waters, such as are found on the China coast and the rivers of this country. Her engine will develop 800 horse power and her contract speed is twelve knots. Her main battery consists of six four-inch rapid fire guns and the secondary battery four six-pounder and two one-pounder rapid fire guns. The new vessel will have a complement of nine officers, ten marines and 125 bluejackets.

A Mexican Fight.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—A special from Guadalupe, Mex., says particulars have been received there of a desperate affray at the ranch of Juan Vidrio in that state. Vidrio had trouble with some of his employes a few days ago and thirty of them attacked him. He was seriously wounded by the first volley of shots, but took refuge in his residence and fired on his assailants killing two of them and wounding seven others badly. Twenty members of the mob arrested.

THE CUBANS HAVE GOVERNORS

A Cuban Claims That Cuba is a Republic Now.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The GIBLAS (news, a pet) publishes a report of an interview with Senor Betancos, the representative of the Cuban insurgents in Paris, in which he declares that the assertion that the revolutionists in Cuba have no government is false. The Cubans, he says, have a government in the form of a junta, whose members are acting together under the assent of the active participants in the rebellion and a majority of the inhabitants of the island. The sympathy of the American people, says Senor Betancos, is utterly unselfish and inspired from a feeling of compassion for the victims of Spanish tyranny.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Daily News, referring to the statement that the Spanish minister of war is preparing a pamphlet for the use of the army and navy, giving data of the American defenses, etc., says that it seems that Spain has consented to take a hand in the international game of bluff opened by Senator Azcarraga. The Spanish minister of war, has done anything so foolish as the act accredited to him he had better undo it immediately.

The Standard's Madrid correspondent telegraphs that Spain has notified the United States that she is satisfied with the friendly tone to President Cleveland's message and the attitude of Secretary Olney toward the Cameron resolution. It is added that the rumors of military and naval preparations on the part of the Spanish must be received with caution. The government, limited by budget votes, is acting purely on the defensive.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The Madrid and provincial press continue their campaign of denunciation against the United States, but their columns contain nothing new in the way of abuse of the American government. It is asserted that the Spanish government has been secretly preparing for war for some time past.

A dispatch to the Imparcial from Havana says that 3,000 troops have sailed for Manzanilla to join the forces near that place in an attack upon the insurgents under General Garcia, who is now holding the road to Bayama.

A Rule of Terror

PADUCAH, Ky., Dec. 23.—The town of Mayfield, where Jim Stone, who assaulted Mrs. Green, was lynched and filled with pistol shots, was the scene of incendiary fires and rioting last night. Yesterday Charles Bolin, 27 year old, white, lay at his home with a revolver wound in the neck, while a dozen negroes are fleeing beyond the reach of mob law. Two die keepers were wounded, and one may die. The lynchers, having satisfied the vengeance on the body Stone, started last night to weed out the notorious negroes. An assault was made on a saloon owned by Tom Chambers. Chambers opened fire and repulsed the attacking party. Bolin was dangerously and others were slightly injured. A second attempt to storm the house was successful. Chambers, escaped, but the building, with a wholesale beer house, which was operated in violation of the local option laws, and other buildings patronized by rough negroes, were fired and destroyed.

The negroes fled in every direction. One man was captured and severely whipped. Yesterday Mayfield was filled with armed and excited men, and trouble is expected at any time. Posses are in hot pursuit of the negroes, and more lynchings are not improbable.

Erie Road Has Two Wrecks

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 23.—The train on the Erie railway leaving about 7:30 crashed into the wreckage of a freight train which was eastbound. The engine of the passenger train was derailed and it toppled over on its side. The engineer, John Bogart of Passaic, and Fireman W. J. Hallred of Waldwick, N. J., were killed. Several of the passengers were cut and bruised by broken glass and flying timbers, but none was seriously injured.

Truck of One of the Freight Cars

The truck of one of the freight cars had broken and the timber with which the car was loaded became strewn on the track, causing the accident.

Kill Anarchists in Spain

MADRID, Dec. 23.—A small band of men carrying a republican flag assembled at Novelda, province of Alicante, and when called upon to disperse by the gendarmes, refused to do so. They were again ordered to disperse, and upon their second refusal the gendarmes fired upon them, killing seven of them. The others then fled precipitately, but the gendarmes pursued and captured several of them. A search was made of the lodgings of prisoners and a number of dynamite bombs were found. The police are at a loss to decide whether the assemblage of the men was for the purpose of making a demonstration of sympathy for the anarchists sentenced Saturday at Barcelona or whether it was a manifestation of republicanism. The finding of the bombs tends to make them believe the men were anarchists.

