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FINANCE & COMMERCE.

TRUE WITNESS OFFICE,
Tuesday, January 20.

Financial.

The local financial position remains unchanged; money remains decidedly easy to all who can offer good security. Commercial paper is discounted, as previously reported, at 7 per cent. for first-class, and at 8 for renewals, but the demand for accommodation continues light. There is a comparatively small business being done in loans on good collateral security, at 5 per cent on call, and 6 on time. Sterling Exchange, which has been much unsettled during the past week, in sympathy with foreign markets, is now very quiet; buyers and sellers are apart, there being about ¼ difference between them, and there is scarcely any business being done. We quote rates at about 8½ to 8¾ premium for round amounts between banks, and 8¾ over the counter. Gold drafts on New York quiet at ¼ prem.

—The Moncton Sugar Refining Company has been incorporated with a capital of $200,000, divided into 2,000 shares of $100 each.

—The Ontario Farmers' Bank, with a capital of $1,000,000, seeks incorporation at the next session of Parliament, with powers and privileges of banks as now usually constituted, except the power to discount promissory notes or to take personal security, and with powers and privileges of building societies and loan and savings companies, and with certain special privileges.

—The total value of imports at the port of Trenton, Ont., for the quarter ending December 31st last was $3,407, against $6,306 for the corresponding period of 1878. The amount of duties collected during the same period of 1879 was $57,628, against $54,885 for the like period of 1878. The total value of exports from Trenton during the quarter ending December 31st last was $186,717, against $148,543 for the corresponding period of 1878.

—The Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway traffic returns for the past week shows an increase of $484 as compared with the corresponding week of 1879.

—The traffic receipts of the Great Western Railway for the week ending Jan. 9 amounted to $89,474 62, compared with $59,248.01 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of $10,626.61.

—At the annual meeting of the London and Port Stanley Railway Company, held yesterday, it was resolved to petition the Government for the removal of the harbor tolls at Port Stanley of 20c a ton on coal coming from Cleveland, and also to induce the Government, if possible, to make an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor.

—The earnings of the Dominion Telegraph Company increased $28,000 during 1879. The proportion of business obtained by the Montreal Company in 1875 was 70 per cent., and by the Dominion Company 21 per cent., while in 1879 the proportions were respectively 71 per cent. and 29 per cent.

Business Troubles.

Alphonse Racine has been attached for $280 by L. J. Lefaire; F. X. Cochu, assignee.

A writ of attachment has been issued against Mr. Frank Gooden, general dealer, Date Verte.

Thomas F. O'Brien has been attached by Patrick Sheridan for $428; Bury and Evans, assignees.

Joseph O. Guilmette has been attached by the Consolidated Bank for $389.14. P. S. Ross, assignee.

Walter Reed has attached James Mitchell, Montreal Steam Dye Works, for $350. S.C. Fatt, assignee.

—Alfred Truteau, hotel keeper, has been attached by La Banque Ville Marie for $235. L. A. Globensky, assignee.

—A writ of attachment has been issued against Onesime Poirier for $225 at the instance of Robert Moat. L. S. Dupuy, assignee.

Messrs. Cassils, Stimson & Co. have taken out a writ of attachment against Andrew Lennon, trader, for $303. Samuel Johnston, assignee.

—The St. John barque Kate Irving, at Baltimore last week, was attached by the Bank of New Brunswick for indebtedness of one of the owners. On Tuesday a preliminary injunction forbidding the detention of the vessel was issued by the United States Circuit Court, and the vessel proceeded on her voyage to Bordeaux. News has been received since that she had to put back to port, having been damaged by a collision with a tug-boat.

A. Racine has been attached for $225 by Jacob Limoges. F. X Cochu, assignee.

At a meeting of creditors held Thursday Mr. A. Bourbonniere was appointed assignee to the estate of J. Alphonse Duval, of this city.

—Angus McLean, tailor, Moncton, N.B., has assigned in trust to Mr. D. O'Reagan, and is willing to pay forty cents on the dollar.

