

FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

A. G. Bain has been elected president of the Hamilton Grocers' Association.

On Wednesday 2,100 hogs were received at the Hamilton stock yards.

The Butchers' Association of Montreal has decided to hold its annual banquet about February 13th.

Messrs. C. A. Ryall & Co. are opening a cigar factory at Leamington. For the present only foreign leaf will be used.

Sardines were not produced in Maine last year to nearly the same extent as the year before. But much more will be done in that direction this year.

An Ottawa despatch says that the beet sugar bounty question, which, it will be remembered, gave rise to considerable discussion in Parliament last session, will again come up this year.

So great has been the advance in price of molasses at New Orleans, resulting in nearly doubling last year's prices, that an increase has been made of $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 per cent. in glucose and of 25 per cent. in mixed syrup.

The Kerr Vegetable Evaporating Co., of Canning, N.S., has received an order from the Imperial War Office for 10,000 pounds of their evaporated vegetables for South Africa. The company have the goods ready and will make immediate shipment.

An estimate is made by J. E. Starr, of the Nova Scotia apple crop. He estimates the fall shipment is 255,000 barrels, valued at \$2.50 per barrel, or \$637,500; for home consumption and shipment to the United States and Maritime provinces, 150,000 barrels, valued at \$1.60 per barrel, or \$235,000, making a total value of \$862,500.

The Halifax Recorder has been shown a 10lb. chicken, hatched out in May, at a poultry farm at Wolfville. Mr. Black only commenced poultry cramming in the spring, and imported the latest French machinery for that purpose. A short time ago the Dominion Government were in search of experimental fattening stations to show the farmers how they could fatten chickens for the English market, and Mr. Black was appointed the Government agent for that purpose. He has already killed and shipped two consignments.

Mr. Lawrence A. Wilson has been elected president of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, of Montreal, by a majority of 125 over Mr. Cyrille Vallee. Mr. Napoleon Richard was elected vice-president by acclamation, as was also Mr. L. A. Lapointe, as secretary. Mr. Victor Bougie succeeds Mr. Joseph Riendeau, as treasurer. The board of directors for 1900 is composed as follows: Amedee Blondin, F. A. Chagnon, Emery Cadieux, E. L. Ethier, Benjamin Lepine and Louis Pare. The board of advisors are: Henri Boismenu, Arcade Depatie, Ald. Ekers, Ald. Kinsella, Ald. Larau, Clement Robillard and Maxime St. Jean. The association could count on the roll last year 175 members, this year there are 460, of which 383 were in good standing on December 31st, 1899. Of these 400 members, 347 are hotelkeepers and 113 affiliated members. Of the total of 460, there are 346 French speaking and 114 English speaking on the roll.

The National Convention of Retail Grocers will meet in Cleveland, Ohio, next week, namely, on January 16, 17 and 18. The following gentlemen have been invited as speakers: W. E. Godfrey, Cleveland, Ohio; E. J. Hall, Chicago—Uniform State Food Legislation; Artemus Ward, New York—Trade Press and the Grocer; Hon. Jos. E. Blackburn, Columbus, Ohio—National Food Law; Finley Acker, Philadelphia—The Grocer; F. N. Barrett, New York—Trade Journalism in the United States; P. G. Hanson, Minneapolis—The Grocer of the Northwest; F. G. Cozzens, Detroit—Collection Laws and Credit System; A. Kaiser, Philadelphia—State Association; Elisha Winters, Boston—National Association of Retail Grocers; Robert M. Floyd, Boston—International Congress of Grocers, Paris, 1900; Ira W. Stillman, Danbury, Conn.—Butcher and Grocer; J. W. Callahan, New York—Parcel Post Reduction. A paper on the Bankruptcy law is also expected.

INSURANCE MATTERS.

At the thirty-fifth annual meeting of the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters held in St. John, Monday, Mr. R. W. W. Frick was re-elected president, and Mr. Peter Clinch, secretary. The closing year was reported a most unprofitable one in New Brunswick insurance circles, the St. John fire alone having caused a loss of \$225,000 to insurance companies.

E. Townsend, of Boissevain, has been elected president by the new board of the Manitoba Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance Company, and Mr. Schultz, of Virden, has been elected a member of the board in place of E. M. Hopkins, of Moose Jaw. A new assessment of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. has been levied, and if this amount is promptly paid it is intended to return $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. to the parties who paid the first levy, thus making the assessment on all alike.

We learn that Mr. Charles A. Lett, of Vancouver, has been appointed agent of the Canada Life Assurance Co. for Northern British Columbia. His district includes the main line of the C.P.R. and points adjacent thereto, and his headquarters at Vancouver. Mr. Lett has been working for the Canada Life a long time, having represented it in former years while living in Simcoe county, where his brother, Fred. A. Lett, is its agent at Barrie. He has done well for the company on the Coast already, and now that he has a larger field may be expected to maintain the prestige of the Canada Life in the far west.

"I would lay down my life for you!" he exclaimed passionately. "Wouldn't it be better if you would lay something up for me?" she asked. For she was a practical girl, and expected to get married some day. This is a story told by The Philadelphia Record, and would make an excellent text for a homily on life assurance. Very possibly one of the things she had in her mind was a life policy, which he might "lay up" for.

—The Bank of Nova Scotia announces the following changes in its staff: Mr. Geo. Sanderson, late manager at Halifax, has been appointed inspector. Mr. H. A. Fleming, manager at Montreal, goes to Halifax to occupy the positions of manager and secretary to the board of directors. The manager at Toronto, Mr. J. Pitblado, has been appointed manager at Montreal. Mr. H. A. Richardson, late manager at Charlottetown, will be manager at Toronto. Mr. W. D. Ross, of New Glasgow, is appointed manager at Charlottetown, P.E.I. Mr. C. H. Easson, late manager at North Sydney, goes to take charge of the New Glasgow office, and Mr. W. S. Benson is appointed acting manager at North Sydney.

—Mr. Alex. Burritt, registrar of the city of Ottawa, in his annual report states that the amount of money involved in mortgage transactions in that city increased by more than a quarter of a million dollars during 1899. Mortgages increase in times of prosperity, he says, therefore Ottawa is prosperous. During the past year 3,030 documents were registered at the city registry, in Ottawa, consisting of 874 deeds, 929 mortgages, 788 discharges, 66 wills, 5 leases, 11 mechanics' liens and 237 miscellaneous instruments. In 1898 the number of documents registered was 2,770. The amount of money involved in mortgage transactions during the year was \$2,159,265 as compared with \$1,824,923 in 1898, a very marked increase.

CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures of Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday, Jan. 11th, 1900, compared with those of the previous week:

CLEARINGS.	Jan. 11, 1900.	Jan. 4, 1900.
Montreal.....	\$16,774,555	\$10,424,760
Toronto.....	11,374,382	11,692,681
Winnipeg	2,588,500	2,907,812
Halifax	1,860,852	1,755,615
Hamilton	938,300	946,229
St. John	674,162	693,223
Vancouver	798,359
Victoria	764,551

\$35,743,661 \$

Aggregate balances, this week, \$5,960,968; last week, \$