

FICS, PRUNES, NUTS OF ALL KINDS, and a full assortment of CHRISTMAS GROCERIES,

Sugars, Teas, Coffees, Spices, Syrups, And a complete stock of GENERAL GROCERIES,

Salt and Fresh Water Herrings and an assortment of other Fish for sale by

BROWN, BALFOUR & CO., HAMILTON.

Tus new premises of the British Empire Life Assurance Co., on Notre Dame and St. Francois Xavier streets, (late the Exchange Bank Buildings) are undergoing considerable alterations in the interior. A passenger elevator will be introduced and the entrance to the upper flats removed to Notre Dame street .- Mr. R. H. Jarvis, of Hamilton, appears to be doing a good business for the Federal Life ; the change to the Life branch of the service becomes him, and Mr. Dexter can have no officer more faithful in the field.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS are due to the Royal and the Standard Insurance companies for New Year's calendars, both handsomely printed and containing engravings of the Montreal premises respectively. The magnificent new premises of the Standard will be ready for occupancy by Spring .- The Hamilton branch of the Federal Bank is being transferred to the Molsons Bank, who begin business there with the first month of the New Year, under the management of Mr. J. M. Burns, heretofore manager of the Federal branch.

Accounting to the Seaforth Expositor there is a prospect that the combination of salt manufacturers, which has existed for nearly three years, will not be continued longer than his year, as some of the members are becom-

(Formerly occupied by late firm of Stuart & Macpherson.) HAMILTON, ONT. BEUTHNER BROTHERS. MANUFACTURERS' AGENTS, AND LEADING IMPORTERS IN THE DOMINION OF

EMBRODERIES AND HOSIERY.

750 to 754 CRAIG ST., MONTREAL

ing restive under the association rules, and are longing for another war of rates .- The Acton Free Press estimates that \$31,250 was expended on buildings in that village this year. The enterprising glove manufacturers of the place, Messrs. W. H. Storey & Son, have done not a little to promote its prosperity.

THE condition of the sidewalks along our principal thoroughfares in winter is not such as to promote shopping. It seems useless to depend on each one clearing before his own door; the by-laws are not strictly enforced, and even if they were, occupants differ in their views as to what constitutes a clean sidewalk. Whatever difficulties there may be in the way of having the work performed by the city, as in the case of scavengering, it is feared it will never be thoroughly done in any other way. Our leading retailers should make themselves heard on the subject.

THE lumber shipments from Dalhousie, N.B., for the year required 43 yessels; tonnage, 23,-782 tons; shipments, 18,235,140 sup feet deals, 2,953 tons birch timber, 1,476 tons pine timber, 411 tons spruce timber, 8 tons poplar timber, 8,000 piece palings. In 1883 there were loaded 44 vessels, 26,847 tons, the cargoes consisting of 18,726,737 sup feet deals, etc., 7,723 tons birch, pine, spruce and other varieties of timber, 81/2 cords lathwood, 52,362 pieces of palings .- A new paper in the French language is to be published at Vankleek Hill, taking the place of he News, which appeared in both languages.



VULCANIZED

THE SECOND annual Provincial fat stock show of the Ontario Agricultural and Art Association, held in Guelph last week, is pronounced to be the largest and finest exhibition of the kind ever held in Cauada. Amongst the exhibit, were a 4 year old steer from Elmira, weighing 32,000 lbs, and a 4 year old grade heifer from Pilkington 2700 lbs. Eight fat steers, not in competitions were sold by auction, as follows: Dudley, \$,950 lbs., to Stephen Hall, Blenheim, \$121; Derby, 1,945 lbs., to L. O. Barber, Guelph \$126; Digby, 1,845 lbs., to G. Clayton, Guelph' \$122; White Prince, 1,525 lbs., to Mr. Hope Bow Park, Brantford, \$130 ; Lady Olive, 1,355 lbs., to H. J. Lawry, Hamilton, \$81; Aboyne, 1,675 lbs., to Wm. Hearn, Guelph, \$100 ; Huntingdon, 1,665 lbs., to M. Dingle, Hamilton, 1112; Hartford, 1,655 lbs., to H Satchell, Ottawa, \$151.

THE PRESENT has been a favorable year for the marine insurance companies operating in Nova Scotia. For years past they have suffered heavy losses, and last year five out of six of the Yaranouth companies went under with varying deficiencies. This year, says the Haiifax Chronicle, scarcely a ship has been lost out of Yarmouth, and a small fortune will go abroad from that community to pay the premiums of the year. Probably not much less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars will thus be made away with, a goodly propor-