

\$1,854,553, averaging nearly twenty-six per cent. The free goods imported amounted in value to \$2,240,566. We present below particulars respecting the principal articles of import; the aggregate value of these is about \$5,070,000, and the duty at the rate of 24 1/2 per cent.

Articles.	Value.	Duty.
Grain of all kinds....	\$ 109,654.00	\$ 15,738.00
Flour and meal.....	376,707.00	42,487.00
Rice and all other bread-stuffs.....	91,141.00	18,121.46
Coal of all kinds and coke.....	379,269.00	64,882.73
Cotton manufactures of	693,589.00	162,846.54
Fancy goods.....	166,738.00	35,580.53
Glass and Glassware	103,854.00	29,566.52
Iron and steel, and manufactures of..	686,502.00	137,928.37
Leather and manufactures of.....	130,624.00	27,935.08
Bacon, hams, beef, pork and mutton, butter, cheese and lard, poultry	156,150.00	27,459.92
Silk, manufactures of	315,497.00	93,681.55
Sugar, equal to No. 9, and not above No. 14, D. S.....	179,523.00	96,881.49
Sugar, below No. 9 D.S.	369,121.00	163,344.56
Molasses for refining	109,341.00	16,851.42
Woolen manufactures	1,211,044.00	318,876.99

It is a significant thing that this country has imported, in five months last past, no less than 446,000 barrels of American flour valued at \$1,770,000. The exports from Canada for July were, home produce, the mine, \$355,670, the fisheries, \$738,241; the forest, \$4,439,161; animals and their products \$3,159,603; field products, \$322,691; manufactures, \$331,532, miscellaneous, \$40,938; total \$9,387,836.

—Only twice before, in the last hundred years or so, has the English price of wheat been as low as at present. The London *Economist* publishes a table of average prices of wheat every year for a century back, which shows that the price of wheat was lower during the first half of the present year than for any year since 1780. The average for the last half year was 37s. 8d. per quarter in England, against 45 7d. for 1883 and 45s. 1d. for 1882. In order to get a parallel for such a price we have to go back to 1851, when it touched 38s. 6d., and then to 1780 when it was 36s. And yet the *Economist* shows that the third quarter of this year has opened with lower average prices than the first half, and prophecies that with good crops in prospect here and in Europe the values will be lower still. The wheat situation is really unprecedented; for no such general conditions of supply and demand as the present prevailed in 1851, much less in 1780.

THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

The show in the grounds and buildings of the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto closed on Saturday last. In point of numbers, it was the most successful affair of the kind held in the premises of this organization, while in quantity and variety of exhibits it was probably equal to any previous one. Up to Monday night, 15th inst., the receipts were \$9,648.14, as against \$9,074.40 in 1883: up to Tuesday night \$17,881.98 as against \$14,370.90 in 1883; 23,437 persons having entered on Monday and 32,935 on Tuesday. The complimentary admissions would swell these figures by some thousands. The total sum for admission this year was \$35,871.82 which at twenty-five cents per head would represent 143,487 persons. But on one day school children were admitted for five cents each, and there is supposed to have been 11,000 or 12,000 of them. Allowing for these, the total attendance at the fair could not have been less than 153,000 persons. We compare the receipts of different years:

Gate receipts.....	1881	\$22,272.05
" ".....	1882	28,308.90
" ".....	1883	32,931.21
" ".....	1884	35,871.82

We continue our notices of exhibit in the industrial department of the fair, leaving animals and field products to be described in other journals.

The Waterous Engine Works Co., well known manufacturers of saw and flour mills, shingle mills, 14th mills, portable and stationary engines, and the celebrated Champion engines, &c., has one of the most interesting exhibits on the grounds. Their portable saw mill is a model of compactness and efficiency, and these qualities render it an almost indispensable machine in the newer sections of the country. Their Champion traction, or road locomotive, that attracted so much attention last year, was again on view.

The familiar firm of McKee & Bertram, of Dundas, manufacturers of iron working machinery and tools, made a fine exhibit in the machinery hall. They showed a sixteen foot iron planer, and a bolt cutter with expanding dies, which cuts bolts from 3/8 to 1 1/2 inches. Also drilling machines in four sizes. Of lathes they exhibit one 12 foot, 24 x 36 inch gap lathe; engine lathe with screw and rod feed and self-acting cross feed. Of wood-working machinery they have an improved Forsyth moulding machine. All these are of admirable design and finish.

The display of leather made by Bickell & Wickett, tanners, of this city, is larger than their exhibit of last year. It consists in part of bag, satchel and fancy leathers, staple goods and Dobson's patent water proof grain leather.

A special prize was offered by Mr. R. W. Elliot, for the best botanical collected by druggists' apprentices, who have not yet passed their examination in the College of Pharmacy. This was awarded to Mr. C. O. Baker, Stratford.

Ball's coiled-spring, elastic-section corsets, which were awarded the silver medal, were being made in the main building, and the operation was watched with admiring wonder by a moving crowd, principally ladies. This article, manufactured by Clinton E. Brush & Brother, at their factory on Front st., seems really as near perfection, in material and mechanism, as its makers claim, while in shape it is worthy of the female form divine. It is not surprising to learn, therefore, that it is in growing demand in the market.