Wanted to Kill Them All

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 23.—James Preston, a laborer, shot his wife Amanda, and his stepson, William Bryant, and himself yesterday morning at their home 437 East Pearl street. Mr. Preston was shot once in the head and once in the shoulder. Bryant received a shot in the left arm. Preston fired a bullet into his own breast. Jealousy was the cause of the shooting. The injured were removed to the hospital. The condition of the husband and wife is serious.

CUBA'S FRIENDS ARE AWAKE

New Yorkers Unite in a Great Meeting For the Sake of Cuba.

AMERICANS ARE IN FAVOR OF LIBERTY

Cooper Union is Packed With a Great Crowd to Listen to Stirring Addresses by Men Who Love Liberty and Honor Freedom.

New York, Dec. 22.—Two great demonstrations in favor of struggling Cuba took place in this city last night. One was a street parade of the organization called the Friends of Cuba. The other was a mass meeting at Cooper union, called by the Cuban league of the United States. Several thousand men took part in the street parade and many thousands more lined the sidewalks and cheered enthusiastically along the line of march. The procession formed on East Eighty-sixth street and Eighty-seventh street and marched by way of Third and Lexington avenues and Broadway to Cooper Union. Franz Mayer, president of the organization, was grand marshal. The column was divided into ten battalions. An American flag was carried ahead of each battalion, with two Cuban soldiers as escorts. A large number of large transparencies were carried illustrating Spanish massacres. One, showing the killing of Maceo, bore the title "Spain's latest triumph in murdering under the flag of truth."

Other inscriptions were: "Let congress act; the people will uphold congress." "Uphold the Monroe doctrine." "Another star to the constellation of republics." "We die, but not surrender." "Viva Cuba libre!"

Cooper Union was packed to the doors when the meeting of the Cuban league was called to order by its president, Ethan Allen, a lineal descendant of the general of the same name of revolutionary fame. Mr. Allen said:

"This immense and enthusiastic audience is proof that the heart of our citizens still throbs in harmony for any people struggling to be free. Further than this it is proof that the American people do not breathe the air of cowards, although some of the government may. We are assembled to uphold in other lands the cause for which Washington and his patriots contended in this. If we are not willing to make some sacrifice to extend the heritage of liberty, bequeathed to us from the storms of battle, we are unworthy to hold and enjoy it ourselves. Cuba is now, for the second time, in the death grapple with her savage foe. She is resolved to be free and we are here to say she shall. The curse of Spanish rule is no longer to be tolerated. It is the government that admits of no reciprocity between the king and subject; it is one part tyrant and all the rest slave. Instincts of our people revolt against this, wherever it may exist, and especially when so near our own shores."

Illinois National Bank Failure.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The closing of an institution considered to be the second strongest national bank in Chicago, quickly followed by the failure of three private banking houses, which did business with it, caused a flurry in financial circles yesterday and led to runs on several banks by timid depositors. A flood of rumors relative to other banks and business concerns led to the intense nervousness which pervaded all classes of people long after banking hours and the close of the courts. The banks which were closed follow:

National Bank of Illinois, capital \$1,000,000; liabilities, \$11,000,000.

S. S. Dreyer & Co., bankers, mortgage brokers and real estate dealers, liabilities, \$1,500,000; estimated value of assets, \$1,650,000.

Wasmandorff & Heinemann, bankers and mortgage brokers, liabilities, \$418,000; estimated value of assets, \$550,000.

Roseland Savings bank, Roseland, Ill., small capital and assets estimated equal to liabilities.

Spaniards Deserting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A Times special says: Passengers Sunday night from Havana report that the insurgents' guerrilla leader, Arco, has defeated two Spanish columns and has captured two convoy trains near La Perca last week and took 100 prisoners, all of whom, save one, a Cuban, were released.

An insurgent band of 200 were dispersed by Major Arco of the Spanish column Saturday, insurgents losing their leader and ten soldiers, while the Spanish lost a lieutenant and fifteen soldiers killed and wounded.

Gomez is reported as advancing westward, but being incumbered by his artillery and supplies, his progress is slow. He believes that Maceo and his son were decoyed to their death by Spanish treachery. It is well known that the soldiers on the trocha have sent in complaints to the captain-general as to their treatment, and he has ordered an investigation. At one place over 100 soldiers deserted to the insurgents, as they claimed that they were dying pined up in the swamp and with insufficient food supplies.

