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25 FRONT ST. WEST,
TORONTO.

THE firm of Wm. Rogerson & Co., in the fancy dry goods trade in Toronto, have assigned and the stock is advertised for sale. The house has been in a struggling condition for some time past; it is the old story of attempting to do a business without adequate capital. The liabilities are believed to be about \$20,000, nearly all of which is due to wholesale houses in Great Britain.

MR. GEO. BARKER, proprietor of the machine hat manufacturing company, whose factory was transferred some months ago from Toronto to Oshawa, has fallen into difficulties. We understand that he has assigned. The town of Oshawa gave him a bonus of \$5000 or \$6000 to erect a factory in that place. We have not yet learned the direct cause of the suspension; but it will most probably be found that too large a proportion of the proprietor's capital has been locked up in buildings and machinery.

THE imports of dry goods at Montreal for 1873, were, according to figures compiled in the *Herald*:

	1872.	1873.
Woollens	\$5,899,346	\$4,420,866
Cottons	4,317,490	4,096,830
Silks, &c.	1,221,104	935,872
Total	\$11,437,940	\$9,453,566
Decrease, 1873		\$1,983,372

FOR the twelve months ending 31st December, the value of leading groceries imported at Montreal was:

	1872.	1873.
Coffee	\$74,954	\$98,879
Fruit	357,432	322,599
Molasses	112,756	161,847
Sugar	2,246,047	1,990,112
Tea, Green and Japan ..	2,403,238	1,330,634
Do. Black	295,617	154,767
Rice	99,151	77,591
Wines	467,660	384,708
Leaf Tobacco	496,166	556,979
Free Goods	14,002,402	12,831,365

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P. G. CLOSE & CO.,
WHOLESALE
GROCERS,
TORONTO.

59, 61 and 63 Front St. East,

The figures for iron and hardware for the past two years are:

	1872.	1873.
Iron	\$2,581,606	\$1,916,677
Hardware	1,685,982	1,626,622
The total value of imports for last year show a falling off to the extent of about five and a half millions, the figures being:		
1872	\$46,275,058	
1873	40,718,179	

Financial Summary.

IT IS proposed to increase the capital of the Canadian Engine and Machinery Company to \$400,000.

THE PICTOU N. S. Bank was opened for business on Tuesday last. Mr. John Crerar has been elected President; Mr. R. P. Grant, Vice-President; and Mr. Thomas Watson, Manager.

AT THE annual meeting of the shareholders of the Ville Marie Bank, held in Montreal, the following gentlemen were elected Directors:—Messrs. Denis E. Papineau, John A. Leclerc, Thomas Wilson, Pierre P. Martin, Charles Lacaille, E. H. Trudel, Hyacinthe Charlebois. Subsequently the following officers were elected: Mr. D. E. Papineau, President; Mr. J. A. Leclerc, Vice-President.

A BALANCE sheet of the Bank of Nova Scotia for the year 1873, shows net profits realized on the transactions of that year, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, of \$108,989.30. Of this sum, \$51,930 was absorbed by dividends, and \$42,000 was carried to rest. The reserve fund now stands at \$80,000. The sum of \$70,000 was appropriated to the purpose of raising the shares from \$175 to \$200. The sum of \$38,578.50 was realized as premium on 200 new shares sold.

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THOMAS WALLS & Co.,
38 YONGE STREET,

Are opening out to-day the following:

- 3 Cases Fancy West of England Tweeds.
- 4 Cases Fancy Worsted Trowerings.
- 2 Cases Dumfries Tweeds.
- 2 Cases Fancy Worsted Coatings.
- Our Woollen Department is replete with every novelty for the Spring Trade. Merchant Tailors are respectfully invited to inspect and compare.
- 6 Cases of Bonnet's Silks.
- 4 Cases of Fancy Silks.
- 18 Cases of Fancy Dress Goods.
- 12 Cases of Fancy Shirtings.
- 24 Cases of Spring Prints.
- 8 Bales of Alhambras.

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9 FRONT STREET WEST.
AUTUMN AND WINTER
DRY GOODS.*Fall Stock coming to hand daily.*

Will be larger than usual. First class value.

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DOBBIE & CARRIE,
August, 1873.

THE great cross law-suit to which the Bank of Montreal, the City Bank, and Banque Nationale were parties has been settled. It will be remembered that we suggested this as the almost certain result of the important changes made in the management of one of these banks. We are glad of this happy termination to an expensive law-suit. It was of some public advantage in consequence of the light it was the means of throwing upon that mazy question, the powers and duties of a cashier.

AT THE annual general meeting of the Bank of Liverpool, N. S., held Feb. 8th, the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz.: J. F. Forbes, S. Freeman, jr., Thomas Rees, J. W. Barss, C. H. M. Black, J. A. Shaw, and M. P. Black. At a meeting of the Directors, subsequently held, James F. Forbes, Esq., was chosen President, and Thos. Rees, Esq., Vice-President. Mr. A. H. Patterson is the Manager. It appeared from a statement presented at the meeting that the liabilities, exclusive of capital, were \$196,891.26, and the assets, \$234,418.26. It appeared also that net profits to the amount of \$1,055.12 had been earned during the past three months. The Bank has resumed payment, and it is hoped it will now prove a success.

LUMBER DECISION.—By decision 1311 of the United States Treasury Department, dated November 19th, 1872, it was decided that lumber subject to duty at one dollar per thousand feet board measure, less than one inch thick should be considered as one inch thick for the purpose of assessing duty. By a decision of the department dated January 21st, 1874, this decision of November 19th, 1872 is reversed and the duty on lumber will be assessed by the standard of board measure, or inch thickness, and the dutiable quantity will be increased, or reduced, in proportion as the lumber varies from that thickness.