The facts fully justify every claim put forth in behalt of Thomas' Ecuatraic Oil. Testimony of the most convincing nature, to which publicity has been frequently and widely given, and which can easily be verified, places erond all reasonable doubt the fact that it fully deserves the confidence which the people place in it as an inward and outward remedy for coughs, colds, catarrh, sore throat, incipient bronchitis, and other disorders of the respiratory organs, as a means of removing pain, swelling and contraction of the muscles and joints, rheumatism, neuralgia, kinney disorders, excertation and inflammation of the nipples, burns; scalds, bruises, corns, and a variety of other diseases and hurts, and of abnormal conditions of the cuticle. It is inexpensive and safe, as well as prompt and thorough. Its merits have met with the recognition of physicians of repute, and veterinary surgeons, horse owners and stock raisers administer and apply it for colic, galls, affections of the hoof, sweeney, garget and troubles incident to horses or to cattle. Sold by all medicine dealers. Price, 25c.

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FINANCE & COMMERCE.

TRUE WITNESS OFFICE, Tuesday, February 3.

Financial. The demand for accommodation at the banks continues light; prime commercial paper is readily discounted at 7 per cent., and occasionally for even a tritle less, while for names not well-known 8 is charged. Loans are easily obtained at 5 per cent. interest on call and 6 on time.

The People's Bank has declared a dividend of 2 per cent. for the half year.

-The Halifax Banking Company has declared a half-yearly dividend of three per

-The store occupied by Wm. Taylor. at Halifax, as a boot and shoe shop, was bought Thursday by N. Farrer & Sous from the ewner, H. P. Burton, for \$13,000.

-The Customs receipts at Hamilton, Ont., during January amounted to \$49.140.33: and during the corresponding month of last year. \$64,740 81; showing a decrease of \$15,600.48 this year.

The report of the directors of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company, to be submitted at the annual general meeting to be held on Monday next, 9th inst., has been distributed among the shareholders, and we understand, it is very unsatisfactory. It gives the amount of net profits for the past year as \$54,986, against \$112,543 as net profits for 1878, while the expenses during the past year are said to have been considerably less than during the year 1878.

The Union Bank of Halifax has declared a hulf-yearly dividend of three per cent. The traffic receipts of the Great Western Bailway for the week ending on the 24rd of January week 86,117.91, and for the corresponding week of last year \$82,922.67, being an sucrease of \$3,225.24.

Business Troubles.

-Ur. Volney, powder manufacturer, of Bockville, has made an assignment.

J. B. Perrault has taken a writ of attachment against Alexis Toupin for \$210. T. Girouard, assignee. John M. Holliday has taken a writ of at-

tachment against James Halliday for \$363 20. J. W. Stevenson, assignce. James McMahon and Joseph McMahon

have been attached for \$215, at the instance of John Kelly, jr. F. X. Cochue, assignee. The Consolidated Bank has taken out a

writ of attachment against R. W. Reckmeyer, dealer in bats, caps and fur goods, Toronto, -A writ of attachment has been issued

gainst Jacques Perrault, trader, for \$250, at the instance of Jos. A. Robillard. A. Braucoleil, assignec.

Writs of attachment have been issued against Rupert B. Donkin, of Amherst, N.S. Charles E. Gillard, Digby, N.S., and Jas. G Allan, Shelburne, N.S.

A writ of attachment was Wednesday issued light. Green codfish, \$4 75 to \$6 in barrels; at the instance of A. Chambers, against John dry, \$3 871 to \$4 50. Smoked herring dull. Stryde, tayern keeper, for \$248.52. Mr. F. X. Cochu is assignee to the estate.

-At the instance of H. Sugden Evans & Co., a demand of assignment has been made upon D A. Harper, of this city, for \$552.67. Some time ago Mr. Harper opened a branch store at Ottawa, and the business there not proving successful, has led, we understand, to his present difficulties. The lubilities, how. ever, are comparatively small. Mr. A. F. Riddell is the assignee.

At the instance of Dame Emma Barbeau, a writ was also issued against Oilion Barbeau and Fridolin Barbeau for \$20%. Alfred Lionais,

A writ of attachment has been entered against Francois Hogue on the d mand of Joseph Robert. The amount is \$220. F. X. Cochu, assignee.

