

AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT.—In an age of enlightenment like the present, the value of electricity, and of compounds containing an electric principle as remedial agents, is widely appreciated.

FINANCE & COMMERCE.

TRUE WITNESS OFFICE, Tuesday, December 2, 1914.

Business at our city banks runs steady; there is a fair demand for accommodation for this season of the year, and discount rates for commercial paper still range from 7 to 8 per cent, as to name and date.

Brokers are still paying 94c to 95c on the dollar for Consolidated Bank bills, and 20c for Mechanics'.

Messrs. Campbell, Moat & Moffatt, the Committee appointed on the 30th October to examine into and report the affairs of the Consolidated Bank, have been granted an extension of time of twenty-five days by the Court.

The Union Bank, Quebec, has declared a dividend of 2 per cent. for the current half-year.

A final dividend of 4 per cent has been declared in the matter of Thompson, Whitehead & Co., hardware merchants, payable on Monday next.

The amount of duties collected in the Inland Revenue Division of London, Ont., for November, 1878, was \$24,426.71, and for 1879, \$30,527.41.

The Customs receipts for the port of Hamilton for November amounted to \$51,253.04, being a decrease of \$11,698.75 on the same month last year.

During the past week there has been a decided advance in St. John, N. B., in deal freights, as high as seventy shillings being offered in some cases.

The gross earnings of the Burlington Cedar Rapids and Northern Railway Company for the week ending November 14th were—1879, \$31,116.37; 1878, \$30,285.15; increase, \$831.22.

The traffic earnings of the Great Western Railway for the week ending November 21st, amounted to \$100,730.86, against \$73,872.61 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of \$26,858.25.

The Grand Trunk Railway returns of traffic for the week ending 22nd November, 1879, compared with the corresponding week of 1878, shows an increase of \$13,384.1.

Passengers, mails and express \$1,850 \$2,092
Freight and live stock 117,195 133,631
Total \$119,045 \$135,723
Increase during the last 21 weeks \$272,161

Business Troubles.—At a meeting of the creditors of Joseph Thompson, grocer, of Hochelaga, H. A. Bain was appointed assignee.

A writ of attachment has been served on the Petticoat, N.B., Lumber Mill Company at the instance of Messrs. Allan Bros.

A writ of attachment was to-day issued at the instance of Mr. H. C. St. Pierre, advocate, against Felix Cadotte for \$209.50. Mr. C. O. Perrault, assignee.

Stock-taking is engaging the attention of many of our merchants, and it will likely soon become general. Prices rule steady in many lines, but it will be seen below that our hardware merchants have to-day further advanced the prices for iron, in consequence of the steady upward movement in England.

The following are the city prices for four: Superior Extra..... \$ 05 @ 10
Extra Super..... 5 90 @ 6 00
Fancy..... 0 00 @ 0 00
Spring Extra, new ground..... 5 70 @ 5 80
Superfine..... 5 55 @ 5 50
Strong Bakers..... 6 20 @ 6 40
Fine..... 6 00 @ 6 10
Medium..... 5 90 @ 5 90
Foliars..... 3 20 @ 3 40
Ontario Bags..... 3 20 @ 3 40
City Bags (delivered)..... 3 10 @ 3 15
Canada..... 4 20 @ 4 25
Cornmeal..... 2 90 @ 3 00

ASHES.—The receipts at this port from the 1st January last up to 1st December, inst., were 8,447 brls pots, and 1,746 brls pearls; total, 10,193 brls, showing an increase of 730 brls, compared with the receipts for the corresponding period last year.

DRY GOODS.—We continue to hear favorable reports concerning remittances. The late cold weather has stimulated sales of heavy woolsens, and stocks generally are rapidly being reduced.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade has been very quiet, and prices are nominally unchanged. The demand is light for all descriptions of goods.

FURS.—The wholesale fur trade is reported very brisk, and owing to the large number of orders recently received, dealers find a difficulty in filling them within the short time yet allotted them, viz, this month.

LEATHER.—Trade has been only moderately active during the week under review; the majority of our wholesale houses have been busy engaged in stock-taking.

PETROLEUM.—We have recently reported several advances in the price of refined oil, and have now to make another addition to the cost of that article.

WOL.—The demand for all kinds of wool in this market is reported good, and stocks are now pretty well reduced.

THE FARMERS' MARKETS.—Bonsecours and St. Ann's.—Prices at Farmers' Markets, December 2.

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we quote layers at \$2.20 to \$2.50. Loose Muscovy, \$2.50 to \$2.75; London Layers, \$2.80 to \$3; Sultanas, \$3.50 to \$4; for new: Seedless, \$4 to \$5; Currants, \$4 to \$5; for 1878, and \$4 to \$5 for new. Molasses retail; Barbadoes quoted at \$30 to \$40; Trinidad, \$20 to \$30. Rice is steady at \$4.30 to \$4.65. Good deal has been sold on p. t. Sympies are quiet and quoted at 50c to 70c, as to kind and quality; United States manufacturers has been sold at prices equal to about 48c to 57c. Sympies are dull, and prices a fraction lower; for refined grades a decline of fully 1c, and in some instances 1 1/2c, has taken place during the week; prices to-day for yellows range from 9c to 10c; granulated, 10 1/2c to 11c; Porto Rico, very low to choice, 8 1/2c to 9c; Barbadoes, 8 1/2c to 9c. In New York and in the English markets also, there has been a slight decline in prices. Spices.—At Singapore there has been a small advance on the price of pepper; in this market rates steady at 10c to 11c; Pimento, 14c to 16c; cloves, ginger and nutmegs rule firm at previously quoted prices. Cassia is steady at an advance of about 3c on the lowest figures, quoted at 17c to 20c. Teas have been in rather light demand during the week, and prices remain steady and unchanged; low grade Japans are scarce both here and in New York; they are sold here at from 30c to 35c, while choice grades are worth 38c to 58c. Young Hysons steady, at 30c to 35c for low qualities, up to 40c to 65c for fair to choice. Imperial, Twankay, and Black Teas are inactive and unchanged.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market for hides rules quiet, and prices remain easy at the decline noted in our last weekly report; butchers' green hides are bought at \$9, \$8 and \$7, respectively for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Sheepskins are firmer, now quoted at \$1. California, 10c.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Trade has continued quiet, sales being confined, as is usual at this period of the year, to small-sized orders. In consequence of a further advance in England of 10s per ton for iron, dealers here, at a fall meeting of the trade held this afternoon, decided to advance prices about 25c per 100 lbs, all round; the advance will be noticed on referring to our list of quotations below. Remittances continue to flow in with pleasing regularity.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Pig Iron, Galvanized Sheet, Tin Plates, Charcoal, and various other goods.

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