London Papers Comment.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Commenting on the declaration of Senor Canovas, the Spanish premier, that he will brook no interference with the sovereignty of Spain in Cuba, the Pall Mall Gazette says that Senor Canovas is magnificent in his defiance, but his utterance is not businesslike. If he wishes to avail himself of the few months' grace remaining to him, the Gazette says, he must change his resolutely immobile attitude for resolute action.

SPANIARDS ARE SERIOUS

Canovas Considering Cleveland's Message—The People Aroused.

MADRID, Dec. 21.—Senor Canovas del Castillo, the prime minister, has received the official text of President Cleveland's message to congress and will shortly make a declaration on that part of the document which refers to the Cuban question.

Conferences have been held during the past few days between the most prominent men in political life in Spain with the object of seeking a solution of the problem which confronts the government and which, it is possible, might cause a war with the United States. It is conceded in all political circles that the situation is grave, but it is thought that the willingness of Spain to grant reforms in the Spanish West Indies should tend to avert any display of aggressiveness on the part of the United States. One point is settled upon and that is that no reforms shall be put into effect in Cuba until the insurrection shall have been suppressed, for it is held that to offer reforms with the Cubans still in arms would indicate weakness on the part of Spain and would also be derogatory to her honor.

Though the popular indignation caused by the receipt of the news of the action of the committee on foreign relations of the American senate, shows little sign of diminution, there have been no manifestations against the United States or its representative anywhere in Spain. That such manifestations were expected, however, is shown by the fact that police and gendarmes were detailed to guard the American legation here and precautions were taken elsewhere to protect the various consulates of the United States should the excited people attempt to make an attack upon them. Orders were sent to the governors of the several provinces to prohibit any anti-American demonstrations, and from dispatches received yesterday from the provincial capitals, it is known that the orders were faithfully carried out.

Japan to Have Elevated Roads.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The great city of Tokio is soon to be gridironed with elevated railroads. Mr. Nonnora, a special commissioner of the Japanese government, to investigate different elevated systems in America and Europe arrived here yesterday. He is accompanied by H. Iwasaki, S. Yamaguchi and K. Takibe.

"We must have elevated roads in the big cities of Japan," he said; "there are too many people for us to get along without them. Japan is moving toward the front. We intend to have better elevated roads than any other country. Tokio, which will be the initial city for the elevated system, is a great place, and may be in time the biggest city in the world. It is four hundred years old and has 2,000,000 people. It is growing right along, and is so situated that its growth must continue. We want to visit Chicago, New York and other cities where the elevated system is used and see and understand for ourselves the workings of these roads. We have had the plans of them and all the details by competent engineers made out and forwarded to the department in Japan for a good while. But the object of the commission is to learn other details. We want to study the practical workings of the roads. Before this year Japan never bought a ton of railroad iron in the United States. This year already we have bought and contracted to buy 40,000 tons of steel rails. We also bought a large number of American locomotives. During the past year our railroad building has progressed with great rapidity. We have about 3,000 miles of road in operation now and in ten years we will have 6,000 miles."

Bayard's Son has a Job.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 21.—Thomas F. Bayard, jr., son of the ambassador, has accepted a position in the department of street opening in New York City.

A Bloody Duel.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—A special to the Constitution from Knoxville, Tenn., says:

A Sunday duel with revolvers, in which both participants killed occurred yesterday in Campbell county. The scene of the duel was nine miles out. Lincoln Baird and William Gaylor, two young men, had for some time been enemies. They met at the mill and renewed the quarrel, which resulted in the duel. Both men fired several shots and both fell on the ground mortally wounded. The round of the shots attracted the attention of the nearest inhabitants, who, on going to the scene, found both men lying on the ground dead.

Arrest the Agent.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Alonzo R. Shattuck, a well known insurance agent of this city, has been arrested on a charge of doing an insurance business as a corporation not registered to do business in this state. The claim is that he represented the life insurance of St. Paul in placing an insurance policy for \$2,000.

Coffee is Cheaper.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The report that interests identified with the American Sugar Refinery company will retaliate upon the Arbuckle Coffee company for their determination to build a sugar refinery, is confirmed to an extent by the fact that the Woolson company, which is the second largest roaster of coffee in the United States, reduced the price of its product 1/4 cent per pound. This is a most unusual occurrence and is regarded in the trade as most significant.