-Writs of attachment have been issued against Stanley W. DeWolfe, dealer in hats, caps and furs, and Ephraim Wright, produce dealer, both of Hailfax, N.S.

—At a meeting of the creditors of Richard Thompson, silverware merchant, joweller, etc., in St. John, N. B., a resolution was passed to trustee the estate, which is expected to realize 50 per cent. The direct Habilities are placed at \$100,000; aesets, \$50,000.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CITY

WHOLESALE TRADE.

TUESDAY, Feb. 3. The month of January has closed with the city wholesale markets generally quiet. The want of sleighing in most parts of Ontario, and in the Eastern Townships as well, has tended to materially detract from business activity here, if we except the hardware and iron trade, which continues "booming," with prices about as much unsettled as ever. It is to be hoped that the snow-storm which has been raging here all of to day has been general throughout the country, or at least in those districts where nothing but mud has been seen for several weeks past, for upon this greatly depends the prospacts for business; this month upon which have now entered. There are all around us evidences of an unusually active season this winter in lumber, and the reduced supply in Great Britain has tended to appreciate values in Canada considerably.

There is little or no business doing in this city in bread tuffs or provisions. Prices for flour are rather easier, but in provisions there have been no changes made in the figures quoted a week ago, unless, perhaps, for dressed hogs, which are now quoted at \$5.75 to 6 in lots, as to size and freshnoss.
Following are the city wholesale prices

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inurio Rage	2 80		2 (1)
City Bags (delivered)	3 20		3 2
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week. Receipts have been rather more free both of pots and pearls. The demand for shipment is not active, and stocks have somewhat accumulated. We quote first pots, \$4 to \$4.10; first pearls, \$6 to \$6.10. With increased receipts we shall certainly have lower prices, and the manufacturers of potash have got to provide for such a contingency. The day seems to have passed for high priced pot-

BOOTS AND SHOKS .- Our wholesale maunfacturers are still busy on orders for spring goods, which continue to be received through travellers regularly, and some of the largest houses here have already commenced to ship goods to the most distant customers. The volume of business done so far is nearly equal to that for the corresponding period of last year, but not quite equal to expectations, as the trade is reported to have been more or less injured by some houses, principally Quebec, dealers, cutting rates below what is considered paying prices; all the old established houses are said to have sustained the advance, and a further revision in prices may yet be necessary. Long credits are being curtailed, and renewals are less frequent. Remittances, considering the bad, muddy roads in Western Ont., are quite equal to expectations.

DBY GOODS.—Our wholesale friends report that a very fair number of orders for spring goods are steadily coming in, and travellers now out report a much more buoyant feeling than was apparent at the like date of last year, and the chances are that inasmuch as the goods now being sold cannot be replaced at the cost of what they are being sold at to-day, that there will be no surplus of spring stock carried over, because "repeats" are impossible. The city retail dealers report a very good trade being done. Remittances, we regret to state, are scarcely up to the mark, but hopes are entertained that, with anything like the same kind of weather in the West as we have now in Quebec Province, retail dealers will become enabled to meet their engagements promptly.

