-The Western Assurance Company declares a half-yearly dividend of four per cent., which, with the six per cent. previously declared, makes ten per cent. to their shareholders for the year, by no means a bad return.

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"HOW HAVE YOU FOUND BUSINESS ?"

We have been favored with some hundreds more of replies to our circular desiring information in reply to the above enquiry. Regretting that we have not space to print them all, we give below a selection from each locality in order of receipt.

Messrs. C. S. Shaw & Co., of Ottawa, importers of china and plated ware, say that they have found trade very satisfactory this year, "Our sales," continues their letter, "have been twenty per cent. better than than they were last year."

" For the information of your most valuable paper "-such is the complimentary way in which Messrs. Joseph Kidd & Son, of Dublin, refer to the MONETABY TIMES-" For the past year we have but little to complain of in regard to business ; but money has been very slow and scarce. Our sales have kept up to the standard. Lots of large accounts in the hands of good farmers throughout the counties of Perth and Haron."

We congratulate Messrs. J. & R. Craig, of Ottawa, upon their trial of the cash trade, the result of which they describe below :--- " Business with us is quite satisfactory. We have been doing for "strictly cash" since the beginning of last March, and find the system to work admirably."

A firm of merchant tailors in Kingston, Messrs. C. Livingston & Brother, say :-- "We beg to state briefly how trade is in our line. In our order clothing department we find business even better than last year, but in the ready-made clothing and sale work we find it not so good, no doubt owing to the low prices farmers are receiving for grain and some of our largest industries being shut down "

MB. JOHN MCKINNON, druggist, of Beaverton writes : " Replying to your enquiry, trade during the current year has been fairly good. Crops were beyond the average in this section, prices are certainly low but considering the increased yield farmers are no worse off than last year. The great drawback is the slowness of marketing grain, many feel disposed to hold over for next Year Consequently second year consequently accounts are coming in badly."

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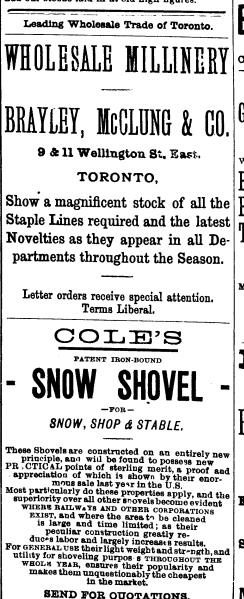
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The postmaster at Cheddar, in Peterboro county, who is also a general trader, gives the following testimony as to the condition of things in that neighborhood on Dec. 17th : "Business is rather dull here and has been very much so during the last summer and fall. Money was scarce and remittances not good generally. There are some signs of improvement now. Crops have been good and the lumbermen are in and paying good prices for beef, pork, oats and hay, so that settlers in the woods are getting better prices than what are paid in the front townships for more of their produce."

The following is from a well-known retail dealer in Windsor, Ont., Mr. J. W. Blackadder : "I can say the current year has been a hard one, October and March being the only fair business months in it. The entire loss of the Indian corn crop of 1883, with more than partial failure of the wheat crop in this county, has been felt ever since, and the good corn crop of this year (1884) has not made its presence felt yet, being still in the cribs on the farms. It is, however, exerting an influence in sustaining confidence for the future. The low price paid by our American cousins for the now famous "Mackinaw straw braid," which is grown and braided in this county by the French Canadians largely, has paralized that industry also, so that the prospect for the present is not very encouraging. However, the stocks on the shelves of the dry goods men are down to rock bottom prices of manufacture, so it is better for us than if we had our stocks laid in at old high figures."



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