—W. O. Schwartz, grocer, Moncton, N.B., has assigned in trust to Mr. Humphrey Gilbert. Liabilities about $7,000; assets about the same.

—Gaius S. Turner, shipbuilder and general storekeeper, Harvey, Annapolis County, N.B., has gone into insolvency. Liabilities about $17,000; assets about $7,000.

—Lorenzo Baker, of Hart's Falls, clother and private banker, has failed, with liabilities estimated at $50,000. He has transferred all his property to preferred creditors.

The creditors of J. Lloyd Hoig, the forger, met yesterday, representing claims aggregating to $500,000, when Hoig proposed to have his business carried on by trustees, and thus pay all his indebtedness.

A writ of attachment has been issued against Antoine Hamilton and Denis Papineau for $2,343.13 at the instance of Louis Perrault. L. J. Lajoie, assignee.

—At a well-attended meeting of creditors of the Midland Railway held at Lindsay on Tuesday a resolution was passed unanimously expressing satisfaction at the explanation given by Mr. Cox, as to the condition of the road, and the proposed application to the Legislature, and recommending all those present, and the creditors generally, to sign the petition and use their influence to get the bill passed.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CITY WHOLESALE TRADE.

TUESDAY, January 20.

Now that the holiday fever has died out, and wholesale grocers and others have completed stock-taking, business in most branches of our wholesale trade is beginning to show signs of life and increased activity, accompanied by a strong upward tendency in values. The iron trade is just now passing through a period of activity, eclipsing anything of the kind that has been experienced for years. The exportation of leather from this city to Great Britain continues, with healthy effects, and an improvement in the lumber trade is another new feature of this year. The wholesale butter market is becoming more interesting; during the week there have been considerable sales, but stocks here now are too small to permit of many large purchases, and to-day the market is depressed by unfavorable English and American advices, the foreign markets being generally easier.

Breadstuffs in this city are very dull, the effect of the grain blockade in Chicago just now being to render operations here almost impracticable, Spring extra flour sold here to-day at $5.92½, and strong bakers at $6.50.

Following are the city wholesale prices for flour:—

Superior Extra	$6 20	@	6 25
Extra Superfine	6 10	@	6 15
Fancy	6 00	@	0 00
Spring Extra, new ground	5 90	@	6 00
Superfine	5 65	@	5 75
Strong Bakers	6 25	@	6 50
Fine	5 20	@	5 25
Middlings	4 45	@	4 50
Pollards	3 20	@	3 35
Ontario Bags	2 90	@	3 00
City Bags (delivered)	3 20	@	3 25
Oatmeal, Ontario	4 70	@	4 75
Cornmeal	2 90	@	3 00

ASHES.—There has been a further decline established this week in prices, pots having sold yesterday at $4.25 per 100 lbs. Pearls nominal at $5.50 to $6; nothing doing in them.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—This market continues quiet and firm; travellers are placing orders from country dealers fairly well, but prices are unchanged, and, with no activity in any particular line, there is nothing new or special to note. Remittances are reported fairly satisfactory.

DRY GOODS.—The city trade has been somewhat interfered with by the late extraordinary "break" in the weather. Our wholesale dealers, from all we can learn, are well pleased with the success of travellers so far this month, and, as higher prices are certain to be asked for all kinds of goods as the season advances, western buyers have been the more readily induced to purchase. Travellers are now going out on their regular spring trip, anticipating a healthy trade being done. Remittances have improved since our last reference, and, on the whole, the feeling in the trade is better than at the corresponding time last year.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The iron trade continues excited, and prices remain firm, with a still upward tendency, and a further advance has been reported for some lines of goods. We have to put prices for all kinds of tin plates up another 50c this week, the advance having been warranted by the activity of the demand, and the higher prices in England. Pig iron is also steadily advancing, and country dealers now ordering quite freely, but transactions have to be made without reference to preceding sales; holders, in fact, are reluctant about naming prices, and all offers to sell are quickly taken up. The demand is almost equally active for all kinds of general hardware. English advices continue favorable to sellers.