GROCERIES.—Trade has been generally quiet during the past week; the want of snow roads in Ontario has had a depressing effect on the trade al! over. In teas there is a steady business reported, but sales are not generally for large lots. In Japans a fall of 1c to 2c has are for low qualities not very plenty, and of good fair to fine supply is full. The tone of the market is not very strong, although parties to-day the receipts of live stock comprised well informed believe that good teas will only about 100 head of cattle, chiefly from fairly hold their own as at present values, if the St. Gabriel market, and half-a-dozen not go somewhat higher. Nagasakis are 28c sheep. Owing to the low prices which have to 40c for low common to choice. Yokohamas, 30c to 35c for low to fair ordinary: 37c to 42c for fair to good, and 44c to 57c for fine to choice. Young Hysons are in moderate request only, 35c to 37c for low to fair, 40c to 65c for good to extra choice; Twankays are 29c to 33c; Gunpowders 32c to 40c low to fair, and 43c to 65c for good to choice; Imperials 31c to 55c for low to fine. In Black Teas some business has been done, at about 31c to 35c for low to fair; 37c to 45c are prices for good to fair, and 50c to 65c for choice kinds English market at latest advices keeps quite firm in Black Teas, especially of good common Congous. For Sugars the market is a little easier; a reduction of c is to be noted on granulated, 10 to 10 c. Yellow Refined 81c to 98c. Raw Sugars without special change. The Canada Refinery (Redpath's), it is expected, will resume manufacturing almost immediately. Molasses—The consumption of the finer qualitles, as Barbadoes, is evidently increasing, and largely being substituted for certain kinds of Syrups. Prices rather easier, say 33c to 39c for hhds; smaller packages are scarce, of 15 head for \$511. N. Taillefer, trader, sold and command about 5c per gal over hhds. a number of cattle in small lots: 3 to a lead-Syrups quiet at a reduction of about lc. Rice is in light demand at unchanged prices. Spices-Pepper, from 101c to 111c; pimento, der, also sold 7 head at about 31c per lb, and cloves, nutmegs, ginger and cassia are quiet. B. Roy sold for Mr. Armstrong. Fruits—Valentia raisins, not in large supply, for \$156, and 2 for \$115. The few sheep of \$7 25; Scotch ginte (soft), \$5 50; Scotch held at 71c to 81c. Malaga fruit showes very furing were disposed of at from about \$4 to steam, \$5 50; Sydney steam, \$4 50; Pictou held at 7½c to 8½c. Malaga fruit showes vory furing were disposed of at from about \$4 to little change with light business. Figs dull, \$4.50 each. 12c to 14h; for Eleme in small boxes. Currants, 61c to 71c for good ordinary up to 71c to 81c for extra. Fish-Labrador herrings not in large supply, \$6 25 to \$6 75; demand

HARDWARE AND IRON.-Everything in the hardware line is very firm, and dealers report that the market is still "booming." Orders are not generally very large, but they are becoming numerous; as is usually the case. now that prices are high, dealers are auxious to buy. This week prices for cut nails have further advanced 25c all round, been and there is an advance of 25c for horseshoes. Iron remains firm at quotations, and it is not unlikely that still higher figures may be seen before the season Messrs. Morland, Watson & Co., of is over. this city, have decided to sell out their entire stock between now and the 1st May next, and the hardware trade in Montreal is tast getting down to rather narrow limits. There is a good enquiry for bar and pig iron, but possibly the high prices tend a little to check sales. Remittances are reported still very satisfactory. Pig Inon, per ton .-

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Eglinton 29		39 00
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Sweden and Norway	50	5 00
Lowmoor and Bowling 6	25	6 50
UANADA PLATES, per box :		
Glamergan 5	60	6 00
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ABHES.—Have ruled quiet during the past | respectively for Nos. 1, 2 and 3; there are not many offering, however. Tanners are paying \$11 tor No. 1 inspected hides. Shepskins are steady at former prices, \$1.50 to \$1.75. Calfikins nominal, at 124c per lb.

LEATHER -Trade here has remained quiet. The wants of shoe manufacturers just now appear to be light, and there is no disposition on the part of buyers to anticipate future requirements. Light splits and light upper have been enquired for, the first-named being extremely scarce, and held at full prices, from 28c to 38c, as to quality. Sole leather is the turn easier, though prices are quotably lower. There is a moderate demand for Buff and Pebble, but sales are confined to actual and immediate wants. In other descriptions there is nothing special to note. Remittances continue fair, but they might be better.

WOOL-Market remains quiet; atocks of demestic wool in this market have been reduced to a minimum, but the demand is light, and few sales are taking place. Unassorted pulled is now quoted at 31c to 33c. In foreign wools the market is firm at full quotations; sales of Greasy Cape, which is now scarce, and nearly all in the bands of one dealer, have been reported at 22c. In New York there is no change in the wool market; holders there are very confident, but there is no apparent prospect of a change in prices. The demand is reported not up to expectations.

