

could not now be realized, *Butter*—is a little firmer, and meets with a better demand at 19½c. to 20½c. for good store and dairy. *Cheese*—is firm and nominal at quotations. *Pork*—Mess is lower, and now sells at \$26 50; the impression seems to prevail that the market must come down. *Cutmeats*—Little new yet in market. *Salt*—American is 5c. lower this week.

**PRODUCE.**—A further decline in the Liverpool market for breadstuffs, and the advance in freights by rail and water, has brought business almost to a stand-still. Prices, although nominal, must be quoted lower on most articles. *Wheat*.—Receipts 3,446 bush., and 4,305 bush. last week; stock on the 16th, 20,036 bush. There is only a local demand; some small lots of spring sold at 90c. f. o. b.; nothing doing in other kinds. *Barley*.—Receipt by cars 31,307 bush., and 27,000 bush., last week. Stock 215,000 bush. The market has fallen 5c. to 7c. on the figures of last week. Prices close at 50c. to 60c. for good samples, at which rates a number of small sales are reported. *Peas*.—Receipts by cars 3,110 bush., stock 18,180 bush.; prices have fallen, so that there are no buyers at a decline of 5c.; lots are offered at 60c., Liverpool quotations are down two shillings. *Oats*.—Receipts 1,857 bush., stock 2,753 bush.; market nominal, at 33c. to 34c. *Rye*.—Sold at 45c. to 50c. on the street market.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts 2,440 brls., and \$2,270 brls. last week; stock in store, 3,156 brls. The market is lower and very dull, some sales of No. 1 superfine were made at \$3.95 to \$4.10 closing at the quotations in our list. Fancy sold at \$4.20 and extra at \$4.62. *Meal*.—The tendency is downwards, cars of oatmeal are worth about \$4. No lots of cornmeal offering, small quantities are worth \$4.25 to \$4.50.

**FREIGHTS.**—The market opened with rates on the basis of 6c. to Oswego, but in consequence of an increased supply of vessels, fell off to 4c., to Ogdensburg 5½c. has been paid, and to Toledo and Sandusky, 7c., U. S. currency. An advance in the rates for lumber to Oswego has been maintained, vessels getting \$2.25. Flour by steamer to Montreal is 40c.

The winter tariff of the Grand Trunk came into force on the 8th inst. The rates to Halifax now stand at \$1.10 for flour and 55c. for grain; and to St. John, at \$1.02 for flour and 51c. for grain. The rates to railway stations are: Flour to Kingston 35c., grain 18c.; flour to Prescott 43c., grain 22c.; flour to Montreal 50c., grain 25c.; flour to St. John, Quebec, 60c., grain 30c.; flour to Point Levis 80c., grain 40c.; flour to Portland 85c., grain 43c.; flour to Boston and New York 90c., grain 45c. gold. The Grand Trunk adopted on the 8th Nov., the following through rates from Toronto to England: To Liverpool or Glasgow, butter per gross ton, 90s.; bacon, do., 80s.; hams, do, 75s.; lard, do, 80s.; cheese, do, 97s 6d.; beef, per tierce, 15s.; pork per brl., 10s 6d.; flour to Liverpool, 7s.; to Glasgow, 5s. 6d.

#### The Pork Season.

The provision trade is the most interesting one at the present time, not only for the reason that packing operations are about to open, but because of the difference of opinion which exists among operators in regard to the supply of hogs in the country. We have the statements through the press that at one point parties are paying as low as 7 to 7½c gross, and at another as high as 10 to 10½c; while, doubtless, there are others who are buying just as they can pick animals up at any figures between those extremes. The trade has lost its system and regularity, to a good extent, by the introduction of the ice cure system, and we suppose its statistics will have to be formed upon an entire new basis. Judging from the views of parties, as practically expressed in their purchases of hogs, so far, it is very plain that pork is to rule high for another year. Opening rates this season are far above those of last, and if this is any criterion, then pork and bacon are to over-top the quotations with which we have grown familiar

during the past six-months or more. Instead of being a rapid advance on opening prices, however, as was experienced last winter, there may be an opposite result; who knows? since every one seems to be divided in regard to the number of hogs to be brought forward. As heretofore stated, we rather incline to the statement of the Agricultural Bureau in regard to the hog crop, and believe it will be something less than last year. Whether mess pork is to rule at \$25 or \$30 or \$35, and bacon is to retain its existing quotations, depends upon matters which are not as yet developed. We learn from England, that the cattle of that country are afflicted with a new disease which threatens to render meat scarce; but expectations were indulged last year that in consequence of the failure of certain crops a heavy demand would be expressed for American hog products, which was not realized. At the present time a reaction is felt in the market, and quotations are receding gradually.

