## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS and Post. DEAR SIE: I have 25 acres plowed land. Last year I planted 10 acres potatoes, 3 acres turnips, and the remainder was sown with oats,

peas, corn and buckwheat. The potatoes and turnips entailed a good deal of labor and expense, not only in cultivation but also in being a considerable distance from market. This year I intend to curtail expenses, and would wish you to inform me what you consider the most profitable and least expensive method of arranging the above 35 acres. It is said to be good grain land.

A YOUNG FARMER. St. Therese, May 4th, 1880. Will some of our agricultural friends give the necessary information.—E.E.P.]

ON FARMING.

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS and Post.

Sir,-If your correspondent, "A Young Farmer," will consult some neighbor, who is a sensible man and a practical farmer, he will get more useful information for his purpose than if he were to read a whole volume of newspaper correspondence. Different soils require different treatment, and general rules do not always apply to particular cases. Farming is learned by practice and by observation, and not by reading books. I can see no great trouble in cultivating ten acres of potatoes if the farmer has a double moulding plough and a drill grubber; and as to selling them, if he comes to an understanding beforehand with a few provision dealers and ships a car-load at a time to Montreal or elsewhere, he will not have too much trouble, and he will have more profit in the end than if he sold them by the bag on the market. But as "A Young Farmer" is probably very green at the business, perhaps he had better sow grain and some timothy and clover seeds. and turn as much of his land as possible into meadows. With a few years' experience and observation he will be able to decide all these matters for himself.

Your obedient servant, AN OLD FARMER.

## FINANCE & COMMERCE.

TRUE WITNESS OFFICE, Tuesday, May 11.

Financial.

It is reported that the Provincial Government have closed negotiations for a loan of 7,000,000 francs in Paris, and that the object of Mr. Wurtele's present visit to France is to complete the transaction.

Business at the city banks remains very quiet for this season of the year. Call loans on collateral security are negotiated at 4 to All good lines of commercial paper readily discounted at 7 per cent, and choice unchanged. bills are taken at 6. Produce bills are worth 84 to 85 prem.; few offering, but the amount offering is very limited. The market is reported very dull for Sterling Exchange, at \$1.09 1-16 for round amounts between banks. and \$1.091 over the counter. Gold drafts on New York quiet at | prem.

-The Kingston Inland Revenue Office returns for last month are \$10,935.91; for the corresponding month last year, \$3,527.66.

The traffic receipts of the Great Western Railway for week ending April 30th were \$91,214.54, against \$74,308.12 for the corresponding period last year—an increase of \$16,906.42.

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the 22nd June, to appoint liquidators to wind up the business of the Bank. -The Belleville Customs returns for April, as compared with the same month last year, were as follows:—Imports, 1880, value, \$16,93; duty, \$8,715.88; 1879, value, \$16,124; Duty, \$3,129.96, Exports, 1880, \$38,803; 1879, \$12,448.

-The traffic receipts of the Grand Trunk Rall-way for the week ending May 1st, compared with the corresponding week of last year,

were: 1880	1879
Passengers, Mails and Express.\$ £8,54 Freight and Live Stock 122,59	3 \$ 55,94 5 99,91
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Increase in 1880 Note.—The Riviere du Loup receipt are included in 1870, not in 1880, adding	\$ 25,27
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The week's increase would be..... \$29,479 00 The aggregate increase for eighteen weeks is \$520,421.

## WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CITY WHOLESALE TRADE.

TUESDAY, May 11. Trade at this port has not yet assumed any decided degree of activity, since the re-cpen-ing of navigation. Up to last Saturday night 17 ocean-going vessels had arrived in Montreal harbor, but so difficult is it to secure cargoes here this season that the clearances number only 9. The great measure expected to improve navigation here and also the general business of the city was the reduction in the port dues of Montreal, but the postponement of the question by the Government till next session has set aside this hope, and although the Board of Trade have by a resolution expressed themselves satisfied with this action, the mercantile and commercial community are quite disappointed, though

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ADTITUDE Office Local market		

dull, and still lower prices are anticipated. During the last couple of days sales of pote have been made at \$3.70 to \$3.75. Pearls dull and nominal at \$6. Receipts of potash during the past week were about 550 barrels, and of pearls about 40 barrels.

