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Mills, Mill Gearing, Hangers and Pulleys, Hand and
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facturers ofBlake's Patent Stone and Ore Breaker,
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& CO.,**

Wholesale Druggists,

18 DE BRÉSOLLES ST., MONTREAL.

Orders by Mail will receive careful and prompt
attention.

— Counterfeit \$2 bills of the Union Bank of Prince Edward Island are in circulation. The bank has issued no bills of that denomination numbered higher than 3300.

— The Commercial Union Assurance Co. did a good business during the year 1877, and now proposes paying a dividend of 10 per cent. which, with 5 per cent. paid before, will make 15 per cent. for the year.

— They do not appear to be a reading people in Kingston. The Mechanics' Institute is so heavily in debt that its library and other assets will have to be sold to meet its liabilities.

— The Ontario Government have appointed a special agent to the Paris Exhibition, whose duty it will be to give information to visitors respecting the province and its resources. It is a wise step.

— A quantity of furniture for the Ottawa Hotel has arrived from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Could not our Canadian manufacturers have supplied it equally well?

— Port Hope has secured the smelting works for the Snowden Iron Mines by giving a \$10,000 bonus. This amount will be recouped to the town by harbor tolls on the iron shipped.

— The Superintendent of Public Works for New York expects to have the canals open by April 10th, which is earlier than any season for twenty-one years.

— Financial difficulties have compelled Charles Whittaw, of Paris, to close his extensive flouring mills for the present. A meeting of his creditors has been called.

— The Avon Marine Insurance Company, of Windsor, has declared a dividend of 200 per cent., being \$65 dollars on paid up shares of \$25 each, besides placing a large sum at rest. Few companies can show an exhibit like this.

— A second and final dividend of 31-5 cents on the dollar has been declared in the insolvent estate of N. Valois & Co., boot and shoe

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**WOOL HATS, FUR HATS, STRAW HATS,
CLOTH CAPS, SCOTCH CAPS, SILK HATS,***Men's, Youth's, Children's, Ladies' and Girls.***LARGE ASSORTMENT.****GREENE & SONS CO.,**

517, 519, 521, 523, and 525 ST. PAUL STREET,

MONTREAL.

manufacturers, of this city. The first dividend was 22 cents on the dollar.

— A Nova Scotia subscriber, in remitting his subscription for the *Journal of Commerce*, says: "I find it exceedingly valuable, and shall read it with greater pleasure when paid for." We commend the latter part of this sentence to those of our subscribers who are in arrears.

— The latest novelty in advertising is having announcements printed on the plates used in restaurants and other public places. A company with a capital of £10,000 has been formed on the continent of Europe to carry out the idea. The cost of printing is about 1½d. per plate.

— C. L. Baker, an extensive grocer and produce merchant of Lindsay, has suspended, with liabilities of about \$75,000. He formerly resided in Montreal, and went into business in Lindsay in 1860. The cause of his difficulties is said to have been speculations in pork and other produce.

— Employment is scarce in the larger towns and cities. When it became known in London that the car works were to be re-opened the office was besieged with applicants for employment. About two hundred solicited work in one forenoon. With the opening of navigation there will be doubtless more work for the unemployed.

— Chicago is well-nigh bankrupt. The civic authorities are cutting down the expenditure. A considerable reduction has been made in the police force and fire brigade. It is expected that some of the insurance companies will withdraw in consequence of the reduction in the latter. This looks very much like economy beginning at the wrong end.

— A sample cargo of phosphates has been shipped from Norfolk, U.S., to Egypt, to try whether they can be substituted in the cotton and cane fields for Peruvian guano,

which is largely in use there. As there is plenty of phosphate in Canada, our people interested in the trade might see what can be done in the same direction.

— The *Prairie Farmer*, a paper published at Chicago, speaks in the following high terms of Canadian barley:—"No barley such as that obtained from Canada is or can be grown in the prairie region tributary to the Mississippi River. Largely demanded in Chicago and elsewhere at the West, great quantities are annually imported."

— The Toronto and Ottawa Railway scheme is again coming to the front. The Toronto merchants see in it a means of getting rid of what they call the discriminating rates of the Grand Trunk in favour of Montreal. Many who voted against granting a bonus a short time ago would support it now. The construction of the road is only a question of time. With so many roads leading into Toronto from the West another outlet is doubtless required.

— Mr. Patterson's Annual Report of the Home and Foreign Trade of Canada and Annual Report of the Commerce of Montreal, has attracted considerable attention in England and France, where a large number of copies have been distributed. The notices by the press and leading commercial statisticians are very flattering. A proposal has been made to hold an international commercial conference at Paris during the Exhibition, an idea which is likely to be carried into effect.

— In the case of the Northern Insurance Co. vs. Canada Fire and Marine, the Court of Error and Appeal, Toronto, has condemned the latter company to pay the sum in dispute, and also to pay the cost of the court below and in the Court of Appeal. This case, it will be remembered, arose out of re-insurances on the Hamilton & Son foundry, Toronto, destroyed by fire.