PIG IRON, per ton:—			
Gartsherrie	$30 00	to	32 50
Summerlee	30 00		32 50
Langloan	29 00		30 00
Eglinton	29 00		30 00
Calder No. 1	29 00		30 00
Carnbroe	29 00		30 00
Hematite	35 00		00 00
BAR, per 100 lbs:—			
Scotch and Staffordshire	2 50		2 75
Best do	2 75		3 00
Sweden and Norway	4 25		5 00
Lowmoor and Bowling	6 25		6 50
CANADA PLATES, per box:—			
Glamorgan	5 00		0 00
Garth & Penn	5 00		0 00
F. W. & Arrow	5 00		0 00
Hatton	4 75		0 00
TIN PLATES, ₱ box—			
Charcoal, I.C	9 50		0 00
Bradley	10 00		0 00
Charcoal, I.X	11 25		0 00
Charcoal, D.C	9 00		0 00
Coke, I.C	8 50		0 00
Tinned Sheets, No. 26, Charcoal, Cookley, K. of Bradley, per lb	0 13		0 00
Galvanized Sheets, best brands, No. 28	8 50		8 75
Hoops and Bands, ₱ 100 lbs	3 00		0 00
Sheets, best brands	3 50		0 00
Boiler Plate, ₱ 100 lbs	3 50		0 00
Best do	3 75		0 00
Cut Nails, per 100 lbs. 3 in. to 7 in.	3 35		0 00
Do do 2½ to 2¼ in.	3 65		0 00
Shingle do	4 00		0 00
Lath do	4 75		0 00
Pressed Spikes	3 50		4 00
LEAD—			
Pig, per 100	5 00		5 25
Sheet	50		6 00
Bar	0 5½		0 5½
Shot	6 00		7 00
STEEL—			
Cast, ₱ lb	0 11		0 12
Spring, ₱ 100 lbs	3 75		0 00
Best, do warranted	5 00		0 00
Fire, do	3 50		4 00
Sleigh Shoe	3 00		0 00
Ingot Tin	0 28		0 30
do Copper	0 20		0 21
Horse Shoes	3 50		4 00
Proved Coil Chain, ¼ in	5 00		5 25
Anchors	5 00		6 00
Anvils	0 08		0 10
Wire, ₱ bdl. of 68 lbs Nos 0 to 6	2 30		0 00

HIDES AND SKINS—The demand for green *hides* from butchers continues fair at unchanged prices, $10, $9, $8, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, respectively, but the offerings during the week were apparently in excess of requirements, and prices are expected to give way a little before long. For No. 1 inspected tanners are paying $10.50 to $11. *Sheepskins* are firm but unchanged, quoted at $1.30 to $1.50 each. Calfskins nominal at 10c per lb.

LEATHER—The shipments of *sole* and black leathers from this city to England by a prominent wholesale dealer, previously referred to have been continued, another large lot having left here yesterday. The advanced prices in England are being well maintained, and as stocks are now pretty low here, prices are held firmly but at unchanged figures as yet. The local demand is reported very light, so far this year, and there are no large transactions to note.

Sole, No. 1, B. A., per lb	0 28	..	0 29
Do. No. 2 B. A., Do	0 26	..	0 27
Buffalo Sole, No. 1	0 23	..	0 24
Do. do. No 2	0 22	..	0 23
Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1	0 26	..	0 32
Waxed Upper, light & medium	0 38	..	0 42
Do. do. heavy	0 36	..	0 40
Grained Upper, light	0 36	..	0 42
Splits, large	0 29	..	0 31
Do. small	0 23	..	0 27
Calf, 27 to 36 lbs., per lb	0 55	..	0 65
Do. 18 to 26 lbs., per lb	0 45	..	0 55
Sheepskin Linings	0 30	..	0 40
Harness	0 26	..	0 32
Buff Cow per foot.	0 14	..	0 17
Enamelled Cow do	0 16	..	0 18
Patent Cow do	0 16	..	0 18
Pebbled Cow do	0 13	..	0 16
Rough Leather do	0 28	..	0 32½

WOOL.—There is very little domestic wool under offer in this market, and prices remain unchanged at 29c to 30c for unassorted pulled, and 31c to 32c for super-nominal. The market for foreign wools rules firm at 22c for greasy Cape, and 30c to 31c for Australian.

