

the business done has not been large; the range being for Muscovado, 25c to 28c; Barbados, 32c to 37c; Trinidad, 32c to 34c; Clayed, 22c to 24c; Centrifugal, 19c to 21c. *Rice*—Is somewhat firmer owing to the smallness of the stock, sales reported at from \$4.25 to 4.50. *Coffee*—There is a fair demand at present, but no change to note except in the price of Maricabo, which is now quoted at 18c to 20c, several large parcels having been placed at our outside quotation. *Fruits*—New layer raisins are steady and in good demand at \$2.25 to 2.30; old layers \$1.70 to 1.80; Valencia meet with a steady demand at 6½c to 6¾c; currants sell freely at 5½c to 6½c. No change to note in the value of nuts or figs for which there is a steady demand.

HARDWARE.—The demand in this department continues very brisk, unusually so for this season of the year. Buyers, however, have been put to much inconvenience by the difficulty in getting goods forwarded by the G. T. R., which is taxing its utmost ability to overtake the work. An advance has been agreed on by the cut nail manufacturers, owing to the increase in price of the raw materials, which is something like 25 per cent.; at the meeting held on Friday last the price agreed upon was \$4.00 per 100 lbs., with a discount of 5 per cent. to purchasers of 1,000 kegs and upwards, and 2½ per cent. on orders of 500 kegs. Our quotations for all kinds of pig iron have advanced; in other articles no change to note. We quote:—

—*Pig Iron*—Coltness or Gartsherrie, \$30 to \$32; Calder or Summerlee, \$28 to 30; other brands, \$27 to 28; hematite, \$30 to 32. *Bars*, Scotch or Staffordshire, \$52; best refined, \$56 to 58; Swedes, \$80 to 100. *Ho ps and Band*—\$2.90 to 5.50. *Sheets*—\$3.25 to 5. *Plates*—Best—\$3.15 to 3.25; Low Moor or Bowling, \$7 to 8; cut nails, \$4.00; pressed nails, \$4.50 to 7.50; spikes, \$3.75 to 4.50. *Canada Plates*—\$3.90 to 4; Swansea, \$4 to \$4.50. *Tin Plates*—Charcoal, I. C., \$8.50 to 8.75; ditto, I.X., \$10.50 to 10.75; coke, I.C., \$7 to 7.50; sheet lead, \$7 to 7.50; pig lead, \$6 to 7; sheet zinc, \$5.50 to 6; window glass, \$1.70 to 2; cast steel, 11c to 16c; spring steel, 3½ to 5; potash kettles, \$2.25 to 3; camp ovens, \$3.50 to 3.60; bellied pots, \$3.30 to 3.50.

HIDES.—The market at present is very barely supplied; the prices at present, 8½c to 10c; pelts, \$1.25 to 1.50.

LEATHER.—There is no change to note in the value of leather this week; business has been dull all week; manufacturers are buying only enough to complete orders. It is expected that prices will rule high for some time to come, as hides are rather scarce. We do not make any change in the quotations of last week, which are reported as being very firm.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—Receipts for the week, 1,916 kegs; shipments, 4,903 kegs. Market dull; really choice butter is still in limited supply, and would sell readily at our quotation, but the larger part of the receipts are of a very ordinary character, for which there is no demand. We quote good to choice dairy western, 21c to 23c; fair to good, 16c to 18c; store-packed Western, 14c to 15c; inferior qualities, 12c to 14c. *Cheese*—There were no receipts during the week; shipments, 1,200 boxes. The prices of cheese are fully up to last week's rates, and the demand has been good, some round lots having changed hands within the range of our quotations, one lot of choice new bringing the outside figure. We quote new 11c to 11½c and old at 10c to 10½c. *Pork*—Now that the ice bridge is formed and sleighing in the country good, an active trade is looked for. There has only been a retail trade reported during the week. The present quotations are for mess pork \$15.25 to 15.75; thin mess, \$14 to 14.50; prime pork, \$13 to 13.50; extra prime pork, \$11 to 11.25; smoked hams firm, 12c to 13c.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of James Bruce Sorley and John Charles Howe, as well individually as members of the firm of Sorley & Howe, Insolvents.

The Creditors of the Insolvents are notified that a meeting will be held at the office of the Insolvents, 25 Front Street east, in the city of Toronto, on Wednesday, the 10th day of January, 1872, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of advising the Assignee respecting the sale of the entire co-partnership, estate and effects of the Insolvents in one lot, or otherwise, and for the ordering of the affairs of the estate generally.

WM. DAVIDSON, Assignee,
118 King St East.