#### THE CATTLE MARKETS. 5t. Gabriel.

MONDAY Feb. 2. The received of live stock at Point St. Charles during the past week were 17 cars cattle, 2 cars of horses, and 1 do. of sheep. At St Gabriel market this morning the offerings were light, comprising only about 3 carloads cattle and some 40 hogs; and there being but few buyers in attendance, business was dull. Messrs H Gould, Whitby; P H Dardis, Morrisburg, and M Laporte, Mildmay, Ont, had each 1 carload of cattle to sell. Mr Gould sold his cattle to a leading exporter at about 4c per ib, live weight, and a number of hogs to Sam Price at \$5 per cwt. Mr. Price also bought some 30 hogs from Mr. Laporte at the same figure. Mr. Dardis drove the majority of his cattle to Viger Market, and the other dealers to be noted for Najaski. Sweet Yokohamas | sold out at prices varying from about 3c to

4c per lb, live weight. AT VIGER MARKET prevailed, many of the farmers continue to sell their beeves and mutton by dead weight on the Bonsecours and other city markets, in preference to bringing them to the live stock markets, hence the steady falling off in the receipts. Prices were firmer to day, however, and notwithstanding that the demand WAS still inactive, holders seemed unwilling to make concessions. Prices paid on this market to-day for cattle generally ranged from 3c to 31c per lb. PH Dardis, of Morrisburg, sold to a leading exporter of this city, who was on the market, three oxen lacking 70 lbs of weighing 1,700 lbs each, at 11c per lb, with \$3 deducted from the total amount; he sold another fine ox to the same buyer for \$45, and 8 or 9 head of small cattle to butchers at from \$20 to \$38 each. Mr Dardis had 9 head yet left unsold at noon. R J Hopper had two loads cattle under offer. one being from Brighton, Ont., and the other he bought from Mr Frank Shields, Toronto, towards the close of last week for \$600, there being 22 head in the load. Mr. Hopper resold to-day 13 head for \$369, and another lot a number of cattle in small lots: 3 to a leading exporter-2 for \$103, and 1 for \$33; also 2 head to a butcher for \$87. Mr. Benoit, tra-

SHIPMENTS. A leading cattle exporter forwarded from this city to Halifax to-day 189 head, and 100 head more is to arrive from Toronto this afternoon for shipment, all to Liverpool, by the next outgoing steamer.

#### THE FARMERS' MARKETS. Bonsecours and St. Ann's-Prices at Farmors' bleighs, etc.

Tuesday, February 3. There was a very fair attendance of habitants and others at the city markets to day, but the offerings were not nearly so large as on Friday last. The roads in some sections of the country are reported still bad and unfavorable for farmare reported still bad and unfavorable for farmers bringing their produce to the market. Prices to-day remained nominally unchanged throughout. Oats were sold at 70c to 75c; buckwheat at 80c per bag; corn at 75c to 80c per bush, and a few bags were offered at 65c per bush. There were very few polatoes on the market. Poultry and game were rather scarce and not in demand; with the exception of partridges, which are quoted now at 75c to 85c per pair, prices are unaltered. Dressed beer sold at 33c up to 43c for forequarters, and at from 5c to 63c for hind do. Of vegetables, etc., there was very little offering.

In fruit there is scarcely any business at all doing in this market, but wholesale dealers constinue to make law division and under the finest lots of September advance; the market does the market dadvance; the market dadvance; the market dadvance; the

The following are the prices, corrected up to date:—
VEGETABLES.-Potatoes, 45c to 50c per bar; carrots, 25c to 40c per bushel; choice onious \$1.75 to 2.00 per barrel, or 60c to 70c per bushel; parsnips, 50c per bushel; boets, 35c to 40c per bushel; turnips, 50c per bag and 20c to 40c per bushel; celery, 25c to 30c per dozen; cabbage, 15c to 30c per dozen, or 4c per head; American lettuce, \$1.20 per dozen heads; artichokes, 75c por bushel.

per bustle!. S2.00 to \$3.00 per barrel; lemons, 25c to 30c per dozen, or \$7.00 to \$3.00 per case; Valencia oranges, \$5 to \$6.50 per case or 25c to 25c per doz; cranberries, \$10 per barrel, or 40c per gallon; California winter pears at \$4.00 per box; grapes, Malaga, \$6.50 to 7.50 per keg of 50 lbs.

2°c to 2°s per doz; cranberries, \$10 per parrel, or 40c per galion; California winter pears at \$4.00 per box; grapes, Malaga, \$6.50 to 7.50 per keg of 50 lbs.