DRY GOODS,-During the past week or ten days a good many orders have been taken by travellers now out on their sorting-up trip, and a healthier feeling seems to pervade the country trade than at the corresponding period last year. Very few buyers have visited the wholesale market here during the week, but now that the moving process is about over, and flitting housekeepers have become settled again, the retail dealers are busy. Remittances fair-about as last reported.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS. -The demand from the country trade for general drugs continues fairly active, but there is very little doing as yet in heavy chemicals. The high prices which have heretofore ruled prevented shipments being made to the continent and although goods to arrive are now offering freely, buyers are still holding off, expecting lower prices. When values began to advance last fall and winter the American operators bought recklessly and the market is now glutted with heavy chemicals. Onlum is easier, since the excitement over the sudden advance in price subsided; it is expected, however, that in consequence of the short supply it will go still higher. Since the 1st January an advance of nearly 331 per cent has been established for cream tartar, which is now quoted here at 35c to 37½c; caustic soda, \$2.90; bleaching powder, \$2 to 2.20; soda ash, \$2 to 2.25; soda bicarb, \$3.30 to 3.50; sal-soda, \$1.20 to 1.30; tartaric acid, 53c to 571c. These are the revised quotations for this week, and they would doubtless be shaded for large lots. No English advices have been received since the date of our last report.

FURS.-Spring muskrats have been offering in large numbers during the last few days, more especially this week, and prices have declined, 17c being now about the outside figure paid, while a good many, it is reported, have changed hands at 16c. Of other 5 per cent interest, and time loans at 5 to e | kinds there is nothing of any consequence coming forward, and prices remain nominally

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FREIGHTS.—The sharp, upward turn in wheat the Chicago, together with the excess of

ponding period last year—an increase of \$16,906.42.

The statement of the affairs of La Banque Nationale submitted to the shareholders at the annual meeting in Quebec last Friday, shows the profits of the year to have been \$195,048.26, to which add \$50,000 taken from the "Rest" and \$20,810.42 carried forward from last year at credit of profit and loss, making a total of \$266,758.68. Out of this amount a dividend of 5 per cent was paid, absorbing \$100,000, \$132,185.17 was written of for ascertained losses, leaving \$34,573.51 to be carried forward at credit of profit and loss account.

—The total earnings of the Canada Southern Railway for the past year (1870) amounted to \$2,095,365; for 1878, \$2,448,871; total expenses for 1879, \$2,448,090; for 1878, \$2,448,090; for 1878, \$2,448,090; for 1878, \$2,440,611. The surplus for the year the first half of the year and the second:—

The following comparison shows the difference between the first half of the year and the second: quotations; so far as we have heard no sales have been made at under \$24, but certainly this figure could not now be obtained. For ordinary brands of Scotch pig iron merchants are loth to bid even \$20 for even small lots; one or two of our large houses report that they do not hold an ounce, and are congratulating themselves over this fact. Remittances are reported fairly good, there being no reason

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many coming is, however, and the offerings being from the country are for the most part grubby, they having been taken of during the winter. Coffskins are also lower, now quoted at 12c, and the offerings are reported small. Shorpekine nominal, at last week's quotations. Tellow quiet at about 610 to 70 for good.

. LEATHER...The market is still reported active, at firm but unchanged values. Manufacturers are not yet generally buying for the Fall trade, but sorting-up orders for sole leather are fairly numerous. Several heavy lots of Buffelo sole leather have been sold for shipment to England during the week, and this gives the market a decided improvement in tone. An inferior lot of Buff, some 1,200 sides, partly damaged, sold at 121c. Re-

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SEEDS.—This market has been fairly active for clover at rather firmer prices, from 61c to 7c. Stocks light of both clover and Timothy; the latter is selling at \$3 35 to \$3.50 per bushel of 45 lbs. in small lots, as to quality.

THE FARMERS' MARKETS.

BONSECOURS AND ST. ANN'S-PRICES AT FARMERS WAGGONS, BTC.

