

banks and other lenders of money who are ccustomed to accommodating the merc tile community have obtained a much clearer idea than heretofore of the resources and

-A correspondent writing from Boston to the Halifax *Herald* under date of April 14th

gives a graphic pen picture of the very dull state of things there now. There was never so dull a spring at the Hub as this spring according to all accounts and it is quite improbable that there will be much improvement during 1896. He says: "Buildings, parks, etc., that were in course of construction two years ago, are still in the formative

-African affairs look ominous just now

--Some of the starch factories in the vicin-ity of Caribou, Me., are running night and day, grinding up the unsold potatoes. One factory at Washburn took in 2,400 barrels in one day recently, for which the paltry sum of 20 cents was paid.