

GROCERIES.—Wholesale houses report business of a disappointing volume. There is the usual extra movement in Christmas goods, but business generally is dull. Payments are not up to the standard. Quotations for canned goods are without change, and there is nothing special to note. Cable advices from Patras, Greece, show values in currants to be a little lower than earlier in the season, but there is a very firm tone existing in the market neverthe-

less. Valencia raisins are unchanged, but slightly easier. Advices from Trieste respecting prunes state that although the United States, so far, has not bought much, the European demand has been such that prices have held firmly, and indeed advanced. It is thought that the United States must come into the market this month or early in January, in which case still higher prices may be expected; but even should the United States not become buyers, there is every indication that prices will be maintained, as the stocks are diminishing daily. Sugar in New York has declined ½c. per pound during the past few days. Locally the demand is rather moderate, but prices are steady and unaltered. Coffee continue firm, but without advance in price. A Toronto house reports an importation of Carolina rice grown in Japan, of a very high grade; it is quoted at 7½ to 7¾c. per pound. In the tea market there is no special feature of any kind to note, and the position as to values continues very satisfactory.

Trade generally is improving and payments better.

PROVISIONS.—The dairy trade is fairly active; receipts of butter are moderately large, but the demand keeps fully equal to the supply, hence locally stocks are light. Choice fall dairy in pails and tubs is selling at 16 to 18c. per lb.; large rolls are quoted at 14 to 16c.; medium is selling at 13 to 15c., and some common is quoted as low as 12c. per lb.; cheese is steady, and prices are firm at the recent advance, with a fair amount of business doing. Dried apples are selling at 4½ to 4¾c. per lb., but transactions are somewhat rare; evaporated apples are in better request, and some round lots have changed hands at 6½ to 6¾c. per lb. Hops are dull and prices unaltered. Mess beef, quotations nominal; mess pork is very quiet and prices are easy. Packers represent receipts of hogs liberal; choice heavy weights are given at \$5.25 to 5.35 per hundred pounds, light weights at \$4.75 to 5.00. In hog products the trade doing is rather limited, but prices are steady at present quotations. See prices current. Eggs are in good request and the receipts fully equal to the demand. Pickled eggs are selling from 14½ to 15c. per dozen, fresh eggs 17 to 18c.

WOOL.—Business is very quiet; there is little or nothing doing in fleece wools, but there is no tendency to cut prices. In pulled wools there is a moderate trade passing, chiefly for small lots with the mills.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Dec. 16, 1891.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	8	4
No. 1 Cal.	8	8½
Corn	5	4½
Peas	6	3
Lard	33	0
Pork	48	9
Bacon, heavy	33	6
Tallow	26	0
Cheese	55	0

The British Mortgage Loan Co. of Ontario.
DIVIDEND NO. 27

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of Seven Per Cent. per annum, on the paid-up capital stock of this Company for the half-year ending 31st December, instant, has this day been declared, and that the same is payable at the office of the Company, in the City of Stratford, on and after Saturday, the 2nd day of January next.

WM. BUCKINGHAM, Manager.

Stratford, Dec. 3, 1891.

BRITISH CANADIAN
Loan and Investment Co., Ltd.

DIVIDEND No. 28.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of seven per cent. per annum on the paid up capital stock of the Company for the half year ending 31st December, 1891, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable on the 2nd day of January next.

R. H. TOMLINSON, Manager.

Toronto, 24th November, 1891.

IMPERIAL LOAN
AND

Investment Company of Canada,
LIMITED.

DIVIDEND NO. 44

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of seven per cent. per annum on the paid up capital stock of the Company for the half year ending 31st December, 1891, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Company's office on and after

Friday, the 8th Day of January Next

The transfer books will be closed from the 16th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

E. H. KERTLAND, Managing Director.

Toronto, 14th December, 1891.

RETIRING FROM BANKING.

To My Correspondents:

At the end of the present month I retire from the private banking business that I have carried on at Amherstburg for the past fourteen years.

Correspondents will therefore please note this fact and mail no further collections to my address, that mature after the date named. I will be succeeded by the Messrs. Falls Brothers (W. S. & F. M.), the former having been my chief accountant and confidential clerk during the whole period of the business' existence, and the latter also having had some four or five years' experience in my office.

Any collections held by me that have not yet matured on the date named will be accounted for to my various correspondents, banks or individual firms by the Messrs. Falls, I, of course, holding myself responsible until the proceeds of the same reach the owners' hands.

I can fully recommend the Messrs. Falls to the public as upright, honest and competent young men, and would bespeak for them a continuance of the confidence heretofore reposed in myself.

Wishing my numerous correspondents and patrons a happy Christmas and bright and prosperous New Year,

I remain
Ever faithfully,

LOTTUS CUDDY.

Amherstburg, Ont., Dec. 15th, 1891.

HAY AND STRAW.—The market the last few days has been rather scantily supplied. Best timothy hay is realizing \$16; inferior, \$14 per ton. Clover hay, best quality, \$12; inferior, \$11 per ton. Sheaf straw is selling at \$10 to \$11 per ton, according to quality.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The situation remains much the same; there are the usual supplies offering at this season co-existent with a fair demand. Green hides are unchanged in price; for cured hides dealers are asking 5 to 5½c. per lb. in car lots, according to selections; sales have been made at both these prices. In calf-skins there is nothing doing, prices being nominal. Sheepskins have advanced 5c. more, and now stand at 95c. each; extra Christmas skins will probably fetch as high as one dollar. Tallow continues quiet and prices are steady.

HARDWARE.—Manufacturers have advanced prices of nails this week 20c. per keg, the former figures being below cost of production.

Confederation Life

HEAD OFFICE, - TORONTO.

BUSINESS IN FORCE, - - \$20,000,000.

ASSETS AND CAPITAL

FOUR AND A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS.

INCREASES MADE LAST YEAR

In Income,	-	-	\$55,168 00
In Assets,	-	-	\$417,141 00
In Cash Surplus,	-	-	\$68,648 00
In New Business,	-	-	\$706,967 00
In Business in Force,	-	-	\$1,600,376 00

W. C. MACDONALD

Actuary.

J. K. MACDONALD,

Managing Director.

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