

**THE OTTAWA HOTEL.**—The re-opening of the Ottawa hotel on Tuesday last, was celebrated by an entertainment to which a large number of the leading people of the city and of the personal friends of the proprietor, both ladies and gentlemen, were invited. A choice supper was laid out in the dining-room, and done full justice to by the assembled guests, after which Alderman Nelson, M.P.P., was called to the chair, and short congratulatory addresses were delivered by a number of the gentlemen present. A band was in attendance, and the company enjoyed themselves in dancing, conversation, or any other way they saw fit. Those who have been in the habit of patronizing the Ottawa in times past would scarcely know it now, so great is the metamorphosis it has undergone. It has been thoroughly renovated and the interior arrangement completely altered. It has been handsomely painted and decorated and re-furnished throughout, making it one of the most convenient and comfortable hotels in the Dominion. It will be conducted on the European plan, and Mr. C. S. Browne, its former proprietor, is on hand as usual to welcome his guests with his cheerful smile. Mr. Harry Andrews is manager, and though a young man, he has had a lengthy experience in hotel management, having been for a long time connected with the Ottawa. We trust the enterprise will be successful so far as they are concerned, and that the owner of the building, Mr. Harris and Stephens, will be well repaid for his outlay.

#### THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF SCOTLAND.

At the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Standard Life Assurance Company, held at Edinburgh on Tuesday, the 23rd of April, 1878, the following results for the year ended 15th November, 1877, were reported:

2300 New Proposals for Life Assurance were received during the year for..... £1,746,841 2 10

1872 Proposals were accepted, assuring..... £1,331,879 8 11

The Total Existing Assurances in force at 15th November, 1877, amounted to..... £8,902,853 12 0

of which £1,457,709 is now re-assured with other Offices.

The Claims by Death which arose during the year amounted, exclusive of Bonus Additions, to..... £413,875 2 7

The Annual Revenue amounted at 15th November, 1877, to..... £787,687 17 10

The Invested Funds at same date amounted to..... £5,316,718 9 5

#### ASSIGNMENTS.

##### PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

E. H. Talmadge, Toronto.  
P. Kennedy, general store, Bagot.

##### PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

O. Bouchard, dry goods, Quebec.

##### PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

John Baxter, Yarmouth.

#### WRITS OF ATTACHMENT.

##### PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

F. G. Douglas, general store, Little Current.  
C. Jellund, hardware, Delhi.  
M. L. Parks, general store, Cornwall.  
Grant Bros., general store, Granton.  
Carey & Thompson, boots and shoes, Petrolia.  
F. Clark, grocer, Toronto.  
J. H. Broley, general store, Vasey P.O.  
John Stephenson, boots and shoes, Cayuga.  
Mansfield Bros., Peterborough.  
Robt. Sudden, Chatsworth.  
S. D. Stanley, general store, Granton.  
Chas. H. Delisle, grocer, Windsor.  
John C. Widdifield, Uxbridge.  
Geo. Smith, Ottawa.

##### PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

A. & C. Ross, general store, Gould.  
L. Dufresne, jun., general store, Montcalm.  
Smith-Elkins Manufacturing Co., foundry, Sherbrooke.

H. T. Sentenne, provisions, Montreal.  
P. Grace, general store, Wright.

##### PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Edwin C. Lockett, Kentville.

##### PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Thos. McNeill, Richibucto.  
John Sharp, Fredericton.  
Geo. Taylor, Moncton.  
Hugh Stevens, Chatham.

#### Commercial.

#### MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, May 16th, 1878.

There is comparatively little change to note in the general tone of business this week. The wharves are beginning to be crowded with shipping, and forwarders have all they can do. The wholesale dry goods people report a good number of sorting up orders coming in from travellers. Notwithstanding the cool weather of the past week, the retail trade has been good. Remittances have slackened off a little. The money market is unchanged.

**WOOL.**—Receipts fair for the season, the demand has been moderately active, and sales of about 300 bales First Pots were effected at \$3.92 to \$4.00 for light to heavy ture. The market closes rather easier; Seconds, \$3.40; Thirds, \$2.75. **Pearls.**—20 bales First Sort 1878 brand were sold, at \$5.75; Seconds, neglected. The receipts since 1st January have been 3,025 bales. Pots and 117 bales Pearl; the deliveries, 2,103 bales. Pots and 413 bales. Pearls, and the stock in store on Thursday evening was 2,816 bales. Pots and 357 bales. Pearls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Business is very quiet, and very few orders are being received. Little more can be expected until the opening of the fall trade.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—Business has been rather quiet since our last issue, and there have not been many large transactions to report. A fair amount of country orders have been coming in, however, and upon the whole a more hopeful feeling begins to prevail. In prices there is little to note by way of change. We observe by recent reports from England, that at the manufacturing centres, prices of heavy chemicals are somewhat easier. In the finer chemicals we note continued firmness of iodine and its preparations in consequence of a combination among manufacturers. Quinine is slightly lower.

