

peculiar to itself, adaptability in some line of commerce, or it may be beauty of scenery to attract the tourist and sportsman, the seeker for health and recreation—depend upon its nature has put something within your reach." If improvement of a municipal kind requires legislation, villages are reminded that it is their part to shape legislation, for Parliaments are only existent for putting the well-understood wishes of the people into effect. "Are there empty houses in your town, unoccupied shops, unworked factories, virgin soil, treasures of the forest, mine or sea beside and about you idle or undeveloped? If there are pull yourselves together, ask why these things are so, and ten to one the answer will be found, the remedy suggested and applied."

TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

A better feeling has prevailed on the Toronto Stock Exchange during the week. C. P. R. held its advance of last week and on reports of increased earnings for the last week in March it touched 98, and closed yesterday at noon at 97¾; transactions for the week totalled 1,840 shares. In mining stocks, Virtue was the feature advancing from 94½ to 117 on sales amounting to 31,000 shares. War Eagle also showed a substantial gain for the week, going from 137½ to 149½; transactions in this stock were 48,900 shares. The other transactions for the week ending Thursday noon were:

Commercial Cable, 1,176 at 171½-172¼; Toronto Railway, 330 at 100-100¼; Toronto Electric Light, 195 at 132¾-133; Imperial Life, 10 at 146½; Canada Life, 3 at 450; Imperial Bank, 21 at 209½-210½; Bank of Commerce, 33 at 148¾-149; Dominion Bank, 25 at 269; Bank of Montreal, 1 at 262; Ontario Bank, 20 at 128; Standard Bank, 10 at 199; London Electric Light, 101 at 119¼-121¼; Luxfer Prisms, 13 at 111¾-112; General Electric, 90 at 164-167; do, cum.-allot., 1 at 178; Toronto General Trusts, 20 at 147½; Bell Telephone, 25 at 180; Richelieu and Ontario, 275 at 110-114; Cycle and Motor, 48 at 85½-86; Carter-Crume, 40 at 101¼-½; Crow's Nest Coal, 228 at 139¾-140; Toronto Mortgage, 24 at 78; Freehold Loan, 25 at 75; do., 20 p.c., 16 at 74½-75; Canada Permanent, 4 at 130; do., 20 p.c., 46 at 130; Montreal Gas, 25 at 189½; Western Assurance, 340 at 158-159; Twin City Railway, 150 at 66; Canada N.W. Land, pref., 16 at 52¾; Consumers' Gas, ex-dividend, 4 at 211; Western Canada, 2 at 90; Canada Landed, 8 at 83; Manitoba Loan, 21 at 45; Payne, 2,000 at 129-130; Republic, 3,000 at 105; Cariboo (McKinney), 100 at 70; Golden Star, 1,000 at 17; Cable Coupon Bonds, \$45,000, at 103¾; Reg. bonds, \$5,000 at 103¾; Centre Star (unlisted), 5,500 at 141-150.

IN THE DRY GOODS STORE.

The Windsor Cotton Co., of Windsor, N.S., are expending \$20,000 in improving their factory.

J. J. Garland is a new partner in the clothing firm of Wm. Garland at Portage la Prairie. The firm name is unchanged.

Lindsay Bros., successors to Robertson, Lindsay & Co., have reopened the departmental store burned out at St. Thomas some months ago.

We learn that advances in price of fall tweeds have been notified by several Canadian woolen mills. The average will be about seven and a half per cent.

"My dear," said the chemist to his wife, just after he had refused her a new dress, "your tears do not move me. I have analyzed them. They contain nothing but a little phosphate of lime and some chloride of sodium. The rest is water."

It sounds oddly to hear, what is, however, quite true, that in some country districts of Quebec and Ontario merchants are complaining that they are in need of spring goods, which have been lying days if not weeks in the railway stations, but which cannot be got into the shop. The reason for this doubtless is the unusual depth of snow.

A complaint, which is common enough in commercial circles, and a retort not so often thought of, are thus given by an Indianapolis paper. A tailor goes for his delinquent customer, thus: "You said you would settle that bill at the expiration of a month, and here over six weeks have passed." To which the customer replies: "Yes, and if you will think, you

will remember you told me you would have the suit done in a week. It took you three."

In comparing the prices realized at the London fur sales, which have this week come by cable, and which are almost uniformly higher, it is important to remember that three series of sales have been held since March, 1899, and that in each of these more or less advance was declared. Only bear skins and mink fur are quoted the same as a year ago, and the sole item showing a fall since that date is fisher, which is five per cent. lower. All kinds of fox are from 30 to 100 per cent. higher, as our Montreal markets show; lynx and wolfskins are enormously advanced, the latter doubled in price. Coon, skunk, marten and badger are all higher, and muskrats show a slight advance.

The experience which Messrs. Glover and Brais, of Montreal [and Quebec] have had may be a lesson to other Canadian debtors. This firm seemed to be of the opinion that all it had to do was to run over to London, tell the creditors there that the Canadians had accepted an offer, and that the Britishers would then immediately fall into line. Once upon a time this sort of thing was done, but the British creditor has of late years grown more obdurate, particularly in cases like that of Glover and Brais, which was not at all a satisfactory affair. The total sum realized is understood to be about £14,000, but as Canadian realization expenses are heavy, it is difficult to say what dividend the creditors may get. In any case, Glover and Brais have been to some extent punished in being sold out by auction after the various attempts which they made in endeavoring to arrange. More firmness on the part of British creditors would effect a considerable change in the offers that insolvent Canadian traders try to get carried.—Draper's Record, London, 24th March.

FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

The average crop of beans, peas and strawberries is expected from Virginia.

Stocks of beans available for commercial purposes in Canada are said to be now down to 50,000 bushels.

At Tecumseh, \$10,000 stock has been subscribed for the establishment of a canning factory.

A new industry in New Westminster, B.C., is the veneer basket and fruit box plant operated by the B.C. Manufacturing Company.

Three tons of Manitoba butter shipped to Montreal to catch the famine prices arrived a few days too late, and brought 16c., 17c. and 18c. per lb.

Imports of salt mackerel at Boston from the beginning of the year have aggregated 2,403 barrels, compared with 2,218 barrels last year, and 4,178 barrels in 1898.

A company is being organized in Victoria, B.C., to erect a cannery and curing establishment on the Skeena for the treatment of salmon and halibut for export on a large scale.

Wallace Bros., of Vancouver, who have been operating on the Fraser river for some years, have purchased the Claxton cannery on the Skeena river, and will both can and cure salmon and halibut.

The stock of canned pineapples in the hands of Baltimore packers is lighter than it has been at any time during the past six or eight years. They will go into the new season with practically bare floors.

The Erie Tobacco Company, largely composed of farmers, will operate the tobacco factory recently built by the Lake Erie and Detroit Ry. at Kingsville. John S. Bruner is president, and Fred Fox secretary of the company.

The almond crop in Tarragona has suffered immense damage from frost. The condition is similar to that of last year when two-thirds of the crop was lost. New York dealers predict high prices for almonds in the shell.

Vermont maple sugar makers whose trees were reported temporarily ruined last year by the previous season's caterpillars, are happy over a good run of sap during the past few days. The quality is better than it has been for years.

A meeting of St. Thomas grocers called to confer with C. F. Bate, of St. Catharines, who is considering the advisability of establishing a wholesale grocery in St. Thomas, unanimously decided to assist such a concern in every way possible.