Tursday, May 11.
There was a tolerably good attendance of buyers and sellers at the city retail markets this forenoon; supplies of nearly all kinds or seasonable produce were ample for the demand, and sales were fairly numerous, at generally steady but firm prices. Oats sold freely at 75c to 85c per bag, and potatoes were abundant, at 60c per bag for common whitee, and 75e to 80c do for Chili and Early Rose. Other grains and roots were unchanged. Fresh print butter sold at prices all the way from 18c to 25c, as to quality, and fresh eggs brought lie to 12c. Maple syrup sold at 80c per gallon, and maple sugar at 8c to 9c per lb. A very fair business was done in vegetables, at previously quoted values; new rheubarb, grown in the country gardens, was offering at \$1 per dozen bunches. In fruit there is very little change to note; business is improving somewhat, but prices are about as last quoted. Oranges, which arrived per SS. Polynesian in fairly good condition, considering the length of the voyage, are held at from \$8 to \$10 per case.

The following are the prices, corrected up to VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, 60c to 80c per bag; VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, 60c to 80c per bag; carrots, 3vc to 40c per bushel; choice onions \$6.00 per bushel; or \$1.50 per bushel; carrots, 50c per bushel; beets. 35c to 40c per bushel; turnips, 30c to 40c per bag or 20c to 30c per bushel; cabbage, \$2.50 to 33c per bushel; cabbage, \$2.50 to 33c per bushel; cabbage, \$2.50 to 33c per bushel; radishes, 40c to 60c do; asparagus, 60c per doze bushel; radishes, 40c to 60c do; asparagus, 60c per doze bushel; new rhubarb, \$1 do.

FRUIT.—Apples. \$3.00 to \$4.50 per barrel; emons, \$7 to \$8.00 per case, or \$450 to \$5.00 per bex; Valencia oranges, \$8.00 to \$9.50 per case, or 40c per gallon; grapes, Malaga, \$10 per keg of 50 bs.

GRAIN, ETC.—Oats, 75c to 85c per bag; buck-

\$8.00per cwt.
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FISH.—Haddock, 7c; codnan, 7c; mackerel, 2ic; bassand dorey, 40c to 50c per bunch; olivet, 2ic per lb; lobsters, 10c do; perch, 10c to 30c per bunch; rock bass, 15c per bunch; smoked cels, 25c to 40c per couple; fresh salmon, 25c; lake trout, 12jc.

## MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.

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There has been a noticeable falling off in the horse trade here during the past week. The offerings in this market have been comparatively light, and comprised only a few first-class, desirable animals; then, again, buyers complain of too high prices asked by sellers, and decline to take hold at the figures asked, which they state leave no possible margin, and in some cases would scarcely pay all the expenses included in shipping them to the States. It is stated that too high prices have been paid by traders to farmers in the country, and accordingly a number of American buyers are going through the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec to purchas direct. During the week ending to-day there were shipped from this city to the States of Massachusetts, New York and New Hampshire only 200 horses, costing a total of \$18,780.50, or an average of about \$93.50 each, against 233 horses, valued at \$22171, an average of \$95 each, for week ending last Saturday. Only four carlonds were shipped from the American House yards this week, and to-day there are not more than seven or eight American buyers in the city.

At the Corporation horse market on College street the following reported sales were made this week:—I pair of grey horses 15; hands high, 1,050 lbs each, 5 years old. \$18,120 each, \$200; 1 brown 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$155; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$155; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$155; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$155; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$155; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$156; 1 brown 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$156; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$156; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$156; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$156; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$165; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$155; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$155; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 hands, weight 1,300, \$155; 1 chestnut 5 years, 16 chestnut 5 ye

vesterday six horses were disposed of at from \$20 to \$76 each.
Following is the list of shipments for the week ending to day, Saturday:—May 1, 1 horse, \$102.50; 18 do, \$1.397. May 8, 9 horses, \$812; 11 do, \$1,071.50; 14 do \$1.393. May 4, 11 horses, \$1,500. May 5, 20 do, \$1,733; 12 do, \$1,107; 14 do, \$1,575; 7 do, \$724; 6 do, \$512.50; 14 do, \$1,142. May 6, 1 horse, \$125; 1 do, \$100; 12 do, \$773; 20 do, \$1,788; 17 do, \$1,636. May 7, 10 horses, \$989; 2 do, \$205.

