

	Feet.
W. M. Mackay.....	27,447,797
J. B. Snowball.....	24,506,837
D. & J. Ritchie & Co.....	11,088,762
Ernest Hutchinson.....	9,318,892
F. E. Neale.....	8,730,980
Geo. Burchill & Sons.....	7,389,000
Wm. Richards.....	5,993,193
W. A. Hickson.....	1,124,168
Clarke, Skillings & Co.....	5,556
Total.....	95,605,185

This was carried in 128 vessels. In addition there was shipped 2,473,746 palings, 1,944,885 pieces of spool wood, and 16 tons of birch and pine timber. The distribution of the lumber was as follows:—To Great Britain, 53,549,292; Ireland, 31,090,061; France, 6,712,589; Spain, 2,079,210; Australia, 1,125,356; Africa, 1,048,677.

INSURANCE ITEMS.

Mr. Robert Blyth, C.A., F.F.A., manager of the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society, has resigned his office in order to become general manager of the Union Bank of Scotland.

The Right Hon. Sir Algernon West, K.C.B., late chairman of the board of Inland Revenue, has accepted a seat at the London board of the Northern Assurance Company.

Henry Keeney, who died in Hartford recently at an advanced age, leaving a fortune of more than a million, had several strokes of exceptionally good luck. One was his investment of \$260 in the stock of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company in 1842. This stock, after yielding Mr. Keeney \$124,864 in cash dividends, is at present worth more than \$80,000.

In the three insurance company cases in London, Ont., involving a total assessment on income of \$12,500, Judge Edward Elliott has handed down his judgment, which is against the companies. Those interested are the Sun Life, Standard Life, and the London & Lancashire Life. They were assessed on income, the Sun for \$5,000, the Standard for \$5,000, and the London & Lancashire for \$2,500. The last named company placed \$395 as its income over and above expenses, the Sun Life offered to pay taxes on \$130, and the Standard Life on \$1,868.63. The insurance men complain that the present decision is exactly opposite to that given last year by Judge William Elliott in the case of the Standard Life.

At the place where the great fire of London ended there is a wooden statuette of a naked boy. It originally had bright yellow wings, and an inscription stated that it was put up in memory of "the late Fire of London, occasioned by the Sin of Gluttony, 1666." Its propriety, we are told, was on one occasion thus supported by a Nonconformist preacher on the anniversary of the fire. He asserted that the calamity could not be occasioned by the sin of blasphemy, for in that case it would have begun at Billingsgate; nor lewdness, for then Drury Lane would have been first on fire; nor lying, for then the flames had reached from Westminster Hall. "No, my beloved; it was occasioned by the sin of gluttony, for it began at Pudding Lane and ended at Pie Corner."

The list of accidents which occur every day is very long, but for various reasons is still getting longer. One man has a disabling injury by the ring on his finger catching in the back of a street car, another steps on a banana peel, another falls over a wheelbarrow; still another falls astride of a chair upon which he is standing while lighting the gas; another falls from a step-ladder; another, a musician, catches his finger between the keys of a piano; two merchants have disabling hurts while splitting kindling; two more were struck by falling objects; another seriously injured his hand on an ice pick, and to cap the climax, a book-keeper has a rib fractured by a man with whom he was sleeping rolling over upon him. If this is not enough the list can be extended indefinitely to show you how necessary it is for you to carry some accident insurance.—*Black and White.*

CLEARING-HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures of the Canadian clearing-houses for the week ended with Thursday, Jan. 3rd, compared with those of the previous week:

CLEARINGS.	Jan. 3.	Dec. 27.
Montreal.....	\$8,839,004	\$8,158,847
Toronto.....	5,350,094	4,667,866
Halifax.....	1,079,821	936,347
Winnipeg.....	1,233,458	961,594
Hamilton.....	667,643	588,163
Total.....	\$17,170,770	\$15,312,817

Aggregate balances this week, \$2,798,441; last week, \$2,344,724

BOOKS RECEIVED.