Dated at Toronto, this 23rd
day of December, 1871.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869, and Amendments Thereto.

In the matter of Dominick Anthony Merrick and James Henry Merrick, trading in Toronto under the name, style and firm of Merrick Brothers, Insolvents.

I, the undersigned, Thos. Clarkson, of the City of Toronto, have been appointed Assignee, in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me, within one month.

THOMAS CLARKSON, Official Assignee.
Dated this 28th day of December, A. D. 1871.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869, and Amendments Thereto.

In the matter of Wm. Dack and James Leslie, trading in Toronto under the name, style and firm of Dack & Leslie, Insolvents.

I, the undersigned, Thomas Clarkson, of the city of Toronto, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month.

THOMAS CLARKSON,
Official Assignee.

Dated this 28th Day of December, A. D. 1871.

Notice.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The general Annual Meeting of Shareholders for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and for other general purposes relating to the management of this Association, will be held at the offices of the Association, 36 King Street East, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 6th day of February, 1872, at two o'clock, p. m.

ISAAC C. GILMOR,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Toronto, Dec. 26, 1871.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

The Court of Directors hereby give notice that a Half-yearly Dividend at the rate of Eight per cent. per annum on the capital of the Bank will be payable on the 5th day of January, 1872, to the proprietors of shares registered in the Colonies.

The dividend is declared in sterling money, and will be payable at the rate of exchange current on the 5th day of January, 1872, to be fixed by the Local Boards.

No transfers can be made between the 23rd instant and the 5th proximo, as the books must be closed during that period.

By order of the Court,

R. W. BRADFORD,
Secretary

No. 124 Bishopsgate street Within, London, England,
5th December, 1871.

MONTREAL ASSURANCE CO'Y.

Notice is hereby given that a DIVIDEND of TWELVE PER CENT. upon the paid-up capital of the Company for the past year, has been declared this day, and will be payable at its office in this city on and after Friday, the 29th inst.

Also, declared this day, and will be paid at the same time and place, a BONUS of FIVE PER CENT. on the subscribed capital of the Company.

By order of the Board,
A. MURRAY, Manager.

Montreal, Dec. 20, 1871.

BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Fifty-sixth Dividend.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of four per cent. on the Capital Stock paid up has been this day declared for the half year ending the 31st instant, and that the same will be payable on and after Friday, the 5th day of January next.

The Stock and Transfer Books will accordingly be closed from the 23rd to the 31st inst., both days inclusive. By order of the Board.

T. W. BIRCHALL,
Manager.
per JOHN EVANS,
Accountant.

British America Assurance Office,
Toronto, December 22nd, 1871.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of James Bruce Sorley and John Charles Howe, as well individually as members of the firm of Sorley & Howe, Insolvents.

I, the undersigned, William Davidson, of the city of Toronto, Merchant, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON,
Assignee,
118 King Street East.

Toronto, 23rd December, 1871.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that an application will be made by the undersigned at the next Session of the Parliament of Canada for a charter for the construction of a railway from a point on Thunder Bay or Nipigon Bay, or a point between both bays, on the north coast of Lake Superior, to a point on Rainy Lake, and from thence to Fort Garry in the Province of Manitoba, with power to build, own and operate steam and other vessels on Rainy Lake, Lake of the Woods and Lake Winnipeg, and the waters between the said lakes, said railway to be built in sections: 1st. To extend to a point on Rainy Lake, second section to extend to a point on Lake Winnipeg and third section to Fort Garry, with provision for obtaining aid in its construction by land grants, money subsidies, or guarantees from the Government of Canada and the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, and with power to stipulate with immigrants and other parties in and out of the Dominion of Canada for the construction of the works of the said railway, and to settle them on the lands granted by the representative Governments.

George Laidlaw, Hon J B Robinson,
Adam Brown, Hon Arch'd McKellar
Angus Morrison, James Turner,
William McGivern, George Stephens,
Charles Mackinnon, F W Cumberland,
Thomas Dick.

Toronto, Dec. 25, 1871.

Niagara District Bank.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

THAT A DIVIDEND OF

FOUR PER CENT.

For the current half year upon the paid up Capital of the Bank, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Bank on and after

TUESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF JANUARY NEXT.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the Twentieth to the Thirty-first Day of December, both days inclusive.

ALSO, THAT THE

GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS for the Election of the Directors to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank on Monday, the Eighth Day of January next, at Noon.

By order of the Board,

C. M. ARNOLD,
Cashier.

Niagara District Bank,
St. Catharines, Nov. 28th, 1871.