cupy the position of president of a large trust corporation.

With the high legal position and business attainments of Dr. Hoskin, and the large and varied official and commercial business experience and executive ability of Mr. Langmuir, it is no wonder that the corporation has been so successful, and I am confident that the success of the business is a guarantee for greater prosperity in the future.

The old directors were all re-elected, viz., John Hoskin, Q.C., LL.D.; Hon. S. C. Wood, W. H. Beatty, Samuel Alcorn, John Bell, Q.C.; John L. Blaikie, W. R. Brock, J. W. Digby, M.D.; J. J. Foy, Q.C.; George Gooderham, William Hendrie, H. S. Howland, Aemilius Irving, Q.C.; Robert Jaffray, J. J. Kenny, J. W. Langmuir, A. B. Lee, Thomas Long, W. D. Matthews, Hon. Peter McLaren, E. B. Osler, M.P.; Hon. Sir Frank Smith, J. G. Scott, Q.C.; T. Sutherland Stayner, and B. E. Walker.

At a subsequent meeting of the new board of directors, Dr. Hoskin was elected president, and the Hon. S. C. Wood and W. H. Beatty, vice-presidents, and the following directors were appointed members of the Executive Committee: John Hoskin, Q.C., LL.D; Hon. S. C. Wood, W. H. Beatty, John L. Blaikie, W. R. Brock, J. J. Foy, Q.C.; Robert Jaffray, Q.C.; T. Sutherland Stayner and B. E. A. B. Lee, Thomas Long, W. D. Matthews, E. B. Osler, M.P.; J. G. Scott, Walker.

The Inspection Committee of the preceding year was also re-elected, namely: Vice-president, W. H. Beatty, chairman; and Messrs. H. S. Howland and Aemilius Irving.

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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, April 4th, 1900.

ASHES.—The demand is reported very light, the English market being dull, and this, together with the fact that new supplies will be shortly coming to hand with the opening of navigation, makes an easier market. Pearls are especially dull, and $5.15 was the best offer that could be obtained for a small lot a few days ago. First pots are quoted at $4.60 to $4.65; seconds, about $4.25 to $4.30.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The easy feeling in butter is more pronounced, and 19c. is now about the extreme figure for creamery; held dairy, 14 to 15c.; fresh dairy rolls, 17 to 18c. Cheese prices for old makes are nominally unchanged; new fodder cheese is quoted at 11 to 11½c., and factories are coming into operation in a good many Ontario districts. The shipments to Britain last week only figured at 1,577 boxes, cleaning the market pretty well up.

DRY GOODS.—Travellers are all out for sorting business, also carrying samples of fall tweeds, and other domestic woolens, but do not report spring stocks as largely broken into yet. The steady spring-like weather now prevailing is likely to work improvement in sorting business. Several leading houses consulted this afternoon and report 4th April payments as satisfactorily met. Several woolen mills have given notice this week of advances in fall tweeds, generally ranging about 7½ per cent.

FURS.—Full cable reports of the London, Eng., fur sales are to hand, and prices realized, as compared with March, 1899, are enormously high, the advances being as follows: Coon, northern, 15 per cent higher; all other kinds, the same as in last March; skunk, 35 per cent. higher; mink, the same price; marten, 15 per cent. higher; silver fox, 100 per cent. higher; cross, ditto, 30 per cent higher; red, ditto, 75 per cent. higher; Labrador otter, 10