

of the company some days after he had been dismissed. Mr. H. M. Giles, of St. Catharines secretary-treasurer of the company, has been in town for some weeks, and has succeeded in straightening up the business of this branch, which has been placed under the management of Mr. John Irvine, whose experience should render him more serviceable to the company.

—The failure of L. N. Henault, dry goods merchant of Quebec, is likely to result in some startling developments, as he has been arrested on a *capias*, being charged by several city houses with having secreted goods and in other ways calculated to defraud his creditors. A new set of books has been written up, and appearances are certainly unfavorable to Mr. Henault. His liabilities foot up about \$86,000, and his assets show nominally \$95,000; but out of this \$16,000 of debts due him is considered bad, and the shrinkage on a stock of \$60,000 must be something considerable. From present appearances little leniency will be extended to the insolvent.

—The business of the Dominion Fire and Marine Insurance Company will be confined to such localities as possess Waterworks, or some organized means of subduing fire, and to isolated and other first class risks. It will be the object of the Direction to transact a safe and profitable business at adequate rates, without binding themselves to any combination, and to pay just losses promptly. As little expense as possible will be incurred in establishing the Company's business, and its operations will be extended only as experience may warrant, while every means will be adopted to provide a suitable Reserve.

—The *London Times*, in speaking of the G. W. and G. T. Railways, says: "It would appear that public opinion in Canada is waking up to the true bearings of the dispute, and it is time it did so here as well; for peace or war between the two principal railways in the Dominion is not the only question to be decided. There is bound up with it the larger question of the future prosperity of the Dominion, and its distinctive position as a country with a commerce and a railway network of its own. The more nearly ruined the G. T. and its connections are by the G. W. the better, therefore, for those who control it, but the worse for Canada and for shareholders too. This should not be forgotten by the shareholders—in many cases the joint shareholders—of the two companies, who cannot too soon rally to the rescue of their property."

#### ASSIGNMENTS IN PROVINCE OF QUEBEC FOR PAST TWO WEEKS.

Joseph Phelan, grocer, Montreal.  
John Kay & Co., grocers, Montreal.  
Ovlin St. Jean, contractor, Côte St. Paul.  
Christopher Norcross, carriages, Lennoxville.  
J. B. Dion, trader, Grande Rivière.  
Joseph Cartier, trader, Sorel.  
Antoine Sicotte, tins and hardware, Montreal.  
V. A. Emond, implement manufacturer, St. Sauveur, Quebec.  
George H. Goddin alias Goddar, trader, District of Arthabaska.  
T. H. Burgess, saloon, Montreal.  
H. L. Smyth, commission agent, &c., Montreal.  
L. N. Henault, dry goods, &c., Quebec.  
Paquet & Magnan, dry goods, Montreal.  
Léon Labrecque, store, St. Thomas.  
Alex. Hudon, dry goods &c., St. Pacome.

Valade & Co., traders, Coaticook.  
Alex. Craig, trader, St. Octave de Metis.  
Nap. Verville, trader, Montreal.

#### WRITS OF ATTACHMENT ISSUED vs.

Victor Côté, general store, &c., St. Hyacinthe.  
Clément Marchesseault, blacksmith, Actonville.  
Paul Labelle, mills and general store, St. Eustache.  
Adolphe Bertrand, mill owner, &c., St. Cécile de Milton.

J. O. Perras, baker, &c., Montreal.  
Célestin Gagné, contractor, Montreal.  
Richard H. Cowan, hotel, Gould Lingwick.

#### ASSIGNMENTS IN ONTARIO.

George J. Liffiton, store, Amherstburg.  
Chester P. Lapp, grocer, Castleton.  
Alexander H. Dixon, A. P. & John Bremner, store, Admaston.  
Alexander H. Dixon, show cards, Toronto and Caledonia.  
Carson Price, general store, Williamsford.  
A. W. Soper, lumber, Ottawa.  
John H. Langford, books and stationery, Ottawa.  
Elijah Purdy, general store, Loughborough.  
Murdoch McLean, general store, Queensborough.  
Joseph Patterson, dry goods, Toronto.  
Alexander Howell, agricultural implements, Bradford.  
Sugden & Son, woolen mills, Stratford.  
Wm. O'Brien, boots and shoes, Perth.  
Henderson & Phillips, traders, Toronto.  
H. R. McDonald, general store, Alexandria.  
Boyle & Wright, tins, &c., Napanee.

#### WRITS OF ATTACHMENT ISSUED vs.

Peter Dickey, grocer, Brockville.  
Alex. Morrison, general store, Brockville.  
Susannah McCormick, St. Thomas.  
Hiram A. Knapp, butcher, New Edinburgh.  
Wm. Klump, trader, Sarnia.  
Bayne & Baxter, dry goods, Chatham.  
D. H. Stewart, grocer, London.  
Francis Bartlett, architect and builder, Napanee.  
Lamb & Cross, grocers, Toronto.  
Samuel North, stores and tins, Hamilton.  
Sarah Margaret Fletcher, hardware, Brockville.  
Archibald McLean, general store, Pendleton.  
James Birmingham, auctioneer, Ottawa.  
John McCarthy, trader, Ottawa.  
Luke King, store, Carron Brook.  
Frs. Bartlett, builder, &c., Napanee.  
Wright, Roberts & Co., planing factory.  
John Johnson, tanner, West Hawkesbury.  
Jas. Beaford, broker, Stratford.  
J. Atkinson & Co., wholesale fancy goods, London.  
Mrs. Christina Gundry, stationery, Uxbridge.