#### THE CATTLE MARKETS. St. Gabriel.

MONDAY, May 10.

community are quite disappointed, though doubtless they will endeavor to make the best of the situation, and hold the Government to their promises at the next session. The ineffectual advocacy of the Abbott Bill is another incident of the late Parliament adverse to the interests of general trade and commerce for this year.

The local flour and grain markets have remained quiet during the week. There is very little business doing in grain here; Canada Spring wheat is quoted at \$1.29 to 1.30 per bushel of 60 lbs; corn at 47½0 to 33c per bushel. There was an improved enquiry for flour to-day, and prices were consequently firmer. Sales reported were: 100 for No. 2; and \$8 for No. 3. There are not limited, and the bulk of the demand was quite limited, and the bulk of the offerings were ally good to prime but the demand was quite limited, and the bulk of the offerings were ally good to prime but the demand was quite limited, and the bulk of the offerings were ally good to prime but the demand was quite limited, and the bulk of the offerings were ally good to prime but the demand was quite limited, and the bulk of the offerings were ally good to prime but the demand was quite limited, and the bulk of the offerings were driven down to the lower market. Receipts of the store of a store of the sake of t

week. In addition to his load mentioned above, Mr. Jack also sold 2 head of cattle to butchers at tip. Prices of cattle at this market to-day may be said to range from 4c to 5c per lb.
Live hogs are source and dear. Only one lot of 25, belonging to Joseph Lunnia, was sold at about \$1.15 per cwt. During the past week several city packers imported a large number of hogs from thicage. W Masterman brought on about 25, W Head, 104. E Bickerdika, 115, and W Morgan, 117. A double-deck carload was purchased by Mr E Bickerdik, 1 in Chicago on faiturday last at \$4.50 to 4.52 making the cost when laid down here about \$8.50 per cwt.

ERCHPTS AND EMPMENTS.

Twenty ne car loads of cattle constituted the

Twenly-ine car loads of cattle constituted the receipts for the local markets since Monday last. The following arrived for shipment to Europe: A J Thompson & Co, Toronto Ecars; W whalley, Waterlood cars; W Hearn, Gueiph, IS cars; E B Morgan, Oshawa, IS cars; Jas Fendergast, city, 2 cars from Sherbrooke; J Lunnis, 4 cars from the Don; R Craig, 4 cars from Waterloo; G Hall, 3 from Georgstown; Ald Jas Mckhane, 4 from Mitchell; A Armstrong, 3 from the Don; J W Fitch, 2 from Drumbo; J Harrison, 1 from Bright; J Stubborn, 8 from the Don; A Knox, 1 from Oshawa; A Dow, 2 from Waterloo; and Thomas Crawford, 2 from Toronto. A choice lot of cuitle was put on board the S.S. Winnipeg here on Saturday, costing 5c to 6c per lb, live weight, in Ontario, some of which will scarcely find their equal in the English markets.

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AT VIGER MARKET

the supply of cattle was in excess of the demand, which was rather slow; butchers did not take hold freely, although the quality of bevees, and in fact of stock generally, was on the whole good, better than for a long time past. Prices were therefore easier, and for beef ranged from about 2c up to 4|c per 1b, live weight. The offerings comprised |50| head cattle, of which fully 100 head were from 8t wabriel Market; 100 calves, and a like number of sheep and lambs. John Robinson, Toronto, sold 3 head cattle for \$163, 2 for \$18 3, 4 for \$283, and 3 for \$160, all to butchers. J Benoit, trader, sold 9 head out of a carload of 25 cattle at about 4|c, and A Bayard, irader, disposed of 9 head out of a carload of 25 cattle at about 4|c. Messra Roberts & Wilder sold 4 head to J O Gorman at 4|c, and the balance of their carload to butchers at 4c to 4|c, and Mr Bayard sold a fat steer, weighing 1,510 lbs, to Mr Bennatiack at \$22.50. The average range of prices for good steers was from 4|c to 4|c. The sheep and 2 mbs were generally of good size and quality, but the demand for sheep has fallen off somewhat, and prices were rather lower, ranging from about \$4 to 7 each fer sheep, and from \$2 to 4.50 for lambs. Calves were generally small, and are worth from \$1 to 5 each, as to size, etc.

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A Toronto despatch reports a heavy transaction in sheep. Mr. Wan. Gordon, of Wellington Co., has agreed to furnish Mr. Ryan, the Quebec shipper, with 1,000 sheep during the first week of July at 5c per pound live weight, the animals to average 150 pounds.

#### MONTREAL FUEL MARKET.

WEDNESDAY, May 5.

During the first couple of days in this month some of our leading coaldcalers were quite busy filling out small orders of hard coal for immeasate delivery, but the majority of "titting" citizens having been supplied at their new homes with a fair quantity of fuel, the coal trade has relapsed into the normal condition again, and is at the present very quiet. There is nothing whatever doing as yet for future delivery, and the opening of the spring trade bids fair to be slow. So far only a couple of barges of American anthracite coal have arrived at this port, but a fleet is expected to reach here now almost any day this week. All the coal frozen up last winter in the Chamoly Canal, and at various points on the Richelieu river has arrived in this port, some 2,000 or 3,000 tons from thence having been unloaded in this harbor during the past fortnight. A much larger business was done by coal dealers here during the last month than during April, 1879, but our leading dealers are rather backward this spring in placing their orders with American dealers; this may, be partially traced to the somewhat unsettled prices in the States, and is partially due, no doubt, to the light demand from con sumers, who appear to be still holding off for lower prices. For soft coals, also, the demand is comparatively light, and orders from manufacturers, etc., are usually small. Prices all round remain as quoted last week.

The wood dealers report an improved de mand at the yards during the week from householders, who have exhausted their winter supplies, and are now ordering afresh, but generally small lots, as yet.

## MONTREAL HAY MARKET.

SATURDAY, May 8. The demand for hay in this market has improved during the week, and the farmers being generally busy at home with spring work, the supply has been rather light, consequently prices have advanced \$2 to \$3 per 100 bundles, as compared with last Saturday. The total receipts at College street market for the week ending to-day are estimated at 250 loads, of which about 40 loads were straw. For good to best Timothy hay, prices now range at from \$10 to \$12.50 per 100 bundles, the latter price being the extreme outside figure; inferior to common qualities bring from \$8 to \$10. The quality of straw offering is uniformly good, but the supply is considerably in ex-cess of the demand, which is fairly good, and prices remain unchanged, at from \$2 to \$3, and occasionally \$3.50 per 100 bundles is paid. Pressed hay is also very scarce, and under a good demand values have advanced fully 50c per ton, being now quoted at \$11 wholesale, or \$13 per ton and 65c per cwt., retail. Pressed straw is also firmer, selling at \$5.50 to \$6.50 per ton.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS. LONDON, Monday, April 19 .- Cattle at market, 3,670; sheep at market, 10,470. Best beef, 8½d to 9d per lb; inferior and secondary, 64d to 84d per lb; best mutton, 94d to 10d per lb; inferior and secondary, 64d to 9d per lb. The cattle trade here this morning was quiet. Prices much the same as last week, but with a dreoping tendency. Of sheep

a full average at hardening prices. LIVERPOOL, Monday, April 19.—Cattle at market, 1,139; sheep at market, 2,342. Beef, 61d to 9d per lb; mutton, 8d to 11d per lb. The supply of cattle was larger, of sheep less, than on last Monday. The demand was very good for each at higher prices.

there was a fair supply. The enquiry was on

GLASGOW, April 22.—Cattle at market, 1,412; sheep at market, 3,046. Best beef, 81d per lb; inferior and secondary, \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$\frac{1}{2}\$ d per lb. Best mutton, \$11\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$11\frac{1}{2}\$ d per lb; inferior and secondary, \$\frac{1}{2}\$ d to \$10\frac{1}{2}\$ d per lb. There was an ordinary number of cattle at market this day (Thursday), many of which were of middling quality. Demand dull, and no alteration from last week's prices. Of sheep there was a fair supply, and generally of good quality. General remarks-Demand dullish, and prices similar to last week.