PEOPLE'S ALMANAC.—Facts and figures for the electors of Canada. Fifth year of publication. A supplement to the *Montreal Gazette*. Pp. 100.

THE CHRONICLE; Extra Holiday Number. December, 1894; price fifty cents. Fifty-fourth volume, No. 26. A weekly insurance journal, \$3 a year; Franklin Webster, editor.—An excellent number, containing articles for all tastes, from "Atavism in Life Assurance" to a parallel between Fontaine's lightning engines on the Canada Southern and the similarly brilliant failures as "lightning specials," Curtis L. North, Dinkelspeil, *et al*, of which latter genus it is said, "The evil that they did lives after them." For those who like pictures, "The Passing Show" series of cartoons, extending over thirty-two pages, is an instructive and amusing half dollar's worth.

THE BANKERS' MAGAZINE.—A change has been made with the December number in the form of this long-established and valuable periodical, which has entered upon its 50th volume. The page is enlarged, and instead of 80 pages there are 150. This greater space will permit a larger variety of matter, both original and selected. The *Bankers' Forum* discusses the Baltimore currency plan. Appropriately the current number contains an admirable portrait of George S. Coe, of the American Exchange National Bank, and a sketch of his life by another bank president. Also an able article on the wheat situation from the pen of W. M. Grosvenor, formerly editor of that excellent financial weekly, the *New York Public*, and now editor of *Dun's Review*. Prof. A. S. Bolles, the former editor, continues to have charge of the banking law department. The new publisher is John G. Floyd, successor to the Homans Publishing Co., 233 Broadway, New York.

PATENT RECORD.

The following list of United States patents granted to Canadian inventors, November 27th and December 4th, 1894, is reported by James Sangster, patent attorney, Buffalo, N.Y. —

Edourand, Montreal, awning.

Tronson Draper, Petrolia, valve-facing tool.

Edward C. and W. C. Irwin, Winnipeg, window screen.

William F. Johnston and J. Grey, assignors to Massey-Harris Company, Toronto, apparatus for hardening knife-sections or other articles.

William H. Moore, Owen Sound, and J. Gardiner, Dundalk, said Moore assignor to said Gardiner, fire-extinguisher.

James O. Oakley, Montreal, extensible structure for use as a bridge, scaffold, tower, etc.

George R. Prowse, Montreal, assignor of one-half to firm of T. H. McAllister, New York, oxygen generator and holder.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. B. Barrie.—The company was formed under authority of a private Act. Its dividend has been reduced. The shares are \$100 each.

ALEX. HACKETT, Colchester; J. C., Montreal; J. S., Belleville; L. D., Detroit; J. S. D., W. C., D. W., J. S. B., City.—Unable to comply with your request. The Christmas issue of the *MONETARY TIMES* is exhausted.

SUBSCRIBER, Durham.—Will reply to you by letter.

—Although founded but twelve years ago, the village of Lake Megantic, Que., now counts 2,500 inhabitants, and a branch of the People's Bank of Halifax is about to be opened there. Upon making enquiry as to the truth of this paragraph, we have it confirmed from the head office of the bank in question. At the same time we learn that the statement of our Montreal correspondent, to which we gave currency in our issue of 14th December, that the People's Bank of Halifax would open a branch in Montreal shortly, was incorrect. The intended opening at Lake Megantic this month probably gave rise to the report.

—The Calgary Board of Trade held its annual meeting the other day. The attendance was good. The following gentlemen were elected officers for 1895: President, J. Bannerman; vice-president, A. Mc-Bride; treasurer, A. Allan; secretary, I. S. G. Van Wart.

—The Ontario Minister of Agriculture told the Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario, at Gananoque, yesterday, that it had been decided by the Government of the province to ask the Legislature at next session for a grant of money with which to establish a pioneer dairy farm in one of the districts of north-west Ontario, not now settled, somewhere between Rat Portage and Port Arthur.