Grain, Etc.—Oats, 70c to 75c per bag; buck-wheat, 45c to 50c per bushel; peas, 80s to 80c per bushel; soup peas, 30c to \$1.00 per cwit; cornmeal, \$1.20 to 1.25 per bag; Corn. 75c to 80c per bushel; brain, 70c percwit; cornmeal, \$1.20 to 1.25 per bag; Gorn. 75c to 80c per bush; Canadian corn. \$1.60; monile, \$1.00 to 1.25 per bag; buck-wheat flour. \$1.60 to \$1.75 per cwit; oatmeal, \$2.50 to 2.60 per bag.

Farm Produce.—Butter—Prints, 25c to 30c per lb.; lump, 18c to 20c per lb: Eastorn Townships, tub, 20c to 20c. Frosh eggs, 25c to 30c per dozon; packed do., 18c to 20c. Fine cheese, 12c to 124c per lb: crdinary, 10c to 11c. Maple sugar, 8c to 90c per lb. Lard, 10c to 11c. Maple sugar, 8c to 90c per lb. Lard, 10c to 10c.

FOULTHY AND GAME.—Turkoys, \$1.00 to \$2.00 per pair; geese, \$1.20 to \$1.75 per pair; ducks, tame, 60c to 80c per brace; pigeons, \$1.00 to 1.50 per dozen, or 20c to 25c per pair; chickens 50c to 75c per pair; qualis, \$3 per dozen; prairie hens, 0°c to \$0.00 per pair; snipe, \$2.60 per dozen; plovers, \$2.00 per dozen; pairiedges, 75c to 35c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per paic; hares, 13c to 25c per pair;

MEAT.—Beef.—Roast beef (trimmed), 10c to 12c; sirloin steaks, 12c to 15c; dressed hogs, \$6.50 to 80c per los \$4.50; hind-quarters, \$1.60 to \$8.50; venison, 6c to 15c; per lb.

Montreal Hay Market.

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quality, while the best Timothy will readily command \$7.50 per 100 bundles. Straw is a drug on the market, at from to \$2 to \$4 per 100 bundles, as to quality. The total offerings fluring the week were about 150 loads. The supply of pressed hay and straw is also considerably in excess of the demand, which is reported dull; we quoted baled hay at \$7.75 to \$9 per ton, as to lot, and baled straw at \$4 to \$5 per ton.

Montreal Horse Market. SATURDAY, January 31.

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A very satisfactory business has been done in Canadian horses doring the week ending to-day—antisfactory, principally, because a better class of horses, on the whole, has been offered, and accerdingly better prices have been paid than for several weeks past. According to the entiries made at the U.S. Consulate-General's office, there have been forwarded from this city to the United States 144 horses costing \$11,278.50, against 150 horses valued at \$11,190, for last week; the comparison shows a decrease of six horses, but an increase of \$88.50. The American buyers report that a good many heavy working horses have been bought at the American House yards during the week, and from 5 to 6 carloads have been exported, viz: Mr. Charles Smith. 1 car to Springfield, Mass.; Messrs, Smith & Johnson, 1 car to Eunderland, Mass.; Mr. A. Dean, 1 car to Red Rank, New Jersey; and R. Wood, 1 car to Home, New York. Two more cars are to be shipped on Monday to New Jersey, and Messrs, Guernsey and Cockburn, of the same place, are sending away 1 car of 20 horses this evening. Home of these buyers state that prices here are quite high enough in proportion to the value of horses in the states, as the large influx of western horses into the New England States recently has had the effect of lowering prices. The average range of prices paid here during the week is from \$75 to 80 each. Mr. J. B. Nichuls, of Henry C. untr, Illinois, is in the city at present in search of several heavy stallious for breeding purposes, and for the right kind he is willing to pay good prices; up till to-day he had only secured one.

For some time past shippers have been tuspected of considerably undervaluing the cost prices of their horses, in order to evade a certain portion of the duty, and during the past week if animals belonging to Mr. Hendrickson, of Red Hank, N. J., were seized by the Government officials at Rouse's Point under this charge.

There were no sales effected on the Corporation horse market this week.