HALIFAX MARKETS.

HALIFAX, N.S., May, 8 .- Markets show no signs of improvement in breadstuffs, and prices are partly nominal on flour. The receipts have been large, and as the out-ports have been well supplied by shipments through Boston houses and Canadian agencies, we are confined to local wants and the fishermen's requirements to take our surplus stocks. Messrs. J. A. Chapman & Co. quote prices nominally as follows :- Superiors, \$6:35 to 6.45 ; Extras \$6:15 to 6.25 ; Springs. \$5.15 to 6.25; Strong Bakers', \$6.30 to 6.45; otherwise to 6.25; Strong Bakers', \$6.30 to 6.45; The new uniform will consist of white stock-oatmeal, \$5.10 to 5.15; cornmeal, D. K., \$3.15; to 3.20; fresh ground, \$3.10, all three manths, from store, weighing, wharfage, cartage and storage, including fire insurance, one month, 12c, which must be taken into account when sold from store.

| Make Getermined on a change of costume. The consist of white stock-one white stock-of the Replication of the Immigration Pamphlet, published by the CATHOLIO COLONIZATION BUREAU of Minnestia, U.S., under the adeplees of the Right Rev. Bishop in the contract for the knickerbockers, has been post paid by applying by letter or otherwise to the Post Printing and Publishing Co., No. when sold from store.

LIVERPOOL PROVISION MARKET.

Carnen. -- 75e per cwt is now an established price for ordinary fine choose, where such can be found, the week's imports having been sold at about this figure, and the market is new almost entirely cleared of stock. The probability is that the imports of the next week or two will sell readily at over this figure, but as the season is getting for advanced, we need hardly remind our friends that these higher prices cannot be of very long duration. Owing to the scarcity of old cheese, there is little doubt but that the early im, orts of new will find a ready sale.

BUTTER.-There has been a reduction in value this week of 10s to 15s per cwt upon Irish and Continental, new make, the consequence is there is less enquiry for fine American, and holders are free sellers, but owing to light stocks, prices are only, as yet, reduced about 5s per cwt, the finest being now quoted at 125s to 135s per cwt. Next quality nominally quoted at 100s to 110s.—From Hodgeon Bros'. Circular, April 24th.

### LONDON GROCERY MARKET.

Loxpor, May 7 .- In Mincing Lane there has been more disposition to operate in some of the leading articles of produce, and holders occasionally obtained advanced rates. Sugar was again treely taken both by grocers and refiners, at an advance of fully 6d per cwt. Speculative purchases have been made in low qualities and business done in floating cargoes at higher prices. Sales of coffee have gone on irregu-Good and fine sorts were steady and larly. other kinds dull and generally lower. The Dutch Trading Company declare the next sale for May 12, wher 103,200 bags will be offered, against 104,900 bags last month. In tea the transactions were almost confined to the public sales, and prices rather irregular and at times in favour of the buyers. Black pepper shows a further slight decline; white is in better demand. Rice cargoes sold at about their previous values.

#### Finance, Commmerce and Trade -John W. Coy, hardware merchant, St. Catha

effects for the benefit of his creditors

—A Believille despatch says the fall wheat in several of the northern townships has been de-stroyed by the frost, and that rye has also been injured considerably.

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—About twelve or fourteen barges laden with cordwood have arrived at the Hochelaga wharf, which in future will be the regular wood market instead of the Victoria wharf, now used exclusively for steamships and large vessels. -Mr. D. Stewart will open a shaft for gold mining on the farm occupied by Mr. J. Conley, of Marmora; Mr. Mitchell will also open a shaft for iron ore mining near Marmora. Gold in paying quantities is being taken out of the Neil mine, Marmora, but none of the rock has, as yet, been crushed.

-At St. Johns, Nfld., business is reported very slack, for the beginning of May. -At the Elora, Ont., monthly fair Tuesday week, a large number of cattle changed hands

at 3c to 4lc per lb live weight. Horses were in good demand, but very few were -The first shipment of iron ore from the Mississippi Mine on the Kespar took place last

Wednesday. It was carried from Kingston by vessel to Charlotte, to be smelted at the works of Robert & Co. -The annual sale of Longue Pointe Muskrats took place at Port Rowan on Wednesday.

