

decidedly above anticipations cherished early in the season, and did not appear warranted by the value of the manufactured article; but the advance which occurred early in the spring was sufficient to let the curers out with a fair margin."

Two more private bankers in Ontario have assigned within the week: Mr. W. O. Smith, & Co., of Thornbury, was one of the Fawcett chain; the other one, Mr. M. S. Campbell, of Watford, could not stand the run of depositors who had become excited in consequence of the Fawcett failure, in the same village. It is reported that he holds \$39,000 on deposits and possesses a surplus of \$7,500. The liabilities are \$43,500 and assets \$51,000. The depositors met on Saturday last and unanimously appointed Mr. Campbell and three trustees to wind up the banking business and make quarterly *pro rata* division. They also passed to Mr. Campbell a vote of thanks "for the manly and upright conduct of his business these fifteen years past."

BUSINESS difficulties of the following nature are reported: Reynolds & Son have been in general store business at Markdale for a long time. About ten years ago the senior failed in somewhat of a poor way. At present the sheriff is in possession.—Cameron & McLachlin have had a store at Middlemiss, Ont., for about a year, and have failed already. They at one time had a capital of \$1,500 to \$2,000.—A grocer at Niagara Falls, J. S. McQueen by name, has absconded. Before leaving he gave a chattel mortgage to some of his smaller creditors and they sold his stock. Over \$2,000 worth of his paper came due about that time and it is believed that he supplied himself as well as possible before leaving.—Trustees are advertising the stock of J. A. McIntosh & Co., Park Hill, for sale.—The effects of the Farm & Dairy Utensil Manf. Co., at Brantford, have been advertised for sale.—D. R. McRae, dealer in tins and hardware at Deseronto, is in trouble and has made an assignment.—In Hamilton, Matthew Howles has been a long time engaged in the hardware and tin line of business, but without success. In June, 1876, he compromised at 40 per cent. This was paid. In February 1879 he failed again, and the business was wound up, paying creditors about 30 per cent. Shortly after this he got his discharge and resumed business and yet again failed. It is stated, and apparently with some truth, that outside matters take his attention too much.

REPORTS on the potato crop from nearly 1000 special correspondents of the New England Homestead show that throughout the Lower Provinces, New England and New York, the acreage and yield are considerably below last year's. As a whole the acreage has decreased about 15 per cent. and the yield is about one-third less than in 1883. This makes the acreage

nearly the same as in 1882, with a considerably lighter yield. Prices now range from 22c. per bu. as the lowest shipping price in New York state, to \$1 at eastern Massachusetts towns, averaging 35 to 50c. per bu. The rot is quite prevalent, and grubs have greatly injured the tubers in many sections. The rot appears to be the old-fashioned stinking decay that can be depended upon to cause great injury. Where early potatoes are rotting there is some haste to sell at current prices. The crop in the eastern Provinces and Quebec is short. In the great shipping counties of Nova Scotia it is almost a complete failure. Instead of exporting potatoes, some sections will have to import for seed. The rot is working badly in the great shipping sections of Northern Maine, and many potatoes will have to be converted into starch.

## STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Oct. 15, 1884.

| STOCKS.            | Lowest Point in Week. | Highest Point in Week. | Total Transacted in Week. | Buyers. | Sellers. | Average Price like Date, 1883. |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Montreal.....      | 188½                  | 192½                   | 1240                      | 189½    | 190      | 191½                           |
| " x.d.....         | 184½                  | 188                    | 523                       | 184½    | 181½     | 183                            |
| Ontario.....       | 106½                  | 109½                   | 179                       | 107     | 107      | 112                            |
| People's.....      | 108                   | 109                    | 165                       | 108     | 44       | 113½                           |
| Molson's x.d.....  | 174                   | 177½                   | 109                       | 174     | 176      | 175½                           |
| Toronto.....       | 110½                  | 112½                   | 119                       | 109     | 110      | 115                            |
| Jac. Cartier.....  | 118½                  | 119                    | 313                       | 117½    | 118½     | 120½                           |
| Merchants.....     | 110½                  | 112½                   | 119                       | 109     | 110      | 115                            |
| Commerce.....      | 110½                  | 112½                   | 119                       | 109     | 110      | 115                            |
| Eastern Tys.....   | 110½                  | 112½                   | 119                       | 109     | 110      | 115                            |
| Union.....         | 110½                  | 112½                   | 119                       | 109     | 110      | 115                            |
| Hamilton.....      | 110½                  | 112½                   | 119                       | 109     | 110      | 115                            |
| Exchange.....      | 110½                  | 112½                   | 119                       | 109     | 110      | 115                            |
| Mon. Tel.....      | 110                   | 111½                   | 442                       | 110½    | 111      | 117½                           |
| Dom. Tel.....      | 54½                   | 55½                    | 580                       | 54½     | 54½      | 55½                            |
| Rich. & O.....     | 115                   | 118                    | 500                       | 114     | 115      | 117½                           |
| City Pass.....     | 176½                  | 179                    | 1190                      | 176½    | 176½     | 167                            |
| Gas.....           | 176½                  | 179                    | 1190                      | 176½    | 176½     | 167                            |
| " x.d.....         | 176½                  | 179                    | 1190                      | 176½    | 176½     | 167                            |
| R. C. Ins. Co..... | 176½                  | 179                    | 1190                      | 176½    | 176½     | 167                            |

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