#### Petroleum.

Exports of Petroleum from the United States from January 1 to October 19:—

	1869.	1868.
From New York, galls...	54,382,821	45,675,857
Boston .....	1,862,478	2,190,325
Philadelphia.....	23,211,281	30,189,679
Baltimore.....	1,061,144	2,275,308
Portland.....	.....	568,970
New Bedford.....	.....	.....
Cleveland.....	.....	.....

Total export from U. States	80,417,724	80,900,639
Same time 1867.....	.....	50,485,534
Same time 1866.....	.....	49,963,042

#### Classification of Hides.

A number of prominent dealers in Chicago and the West, says the *Market Reporter*, have adopted the following classification of hides:—Strictly merchantable No. 1 Hides shall be entirely free from grubs and in all other respects shall be in prime condition. All grub Hides and otherwise imperfect Hides, shall be divided into two classes, the first class to be called *seconds*, and to consist of Hides with one to five grubs inclusive, and slightly scored Hides—at say one-sixth off from price of sound No. 1 Hides—and the second class to be called *thirds* and to consist of grub Hides of six grubs and upwards, and badly scored Hides, at one-third off from price of sound No. 1 Hides.

—It is reported that the Hon. I. Buchanan has bought for \$100,000 the charter of the Southern Railway, and that his journey to England is to raise funds to carry out the project. The *Chatham Planet* complains that by the arrangement likely to be made with the Michigan Air Line, all those municipalities lying along Lake Erie, west of St. Thomas, will be victimized; that the charter is to be handed over in point of fact, to Mr. Eaton, the President of the Michigan Air Line, and that Gould and Fisk, jun., of New York, are in the background, and are, in reality, the controlling spirits of the new project.

—The Council of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell has adopted a By-law granting a bonus of \$250,000 to the Canadian Central Railway.

—The amount of tobacco raised in the States and Territories of the Union in 1850, was 199,752,655 pounds. In 1860, it reached 434,209,401 pounds an increase of nearly 220 per cent.

#### Bank of Montreal.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a dividend of SIX PER CENT upon the Capital Stock of this Institution has been declared for the current HALF YEAR, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House, in this city, on and after WEDNESDAY, the FIRST day of DECEMBER next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th November next, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

E. H. KING,  
General Manager.

Montreal, 26th October, 1869.

#### The Freehold Permanent Building and Savings Society.

##### DIVIDEND No. 20.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend of Five per cent for the half-year ending the 31st October last, has been declared, payable at the Society's Office, on and after 1st December next.

The Transfer Books of the Society will be closed from the 10th to the 30th instant, inclusive.

By order,

CHAS. ROBERTSON,  
Secretary.

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#### Ontario Bank.

##### DIVIDEND No. 25.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend of FOUR per cent upon the Capital Stock of this Institution for the current half-year, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its branches on and after

#### WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT.

The transfer books will be closed from the 13th to the 30th November, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

D. FISHER,  
Cashier.

ONTARIO BANK  
Bowmanville, 28th Oct., 1869.

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#### ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

#### Hartford Fire Insurance Company,

JULY 1, 1869.

CAPITAL,	\$1,000,000
ASSETS.	
Cash on hand, in Bank and Cash Items.....	\$224,793 26
Rents and accrued Interest.....	5,000 00
Real Estate unencumbered.....	130,000 00
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages, 1st Lien....	462,199 79
Bank Stock, Hartford, market value.....	325,811 00
do New York, do.....	264,300 00
do Boston, do.....	127,865 50
do St. Louis, Milwaukee, Albany and Montreal, market value.....	94,064 33
Railroad Stocks, do.....	33,857 00
State, City & R.R Bonds do.....	198,870 00
U. S. Stocks and Bonds do.....	477,873 50
	\$2,344,639 38
LIABILITIES.	
Losses in process of adjustment.....	\$85,135 13

#### H. J. Morse & Co.,

CORNER KING AND TORONTO STREETS,

Agents for the above named Company, and dealers in American Money, Bonds, Sterling, Canadian Securities of all kinds, and Gold and Silver. Orders by-mail or telegraph promptly attended to. H. J. MORSE & Co.  
Toronto, Nov. 4, 1869. 12-1y

#### NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AGENT FOR THE  
**Scottish Imperial Fire Insurance Company.**

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING,

AND FOR THE

**Scottish Provincial Life Assurance Company,**

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING.

ISAAC C. GILMOR.

Toronto, Nov. 1st, 1869.

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THOMAS DREWRY, Money Broker, Agent London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company, Church Street near King Street, Toronto.