

WHOLESALE GROCERS, HAMILTON. - - - ONT.

The scrutineers reported the unanimous reelection of the retiring directors, and at a subsequent meeting of the board, John L. Blaikie, Esq., was re-elected president, and Thomas Lailey, Esq., vice-president for the ensuing year.

MANUFACTURERS' NOTES.

At a meeting of the Wentworth Farmers' Institute on Saturday last, in Hamilton, those assembled were addressed by Mr. W. B. Underhill, of Brantford, secretary of a company which it is proposed to incorporate, named the Farmers' Cordage Company. It seems that the farmers of the county (the report says, "of the country," but this is a pretty broad statement), considering the present price of binding twine excessive, have determined to make it themselves through a manufactory to be started and sustained by subscriptions of \$250,000 stock in \$20 shares. Suitable buildings will be erected and machinery procured when \$70,000 has been subscribed. The factory is expected to be in running order by November 1 of this year. Mr. Underhill, who seemed to speak with great confidence, declared that twine which is now costing the farmer 14 cents per pound will be supplied for 10 cents. We trust he may be right, for the sake of the poor farmer. If he is, the profits of these bloated twine-makers are greater than poor Wentworth farmers can endure to witness. An actual, awful 30 per cent.—Prodeegious ! But are they so sure that the goods can be made so cheaply as they suppose ? At any rate, they have secured, it would appear, some influential patrons, for the names of Hon. Chas. Drury, minister of agriculture; Thos. Shaw, professor of agriculture O. A. College, Guelph; and V. R. Copeland, master of the Dominion Grange, appear in the prospectus as patrons, and "an influential provisional board of directors has been appointed."

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 16th Jan., 1889. Ashes.—There is little activity in the market, and shipments for the week have only been 30 brls.; the actual receipts are light, and smaller than for the two first weeks of last year. Prices are about as they were; we quote first quality pots \$4.00 to 4.05, seconds \$3.55, pearls not in request and very weak, could be got as low as \$5.50. Stocks in store show some accumulation, and are to-day 386 brls.

BOOTS, SHOES, AND LEATHER .- The shoe fac-

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tories as a rule report good business, and are running full time. The demand for leather consequently shows an improvement, wants of manufacturers being spread pretty well over the list, though the parcels are not large as a rule. English advices show no important change in the market there as yet, but report a steady feeling prevailing. Local prices remain as revised last week. We quote:--Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 22 to 24c.; ditto, No. 2, B.A., 18 to 19c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 20 to 21c.; No. 2 ditto, 19 to 18c.; No. 1, China, 18 to 19c.; 26c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 40 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 34c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 30 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 33 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 23c.; do., small, 12 to 18c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 21 to 30c.; buffed cow, 114 to 134c.; pebbled cow, 11 to 14c.; rough, 21 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade is of a moderate character in these lines. As regards prices general firmness marks the situation, but prices as revised two weeks ago still remain unchanged. We quote :—Sal soda, 90c. to \$1; bi-carb soda, \$1.90 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$1.100 to 13.00; borax, refined, 10 to 12c.; cream tartar crystals, 33 to 36c.; do. ground, 34 to 37c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 52 to 54c.; do. powder, 53 to 55c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.35 to 2.50; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.75 to 3.00; alum, \$1.60 to 1.70; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.20 to 2.30; roll sulphur, \$2.10 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.40 to 1.50; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 52 to 55c.; German quinine, 52 to 55c.; Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c.; opium, \$4 to 4.50; morphia, \$1.90 to 2.10; gum arabic, sorts, 80 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to 1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$4.00 to 4.25 per lb.; iodine, \$5.25 to 5.75; iodoform, \$6.00 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$1.90 to 2.25; oil bergamot, \$2.75 to 3.50; orange, \$2.90 to 3.10; oil peppermint, \$4.50 to 5.50; glycerine, 25 to 30c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 50 to 60c.; American do., 45 to 50c.; insect powder, 70 to 80c.

DRY GOODS.—Since Saturday last we have had fine, clear weather, and it has had a marked effect in stimulating business, especially retail trade, in the city. The holiday trade in the country does not appear to have been particularly active, at all events remittances are not as ready as they were expected to be by any means. The firmness in domestic cottoms and imported woollens continues, and in addition to this the makers of jute goods are considering the propriety of an advance in prices.