THE FARMERS' MARKETS.

Bonsecours and St. Ann's—Prices at Farmers' Sleighs, etc.

TUESDAY, January 20.

The supplies of farm and garden produce at the city markets to day were not as large as on Friday last, still there was sufficient of everything apparently to meet the wants of buyers, who owing probably to the unfavorable change in the weather were not as numerous as usual. Oats were plentiful on Jacques Cartier Square, and sold at 70c, 73c and 75c per bag. Other kinds of grain were less abundant at unchanged prices. Potatoes were offering at 50c per bag. Beef quarters plentiful and cheap at 4½c to 5½c per lb for hind, and 3½c to 4c for forequarters. Dressed hogs sold singly at $6.90 to 7.25, and in lots at $6.75 and $6.80. Dressed poultry and game were scarce and dear. Fresh butter and eggs were, of course, scarce, and in good request at our quotations.

The following are the prices, corrected up to date:—

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, 45c to 50c per bag; carrots, 25c to 40c per bushel; choice onions $1.75 to 2.00 per barrel, or 60c to 70c per bushel; parsnips, 50c per bushel; beets, 35c to 40c per bushel; turnips, 50c per bag and 25c to 40c per bushel; celery, 25c to 30c per dozen; cabbage, 15c to 30c per dozen, or 4c per head; American lettuce, $1.20 per dozen heads; artichokes, 75c per bushel.

FRUIT.—Apples, $2.00 to $3.00 per barrel; lemons, 25c to 30c per dozen, or $7.00 to $9.00 per case; Valencia oranges, $6 to $6.50 per case or 20c to 25c per doz; cranberries, $10 per barrel, or 40c per gallon; California winter pears at $4.00 per box; grapes, Malaga, $6.50 to 7.50 per keg of 50 lbs.

GRAIN, ETC.—Oats, 70c to 75c per bag; buckwheat, 45c to 50c per bushel; peas, 80c to 85c per bushel; soup peas, 90c to $1.00 per bushel; barley, 60c to 65c per bushel; bran, 70c per cwt.; cornmeal, $1.20 to 1.25 per bag; Corn, 75c to 80c per bush; Canadian corn, $1.20; moulie, $1.00 to 1.20 per bag; buckwheat flour, $1.40 to $1.80 per cwt; oatmeal, $2.50 to 2.60 per bag.

FARM PRODUCE.—Butter—Prints, 23c to 25c per lb.; lump, 18c to 20c per lb; Eastern Townships, tub, 20c to 22c. Fresh eggs, 30c to 35c per dozen; packed do., 18c to 22c. Fine cheese, 12c to 12½c per lb; ordinary, 10c to 11c. Maple sugar, 8c to 9c per lb. Lard, 9c to 10c.

POULTRY AND GAME.—Turkeys, $1.60 to $2.00 per pair; geese, $1.20 to $1.75 per pair; ducks, tame, 60c to 80c per brace; pigeons, $1.00 to 1.50 per dozen, or 20c to 25c per pair; chickens 50c to 75c per pair: quails, $3 per dozen; prairie hens, 00c to $0.00 per pair; snipe, $2.50 per dozen: plovers, $2.00 per dozen; partridges, 50c to 60c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per brace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair.

