

Remittances from the country trade have been fair for the season of the year, but scarcely up to the hopes of the wholesale business. Grain has not been coming forward at all freely, and the farmers have still large quantities on hand. A very considerable improvement in this respect is anticipated during the present month, and a good deal of money will probably go into circulation.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—The year closed with a decidedly lively trade for the season and leading manufacturers have reason to be eminently well satisfied with the total result of the fall trade. The sorting up trade has been maintained at a point above what is usual notwithstanding that the first orders for winter goods were up to the ordinary amount. Prices of present stock remain unchanged, but a list for spring wear will be published in a week or two.

**CATTLE.**—The market has been almost entirely bare of all sorts of butchers' cattle, with the exception of a few inferior heeves that were taken at 4c. Prices are irregular and unsettled, but there will probably be something done during the coming week, and quotations be established on some basis.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—Trade has been very quiet during the week, and quotations are generally unchanged. Opium is quoted a trifle firmer now held at \$8.50.

**DRY GOODS.**—Trade has been almost stagnant for a time, but some little improvement is looked for before long, both as to amount of goods selling and of money coming in to meet maturing indebtedness.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—*Flour*—This market continues to be sparingly supplied with leading grades and holders have been enabled to secure some advance on quotations of last week. Superfine sold at from \$5.50 to 5.55, but at the close there were no sellers under \$5.60 to 5.65, buyers offering \$5.55. Fancy has been in fair request, and recent sales have been made at from \$5.80 to 5.85. At these figures there are still buyers but no sellers, holders asking \$5.90 to 5.95. Extra is held at \$6.50 with buyers at \$6.40 and late sales at equal to \$6.35. *Oatmeal*—No wholesale transactions to note but sales of small lots at \$4.80 to 5.00. *Bran*—Has been sparingly offered and this combined with the steady high price paid for hay has caused prices to harden and improving figures have been obtained. Recent sales of car lots were made at \$14.50 to 15.00 on the track.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat*—The principal feature of the week was the advance in the Liverpool markets of from 4d. to 6d. on most grades of wheat. Here there has been no activity, stocks being small and holders looking for extreme rates which buyers are unprepared to pay. In the absence of transactions quotations must be considered as mainly nominal. *Barley*—A few small sales only are reported at prices varying according to sample. No. 1 may be quoted at 64 to 66c. f.o.c. and No. 2 at 50 to 60c. but it is probable that more would be paid for shipping lots. *Oats*—Canada would sell at 39c. and American at 36c. on the track, but holders ask 40c. for the former and 37c. for the latter. *Peas*—The only sale reported was of one car at 55c. on the track. *Corn*—Selling by the ear at 49 to 50c.

**GROCERIES.**—Trade has been quiet since last report, with scarcely a change to note in prices. *Coffee*—Rather firmer in consequence of the new ten per cent duty and an advance on Brazil coffees in the New York market. Prices are quoted from 1 to 2c higher than previously, but some sales have been made of round lots at previous quotations. *Fish*—Herings quiet at \$4.50 to \$5.00 for Labrador splits. Nothing doing in Dry Cod. Lake fish are in reduced stock and held for more money, quoted at \$4 for white fish and \$3.50 to \$3.75 for trout. *Fruit*—Scarcely anything moving, and prices

unaltered. *Rice*—Inactive and unchanged. *Spices*—In light request and selling in a small way at within the range of quotations. *Sugar*—Some small lots of Cubas and Porto Ricos have been placed a 9½ to 9¼c for the former and 9¼ to 9¼c for the latter, but there is not much enquiry either for raws or refined, and prices generally without change. *Tobacco*—Inactive.

**HARDWARE.**—Trade has been very dull during the past week, advance in the English markets for pig and bar iron has not had any further effect on prices beyond that noted last week, and quotations remain without change.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—*Hides*—In fair supply, with a demand sufficient to prevent any accumulation, and quotations for both green and cured remain without change. *Seepskins*—Not so many coming in of late, but prices are unaltered at \$1.25 to 2, the latter only for extra skins.

**HOPS.**—Inactive, but firm, with a few bales changing hands at about 30c.

**LEATHER.**—There has been hardly any demand for any description of stock with the exception of Russets, which have a steadily active enquiry. They are however, in improving supply and quotations have not been advanced.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter*—Small sales of ordinary at 7½ to 8½c, but no desirable lots are being offered, and it is difficult to fix quotations for selected. Choice sells readily in a retail way at from 14 to 16c. *Cheese*—Nothing special to note, retailing as before at 12½ to 13½c. *Lard*—Selling in small quantities at from 9½ to 10½c. *Bacon* no transactions and quotations nominal. *Hams*—Sales of salted are noted at 8½c and for smoked at 11c. *Pork*—Nothing doing, and prices weak in sympathy with slight decline in the Chicago market. *Dressed Hogs*—Sales of several car lots at from \$5.00 to 5.12½, buyers offering \$5.10 for good averages of smooth bacon hogs.