Following is the

#### Montreal Fuel Market. WEDNESDAY, January 28.

As we intimated in our last report, the coal and wood dealers here continue to do what is termed a "weather trade"; that is to say, that the demand for fuel is so much affected and guided by the weather, that as the result of continued mildness, such as we are experiencing this week, business has been dull, and, according to Vennor, not much activity in the demand may be expected during the next fortnight, at least. The stocks of coal on barges, which were for so long ice-bound in the Richelieu river, have now been pretty much all unloaded at the several yards in this market; the great bulk of it, however, had to be delivered at once, to fill back orders. It is generally believed that although the consumption of hard coal for domestic use this month is being more than usually curtailed by the mild and soft weather, the comparatively light stocks held here will be cleared out by the end of the season. There is but little doing here in soft coal, either the manufacturies and foundries having been, for the most part fully supplied for the season during the summer and autumn months. Prices for all kinds remain unchanged, and seem likely to continue so, the contrast in the figures asked by the different dealers here this winter having had a good effect, in the interests of consumers.

There is very little demand for wood just now: there is always more or less hardwood arriving per the Grand Trunk and Q., M., O. & O. Railways, but the market remains quiet at present, and prices are unchanged. COAL-Retail prices per ton, delivered, for cash: Stove, \$7 to \$7 50; chestnut, \$6 75 supplies, was in only moderate demand, and to \$7 25; egg, \$7 to \$7 25; furnace, \$7 to declined at 1d per cental." 25; egg, \$7

do, \$4 50 to \$5; coke per chaldron, \$3. Woon-Retail prices per cord delivered from the yard: Long maple, 3½ feet, \$6; long birch, 3½ feet, \$5 50; long beech, 3½ feet, \$5; long tamarae, \$4 50; short maple, three feet, \$5 50; short birch, three feet, \$5 00; short beech, three feet, \$4 50; short tamarac, 21 to : feet, \$3 50 : short hemlock, 21 to 3 feet, \$3.

### Entler and Cheese in Liverpool.

(From Hodyson Bros.' Circular of Jan. 17th.) CHEESE continues in good request, and, as the stock is getting into narrow compass, holders have had little difficulty in obtaining a further advance; the finest lots of Septem-

## LONDON, January 30 .- In Mincing Lane the

markets are mostly depressed, and prices show a further decline upon many of the sales effected. There is no alteration in the position of coffee. The sale of the Netherlands Trading Company this week went below valuations, excepting for yellow Java, which showed an advance. Good ordinary shilling. Good to fine colory kinds are steady. Foreign is unaltered, but ordinary Rio met with some enquiry on the previous low terms. The continental reports show that business is still inactive. Sugar is very dull. Re-finers have ceased buying, and a reduction of one or two shillings per hundred weight on common brown sorts fails to induce any spesold, to a moderate extent, at quotations. Refined, including French loaves and beet, close excess of the weekly sales. The stock in the are better and happier, realizing more unibeen sold for spring shipment at easy rates. Spice is inactive and generally lower. Tea is very flat, but unchanged.

## 1b. Wheat Blockade.

The Chicago Times says :- " The elevators have become pretty well filled, and one house has notified shippers that it has no more room for fresh receipts. The Eastern rail-Mire, # bdl. of 63 hs Nos 0 to 0... 2 30 0 to

HIDES AND SKINS.—The local market
is reported qulet and nominally unchanged.
Prices have been weak for several days, in sympathy with an easier feeling in the west, but as yet we hear of no decline baving taken place here. Sales of green hides from but:

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chers continue to be made at \$10, \$9, and \$8, roads refuse to reduce their tariff below 40

mously shead of those of a year ago, and prices continue too high to admit of shipments to Europe. The grain trading on the board of trade for some time past has been chiefly speculative, and but comparatively little has been done by shippers."

#### Finance, Commmerce and Trade

—The Railway Legislative Committee of the Ontario Legislature have passed the bills to revive the charter of the Port Stanley, Strathroy, and Port Frank Railway, and to charter the Cobden and Opcomyo Railway.

—The County Council of Victoria has decided to petition both the Governor-General and Lieut.-Governor in Council as to the importance of granting sufficient aid in the construction of the proposed Ontario and Pacific Junction Railways, from Gravenhurst to Bouth East Ray. Lake Niplasing, running through partions of that county on the cast side of Lake Muskoka.

—Mr. Richard Hall, cattle sale-men, to whom reference was made in these columns a short time ago, writing from Liverpool, on January 15th says.— The prospects for all classes of cattle for the next four months, is most encouraging, owing to the searcity of fat stock in this country. Sheep will also be a profitable ventue of commence shipping from the first week of March; indeed, I fee! confident of very ligh prices and short supplies from our own grazing district.

