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garded as reliable, from the Western States, represent the crop there as being deficient; it is asserted that the yield will be one-third less than last year. These considerations have given a decidedly firmer tone to the market; but every dealer must judge for himself as to their influence on the future of prices.

R. M. ILLINGWORTH, who recently occupied upstairs rooms on King street, and styled his business the "Dominion Tea Company," absconded on Tuesday last, victimizing several of our wholesale grocers. He is said to have come here from Chicago, and was attended by two or three hard-looking fellows, who peddled his teas. If appearances were any recommendation for credit, this man had very small claims on that score, and it don't speak much for the sagacity of those grocers who allowed their goods to go into his hands.

A FEW figures will suffice to show the expansion in the dry goods trade in 1870 as compared with 1869. Should the ratio of increase maintained for the first three quarters of this year be continued till the close, the excess over 1869 will exceed a quarter of a million of dollars. The imports of the articles named at Montreal and Toronto for the nine months ending September 30th, 1869, and 1870, were:—

	1869.	1870.
Woolens .....	\$3,325,421	\$4,535,162
Cottons .....	3,568,034	4,256,684
Silks, &c. ....	651,966	921,696

Increase..... \$7,545,421    \$9,713,542  
Or nearly 30 per cent. on the figures of 1869.

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Figs,  
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M. R's and other descriptions in boxes, half boxes,  
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New Currants,  
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Now on passage from Malaga, Denis, and Patras, per  
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DURING the past week or two there has been an unusual exodus of traders across the American border. George Godsave, a tanner, doing business in Mitchell, Ont., who had always been prompt in his payments, and was regarded by several houses as a desirable customer, is the first of rather a formidable list of fugitives. Mr. Illingworth, alias the Dominion Tea Company comes next. Mr. H. C. Wright, proprietor of a paper bag manufactory in Toronto, who left some time ago "on a collecting tour," has failed to turn up, creating the supposition that he has sought the common refuge of absconders. His creditors held a meeting some time last week and took steps to realize the estate, but as there is a chattel mortgage on the effects it is not expected that they will yield much. His liabilities are said to be in the neighborhood of \$7,000. Mr. S. Wood, watchmaker of Walkertown, mails his latest correspondence from an American town. Thos. Hobson, of the large produce firm of Thos. Hobson & Co., of Montreal, is the most important case of the kind, however. Altogether, we think the list a suggestive one; it is time wholesale merchants were enquiring, What is the cause of all this? And what the remedy?

Just after going to press last week the announcement came to hand that the firm of Thos Hobson & Co., of Montreal, had failed. It appears that the senior partner perpetrated a piece of trickery, which, if properly represented to us, should be described as rascality. We adopt the account of the affair given by the Montreal

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SUGARS,

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Natural Leaf Japan, Oolong, Souchong, and Congou.

COFFEES—Old Government Java, Maracaibo, Laguayra and Rio.

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Gazette, which is believed to represent the matter correctly. "There was considerable excitement yesterday amongst bankers, brokers, and business men generally, owing to a report that Mr. Thos. Hobson, of the firm of Thos. Hobson & Co., produce dealers, had absconded with about \$30,000, one half of which was obtained from the bank of Montreal and the balance from the Merchants' bank. The rumours were various, and in some cases contradictory, but the majority seemed to agree upon the following account: Mr. Hobson, on Friday, deposited bills of lading, or warehouse receipts, on which he received a cheque for \$15,000. This cheque was initialed by one of the bank officials and given to Mr. Hobson, who, instead of having it certified, left without speaking to the clerk whose business it was to attend to such matters. On the following day he presented a cheque signed by the name of the firm, and on this received the \$15,000. Then he proceeded to the Merchants' bank, and presented the initialed cheque, and on some pretext which seemed plausible, obtained \$15,000 from them, and shortly afterward left for the United States. The chief points of difference between the above and other statements which were circulated are very slight, all uniting in the belief that the money was obtained. One statement was to the effect that he obtained the entire amount from the bank of Montreal, and that the sum was \$20,000, instead of \$30,000, but it seems hardly credible that he could have sufficient boldness to present both cheques at the same time. However, it is a question not to be settled by argument, and we will therefore await further developments."

—The new villa belonging to Joseph McKay, on Sherbrooke street, Montreal, was sold to J. Redpath, Esq., for \$17,000.