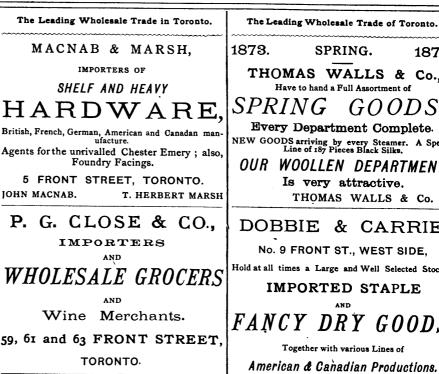


BY AN official notification from the Department of Inland Revenue traders and others are informed that the provisions of the present law relating to the weight of grain, seeds, roots, fruit, &c., will cease to have effect on and after the 1st. day of January 1874, and thereafter all these articles when bought or sold by weight shall be specified by the cental or parts of a cental-that is one hundred pounds. Those, therefore, who after that date make contracts based on bushels will only be bound by the bushel of capacityand not of weight. This important change may be attended with some inconvenience for a short time; but will on full trial prove as satisfactory as did the exchange of f. s. d. currency for the decimal.

A LIST of recent assignments in Ontario is as follows :- Robert E. Hill; Shepha Donner, Orangeville; Wm. Breset, Tp. Dawn; John Hiscocks, Gananoque; John McKay, Creemore; C. Wilson & Son, Parkhill; Soady & McLean, Parkhill; A. A. Richardson, Napanee; L. Pierce; N. H. Bishop, Allandale; S. A. Logan, Winchester Springs; S. & M. Kedy, Tp. Fitzroy; John Wallis, Avon; Joseph Donor, Stayner; J. Downing, Newtonville; J. J. Marshall, Owen Sound; J. L. Charles, Harley; Wm. Beaton, Kilsyth ; John Link, South Finch ; H. H. Judd, London; John Burgess, Baltimore; John Bell, Woodburn; W. R. Graham & Co., Barrie; John Jones, Flesherton; H. R. Joynt, Pt. Elmsley; Anderson & Graham, Bethany; John Street, Clinton; John Harding, Prescott; H. & M. Lamont, Chatham ; T. A. Mara, St. Mary's; A. W. Dudley, Colborne; Hy. Nafe, Preston. The following assignments were made in Quebec Province since the 10th. ult. :-- Onesime Blouin, St. Jean; Denechaud & Rickaby, Three Rivers; O. A. Bergeron, St. Sophie d'Halifax; M. A. Keroack, St. Hyacinthe ; M. Bourgue,



L. Epiphiane; F. X. Bernard, Quebec; Alex. McGibbon, Montreal; John Howie, St. Johns; T. St. George, Montreal; Wm. White, Montreal; M. Lariviere, Hull; J. Sansfacon, Quebec; I. Paris, Montreal; R. Desjardins, Montreal; Geo. Wiseman, Princeville; S. Hethrington, Melbourne; A Beaudin, Beauharnois.

## THE CROPS

We have been favored by one of our local bank managers with some interesting reports from his country agencies with regard to the crops. We give the substance as follows:

BELLEVILLE.-The general impression is that the coming harvest will be a very poor one on account of the drought. Rain coming too late to be of much benefit. Fall wheat is looking well. Spring wheat-Not an average crop, though slightly improved by late rains. Barley -Not a half crop. Rye-Not more than half a crop. Peas-Very poor. Oats-A fair crop. Hay-No crop. The Cheese business is displacing the grain trade; and is much more extensive than any previous season.

CHATHAM.-Wheat crops-average, large quantity sown. Barley very poor and little sown. Oats; half crop. Beans, large quantity sown, and looking very well.

CLINTON .- A very fair harvest is looked for in this section of country. Fall wheat is quite up to the average; spring wheat a little below. Oats and peas are looking well. Hay is rather short.

GALT .- Prospects of a good harvest. Hay is very good crop. Fall wheat badly winter-killed, what remains is excellent. Spring wheat very poor. Barley prospects of a good crop. Oats, average. Peas look well. Corn and roots are excellent. Very little wool but of a good quality was brought to market.

NEWMARKET.—Spring wheat, an average and furniture were near crop. Fall wheat good. Hay, short. Oats, the Waterloo for \$6,000.



barley, and peas look very fair. Roots, poor

crop with the exception of potatoes. Norwich.—The prospects are for a good harvest, fully up to the average, fruit crop perhaps excepted

STRATFORD.-Prospects of a good harvest. Fall wheat, excellent. Spring wheat, under the average. Barley, looks very well. Oats and peas are looking well. Flax is extensively cultivated in this vicinity, and likely to be up to the average. Hay is very light. Cheese making is becoming quite an important business here, large quantities are being made.

SEAFORTH.-Wheat looks well. Hay and oats, a very light crop. Barley prospects of a good crop. Roots, a poor crop.

WOODSTOCK .- Prospects of a good harvest. Hay will be very light. Forts of a good narvest, Hay will be very light. Foots, very fair crop. AYR.—Prospects of a very good harvest; above the average; every kind of grain looks

well.

## Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.-Lindsay, June 27.-A fire broke out on the 19th in a swamp on the farm of Mr. Leddy west of this place and burned his barn; no insurance. Several log barns in the vicinity were destroyed by the same fire.

St. John N.B., June 24.—Peter's hay store was destroyed with contents ; loss \$2,500 ; insured in the Imperial on contents for \$1,500. The building was insured in the same office for \$2.000.

Otterville, June 26.—A fire started in a build owned by W. F. Kay, and occupied by him as a dwelling and store, which also contained the Post-office and Montreal Telegraph Office. Very little of the contents saved. The fire next caught the dwelling occupied by D. Fowler, thence to a store and dwelling occupied by M. Maddison, the two last buildings owned by G. W. Carder. Kay's loss is about 14,000; insured in the Waterloo for \$1.140 and in the Niagara District for \$2,500. Carder's two buildings were worth about \$1.500. Maddison's goods and furniture were nearly all saved ; insured in

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