MEAT.—Beef—Roast beef (trimmed), 10c to 12c; sirloin steaks, 12c to 15c; mutton, 8c to 10c; veal, 8c to 12c; pork, 8c to 10c; ham, 10c to 13c: bacon, 12c to 13c; fresh sausages, 9c to 12½c; Bologna sausages, 12c to 15c; dressed hogs, $0.00 to 7.00 per 100 pounds. Dressed beef, fore-quarters, $3.00 to $4.00; hind-quarters, $4.50 to $5.50; venison, 6c to 15c per lb.

FISH.—Haddock, 6c; codfish, 6c; mackerel, 12½c; bass and dorey, 40c to 50c per bunch; olivet, 12½c per lb; lobsters, 10c do; perch, 10c to 30c per bunch; rock bass, 15c per bunch; smoked eels, 25c to 40c per couple.

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

St. Gabriel.

MONDAY, January 19.

Business in cattle here to-day was very dull, more so than for a long time past. The supply was far in excess of the demand, and dealers were obliged in many cases to sell at a considerable loss. A western drover is said to have lost fully $300 on a lot of horned cattle, which, after holding here for nearly two weeks, he was obliged to sell at considerably lower prices than he paid.

The total receipts of live stock at Point St. Charles for the week ending yesterday per the Grand Trunk Railway consisted of 30 cars of cattle and two cars of horses.

At St. Gabriel market to-day the receipts comprised 12 car-loads cattle and a few hogs, but most of the cattle were subsequently driven down to Viger market, where there were more butchers in attendance. A Armstrong, from the Don, and Jas Eakins, of Port Hope, had each 2 carloads of cattle, and the following had each 1 carload:—A McLean, Lucknow; W Roberts, Leonville; C A Jenkins, Sherbrooke; P H Dardis, Morrisburg; W H Reid, Kingston; W Johnston, Colbourne. M Laporte, Mildmay, had a carload of cattle and 26 hogs from the Don. He sold 11 head cattle for $4.05, or about 3c to 3¼c per lb, live weight, and the hogs at 5½c. Hugh Kelly, Toronto, sold 3 head cattle at 3¼c per lb. A McLean, of Lucknow, sold the whole of his load, 19 head, at $32 each, or about 3c per lb. D H Elliott, Kingston, had a mixed load of cattle and hogs; he sold the hogs to Messrs. Head & Price at $5.20 per cwt, and the cattle, 13 head in all, to butchers at about $20 each. R J Hopper sold 6 head for $210; 2 do for $75; 3 do for $96; and 3 do for $98. Jas Eakins sold 20 head, altogether, to different butchers at about 3c per lb, and he had quite a number of cattle left over form last week, unsold. Several head of cattle were bought up for the Montreal Packing Co., at 2c to 3c. The range of prices paid to-day was from 2c to 3¼c, live weight.

AT VIGER MARKET

to-day the receipts of live stock comprised about 200 head of cattle, of which 160 head were from the St. Gabriel market, and 10 or 12 sheep and lambs. The quality of the cattle on the whole was very fair, there being a good sprinkling of fat beeves, but the supply offering just now is considerably in excess of the wants of butchers, and accordingly business was dull. Sales were made slowly, and generally at lower prices; dealers complained of losing money on their stock. The average range of prices paid for cattle was from 2½c to 3½c per lb., live weight. Robert Cochrane, Guelph, had a carload under offer, and sold only 3 head to Mr Bourassa at 3c per lb. Wm Roberts sold 8 head out of a carload at about 2¾c per lb, or $22 25 each. Louis Delorme sold 6 out of 11 head, at about $41 each; W H Reid, Kingston, sold 20 head out of 27 at from $14 to $28 each; N Taillefer sold 3 head cattle for $96; Geo Patterson, Guelph, sold 20 head at $32 each, and P H Dardis, Morrisburg, 16 out of 28 head at from $17 to $34 each. There was a good lot of cattle yet to be sold at noon Lambs brought from $4 to $5 each, and a few ewes changed hands at $4 each.

Montreal Horse Market.

SATURDAY, January 17.