**DRY GOODS.**—The city retail trade is reported to be busy, more so than at same dates last year. The coolish change in the weather of late had the effect of slightly curtailing the amount of business done, but notwithstanding this check our retail friends feel quite cheered as to prospects. The wholesale, some say, has been rather busier this past week with sorting orders sent in by representatives now on the road. A few Eastern Townships and Ottawa buyers have been in, selecting their spring stock. Money receipts have slowed off slightly so far this week, comparing them with the several past dates of review.

**FLOUR.**—The market has continued dull

throughout the week, and sales have been small. The receipts continue moderate, and the stock shows a reduction of 8000 bbls. during the past fifteen days, and is over 1,200 barrels less than at the corresponding date last year. The decline on the week is about ten cents per barrel.

#### STOCKS IN STORE.

	May 15, 1878.	May 1, 1878.	May 15, 1877.
Wheat, bush.....	333,958	400,279	68,283
Corn, bush.....	150,147	120,447	93,153
Peas, bush.....	92,707	186,589	17,793
Oats, bush.....	19,427	19,886	31,060
Barley, bush.....	19,890	45,879	8,715
Flour, bbls.....	64,907	73,193	77,481
Oatmeal, bbls.....	1,558	1,319	2,486

Beerbolms report to-day says: Floating cargoes wheat, steady; floating cargoes corn, turn dealer; cargoes of corn off coast are mostly in bad condition. Cargoes wheat and corn, on passage slow. Arrivals of wheat and corn moderate. Liverpool spot wheat, steady; Liverpool spot corn, firm; wheat on passage to U Kingdom, 1,050,000 quarters; corn, 840,000 qrs.

Liv. Press report, 1.30 p.m.—Flour, 25s 6d to 26s 6d; Red Wheat, 9s 3d to 10s 7d; Red White 11s 3d to 11s 4d; White do, 11s to 11s 5d; Club, 11s 3d to 12s 6d; Corn, 25s 6d; Peas, 36s 3d; Pork, 45s; Lard, 36s; Cheese, old, 66s. Consols, 96.

New York, 1 p.m.—Wheat, no demand; Chicago, \$1.20; Milwaukee, \$1.24. Corn, quiet, Steamer, 50c. Pork, 12.10 p.m., 7c per lb. for July option; Lard, 12.10 p.m., 7c per lb. for August option. Receipts of Wheat in New York, 311,000 bushels.

Chicago, 11.58 a.m.—Wheat, \$1.10½ May; \$1.07½ June; \$1.04 to \$1.04½ July. Receipts to-day, 85,000 and Shipments 72,002 bushels. Corn, 30½c June, 40c July. Receipts of Corn, 238,000 bush. Shipments, 155,000 bush. Pork, 12 noon, Chicago, \$8.10, bid for June; \$8.37½ July; Lard, \$6.72½ June and \$6.77½ July, per 100 lbs. Receipts of Hops in Chicago to-day, 21,000 bush. Milwaukee, 10.17 a.m.—Wheat, June, \$1.09, Receipts, 80,000 and Shipments 39,000 bush.

**FURTHINGS.**—To Liverpool, 5s 6d sterling; to Glasgow, nominal, at about 5s 3d.

**FURS AND SKINS.**—There is no change to note this week. Rats are coming in more freely with a marked improvement in prices. Other furs without change. We quote:—Rat, Fall, 8c. to 10c.; Rat, Winter, 9 to 12c.; Rat, Spring, 15c. to 16c.; Fox, Red, \$1.10 to \$1.20; Mink, dark prime, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Mink, western, 50c. to 75c.; Fisher, \$3.00 to \$5.00; Otter, dark prime, \$4.00 to \$6.00; Beaver, Fall, clean pelt per lb., \$1.00 to \$1.20; Beaver, Winter, clean pelt per lb., \$1.25 to \$1.50; Marten, pale, 75c.; Bear, large prime, \$6.00 to \$8.00; Bear, medium prime, \$4.00 to \$6.00; Bear Cubs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; Lynx, \$1.25 to \$1.75.

**HARDWARE.**—The hardware trade continues much the same as at last writing. There is considerable movement of heavy goods, especially rails and general builders' hardware, since navigation opened. Prices continue low, and generally unchanged. Advances from England tell of a meeting of tin-plate manufacturers recently held at Swansen, at which important resolutions were passed, which will have the effect of enhancing prices and placing the trade on a better footing. As the market is glutted the make is to be reduced one-third for three months from the 29th April, such reductions to be based upon the maximum make of 450 boxes for each steam mill, and 350 for each water mill. A public accountant is to be appointed to see that this is done, and a deed is to be drawn up, binding each firm faithfully to conform to and carry out the arrangement, under a penalty of £500. There are 218 mills in the trade, and the consent of three-fourths is necessary to make the agreement binding.

**LEATHER.**—We have to note a little more activity in this line for the past week. Buff, Pebble and Wax Upper have been in fair demand. Also number 1 Slaughter sole, medium weights. Prices still favor buyers.

**LIVE STOCK.**—The arrivals of live stock by rail at Point St. Charles were unusually large last week, being 73 carloads of cattle, 8 carloads (823) Chicago hogs; one carload of