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permanent attractiveness of our lake and river trips. So far the hotel business has partaken of the general dullness. Last Sunday only sixty-five persons sat down to dinner at the St. Lawrence Hall here, and but ninety-eight at the Ottawa Hotel, and this in a season when travelers from all sections usually begin to pour down upon us. When our new palatial hotel is finished, strangers will stay longer with us, and induce others to come when they hear of our superior accommodations, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

—Everybody who is interested in studying the causes of our commercial depression will read something new and more searching on the subject in the address made by Sir Francis Hincks at the annual meeting of the Consolidated Bank, a report of which will be found on another page.

—In speaking of Grangerism the "Globe" makes the following remarks; "If the immediate effect of the Grange movements is to discourage some persons from embarking in country store keeping, it will accomplish a good purpose. Under the influence of a period of inflation a great many stores have opened, both in town and country, that have been little better than agencies for the disposal of the surplus stocks of the wholesale merchants. Young men with little or no capital have been encouraged to start in business, only to be wound up as soon as it was found they could no longer serve a purpose. The consequence is that the solvent and prudent man of business has been

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injured and discouraged. Perhaps, too, the Grangers' store experiment may familiarize farmers with the advantage of buying for ready money, and that, as a result, a more wholesome state of things in this respect may prevail, even if the source from whence the new experience emanates may, perchance, exist no longer." Anything that is likely to help to accomplish any of the above desired results should be hailed as a blessing, and if the Grangers through their system are likely to help to bring about a healthier state of trade, they will be doing more than the originators of the system contemplated.

—The firm of W. S. Symms & Co., store founders, Halifax, N.S., which has been more or less in difficulty for the past year has at last succumbed and offered a 25 per cent. compromise upon its liabilities. The offer has been accepted by most of the creditors. Chief among the dissenting creditors is the bank of British North America, who hold a claim of \$8,000 against them, and will not accept the compromise, preferring to sue at once for recovery of the amount. As the great majority of creditors are friendly, and wish to grant them whatever leniency they can, compatible with the general interest of creditors, bankruptcy may probably be avoided. In April last they were sued for \$15,000 to foreclose a mortgage, as

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interest had remained unpaid. They managed however to set aside this suit by paying half of past due interest at the time, with promise to pay balance in May last. Subsequently a meeting was held on the 31st ultimo, with result as stated above. The principal cause of the disaster appears to have been endorsing paper for two firms which turned out insolvent shortly afterwards. Another tendency to a reduction of capital, existed in the fact that there were too many dependent for support from the profits and too little principal to warrant an accumulation of surplus. Their property is mortgaged nearly to its full value.