There has been a good enquiry in this market for horses for shipment during the week ending to-day, and accordingly a considerably larger business has been done than during any single week for a considerable time past. The week's shipments comprise 156 horses, at a total cost of $11,695 50, against only 61 horses valued at $4,966.50 for last week. There have been a good many American buyers staying at the American House during the week, but some of them complained to us on the market to-day that the offerings this week comprised the poorest lot of horses they have seen here for three months. They state that they want good, large-sized "drivers," and good heavy "workers," but that these classes do not appear to be in this Province at the present time; one American dealer stated to-day that he went out to St. Johns yesterday to look at some horses, but that he found them even poorer on the whole, than those offering here. Mr. Baker, of Boston, also stated that he found it much slower work filling his orders now than for some time past; he had only secured 6 horses since the beginning of the week, and these were scarcely up to his standard. Sellers, on the other hand, argue that this complaint about the poor quality of horses offering has become chronic, and buyers resort to it with a view to furthering their own financial interests in buying and selling, and they point to the sales made as an evidence of the value of their stock. Some six carloads have been shipped from these yards to different parts of the States of Maine, Pennsylvania, New York and Mass., during the week, and the stables are now full of horses, ready for shipment next week by the several American buyers now in the market. A few days ago, Mr. Denn, of Boston, bought at these yards a fine black mare, weighing 1,180, for $160; also a bay mare 6 years old, weighing 1,100 pounds, for $105. A magnificent dark brown Clyde mare, 5 years old, weighing 1,450 pounds, was also sold for $180. The average price paid for horses this week, however, was about $75. There had been a better demand for horses for local purposes during the week. On the Corporation market a pair of bay carriage horses, 7 years old, weighing 1,150 pounds each, were sold for $225. At the weekly auction sale yesterday very inferior stock was offered, for which there was no demand scarcely, and no sales of any importance were made.

Following is the list of shipments from this city to the United States, entered at the office of the American Consul here during the week:—January 12—19 horses at $1,100; 20 do at $1,827.50; 14 do at $1,151.50; 7 do at $582. January 13—17 horses at $1,244; 17 do at $1,149; 20 do at $1,720; 20 do at $1,644.50. January 14—22 horses at $1,277.

New York Live Stock Market.

Trade in horned cattle was slow in New York last Wednesday; the herds due did not arrive on time, and at 1 p.m, several carloads were unsold; values are also weak; quality coarse to good, including a good a fair proportion of fair quality beeves. At Sixtieth street Yards prices prices were 8¾c to 10¼ per lb, weights 5¾ to 10¼ cwt. At Harsimus Cove Yards prices ranged from 7c to 10½c per lb, weights 5 to 9½ cwt. From 54 to 57 lb has been allowed net; general sales on 56 lb net. Milch cows slow of sale at $35 to 50 per head, calves included. Meal fed-calves sold at 3c to 4½c per lb; lean veals at 5c per lb; fair quality veals, 7c to 8½c per lb. The demand for sheep and lambs was fair, but not brisk; prices were unchanged. Sheep sold at 4½c to 6½c per lb; lambs, 6c to 7½c per lb; mixed flocks, $5.85 to 6.75 per cwt; ewes, $5.30 to 5.37½ per cwt; bucks, 4c to 4½c per lb. Quality as above reported poor to choice; in the aggregate fair to good. Live hogs held on sale; city dressed opened in moderate demand at 6½c to 6¾c per lb, extreme weights included; general sales at 6½c to 6¾c per lb.

Canada lambs were in good demand, and sold as high as 7½c per lb.

Montreal Hay Market.

SATURDAY, January 17.