#### Commercial.

#### MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, OCT. 26th, 1876.

The improved tone in business circles continues, and merchants having come to the conclusion that a period has been put to the continued shrinkage in values of the past few seasons, look upon accumulations of merchandise with less disheartened feelings. The good prices obtained for barley and other grains have enabled the farmers in many localities in the West to pay off their store debts, and remittances begin to arrive in payment for goods which have long since been consumed. The lessons of the past years will not surely be thrown away upon debtor or creditor; the sooner business relations come down to "hard pan" the better for the country at large. There is a better demand for money also, although rates have not changed. The reduction in the interest rate will doubtless have the effect of sending some of the deposits into some other sphere of usefulness. Discounts continue at 6 to 9 per cent. according to the character of the paper. Sterling Exchange is quoted at 108½ for 60-day bills between Banks, documentary at 108. Gold in New York at 3 p.m. to-day, 109½.

ASHES.—The receipts of Pots continue fair. Last Saturday a sudden advance took place to \$4.75 and \$4.80 for First Pots at which about 40 brls. were placed, but the immediate decline

to \$4.60 and \$4.65, and to day sales have been made at \$4.55 to \$1.60, with less demand. Seconds, \$3.55. Thirds, \$2.50. *Pearls*.—Have again improved, we have to note a Sale of 30 brls. at \$6.07 and 30 brls. at \$6.12½ for First Sorts. Seconds neglected. The receipts for the year have been 12062 brls. Pots and 1154 brls. Pearls; the deliveries 10,623 brls. Pots and 1382 brls. Pearls, and the Stock in store at 7 o'clock this evening is 3520 brls. Pots and 776 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—A moderate sorting-up trade still exists, although orders are now for small amounts, and manufacturers are turning their attention to the preparation of Spring samples.—See *Prices Current*.

CATTLE.—The arrivals at Point St. Charles last week were 23 carloads of cattle, nine single-decked and four double-decked carloads of hogs, five mixed carloads of cattle and hogs, one carload mixed cattle and sheep, four double-decked and one single-decked carload of sheep and three carloads of horses. Four hundred of the sheep, fifty-six head of cattle and about fifty of the horses intended for shipment to England, on the S.S. *Ontario* this week. At the St. Gabriel market on Monday, there were but ten carloads of cattle, three double-decked and four single-decked cars of hogs and three cars of mixed cattle and hogs. Although the supply has fallen off, of late, prices tend low for local consumption, and butchers do not feel inclined to pay the figures of a fortnight ago. The highest price paid on Monday, was for four fine steers averaging about 1250 lbs. each, which brought \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Others of inferior quality were sold at \$3.00 to \$3.75 and \$4.25 per 100 lbs., according to condition. Some bulls weighing from 900 to 1000 lbs. were sold at prices per head which amounted to about \$2.00 per 100 lbs. Hogs were in over-supply, and none but picked ones were saleable. Forty large hogs weighing about 13,500 lbs. brought a trifle over \$6.00 per 100 lbs. Other sales were made at \$5.50 and \$5.75 per 100 lbs. One hundred which looked like the arched back and belly breed made rather for speed than meat, were sold to be fattened at a Sherbrooke brewery. Hides, pelts and tallow continue unchanged.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been an active demand for all leading lines, and prices continue firm with an upward tendency. Considerable anxiety is felt respecting the "Louise," from Newcastle, with chemicals on board, a large proportion of which has been sold to arrive. Bleaching Powder is rather higher and difficult to obtain at present. We quote as follows:—Soda Ash, \$2 to \$2.25; Sal Soda, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Soda Bicarb, \$3.60 to \$3.75; Caustic Soda, 34c. to 3½c.; Alum, 2c. to 2½c.; Bleaching Powder, 2c. to 2½c.; Extract of Logwood, bulk, 10c. to 11c., and packages in proportion.

DRY GOODS.—Sales by our city retail people have been somewhat interfered with by the great change in the weather from cold to warm. The average sales for the month, however, are said to be quite up to former years. Remittances from the West are not what they ought to be, and a change for the better may reasonably be expected from this time to the end of the year. Numbers of small orders are being sent by the travellers now in the West, and the general tone of this department continues to be more cheerful as the season advances.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—On the whole the Wheat market has been dull and there has been a concession of about 10c. per barrel; Spring Extra range from \$5.10 to \$5.20. City brands are held firmly at \$5.27½ at which sales have been affected. Superior Extras, \$5.75 and Extras \$5.55 to \$5.60. Superfine has been sold for \$4.90 to \$5.00. In consequence of the demand caused by the approaching close of navigation there is an active demand for bag flour; large sales have taken place at prices ranging from \$2.65 to \$2.70. During the week a few cargoes of Upper Canada Spring Wheat changed hands at \$1.20, one choice lot No. 1 bringing \$1.25. Two cargoes of Corn were sold yesterday at 54c., but 55c. is now asked.

FREIGHTS.—Easier, and 6s. would be accepted.