

Eggs.....	407,581 doz.	65,262
Furs, undressed..	.....	478,149
Grease for soap stock.....	2,466,415 lbs.	100,534
Hog and horse hair.....	83,197 "	24,042
Hides and skins..	.....	1,961,134
Silk.....	33,771 "	143,521
Wool.....	12,038,693 "	1,875,651
Broom corn.....	.....	133,392
Fibre, vegetable..	.....	24,464
Hemp, undressed	89,973 cwt.	535,759
Jute butts and jute.....	9,519 "	20,415
Rattans and reeds	.....	18,680
Tobacco, manu- factured.....	11,953,919 lbs.	1,328,703
Asphaltum.....	9,247 cwt.	11,791
Bells for churches	.....	33,303
Bolting cloths, not made up.....	.....	27,647
Books over 7 years old.....	.....	40,419
Canvas, jute, for oilcloth.....	132,906 yds.	10,052
Cocoa, bean, shell, and nibs.....	.....	265,005
Cotton waste.....	2,256,186 lbs.	147,547
Cotton wool....	30,971,070 "	2,933,877
Alum and alumin- ous cake.....	2,668,886 "	27,299
Aniline dyes....	150,217 "	90,201
Brimstone & sul- phur.....	3,103,644 "	38,750
Chloride of lime..	4,010,014 "	59,283
Cream of tartar in crystals....	430,034 "	117,210
Dyeing or tanning articles, crude..	5,250,493 "	169,469
Extract of log- wood.....	1,991,844 "	67,273
Gums.....	929,443 "	131,674
Indigo.....	93,864 "	62,886
Quinine, sulphate	47,883 oz.	28,869
Soda in various forms.....	21,778,504 lbs.	266,823
Duck for making belting and hose	.....	30,530
Fish nets and seines.....	.....	134,457
Lines and twines.....	.....	178,316
Gutta percha and crude rubber..	697,307 lbs.	398,587
Junk, old, and oakum.....	15,759 cwt.	50,382
Jute yarn for car- pets.....	118,559 lbs.	12,936
Brass, old, scrap and in sheets..	4,037 cwt.	39,040
Copper in sheets	13,472 "	144,091
Iron or steel rolled round wire rods, for wire work..	38,119 "	52,922
Old iron and steel	332,246 "	205,051
Steel rails for rail- ways.....	1,712,261 "	1,431,792
Steel for saws and straw cutters..	10,321 "	82,048
Tin in blocks, pigs and bars.....	13,442 "	250,564
Tin plates & sheets	226,126 "	767,836
Yellow metal for sheathing....	5,822 "	51,631
Zinc in blocks and sheets.....	26,142 "	98,557
Moss and seaweed	22,341 "	34,042
Oils, natural, co- coanut, & palm	308,618 galls.	66,259
Plaits, straw, tus- can, and grass..	122,213 lbs.	39,977
Potash, muriate, crude.....	513,726 "	23,827
Bags of cotton or linen.....	114,024 cwt.	193,025
Woollen rags....	1,646,677 lbs.	103,781
Coffee, green....	1,205,300 "	184,347
Settlers' effects..	.....	1,469,726
Tea, black.....	8,158,755 "	1,581,417
Tea, green & Japan	9,838,448 "	1,753,402

—THE MONETARY TIMES evinces a grave mechanical knowledge by saying "that something is wrong in our commercial machinery, is or ought to be evident." The editor lays it to our numerous middlemen. The editor is wrong. The crew of our steamer is all right, but the trouble is in the ruinous system of putting in a 10-horse power engine with only a 2-horse power boiler to furnish financial steam. To slip a cog or stop on the centre is the natural result. In other words, the engine is attempting too great a stroke of business for the capacity of the boiler which furnishes motive power.—Wallaceburg Record.

## CUSTOMS' AND EXCISE RETURNS.

CITY.	Apl. '88	Apl. '87	Inc or Dec
Montreal customs.	\$573,648	\$653,999	80,351 D
do. excise ..	130,510	152,315	21,805 D
Toronto customs.	275,182	321,659	46,476 D
do. excise ..	76,170	78,337	2,167 D
Halifax customs.	178,164	166,883	11,280 I
do. excise ..	20,072	21,495	1,423 I
St. John customs.	84,803	94,950	10,147 I
do. excise ..	19,876	25,905	6,029 I
Hamilton customs.	59,723	67,421	7,697 D
do. excise ..	37,153	35,573	1,580 I
London customs.	41,919	39,599	2,320 I
do. excise ..	.....	27,388	.....
Quebec customs ..	.....	52,288	.....
do. excise ..	.....	31,238	.....
Ottawa customs.	26,854	20,882	5,972 I
do. excise ..	16,055	16,349	284 D
Brantford customs	8,365	10,219	1,854 D
do. excise ..	4,748	10,112	5,374 D
Guelph customs.	5,910	7,412	1,502 D
do. excise ..	13,681	15,665	1,983 D
St. Thomas.....	4,963	1,295	3,668 I
do. excise ..	1,038	1,285	247 D
Winnipeg customs	42,665	39,225	3,440 I
do. excise ..	14,796	20,824	6,028 I
Belleville customs.	5,172	7,720	2,548 D
do. excise ..	.....	.....	.....
Kingston customs.	12,045	13,739	1,694 D
do. excise ..	7,539	10,388	2,849 D
Stratford customs.	5,129	5,978	849 D
do. excise ..	7,537	4,980	2,557 I
St. Catharines cust	12,859	12,205	654 I
do. excise ..	3,303	3,496	193 D
Victoria customs.	66,298	.....	.....

## STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, May 9th, 1888.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average.
Montreal.....	215½	214	510	215	214½	215
" x.d.....	210½	209	557	210	209½	209½
Ontario.....	127	121	340	126	124½	124½
" x.d.....	121	121	27	121	121	121
Peoples'.....	106	101½	55	103	102½	110
Molson's.....	152	142	34	140	140	145
Toronto.....	215	207	210	215	207	210
Jac. Cartier.....	95	80	25	89	89	93
Merchants.....	135	133	172	134½	133½	134
Commerce.....	121½	119	4410	121	120	122
" x.d.....	117½	116½	1765	117½	116½	117
Union.....	95	90	2	95	95	102½
Montreal Tel.....	90½	95	1109	95½	95	102½
Rich. & Ont.....	54½	53½	375	54	53½	69½
City Pass. x.d.....	225	210	260	220	210	245
Gas.....	211	210	723	211	210½	218½
C. Pacific R.R.....	60½	59½	1075	60½	60	64½
N. W. Land.....	60	53	.....	55½	54½	63

## FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.—Wyoming, May 5th.—The butter factory of J. Hartley totally destroyed by fire. Loss \$2,300; insurance \$1,300 in Waterloo Mutual and the Mercantile.—Guelph, May 5th.—The barn of H. Hans, Guelph township, about a mile and a half from the city, destroyed by fire. The barn was insured for \$700 and the driving shed for \$500, but the loss will considerably exceed this sum. May 3rd.—Fire broke out in the furniture factory of Burr Bros., and did damage to the extent of \$2,000; fully covered by insurance.—Midland, May 2nd.—Fire broke out this morning in a frame row owned by Amos Campbell and occupied by J. McCallum, P. O'Shea, and D. McBride. Covered by insurance.—Belleville, May 7th.—Mark Smith's dwelling, on the Canifon Road, burned yesterday. The building was valued at \$600, and insured for \$400 in the Liverpool & London & Globe. R. R. Ross' farm house, in Ameliasburg, was burned this forenoon.—St. Catharines, May 7th.—The Steele property, in the village of Fonthill, consisting of a harness shop, occupied by H. E. Hunt; concert hall, Masonic Hall and dwelling house; also the tailor shop and residence of J. Dellenbach and the residence of J. Chase, destroyed by fire. Most of contents saved. The Steele property was partially covered by insurance. May 9th.—Taylor & Bate's brewery totally destroyed by fire about midnight on Tuesday. Loss \$25,000, insurance \$14,500. Messrs. Taylor and Bate will rebuild at once.

OTHER PROVINCES.—Montreal, May 3rd.—The grocery of James Wiggins damaged by fire to the extent of about \$200. The premises occupied by Mr. De Young, butcher; A. Rolland, grocer, and others, and owned by Joseph Comte, were found on fire last night. The loss to building is about \$500, and to stock and fixtures of De Young and Rolland about \$1,000. The dwelling of Lieut.-Col. Dowker, at St. Anne de Bellevue, completely destroyed by fire on Sunday. A house owned by S. Murphy, situated at 40½ Liverpool street, St. Gabriel, completely gutted. Damage \$50.00.—Quebec, April 29th.—Two houses at St. Foye's, belonging to Madame Defoy, of Montreal, reduced to ashes. The houses were insured for about \$1,600. A house belonging to Louis Halle, at Couture's Village, Levis, destroyed by fire, with a barn which stood near it. No insurance.—Kelso.—The manse burned; insurance, \$800.—Yarmouth, N. S., April 27th.—There was a fire at the cotton duck factory yesterday, caused by a spark from a nail passing through the cotton picking machine and igniting the cotton. About twenty bales of cotton were damaged, loss about \$200 or \$300.—Bathurst, N. B., May 9th.—The Gloucester Junction Station, owned by the International and Carquet railways, burned last night. Very little freight was destroyed, but the station master lost all his effects.

## BOUND TO LIVE LONG ENOUGH.

The Honorable F. C. Bunnell, member of Congress from the 15th District of Pennsylvania (who by the way gives more honor to the office than it can confer upon him) tells with great humor of a farmer who drove up to his bank on business intent.

"I want to borrow a hundred dollars," said he. "Can I have it?"

"Certainly," was the courteous reply. "Come in and sign a note and get an endorser."

"Gin a note?" in astonishment asked the farmer.

"That is the rule of the bank."

"Haint I good for a hundred?"

"Yes, and a good hundred times that amount."

"Then what do yer want of a note? You know I'll pay it, don't yer?"

"I have no doubt of it; but to loan money without security is not the proper way to do business."

"Pshaw! I only want the money for a month, and it'll be all right."

"If you live. But should you chance to die?"

"Die!" exclaimed the man as he turned away with the most disgusted look possible, "who the d— ever heard of a man dying in thirty days!"

## Commercial.

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, May 9th, 1888.

ASHES.—The market wears a quiet aspect still, and receipts are small. We quote first pots at \$3.80 to 3.90, seconds nominally \$3.50 to 3.60; in pearls no recent sales, and none in store.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, &c.—New stocks of cement are beginning to arrive and are offering at \$2.25 to 2.60 in large lots as to quality, small lots \$2.40 to 2.75; Canadian, \$1.75. No new bricks to hand yet and prices steady at \$20 to 22.50: fireclay \$1.50 a bag.

BOOTS, SHOES, AND LEATHER.—Travellers are now as a rule out with samples of fall boots and shoes, but it is too early to report results; payments are reported as rather better. Leather is still generally quiet, although one large sale of 3,000 sides of upper is reported within the last few days. Stocks of cheap leathers are still heavy, but good upper is not plentiful, and good Spanish sole holds its price firmly. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do. No. 2, B. A., 19 to 20c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to