Large quantities of hay have been brought to the city markets during this week from the surrounding country districts, the greater part of it, however, having been teamed across the river, on the ice. The total receipts of hay and straw at the College street market during the week are estimated at between 800 and 900 loads, the great bulk of the offerings being hay. Yesterday (Friday) the market was nearly glutted, there being upwards of 400 loads on the square. The demand has been only fair, and prices are easier, the best Timothy hay now selling at $8 per 100 bundles, (a fall of 50c on the price last Saturday) and common hay is sold freely at $4.50 to $6.50 per 100 bundles, as to quality. We learn that several American buyers have recently been buying up the good hay held by farmers throughout the Eastern Townships, and shipping it from St. Johns to Boston. Straw is not much enquired for in this market, and prices rule nominal at $2 to 4 per 100 bundles. The demand for pressed hay and straw is reported dull; prices are steady at $8 to 10 per ton for hay, and $5 to 7 do for straw, as to quality. There is a ready sale for oats for feeding purposes, however, at 35c per bushel of 32 lbs.

Montreal Fuel Market.

WEDNESDAY, January 11.

There is little or nothing new to report concerning the coal and wood trade in this city. Since the date of our last report, the weather has for the most part been mild, an effect being a remarkable falling off in the demand for hard coal, but during the last couple of days colder weather has again been experienced and consequently an improved enquiry for fuel also. A prominent dealer here remarked to-day that it would appear as if consumers regularly waited until their stocks were completely exhausted, and cold weather forced them to order fresh. In considering this statement, however, another fact has to be borne in mind, namely, that all dealers are not selling at the same prices this winter; on the contrary, there is a great variety and contrast as regards the prices asked by the different dealers, consequently those selling good hard coal at 25c or 50c per ton lower than their neighbors continue to do by far the largest business. The ice-bound coal in the Richelieu river continues to arrive slowly but regularly, being conveyed to this city per the Grand Trunk and South Eastern railways, and by means of sleighs, some dealers teaming it in from Chambly. The greater part of it is delivered to customers at once, to fulfil back orders; there is a considerable quantity, however, being yarded, so dealers say, and the dearth of coal is apparently no longer a cry in this market. There is notsing whatever doing in steam or lower port soft coals, and prices throughout are unchanged.

There is a fair demand for hardwood, but business is not by any means brisk.

COAL.—Retail prices per ton, delivered for cash: Stove, $7 to 7.50; chestnut, $6.75 to 7.25; egg, $7 to 7.50; furnace, $7 to 7 25; Scotch grate (soft), $5.50; Scotch steam, $5.50; Sydney steam, $4.50; Pictou do, $4.50 to 5 00; coke per chaldron, $4.00.

WOOD.—Retail prices per cord delivered from the yard: Long maple, 3½ feet, $6 00; long birch, 3½ feet, $5 50; long beech, 3½ feet, $5 00; long tamarac, $4 50; short maple, three feet, $5 50; short birch, three feet, $5 00; short beech, three feet, $4 50; short tamarac, 2½ to 3 feet, $3 50; short hemlock, 2½ to 3 feet, $3 00.

London Grocery Market.

LONDON, January 16.—In Mincing Lane this week the markets were inanimate and speculation inconsiderable. The home and export demand was slow, but quotations exhibit little alteration. Plantation Ceylon Coffee advanced 1s to 2s per cwt., but common kinds were unchanged. A telegram from Brazil yesterday gave a firmer tone to business here and holders are not sellers at the recent low quotations. The shipments to Europe from July 1 to the end of December were about 26,000 tons less than during the corresponding period of the previous year. The future destination of the large stocks at Rio and Santos will, therefore, have an important effect on this market. A few transactions are reported in low Brown Sugar at about last quotations. West India refining kinds continue firm; but Crystallized, of which the supply is still very ample, barely supported the previous rates. The official returns from France, showing a decrease of 50,000 tons in the production of beet sugar in December, as compared with the same time in 1878, caused more inquiry for Austrian. Refined here and in the Clyde Valley has been quiet Paris loaves were dearer. In the Tea market there has been a continuance of the demand for Common Congou. Black Pepper was rather quiet, but White was firm, with a good demand for spot and to arrive. The rice market was inactive, new Burmah for spring shipment was rather easier. For Saltpetre to arrive lower rates were accepted,

Failures in 1879.

