

rectly] stated, about the poorest plan that could have been chosen to recommend either himself or his engine to the favor of honorable men. We have no doubt whatever that the Waterous engines, which he tries to belittle, are good ones, of their calibre. It is well known that the company makes other wares of excellent quality, and why not steam fire engines as well. Their very reputation, one would think, should prevent their putting a bad machine on the market.

PERHAPS it was the fire that precipitated their retreat from the old place on Yonge st. in this city, which they had occupied for the past twenty years, at all events the numerous customers throughout the Dominion of Messrs. M. & L. Samuel, Benjamin & Co. will be glad to find them occupying a new warehouse at No. 30 Front st. west, where their large purchase of the Risley & Kerrigan stock was already awaiting them. Here, not "cribbed, cabined, and confined," as heretofore, they have command of five spacious flats, the whole combining to make an establishment befitting the firm's importance in the whole-sale trade. On the fifth floor, which is larger than the others by the addition of the space from the adjoining premises, are stored the lamp goods and tinsmiths' supplies. The general hardware and cutlery department is found on the fourth and third flats, while the

second makes a handsome sample room in conjunction with the invoicing room. After allowing ample space for the private offices and counting house the remainder of the ground floor, with an addition of a building 50x105 feet, now in course of construction, is assigned to the heavy goods and shipping department. All the various flats are well assorted throughout with domestic products and foreign importations, and customers can be greatly assisted in ordering from the firm's illustrated catalogue. The internal arrangements insure prompt despatch for all orders placed in their hands. A noteworthy feature of this firm's trade is the large import order business which is done through the Liverpool house of Messrs. Samuel Sons & Benjamin.

—The eighteenth annual report and financial statement of the Dominion Bank are made public, and as usual form, doubtless, agreeable reading for the shareholders. If any one should complain that the report is rhetorically bald, inasmuch as it only contains two sentences over and above the statement of earnings and what has been done with them, it is quite competent for the authorities of the bank to reply that the figures themselves have a sort of eloquence which will possess sufficient charm for the ordinary investor: Earn-

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ings for the year \$242,293, or at the rate of 16½ per cent. on the paid-up capital; dividend and bonus 11 per cent.; carried to Pension Fund, \$5,000; and to Reserve Fund, \$70,000; balance carried forward, \$7,688. The large deposits of the Dominion Bank—they are now \$7,955,000—and its large Rest—\$1,220,000—give it remarkable earning power, and its affairs continue to be looked after with ability and zealous care. In the last seven years the aggregate net earnings have been \$1,601,363, and the amount placed to Reserve in the same period has been \$720,000.

INSURANCE NOTES.

The council of the Montreal Board of Trade has been waited upon by a deputation claiming to represent 323 members of the Dominion Live Stock Association, who have a grievance with respect to insurance on live stock. They desired a committee of the board to make enquiry and report upon the matter. Messrs. Dunn and Bickerdike, the president and secretary, explained that three of the principal lines of ocean steamers out of Montreal had gone into an agreement whereby they compelled the exporters of live stock to insure their stock in certain insurance Lloyds, thus prohibiting the exporter from placing his insurance with companies of his choice. They claimed that under the existing arrangement shippers could not get their stock sufficiently insured, they being forced to take the steamship companies' valuation, as a clause in the insurance certificates read that, if additional insurance was effected in any other company, their certificate would be null and void. Finally, they stated that a number of the larger exporters desired to carry a portion of their own insurance, but, by this arrangement, they were compelled to pay for it whether they wanted it or not. The Toronto Board of Trade has been considering the matter.

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