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The Business Office of the "Trade Review" is removed from No. 4 Merchants' Exchange to No. 58 St. Francois Xavier Street, Room No. 5, Up Stairs.

The tug "Relief," of Sincennes & McNaughton's line, was capsized by the wind last Tuesday morning, opposite Sorel, while proceeding to Montreal with seven barges in tow. The steamers "Firefly" and "Berthler" went to her assistance and picked up seven men and one women; but the Captain, Alex. Brunet, and fireman, Jean Lepine, were drowned,

HOW IT LOOKS!

WE refer to the growing fall wheat. Our advices from Ontario would go to show that the want of rain has been considerably felt. This is to be regretted, for the wheat probably never came through the winter better then this teason. The first-snow which foll was never removed in some sections till winter closed, and in very few places were the fields left bare, even for a week, and exposed to the frests. The fine spring weather found the plant healthy and vigorous, and giving promise of an abundant yield in the autumn. Although the drouth may have retarded its growth up to this time, we entertain every hope that in 1863 we will be gratified with an abundant crop, unless some unexpected misfortune should come upon us. In Ontario, we learn that nearly all the spring ploughing, and a good deal of the seeding has been performed. The farmers are very anxious(at the time of our writing) for copious rains to bring up these crops, as, indeed, they are needed to place the meadows in a condition to afford food for stock. Greater importance is now attached to the meadows in the West than formerly, for the great increase in obceso factories has largely augmented the number of cows kept throughout the country. The country generally is now beginning to don its spring robes, and there is reason to hope that we will be blessed with a fruitful and abundant season.

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THE BEAUTIES OF PROTECTION.

N this city, for some time past, a keen rivalry has existed between the iron masters, Mesers. Morland. Watson & Co., Thos. Peck & Co., and T. L. Bigelow & Co., on the one hand, and a number of hardware firms on the other hand. The iron masters imported "puddled bars," rolled their own plates and manufactured nails therefrom, which, until comparatively recently, they furnished to the trade at a handsome discount below the price at which they furnished them to their own customers. The hardware firms, above alluded to, and which include some of the old established houses, preferred to be independent of the manufacturers here, and resolved to import nail strips, and have them cut for themselves by pail makers unconnected with any of the rolling mills. So far, so good. Each party had a perfect right to do as it pleased, and in the competition between them rails were supplied to the country at a very low price, a price which we believe afforded a small profit to the rolling mills, and a small loss to their competitors.

However, a change in the tariff of the country is in progress, consequent on the new interests involved by the Union of the Provinces, and the Hardware Trade resolved with considerable unanimity to ask for a five per cent. duty on various articles. These articles embraced those on which a duty of five per cent hasbeen imposed, but according to some embraced also a list of goods which form the raw material of the rolling mills, and which are still admitted duty free. Mr. Rose is accused of favouring a firm of which his own brother is a member, (although the Rolling Mills is not now owned by Messrs. Morland, Watson & Co., but by a Joint Stock Company,) and a newspaper war on the principle of an Irish "free fight" is being carried on in the columns of the dally press.

The point we wish to draw attention to is the way in which the system of protection of home manufac-tures by the imposition of duties is sure to work. The protected manufacture of one man is the raw material of his neighbour; the nail plate of the Rolling Mills is the raw material of the nail cutter. It is a pretty generally received opinion that raw material should be admitted free; the difficulty under a protective system is to draw the line of demarcation, and say at what stage an article ceases to be raw material and needs to be included in the list of manufactured

SUGAR IN LOUISIANA.—The New York Times says: We learn from our New Orleans correspondent that the prospects of the sugar crop are better this year than they were last. More land has been planted; and the yield promises to be good. Last year the crop was only about 40,000 hogsheads—ane-tonin what it was before the war. Our imported angar now costs an fifty millions of deliars in specie. Some intelligentational to the segar lands along the Mississippi, on the part of Congress, would be a good investment for the country.