The figures presented by Dun, Wiman & Co's. Mercantile Agency show a healthy condition of business. According to the statistics presented in the Annual Circular, it appears that the mercantile failures in the States for 1879 were 6,658 in number, compared with 10,478 in 1878, a decrease of 3,820. But it is in the amount of the liabilities that the decrease is the most marked. In 1878 the indebtedness was 234 millions of dollars, while in 1879 the liabilities were only 98 millions. The following table gives the failures and liabilities since 1872:—

	CANADA.		UNITED STATES	
	No. of Failures.	Am't of Liabilities.	No. of Failures.	Am't of Liabilities.
1874	966	$ 7,696,762	5,830	$155,239,000
1875	1,398	28,844,965	7,740	201,060,723
1876	1,724	25,517,991	9,092	191,117,786
1877	1,892	25,523,963	8,872	190,669,936
1878	1,697	22,908,677	10,478	234,383,132
1879	1,992	29,347,937	6,658	98,149,053

	Number in Business.	Percentage of Failures.	Amount of Liabilities
United States	702,157	1 in 105	$98,149,052
Dom. of Canada	55,964	1 in 23	29,917,937

Finance, Commmerce and Trade.

—The lumber market is said to be booming, especially for deals. The Montmorenci cut of next season, 500,000 Quebec standard, and several other large lots, have lately been sold at good prices.

—Last week's circular of the Liverpool Cotton Brokers' Association says: "Cotton was dull early in the week at rather easier prices. Since Tuesday there has been renewed activity, with considerable business at hardening rates, and quotations show an advance. American was in good demand, and after fluctuations, quotations are 1-16d higher. Sea Island continues in moderate demand and quotations are unchanged. Futures were quiet throughout the week. The final rates show an advance of 1-32d."

—A leading Liverpool grain circular says: "The wheat markets have been uniformly dull at a reduction of sixpence to a shilling per quarter on both English and foreign descriptions. There has been a better inquiry, at somewhat easier prices, for cargoes of American red off coast, chiefly for the Continent. All sorts of wheat on passage are difficult of sale at lower prices. At the Liverpool market to-day business in wheat continues limited, and sellers accept a penny to twopence decline. Flour was sixpence per sack cheaper. The transactions in corn were very limited at a half-penny reduction."

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The Comic Papers.

[From Punch.]

COIGN OF 'VANTAGE.—A penny with two heads.

THE COMMISSARIAT.—Our bandmaster (to purveyor of refreshments)—We must hev beef sangwitches, marm! Them ham ones make the men's lips that greasy they can't blow!

BROTHERS AND SISTERS.—Grown up Sisters—Oh, Charley, if you must go away, can't you introduce me to one of your schoolfellows, to look after me till you come back? Charley—Oh, no! it would not do! It would be so rough on a fellow to fag him out like that!

A VERY DIFFERENT MATTER.—Southern Lord (staying at Highland Castle)—"Thank you so much, I—ah—weally enjoy your music. I think of having a piper at my own place. Sandy the piper—"An' fat kin' o' a piper would your lord lord be needin?" Southern Lord—"Oh, certainly, a good piper like yourself Sandy." Sandy (sniffing)—"Och! inteet! ye might easily fin a lord like your lordship, but its no sae easy to fin' a piper like me whatever!"

(From Fun.)

JACK AT HOME.—Our youngest boy from Harrow says:—

"Oh! wouldn't it just be jolly,
If only the Christmas holly-days
Could last as long as the holly!"

"CALL US PAID AS PAID."—(Old Saw)—The Great Unpaid—The Magistracy. The Great Underpaid—The Civil Service Writers. The Great Overpaid—Usurers.

CHRISTMAS EVE.—That obliging fellow, young Willinghorse, who has walked ten miles through the snow, loq.—"I've brought you a very particular message from my sisters—about to-morrow, y' know." Chorus. "Oh, thank you so much! What W.—"Haven't is it?" the remotest idea! Thought it better not to trust to my own memory, so I got 'em to write it down. Here it——Good gracious! I've lost the note!"

(From Judy.)

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