

on craft. Spruce deals are not in so good demand, prices ranging about \$40 per 100 for firsts, \$28 for seconds and \$25 for thirds. In pine deals, the cut of a mill has been lately sold at \$108 for firsts, \$70 for seconds, \$37 for thirds, \$26 for fourths. On the whole, although the trade is not active, owing to late arrival of the spring fleet, a fair business may be reasonably expected, more particularly with American dealers, who are needy buyers even at this comparatively early season.

—It is reported that a possible hitch may yet take place in the arrangement between the Grand Trunk and the Great Western railways. Vanderbilt is reported as having said that he has, in his own hands, the means of preventing the ratification of the agreement; three-fourths of the Great Western stock holders being required to assent, while he holds over one-fourth of the stock himself.

—Mr J. H. Plummer, formerly chief Inspector of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been appointed Superintendent of Branches of the Merchants Bank of Canada. The position indicated by the title—which is itself modelled on that of a similar officer in the Scottish Banks—is a very important one; and Mr. Plummer is likely, from his experience and capacity, to fill it creditably.

—The Bank of Nova Scotia is opening an agency at Charlottetown, where it has acquired the building of the Bank of Prince Edward Island.

#### CROPS AND BUSINESS IN QUEBEC.

The following notes regarding the crops and the general business outlook in the province of Quebec are condensed from letters written last week and the present, by leading business men in their several localities, who are close observers and whose opinions are worthy of every consideration.

**SHERBROOKE.**—Reports from various parts of the district of which this town is a business centre, justify the expectation of a good crop, unless the rains, which have of late prevailed hold on too long. The spring has been a very backward one, cool dry weather prevailing up to a late date, but crops had been pretty well sown before the rains set in, and with a fair amount of warm weather everything will do well, so that a good average yield may be looked for. Referring to the business outlook, the opinion is expressed that business men have not yet forgotten the late depression and are mostly disposed to "go slow." Many storekeepers have felt the effects of the bad winter, having been obliged to carry over large stocks of goods. It is urged that the present is a favorable opportunity to begin to enforce the cash system, as produce of every kind, as well as labor, brings ready money now.

**COATICOOK.**—All crops are at least a fortnight late. Grass was somewhat injured during the winter, and may prove a light crop. Grain, though late, is coming up well under the influence of copious rains, but the yield in this vicinity will not probably exceed a bare average. The general feeling is that the fall trade will not prove as good as last year's, particularly in this village, where the same amount of money will not be spent in building operations. A number of petty stores have been started during the past year whose proprietors will have hard work, to make ends meet.

**STANSTEAD.**—The present prospects are that there will be an excellent grass crop, the late rains and warm weather having given it a good start. Grain and roots having been so recently put in, it is hard to say yet what the result will be.

**VAUDREUIL.**—The cold late spring and high winds retarded agricultural operations; but the late rains have done a deal of good, and only warm weather is now needed to ensure a fair average crop.

**QUEBEC AND VICINITY.**—The spring has been an extraordinary late and backward one; residents of thirty years standing say that they recollect nothing like it in previous years. Up to the 6th of June, which was about the first spring-like day experienced, a large number of farmers had not put their seed in. Still, with favorable weather from now till the 1st of August, matters may turn out pretty well.

—Yesterday, at a meeting of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway, held in London, only eight votes were recorded against the fusion with the Western. A cablegram to the *Globe* says: "Sir H. Tyler, in his speech at the meeting, said that proxies to the value of ten million pounds had been received in favor of amalgamation, and only forty-three thousand pounds in value against it. At a meeting of the Great Western Railway shareholders, there was a warm discussion. The amalgamation resolution was overwhelmingly carried by a show of hands, only seven votes being recorded against it. The minority demanded a poll.

You don't talk slang when you ask a washer-woman where she hangs out.—*Hartford Journal*.

#### STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, June 29, 1882.

STOCKS.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Traded in Week.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Average Price since Date 1881.
Montreal x.d.	207½	208½	1159	208	206½	191
Ontario "x.d.	123½	127	28	123½	124½	76½
Consolidated		89	54	89		
People's		128	20	127	128½	113
Molson's		181½	230	181	182½	
Toronto	180½	119	485	110	119	
Jas. Cartier	115	119	1104	127½	127½	120½
Merchants	128½	127½	1407	142	142½	143
Commerce	142	143	1407	119	122	
Eastern Tps		119½	100	94	100	
Union						
Hamilton		170	254		175	
Exchange		181	640	181	131½	181½
Mon. Tel.	130½	95	21	93	100	96
Dom. Tel.		75½	2269	75½	76	61½
Rich. & O. Nav	145	146	225	146½	147	130
City Pass	162½	167	2340	165½	166	138
Gas		50	125		50	
R. C. Ins. Co						
Merchants x.d.						
Commerce x.d.						

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