The strike of the Cuban cigarmakers at Vallens & Co.'s factory, in London, has been settled, both sides having made some concessions.

The Montreal Street Railway Company has decided to install a direct-connected railway power generator of 1,200 horse power. The order has been placed with the Canadian General Electric Co.

The death-rate in Montreal during the past year was, with one exception, viz., in the year 1885 when smallpox was rampant, the largest on record, the number of deaths being 7,351.

Some forty girl employees of the Dominion Suspender Company, Niagara Falls, have struck work, owing to the management having remodelled the wage schedule on what the former claim to be a reduced basis.

About five years ago, Arthur O'Parker bought the insolvent clothing stock of his mother at St. Catharines. He has always had plenty of strong competition, and an insufficiency of capital. His assignment is now announced.——Another assignment is that of Loyne & Co., confectioners, Fort William.——W. D. Haines, who kept a restaurant at Sault Ste. Marie, has had his effects mortgaged, and now he, too, assigns.

After being in business in the drug and stationery business at Teeswater for nine years, H. B. O'Connor has assigned. Lately he has not given the business the attention it needed, and the result is as above stated.——During the past sixteen years, J. W. Gordon has been harness-making in Embro, but gave too much attention to public affairs, with the result that his own suffered. The end is an assignment.

KENTVILLE BOARD OF TRADE.

The eighth annual meeting of the Kentville board of trade was held on the 21st ult., with over 100 members in attendance. This is one of the most enterprising boards in the country. Owing to their initiative during Christmas week a merchants' carnival was organized, and the town was crowded with buyers from all surrounding districts. They also distributed 20,000 booklets advertising the town. In his report the president showed that while general trade in their district had been good, yet, it had been adversely affected by the disastrous effects to farmers of the present apple shipping facilities, or lack thereof, the losses from which source probably having amounted to $100,000. A resolution was adopted to petition the Government to appoint a commission to investigate into the circumstances connected with the transportation and marketing of the Annapolis Valley fruit crop. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the present year: President, James Sealy; vice-president, W. P. Shaffner; secretary and treasurer, Geo. E. Calkin; assistant secretary, F. W. Rand.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 30th, 1901.

Stocks.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Closing Prices		Average same date 1900
				Sellers.	Buyers.	
Montreal	260	259	37	260	259	....
Ontario	124	124	6	....	124	....
Molsons	191½	190¼	9	192	190	192
Toronto	236	236	3	245	230	....
J. Cartier	....	....	....	....	....	....
Merchants	155½	155	43	160	153	160
Commerce	148	147½	86	149	146	...
Union	....	....	....	108	106	....
Hochelaga	....	....	....	136	....	....
Nationale	....	....	....	....	....	....
M. Telegraph	174	174	38	175	173	171
R. & O. Nav.	109¼	107¾	637	109½	109⅛	109½
Street Ry	269	266	1803	267	266⅜	232
do N. Stock	262½	260	75	263	260	....
Gas	225	218	4757	224	223	191
C. P. R.	88¾	88⅜	1430	88⅝	88⅜	94⅜
Land Gt Bonds	....	....	....	....	109	....
Mont. 4% Stock	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bell Tele. Co.	173	173	5	175	172	174
N. W. Land	....	....	....	....	....	....

BRITISH MORTGAGE LOAN COMPANY OF ONTARIO.

There was a large attendance at the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the above company on Thursday last, those present being Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. W. Helson, Hon. Thomas Ballantyne, Mayor Stamp, Messrs. J. W. Scott, Wm. Maynard, Jas. Callin, Jno. McMillan, Joseph Baxter, H. M. Johnson, Dennis Clifford, Wm. Spence, James Trow, J. W. Brown, John Parker, Robert Morton, James Crerar, Geo. Innes, S. M. Loghrin, George Hamilton, G. G. McPherson, John Dempsey, John McIntyre, M. C. Moderwell, W. Buckingham and F. Buckingham. A still greater number were represented by proxies.

Hon. Mr. Ballantyne was appointed chairman, and Mr. W. Buckingham, secretary.

Immediately after the organization of the meeting, the following resolution was adopted, on motion of vice-president McMillan, seconded by the earliest director, Mr. Scott:

"The shareholders of the company desire to avail themselves of this opportunity of unitedly giving expression to the sorrow which each of them personally feels at the death of their late beloved sovereign, the Queen, who devoted her honored life to the welfare of her people. They hope that the reign of her successor, her illustrious son, the King, may bring to the Empire a long continuance of her wise constitutional rule and governance, with the same full measure of national dignity, power and influence, and of individual happiness, contentment and prosperity."

The report of the directors, the financial statement, and the certificate of the auditors, were then read as follows:

REPORT.

The series of successful years which attended the business of the company to the close of the last century have paved the way to an auspicious opening of the new. We commence the new era with still increased assets, and with surplus profits which permit of something more than the usual additional $10,000 to the reserve fund. The larger volume of business is on this occasion mainly attributable to the eagerness shown by the shareholders in making payments on their stock. The average of such payments for the previous ten years was less than $1,500 annually, but in 1900 payments on stock amounted to more than $68,000. We see in this further evidence of the confidence of those best able to judge of our position and standing. At the same time it widens the basis of the company's stability. Depositors and debenture holders have now to protect their well-invested funds on real estate securities aggregating nearly a million and a quarter of dollars. Of these investments the sum

BANKERS

From the following list our readers can ascertain the names and addresses of bankers who will undertake to transact a general agency and collection business in their respective localities: