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HAMILTON, ONT****BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

The half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of this bank was held in London, Eng., on July 18th, Mr. Robert Gillespie, the chairman of the bank, presiding. The only business transacted was to approve of a dividend and bonus at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum. The chairman stated that the result of the half-year ending June 30th was of a highly satisfactory character. It compared favorably with any corresponding half-year in the past, and there was the gratifying feature in it that the business of the six months had been conducted without any loss. "You will bear in mind," he said, "how frequently I have alluded to the vigilance, care, and ability of the managers of the different branches. I think that what I have just said again records that diligence and cleverness on their part." The sum of £5,000 was added to the reserve fund, making it now stand at £105,000. There was also carried forward to the next half-year £7,000, which was a larger balance than at the corresponding period of last year. The outlook was favorable for the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent. in the next half-year. Referring to the prospects of the colony, the chairman said that "there was no doubt the Province of British Columbia is making rapid strides. It is developing its resources greatly. I may tell you that we are carefully watching this progress so as to avail ourselves of new ground whenever we have a fair and reasonable opportunity of business. That we keep steadily in view, and I have no reason to doubt but that we shall, at the end of the current half-year, present to you such a statement of facts and figures as will be satisfactory to you."

**INSURE.**

Having taken possession of your premises, let your first care be to insure them, as well as your stock in trade, against fire. This is one of the duties most incumbent upon a young tradesman. If the house which he inhabits, as well as all the goods in the store, were actually his own (that is to say, were actually paid for), it would be the most absurd thing upon earth to neglect the means of providing a remedy against the overwhelming consequences of fire, more especially when such remedy is attainable without the slightest difficulty or trouble. But in the other, and more common case, where the goods are not morally his own, inasmuch as his creditors have not been paid for them, the neglect of this precaution becomes absolutely criminal. If a tradesman who has obtained goods upon credit hesitates or neglects to insure them against fire, and they should afterwards be

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consumed, and he be unable to pay for them in consequence, however much others may mince the matter, the simple fact will be, that he has negatively robbed those who confided in him. Neglect this precaution, and I should feel no pity for you if your stock and furniture were all destroyed by fire.—*American Grocer.*

—A cheap clothes dealer of New York has been driven to a novel expedient by the demand for something new in the advertising line. He has torn out from copies of Dante's "Inferno" and Milton's "Paradise Lost," which are illustrated by Dore, a lot of the most hideous full-page pictures, and has them scattered thickly about among the goods in his show window. Wretched beings writhe under a rain of fire upon a pair of trousers placarded "like this \$3." Demons lash naked ghosts through a forest of serpents upon a suit said to be "imported, only \$20!" and Adam and Eve eat their evening meal in Eden against a background of striped cloth labelled "Pants off this piece only \$4.50."

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING CHOICE.**

"Enny good butter?" inquired an old lady of the grocer.

"There's never any flies on our butter, madam."

Then the old lady, whose knowledge of English is limited, said,

"Well, if flies won't eat it, 'taint good 'nough for me," and she went across the way where only the choice brands are sold.—*New York Sun.*

**Commercial.****TORONTO MARKETS.**

TORONTO, 23rd Aug., 1888.

Trade has been fairly good for the season, and the signs of the times indicate that we are close on the opening of a new grain season. New grain has begun to offer; receipts of all sorts have begun to increase. Stocks on hand have risen from 99,575 bushels last week to 131,955 in the present. The official report of the Ontario crops has been issued, and has been very earnestly criticised, very many experts maintaining that the yield of wheat is therein understated. On that point we offer no opinion, but we should say that the gain in oats, barley, peas, beans, and root crops is likely to compensate for any deficiency in wheat. At all events all agree that the total yield has been much better than was expected a month since; and this fact, along with prospects of good prices, should, we think, render Ontario contented and thankful. There can be little doubt that the crop will very quickly be moving. Indeed, oats have been offered already, but they are the one grain which seems likely to open low. Outside advices show advancing breadstuffs. English wheat quotations have risen 3 to 4d. on the week, and those of Chicago 3 to 4c. The quantity of wheat in sight has increased from 25,227,000 bushels last week to 26,263,000 on Monday. Other markets than produce seem to have been generally in a satisfactory condition, with prices usually firm; but, of course, they are less affected by the opening of the fall trade.

**APPLES.**—Farmers have been offering freely, and their offerings seem to have been sufficient for local demand. Prices easy at \$1.00 to 1.50.

**COAL AND WOOD.**—There is as yet no change in values, but it is very generally understood that an advance may be looked for about the commencement of next month; and this is no doubt at the bottom of the activity that has been prevalent latterly in the coal trade especially.

**DRY GOODS.**—There is a steady flow of trade and a gradual increase that appears to be satisfactory to the wholesale houses, and the immediate future is spoken of by them not only hopefully, but confidently. The activity dis-