**WOOL.**—There have been no transactions in this market but advices from the United States and England are favorable as to wool prospects, and holders are generally very firm for both combing and clothing qualities.

**LAKE DISASTERS DURING THE PAST SEASON.**—The whole number of vessels that went ashore was 209, of which 80 proved a total loss; 21 foundered and 26 were burned or more or less damaged by fire. Altogether about 1,000 disasters of all kinds occurred, including those of trivial character; otherwise there were 863, in the neighborhood of 200 less than during any one of the four immediately preceding seasons. The greater portion of the mishaps occurred during the month of August. The Milwaukee *Wisconsin* estimates the number of vessels lost during the season at 745, and \$2,988,000 as the aggregate damages of the more serious disasters. Add loss by minor disasters, such as the loss of deck loads, canvas, outfit, collisions, etc., and the total amount will be swelled to nearly \$3,250,000. Such is the record of 1872. The list is nearly as large as that of 1869, and the destruction of property but little less than in that year. May, September, October and November, were the most destructive months, the damage in November alone being upwards of \$1,000,000.

**THE WOODSTOCK AND PORT DOVER RAILROAD.**—A meeting of the stockholders of the Woodstock and Port Dover Railroad was held in Woodstock, at which the following permanent directors were appointed: Messrs. H. Parker and T. J. Clark, Woodstock; S. S. Fuller and James Redford, Stratford; Gilbert Moore, North Norwich; J. E. Bullock, South Norwich; and Dr. N. O. Walker, Port Dover. Mr. Moore, was appointed President; Mr. R. W. Sawtell, Secretary, and Messrs. Grant and McCulloch, of Stratford, Solicitors. The agent of the R. C. Bank stated that ten per cent of the \$100,000 has already been paid in.

## BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY.

### Fifty-eighth Dividend.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. on the Capital Stock paid-up has been this day declared for the half year ending the 31st inst., and that the same will be payable on and after Monday, the 6th day of January next.

The Stock and Transfers: Books will accordingly be closed from the 23rd to the 30th inst., both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

T. W. BIRCHALL,

Manager.

per JOHN EVANS, Accountant.

British America Assurance Office,  
Toronto, 21st Dec., 1872.

### INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

Canada, Province of Ontario, } In the County Court of  
County of York. } the County of York.

In the matter of William Dever of Toronto, Butcher, an Insolvent.

The undersigned has filed in the office of this Court a deed of composition and discharge, executed by his creditors, and on Wednesday, the twenty-ninth day of January next, he will apply to the Judge of the said Court for a confirmation of the discharge thereby effected.

WILLIAM DEVER,

By Smith, Rae & Fuller, his attorneys ad litem.  
Toronto, 26th December, 1872.

### INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of John Thomas, an Insolvent. I, the undersigned, John Shaw, of the City of Toronto, Official Assignee, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month, and are hereby notified to meet at my office, No. 37 Scott Street, Toronto, on Monday, the 29th day of January, A.D. 1873, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the public examination of the Insolvent, and for ordering the affairs of the estate generally.

JOHN SHAW, Assignee.

Toronto, 24th December, 1872.

### INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of John Fenn, an Insolvent.

I, the undersigned, John Kerr, of the City of Toronto, Official Assignee, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month, and are hereby notified to meet at my office in Court Street, Toronto, at noon, on Monday, the 27th day of January, 1873, for the purpose of regulating the affairs of the Estate generally.

JOHN KERR, Assignee.

Toronto, 26th Dec., 1872.

## Government House, Ottawa.

Tuesday, 24th day of December, 1872.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL  
IN COUNCIL.

Whereas by the Act passed in the 35 year of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled: "An Act to amend an Act of the present Session and to enable the Governor in Council to impose a duty on Tea and Coffee imported from the United States in the case therein mentioned" it is provided that if at any time any greater duty of Customs should be payable in the United States of America on Tea or Coffee imported from Canada than on Tea or Coffee imported from any other Country, then the Governor in Council may impose on Tea or Coffee imported into Canada from the said United States a duty of Customs equal to the duty payable in the United States on Tea or Coffee imported from Canada; provided that Tea or Coffee imported into Canada from any Country other than the said United States, but passing in bond through the United States shall be free from duty.

And whereas the contingency contemplated by the above recited Act has occurred, and Tea and Coffee imported into the United States from Canada are subject to a duty of ten per cent *ad valorem*, while Tea and Coffee imported from Countries East of the Cape of Good Hope are free from duty.

His Excellency in Council on the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Finance, and under the authority aforesaid, has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that a duty of ten per cent be imposed, from and after the first of January next and the same is hereby authorized to be levied and collected on Tea and Coffee imported into Canada from the United States of America, from and after that date.