"Our National Foods," was the inscription over a cabinet of attractive farinaceous materials, manufactured by Fish & Ireland at Lachute, Que., and for which the agents here are Messrs. Eby, Blain & Co., wholesale grocers, Front St. The samples consist of deoicated wheat and barley, rolled oats, groats, farina, baravina, pearl barley etc., etc. To house-keepers, the exhibit was a most interesting one, for these goods help to show what a palatable variety of staple and fancy goods a vegetarian can have.

Among the temples and tents of the newspaper men stands the neat structure occupied at a former fair by the E. T. Barnum Wire Works Co., but now used as a show-room by Messrs. Rice Lewis & Son. In the cosy front room the visitor found English coal grates, tile hearths, and mantels of wood, marble and marbled slate. Passing through a doorway he found festoons of chains, patent rolled shafting, wrought iron pulleys, Eades' differential pulleys, blowers, forges and machinists tools. A particular feature was what a dictionary describes as the epicycloidal pulleys, by means of which, it is claimed, one man can lift a ton with a set of ten blocks. They are manufactured in seven sizes from 500 lb., to four tons lift. The Kirkstall forge iron and its patent rolled shafting are again shown by Messrs. R. Lewis & Son, in great variety of sizes, and we are told that it is steadily making progress in popular favor.

At the east end of the Machinery Hall, a display Alexander Brothers' pure oak-tanned leather belting was made by Messrs. Bertram Brothers of Yonge St., agents in Canada for the manufacture of this well known Philadelphia house. The Messrs. Bertram are also offering to the trade the rubber belting of the New York Belting & Packing Co.; Disston's saws, hand, shingle and circular gang; Disston's mill-saw files and Bertram's machinists' files.

Warnock & Co., of Galt, showed in the carriage building a variety of their make of carriage gears and iron-work, consisting of platform gears, spring, spring frames, axles and bodies, which have found such general favor amongst carriage manufacturers.

Meetings.

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Life Assurance Company was held at noon on Tuesday the 23rd inst., in the company's handsome offices at the corner of King and James streets, Hamilton. The president, Mr. A. G. Ramsay, occupied the chair, and Mr. R. Hills, the secretary of the company, acted as secretary of the meeting. There were present, besides the president and secretary:—Messrs. Adam Brown, Alexander Bruce, Henry Cawthra, Campbell Ferrie, F. W. Gates, Wm. Hendrie, Rev. Canon Jones, W. R. Macdonald, Hon. D. McInnes, Al x. Ramsay, superintendent; J. D. Henderson, general agent, Toronto; D. Kidd, general agent; Henry McLaren, W. F. Findlay, Dennis Moore, James Osborne, Geo. S. Papps, John Riddell, Thos. Swinyard, George H. Young, Nehemiah Merritt, St. Catharines.

The president having called the meeting to order, the secretary read the advertisement calling the meeting, the minutes of the last general meeting, and the annual report. The minutes were approved and adopted. The following is the directors'

REPORT.

While the trade and commerce of the country and of the world generally, during the past year, indicate the somewhat severe financial stringency and depression which have existed, the directors are pleased to be able to report that the business of the Canada Life Assurance Company in its 37th year, to April 30 last, was most successful and satisfactory.

The application for new assurances were in number 2,397, and amounted to \$4,805,029. Of these, 208 for \$397,000 were not such as it was deemed prudent to accept. The number of new policies issued was 2,037, assuring \$4,144,029, with a new premium income of \$129,197.26, and the balance of 152 applications for assurance of \$264,000 was not carried out.

At the close of the year, on April 30, the company's total business embraced 17,430 policies, on 13,987 lives, for assurances and bonus additions amounting to \$32,252,126.39.

As will be seen by the accounts attached hereto, the income of the year, was \$1,209,032.83, and the payments of all kinds having amounted to \$579,377.19. The sum of \$664,709.23 was added to the company's assets, which at April 30 last amounted to the sum of \$95,131.70.

As the near approach of the distribution of the profits of the company at April 30 next, is naturally a subject of much interest to assurers, the directors may say, without assuming to predict what the precise result will be, that as the profits already amount to a large sum, there is every prospect that their early distribution will be of such a liberal and satisfactory character as should prove a strong inducement to insurers to secure that share in them, which they can at present do, by joining the company.

As prescribed by the company's charter, the following directors, whose names stand at the head of the list, retire from the board, at the present time, but are eligible for re-election: James Osborne, Esq., Hamilton; the Hon. Sir Alexander Campbell, K. C. M. G., Ottawa; Andrew Allan, Esq., Montreal; Thomas Swinyard, Esq., Hamilton.

(Signed), A. G. RAMSAY, President.
R. HILLS, Secretary.

The Canada Life Assurance Company, }
Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 11th, 1884. }
Statement of receipts and payments of the
Canada Life Assurance Company for the 37th
year, ending 30th April, 1884:

RECEIPTS.

To balance at 30th April, 1883.....	\$5,212,838 93
To premiums received on new policies and renewals.....	880,023 46
To extra risks.....	1,508 92
To fines.....	206 35
To interest earned on investments and profits on sale of debentures, etc.....	328,194 10
	\$6,422,771 76

PAYMENTS.

By expense account.....	\$ 175,394 64
By written off investments.....	870 11
By liens on half-credit policies (suspended) written off.....	552 40
By re-assurance premiums.....	4,371 55
By claims by death.....	225,272 56
By claims by matured endowment	7,412 50
By cancelled (purchased) policies	24,561 15