The highest price obtained for skins was 143c about twenty thousand having been sold. Rats are doing badly in Europe. -The following have been elected directore of La Banque Nationale for the present

year :- Hon. S. Thibaudeau, President; Joseph Hamel, Vice-President; Chevaller Robitaille, P. Valle, Hy. Atkinson, Ulric Tessiar, Ir., and Elisee Baudet. -The Vessel Owners' Association of St.

Catherines intend to hold another meeting at an early day to again remonstrate with the Government, and make another effort to induce prompt action as regards the lowering route, as it has been semi-officially stated the Government intend to take no action in the matter until next session. A mass meeting is also to be held.

-The Manchester Guardian, in its commercial column of Friday last, says: "Tre low prices have at last attracted buyers, and more business is reported in the several departments. Orders have not been individually large, but both in number and amount show an improvement upon the earlier part of the week. Prices have not appreciably altered; indeed it will require a good deal of steady buying materially to improve them. The activity is entirely due to low prices, enabling buyers to fill orders heretofore held in abeyance, as there is no change in the tenor of the advices from India and China."

Last week's circular of the Liverpool Cotton Brokers' Association save :- "Business in cotton has been limited. Prices favor buyers, and although to day (Thursday), with an improved demand for trade, the market was firmer, quotations, except for Ameri can show, some decline. American was in fair request, and after declining 1-16d, last week's quotations are resumed. In Sea Island rather more business was done at previous prices. Futures opened quiet and fluctuated smartly, but were gen erally steady. To-day prices were slightly advanced and are 1-16d higher than last Thursday.

A leading Liverpool grain circular says The grain trade during the past week has continued steady, though not very active. At the provincial markets wheat was more firmly held, the small supplies of English commanding full prices. Foreign in some instances was rather dearer. There has been a fair enquiry, chiefly for the Continent, at about 1s advance for the few cargoes remaining at ports of call. At Liverpool since Tuesday there has been a moderate business in wheat at Tuesday's extreme prices. Corn advanced 1d to 2d. Wheat to day was steady, with a fair amount of business. Red, in some instances, was a shade easier, but whites fetched extreme prices. Flour was in moderate request at previous rates. Corn sells at retail 2d higher."

## LOCAL NEWS.

A CLUE It is supposed that the body found yesterday in the canal was that of a farmer who recently fell through a bridge while driving to Montreal. An inquest was held this morning. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a meeting of

the Celtic Lacrosse Club (Juniors), last evening the following officers were elected for the current year:—T Trihey, President; T Carland, Vice-President; E Ryan, Secretary; M Cronin, Treasurer. Committee-T Yeoman J'O'Keeffe, W Hammill, T Todd, and W Duggan.

LACROSSE.-The Shamrock, Lacrosse Club has determined on a change of costume.

THE APPROACHING REVIEW.—The arrangements made for the transportation of volun-teers from this city to Quebec on the occasion of the review to be held on the 24th instant are as follows :- The steamer Canada will take the First or Prince of Wales and the Fifth Fusiliers, the Sixth Fusiliers will go in the Montreal, and the 65th will leave on Saturday by the Trois Rivieres. In addition to the above the High School cadets are also to take part in the review, and have chartered the steamer Alexandria for their conveyance

IRIBH CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY .- The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing six months:—President, Arthur Jones, re-elected; 1st Vice-President, Patrick Corbett; 2nd Vice-President, John Coggy; Secretary, Joseph McCann; Assistant Secretary, Martin Newall; Treasurer, Michael O'Brien; Collecting Treasurer, Loch-Michael U'Brien; Collecting Freasurer, Loch-lin Coghlin; Assistant Collecting Treasurer, Edward Wheeler; Grand Marshal, Thomas Davis; Assistant Marshals, William Burns and Lawrence Power. The Treasurer's rev port showed a large sum paid out during the last six months for funeral expenses and sick benefit has the widows of deceased members, or widowed mother, receives \$200 in case of death, and \$3 weekly during illness, also medical attendance. Notwithstanding this heavy outlay, the society has to its credit in bank over \$1,500.

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