

## Financial.

The following are the latest quotations on the Toronto Stock Exchange on Thursday, January 12th, 1883, compared with those of a week before:—

	Jan. 4.			Jan. 11.	
	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
Montreal.....	201	199½	..	201½	200½
Ontario.....	108½	108½	..	110	109½
Molson's.....	172	171½	..	175½	175½
Toronto.....	122	121	..	122	120½
Merchants'.....	132½	132	..	132½	132
Commerce.....	136½	135½	..	138	137½
Imperial.....	151½	151½	..	154½	154½
Federal.....	196½	196	..	199	198½
Dominion.....	114½	114	..	115	114½
Standard.....	116	..	..	114	..
Hamilton.....	..	..	..	..	..
British America.....	158	156	..	..	156
Western Assurance.....	..	..	..	..	..
Canada Life.....	..	..	..	..	..
Confederation Life Association.....	..	149	..	150	148½
Consumers' Gas.....	..	80	..	..	..
Dominion Telegraph.....	..	..	..	..	..
Montreal Telegraph.....	..	..	..	..	..
Globe Printing Co'y.....	..	..	..	..	..
N. W. L. Co.....	46s	45s. 6d	..	46s. 6d.	46s.
Ontario and Qu'Appelle.....	..	..	..	180	..

The following are the latest quotations of Wednesday, Jan. 10th, 1883, on the Montreal Stock Exchange, compared with those of same day last week:—

	Jan. 3.			Jan 10.	
	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
Montreal.....	201	200½	..	201	200½
Ontario.....	109½	109	..	110½	108½
People's.....	86½	85	..	87½	85½
Molson's.....	127	125	..	..	125½
Toronto.....	173	172	..	175	174½
Jacques Cartier.....	120	115	..	120	115
Merchants'.....	122	121½	..	122	121
Quebec.....	..	..	..	..	..
Exchange.....	..	170	..	..	..
Union.....	..	..	..	..	..
Commerce.....	132½	132½	..	132½	132
Federal.....	152½	152	..	155	152½
Montreal Telegraph.....	124	122	..	124½	123
Dominion Telegraph.....	..	..	..	..	..
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. ex. div.....	69	68	..	66	65½
City Passenger Railway.....	130½	129½	..	130	128½
Montreal Gas.....	179	178½	..	180½	180
Canada Cotton.....	137½	127½	..	145	..
Dundas Cotton.....	120	116	..	115	110
Ontario Investment.....	138	..	..	..	..
St. Paul M. & M.....	142	140½	..	142	141
North-West Land Co.....	47s	46s.	..	47s 6d	46s.

Hon. Justice Loranger recently rendered judgment in the case of *Cusson vs. Bourdon*, in which the plaintiff, the keeper of a foundry at Longueuil, sued the defendant, a moulder who left his service, for \$50. The circumstances of the case are as follows:—Bourdon, it was proved, is a member of the Moulders' Union, whose head-quarters are at Brooklyn, N. Y., and it was alleged made a plot with a few of his fellow-workmen in the same establishment to desert the service of their employer unless an increase of wages, to be determined by themselves, was allowed. The demand for increase was made and the plaintiff having refused to grant the request, the parties came back to Montreal, where they attended a meeting at the rooms of the Moulders' Union. Subsequently they returned to Longueuil, and upon a new refusal to a new demand left the service of Cusson. The learned judge in rendering judgment, declared these unions illegal, and pronounced the means employed by them to extort such increases of wages both illegal and unjust, and consequently condemned Bourdon to pay the plaintiff the sum of \$50.

## Commercial.

During the past week an upward tendency in the grain market has been developed, with brisker demand from buyers and greater firmness on the part of sellers. Offerings have not been up to demand, and slight advances have been conceded. By some the improvement is attributed to a turn of the market in Europe; but there is room for supposing that a better demand in the home market, now secured against sudden rushes and raids from the States, is really the principal cause.

In Toronto little change is reported in provisions, and nothing to speak of in prices, except that cheese is firmer, a result to be expected for the reason that no fresh make can be put upon the market until about five months hence. The *Montreal Gazette* thus draws attention to the drop in provision values:—"The decline in the price of hog products during the past three months has been very remarkable on both sides of the Atlantic. On October 7th pork was selling in Liverpool at 102s. 6d, and yesterday (4th inst.) it touched 82s, which is a shrinkage of 20s per cwt. Lard in the same period has declined 8s 6d per cwt., from 64s to 55s 6d. In Chicago the price of cash mess pork has tumbled \$7 to \$7.50 per bbl. since the first week in October last. Parties who contracted November pork at about \$20.50 to \$21.50 in Chicago experienced a decline of \$2.50 to \$3.00 per bbl. before they could get delivery of goods. The heaviest losses in Montreal fell upon a few outsiders, who margined up so repeatedly on the down run of prices that they were compelled to sell out at a big loss. The following were the stocks of pork and lard in Chicago on Jan. 1, 1883, and on Jan. 15, last year, which shows the large decrease of 139,866 barrels of pork and 102,080 tierces of lard."

	Jan. 1, 1883.	Jan. 15, 1882.
Pork.....	139,718 brls.	279,584 brls.
Lard.....	37,295 tcs.	139,975 tcs.

The great drop in prices, along with the fact of very much smaller stocks on hand, is certainly something remarkable.

Of the wholesale trade there is little to be remarked. The opinion is advanced that wholesale dry goods houses have not made sales to the extent expected, and that consequently many of them will have a heavy pile to carry over. We should say that if this proves a true statement they must have overloaded themselves most unreasonably, to begin with. This has been a good winter for snow, so far, with every prospect of more to come. We will venture to say that a better and more thoroughly seasonable winter has seldom been seen in Canada. While the good sleighing must be bringing farmers and their produce out from all quarters, the favorable winter season assures a large cut and delivery of logs and square timber in and from the lumbering districts. That, again, must bring a large aggregate of employment at good wages; and if sales by country storekeepers do not turn out in proportion we shall be very much mistaken. On this point we leave it for time to tell....

A Mogul engine sometimes consumes seven tons of coal in making a journey from Belleville to Toronto; a passenger engine uses four. The quantity of coal issued at Belleville station last month was 4,500 tons.