RECENT CUSTOMS DECISIONS.

The Comptroller of Customs has approved of the following decisions of the Board of Customs, as of date December 5th:—

Inaglypta wall decorations, 1½ cents a roll, 25 per cent.

Oakum felt, 17½ per cent.

Car-jacks, 30 per cent.

Peptogenic milk powder, 25 per cent.

Peta naphthol, 20 per cent.

Single spun silk, colored, 20 per cent.

Dental furnaces, generators and gasometers, 27½ per cent.

Bunsen burners, 27½ per cent.

Blow pipes, 35 per cent

Vulcanizers of copper, 30 per cent.

Vulcanizers of iron, 27½ per cent.

Metal boxes, plated, when lined, 5 cents each and 30 per cent.; and, when not lined, 30 per cent.

Jute cloth, woven, in part, with colored jute yarn, 20 per cent.

Solderine, free.

Baskets and skips containing cotton yarn, dutiable at same rate as if empty.

Log or coach screws, 30 per cent.

Hasps and staples, and screw hooks and eyes, 32½ per cent.

Leather leggings, lined with cotton, 25 per cent.

Cotton canvas, gun covers, or cases, 32½ per cent.

Leather gun cases, 25 per cent.

Chandelier, or lamp hooks, of iron or steel, 27½ per cent.

Chandelier, or lamp hooks, of brass, 30 per cent.

Turmeric, ground, free.

Quilt frame and carpenters' clamps, 35 per cent.

Paper boxes, plain, printed, or ornamented, or labelled (not including boxes covered by item No. 352), duty, 35 per cent.

Collodion, for photographers, 20 per cent.

Soapstone packing, 22½ per cent.

Electric bells, 25 per cent.

Potato planters, 20 per cent.

Carbonate of potash, 20 per cent.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec 11th, 1895.

Stocks.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average price 1894.
Montreal	221	218¼	219	222	220	218
Ontario	80	80	16	....	80	101
People's	....	....	....	....	....	116
Molsons	180	180	30	183	175	169¾
Toronto	243	243	4	....	242	245
Jac. Cartier	....	....	....	....	....	....
Merchants'	169	167	4	170	167	163½
Commerce	136½	136	141	137	136¼	137¾
Union	100	100	50	100	....	100
M. Teleg	164	164	46	164¼	163¾	155
Rich. & Ont.	102½	99¾	1075	101	100	84
Mont. St. R'y.	225½	218	16922	222½	222¼	161
Gas	206¾	203	3280	204	203⅝	192½
C. Pacific Ry	54½	53½	250	54¾	54	59¼
Land gr'nt b'nds	....	....	....	....	107	109¼
N.W. Land pref.	....	....	....	50	40	....
Bell Tele.	160	159	90	159¾	159¼	154⅜
Mont. 4% stock	....	....	....	....	....	....

STORY OF THE ERIE.

The Erie Railway has just passed into the hands of its bondholders, and has by them been reorganized. The *Railway Age* recalls the remarkable history of the road, and presents it in the following chronological order:—

1832—New York and Erie Railroad chartered to build from Piermont, on the Hudson, to Dunkirk, on Lake Erie, 446 miles.

1836—Construction begun, the gauge being six feet.

1841—Went into bankruptcy, having built 60 miles, to Goshen. Extended to Middletown, seven miles, in next two years.

1845—Reorganized under the same name, the State releasing its mortgage of $3,000,000, and the stockholders surrendering one-half their stock.

1851—Completed to Dunkirk. Next year extended into Jersey City.

1859—Second bankruptcy, Receivers appointed.

1861—Reorganized as the Erie Railway Company.

1868—Passed into control of Jay Gould and Jim Fisk. Fisk killed a little later. Capitalization increased from $74,000,000 to $102,000,000.

1872—Gould ousted by an exciting coup d'etat on the part of the English bondholders represented by Gen. Sickles. Gen. John A. Dix elected president in Gould's place. Capitalization had risen to $128,000,000. Mileage, 959 miles

1875—Third bankruptcy. President H. J. Jewett appointed receiver. Capitalization, $142,000.000.

1878—Sold under foreclosure. Reorganized as the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad. Capitalization reduced from $152,000,000 to $94,000,000. Third rail laid to give standard gauge connections. The six-foot gauge was finally abandoned in 1885.

1884—Defaulted on interest on bonds. Adjustment effected.

1894—Fourth bankruptcy. Placed in the hands of receivers. Capitalization and debt, $179,000,000. Mileage operated, including leased and controlled N. Y., P. & O. and Chicago & Erie roads, 1,970 miles

—At Tilbury a large pond of water has been connected by a pipe with the reservoir of the village water works, so that in case of fire the supply will not be exhausted easily.