

signed the "agreement" discovered, when it was too late, that they had signed a promissory note for a large amount. These notes were then given to a bank for collection. One man in Otonabee signed a note for \$900, another for \$300, and still another for \$700.

Among the big corporations of the United States are the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company. The report of the former has been completed for 1883 and a summary of the lines owned and controlled by it east and west of Pittsburgh shows gross earnings from traffic of \$105,653,532, gross expenses including rentals, interest, dividends, &c., \$68,917,056, net earnings \$36,736,476, number of tons of freight 83,698,162, number of passengers 48,846,811. The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, in their annual report for the past year, makes an exhibit which is indeed very flattering to the management. The gross receipts for 1883 were \$17,842,499.38, expenses, \$12,456,174.42, less taxes, interest and rentals \$3,390,482.42, leaving a balance as net earnings of \$1,995,842.54, or a fraction less than ten per cent. on the capital stock. The President, Mr. Thos. Dickson, in submitting the above statement says:—"The mining of coal was suspended sixty days during the year, and while prices were low, they were well maintained, thus justifying the policy of a proper restriction of the product. While the railroad system in its entirety yielded satisfactory results, the depression in the ore and iron industry seriously diminished the earnings of the leased lines, which was, however, partially overcome by the increased coal tonnage."

—The Montreal Telegraph Company announces the twelfth quarterly dividend of two per cent. to be paid on and after 2nd April.

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.—Bluevale, February, 28th.—Jas. Timmins' store and dwelling, P. O. and Tel. office destroyed; loss \$6,000, insured on stock \$1,500 in Waterloo Mutual.—Toronto, 28th.—Barter Manufacturing Co., building gutted. Loss \$5,000; covered in the N. B. and M. for \$2,000 on stock, and \$5,000 on building; F.I.A. \$1,000 on stock; Royal Canadian, \$2,000 on stock; Citizens', \$1,600 on machinery.—Fergus, 28th.—The manse of the Congregational Church in Garafraxa was burned, the pastor's library, worth a \$1,000 was destroyed, and household effects.—London, March, 7th.—Mr. Telfer's dwelling London township burned loss covered by insurance.—Hamilton, Feb. 13th.—A fire occurred in T. Jarvis' furniture store, King street west, to-night. Loss \$2,600; insured in Royal.—Kingston, March, 5th.—The stables of the Rockwood Asylum, burned.—Ridgetown, 8th.—A disastrous fire broke out in Dauphin's fruit store and spread rapidly to Laing & Ruth's hardware store, J. McKenly's bakery, McCollum's book store, the G. N. W. Tel. office and J. Tucker's fruit store. The buildings were burned to the ground, the contents were insured, McCollum's book store saved.

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OTHER PROVINCES.—St. John, N. B., Feb. 28th.—Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Wilkins wood building damaged \$500; covered in Queen.—Halifax, 28th.—Wm. McFarridge's and Mich. Keefe's premises consumed; the former insured \$1,600 on buildings, and \$2,000 on stock in Western and Connecticut; also \$1,500 on buildings and \$3,500 on stock in Phoenix; Thos. Offen's adjoining building damaged not insured; machinery covered in Queen; Keefe insured in a Halifax office \$1,400.—Oxford, N. S., March, 4th.—The old woollen mill of the Oxford M'fg. Co., with machinery and 2,000 yards of cloth destroyed; loss \$8,000, insured in Com'l Union \$2,000; W. W. Thompson's grist mill also burned down, insured \$1,000 in Com. Union.—Waterside, N. B., 6th.—Dan. Anderson's steam mill burned, not insured.—St. John's, Que., 4th.—Pearson & Co's. stone china-ware pottery took fire, damaged a few hundred dollars, principally by water.—Halifax, 7th.—The upper flat of the Infants' Home building gutted, furniture mostly saved, and was not insured. There is \$3,000 on building in the Acadia.

—At a recent meeting of the directors of the Lambton Loan and Savings Co., the resignation of Mr. W. J. Gurd, who so ably filled the position of assistant-manager and secretary-treasurer of the Company, was accepted, and a vote of thanks tendered him. Mr. A. C. Clark has been appointed to succeed Mr. Gurd, who is in New York, engaged in another line of business.

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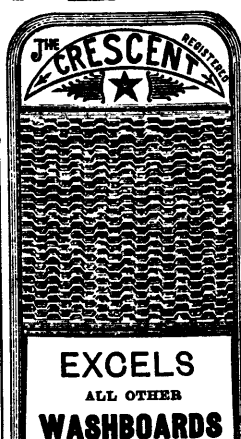
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