

probable wheat requirements of the Kingdom for the season 1888-89 are stated by *Beerbohm's Corn Trade List* at 1,000,000 qrs., and the probable supplies of the United States and Canada at 15,750,000.

preparations are being made by the men of York County, N.B., for the operations. According to the *Sun*, Messrs. Connors, Stevens, Kilburn, Gilman, and Brown have started for the woods.

Wednesday of last week, says the *Sun*, an extra car had to be attached to the R. Montreal train to accommodate the Union Express Company's shipment of the upper provinces. The fish was sold to dealers in Montreal, Hamilton, Quebec, Waterloo, and Toronto.

Annual meeting of the Stove Foundation of the Maritime Provinces was held in St. John. No advance in the price of stoves is to take place. As stocks are light a large business in casting is done before the cold weather sets in. Annual meeting will be held at Yarmouth early next.

His farm in 1886, C. E. Neil began general store line at Faversham. His success in business and lack of capital resulted in the usual assignment. J. Neil, a carpenter in Hamilton, is in the same position. He failed when a member of the firm of McQueen, Pitcher & Reid, box manufacturers, who in 1883 had liabilities of \$2,500, and early nil. He has now made an offer for his business, which has not yet been accepted. He will probably have to assign. Having put out a stock of groceries and liquors early last, A. A. Vernon, at Hamilton, failed.

VAN NORMAN & Co., sewing machine manufacturers in Hamilton, have got behind with payments. A chattel mortgage has been taken and the landlord has seized for rent. It is reported that their statement will show a deficiency and they will be unable to go out an arrangement with creditors. It is reported that R. Moote & Co., who have the grocery line at Sault Ste. Marie for three months, have absconded. Moote commenced in the general store business at Sault Ste. Marie in 1878. Several changes in partnership he has made since 1882, and now assigns. His liabilities are placed at \$6,000, over which he shows a surplus.

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The London and Ontario Investment Company has held its twelfth annual meeting, and the report shows that the volume of its business continues to increase. New loans were made in greater aggregate than last year and the total of its mortgages is maintained. The net earnings, \$50,721, enabled the directors to pay dividends at the rate of seven per cent., and to add \$10,000 to Reserve, besides increasing the amount of Property Suspense Account. The report acknowledges no prospect of an increase in the prevailing rates of interest on first-class mortgage loans, but regards present figures as likely to be permanent, and therefore thinks that the lending business should be adjusted to them. Out of \$573,000 debenture money coming due in the year under notice the company renewed one-third, and issued new debentures—presumably on more favorable terms—for \$422,000, which now leaves the total of its debenture money outstanding at \$2,227,931.

PETER TAYLOR, a baker at Hamilton, has failed.—So has C. W. Briggs, a shoe dealer at North Bay. He has been in business two years, and now owes \$3,500, and has assets \$2,500.—Geo. Bleakley, in the furniture line at Norwich, always lacked energy and business tact, and has now made an assignment.—The present is the second failure of J. F. Belfry, a druggist at Shelbourne.—Coming from Hamilton in 1885, where they were in

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the employ of the Sanford Mfg. Co. in that city, Sexsmith & Son have not found prosperity in the tailoring business in Toronto. They have assigned to Townsend & Stephens, and their creditors will meet on the 30th.—Emma R. Hale, jeweller, Woodstock, and Chas. Little, general storekeeper, Wallaceburg, are amongst the minor failures of the week.

THE brig the "Three Sisters," belonging to Gothenberg, which recently discharged a cargo of deals at Leith, is, says the *Timber Trades Journal*, a remarkable instance of the length of time a vessel can stand the wear and tear of the ocean. This vessel has traded to many ports for ninety-two years, having been built in South Shields in 1797, and, as may be readily believed, has encountered many a storm. Notwithstanding her great age, she has sailed from Leith for Gothenberg, to all appearance as sound as when first launched.

INSURANCE NOTES.

At the Firemen's demonstration, Watertown, N. Y., the Kingston department won a purse of \$20 as being the best uniformed visiting company.

The Chicago Board of Marine Underwriters have fixed trip rates on grain, covering harbor rests, to and from Chicago, as follows:—To Port Huron and Sarnia, 25 net, and Montreal, 75 net.

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Three large cases of plate glass, consigned to the Hobbs Hardware Co., were being hauled to the company's warehouse in London a few days ago. Suddenly, the chain fastened around the cases broke, and the latter fell to the road with a crash. Scarcely a piece of glass was saved. The loss, which will be heavy, will, it is understood, fall upon the transfer company.

Insurance schemes grow more numerous as the years go by. The latest is a "Druggists' Protective Association," which is to indemnify druggists for damages sustained by reason of mistakes in compounding prescriptions. The scheme is of Chicago origin, and the association is to be organized if 5,000 members can be obtained.

Although Charles Dickens had no assurance upon his life at his death, *Assurance* (Manchester) publishes the copy of a proposal for the assurance of his life for £1,000 in the Sun Life Assurance Society when he was twenty-six years of age. The proposal is dated February 9, 1838. But it is not stated that the intention was consummated.

An American exchange says that the first duty a storekeeper owes to his creditors is to insure his stock in reliable companies. "It is astonishing what negligence there is in this matter among small country dealers, the very men of all others who should most eagerly take advantage of the opportunity to secure themselves. We say to storekeepers: Select a good company, and one having a good agent in your city or town. Have your insurance policies specify the amount of risk on stock, on furniture and fixtures, etc., and be careful to comply with every requirement of the company. Have nothing on the premises that is prohibited, and treat the company honestly and fairly."

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