-At Quebec a few days ago, a large lot of about 600,000 standard pine deals was sold at, for the first quality, \$102 per 100, Quebec standard; do, second quality, \$68 do; do, third quality, \$36 do. The purchasers, it is said, are Messrs. Sharples & Co. and Burstall, and the sellers were Messrs. Gilman & Co.

-At a meeting of those interested in the lobster packing business, held at Bathurst, N. B., on Tuesday evening, it was resolved that the Government be memorialized to fix the time for lobster fishing for the County of Gloucester and the Bay des Chalcurs from the 1st of May to the 20th September.

At a meeting of directors of the Richelleu & Ontario Navigation Company, held on Wednesday last, it was decided to pass the dividend. The day of reckoning seems to nave come for this company; its monstrous have come for this company; its monstrous delusion called "assets" will take in no more water. It is between the upper lip and the nose now. The only source of relief we see is in that \$2,500 hotel built last year in Sorel. This at least should contribute over fifty cents a day the year all round, and since the company have gone into hotel building. why not trade off some of its assets for the Windsor Hotel ?- Shareholder.

-Last week's circular of the Liverpool Cotton Brokers' Association says :- "Cotton was in good demand, with a firm market, throughout the week. To-day (Thur-day) there was a quieter feeling, but quotations for American have advanced. American was in good daily demand at gradually hardening prices, the latest quotations of medium qualitles being 1-16d higher. Sea Island was in fair request at unchanged prices. Futures opened firm and improved gradually. On Wednesday the tone of the market was strong, the advance amounting to 3-32d to 3-16d. To-day (Thursday) the market was much quieter and prices declined 1-16d. The final rates show an advance of 3-32d to !d."

-A leading Liverpool grain circular says: A majority of the wheat markets during the past few days again report slow sales at an average reduction of 1s per quarter, a few only nominally maintaining previous prices.
Floating cargoes, in consequence of the renewed upward movement in America, exhibited a hardening tendency, and an improvement of 6d per quarter was obtainable for red winter. There is rather more enquiry for arrivals, but the offers are too low to tempt sellers. At Liverpool and the neighboring markels since Tuesday business in wheat has sellers second series. markets since Tuesday business in wheat has been quiet, at slightly under Tuesday's rates. Corn steadily sold. To-day's market was scantily attended, and a limited business was done in wheat at Tuesday's rates. Flour was difficult to sell, and prices are nominally unchanged. Corn, in consequence of liberal declined at 1d per cental."

-Official statement of the receipts and deliveries of ashes at Montreal during January, ultime, as compared with the cerresponding month of last year:-

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,	1 1880 462	10-1	566
, t	Remaining over Jan. 1st, 1879	238	1,861
,	RECEIPTS—From 1st Jan. to 1st Feb., 1880	225	1,002
•	From 1st Jan. to 1st Feb., 1879	46	630
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	Increase in receipts 1st Feb.,	1580	372 bris
	DELIVERIES - From 1st	_	
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3	1879	53	415
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LONDON, February 1 .- Mr. Pelts, who visited the United States to gain information of the agricultural interests, has made his report. It is very voluminous, but treats mainly of the comparative condition of the farming interests of the United States and Engis quoted at 47c to 47 lc, against 50 lc to 50 lc in | land, offering no satisfactory solution of the November, and 47c to 47c in October. Here cause of depression. It appears more like a Plantation Ceylon has again fallen about one studied effort to reconcile the English farmer to his lot than to attempt to show him how he may better his condition. Mr. Pelts dwells on the fact of British emigration to Mexico, and in a tone which would discourage such emigration. He considers at length the relative merits of Canada and the United States, and generally to the discouragement of the latter as a place of residence, and culative demand. Crystallized West India paints Canada's future in the most glowing colors. He admits the recent prosperity of American farmers, but claims that the farmers lower. The deliveries of sugar here keep in of England occupy a higher social position, United Kingdom, although 33,000 tons above form and reliable returns, and are less the that of last year, is 23,000 tons less than that of victims of transporting monopolies. He 1878. A few cargoes of new Burmah rice have also claims that England sustains her supremacy in scientific knowledge, and that her productions of farm are superior to those of the United States.

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