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SATURDAY MORNING. FEB. 2 1884

The Board of Trade.

The board of trade has just closed it most active year. A new council was yester day elected and the old officers re-appointed and as these have all proved attentive to their duties a still more notable year has no doubt been entered upon.

In his report for 1883 President Darling refers to the progress of the board in its activity, its membership, and its increased usefulness in advancing the commerce of Toronto. He reviews the action of the board in the matter of an insolvent law, and hopes the government will take the matter up and assume the responsibility of the draft ball drawn up by the boards of trade. The president hopes the proposed amalgamation of the corn exchange will be consumated, making a joint membership of 250. In connection with this the building is to be altered so as to make it more convenient for the joint association.

The most marked feature of the presi dent's first year was the commencement of a system for collecting the trade statistics of the city. The figures will prove of great benefit to merchants and readers. In 1869 of the total imports of Canada To

ronto's share was 9.45 per cent., in 1874 11.47 per cent., in 1883 14.12 per cent., showing the wonderful progress of the city's trade. The exports also show satisfactory pro-

portant question, that of a more equitble method of assessing personal property. He thinks instead of the present system there should be a business tax based upon the rental, or upon the assessed value of the real estate occupied-first grouping into classes, the various kinds of occupantsthat would apply with greater certainty and equity, and at the same time be free from an inquisitional character.

As to the business prospects, Mr. Darling says: It seems inevitable, judging from the

peoples money in beautifying Toronto and that would be sufficient to condemn them to exile for the rest of their days. It is to be feared that no satisfactory arrangement will ever be arrived at and that the city could agree and erect a courthouse between them worthy of the banner county and the queen city.

Our Water Pressure. It is no longer doubted that our water

pressure is deficient. Sooner or later new pumping power will have to be placed in the waterworks, but in the meantime the city of Toronto cannot afford to wait. The evil spirit of destruction is brooding over this city every moment of the day and

night, and something must be done, and that quickly. The two fire-engines now in the city must be put in a state of thorough efficiency and properly equipped with horses and men. But this will not be enough. More engines must be had, and one especially selected for the Esplanade. The city requires three or four of the best manufacture always ready for action before Toronto will be safe. When the pumping power has been brought up to the proper standard, these engines need not be a loss to the city. steamer fire engine kept in a good state of repair is always saleable to country

corporations at very little under their original cost. There is another evil threatening the citizens which must be taken into account.

The insurance companies will raise their rates, already high enough. This would be nothing more or less than an additional tax, which if applied to the purchase of fire engines could be avoided.

Look to It. Mr. Mowat.

Mr. Darling also discusses another im There is much wonder expressed round parliament buildings at the proceedings of busy distributing passes. What are have to both bankers and the public, the Grand Trunk to grind this session? Is there anything left for them to gobble? Isn't it about time that our senators, M. P.s and M. P. P.s began to look upon a pass as a bribe to affect their judgment in the highest courts of the land? Liti gants found tampering with a jury are se

verely dealt with. But are not railway mpanies virtually litigants and the several legislatures composed of only so many arymen sworn to decide the question on its merits? It is about time that a member holding a pass and drawing mileage began to think himself a thief, and that a juror with a pass from one of the parties in his pocket began to be thought dishonest. It is estimated that the total decrease of ustoms and inland revenue receipts for January were \$500,000 less than for the corresponding month of last year.

The Street Raliway Company. To the Editor of The World. in one grand and imposing structure which I know it is somewhat difficult fo would stand for all time as a monument to any public company to please everybody, but it seems to me that no effort whate the wealth, enterprise and taste of the people of Toronto and county of York. is made by the Street railway company The whole trouble really lies with the serve the public with any degree of satiscounty council. They don't want to spend faction. For some weeks past the cars seldom start from the northeastern part of the city on time, mostly five or ten minutes

What do the representatives of the back townships of York care whether the late; then any amount of smoking is al-lowed, both on the front and rear platform. structure is modern or not. If they spend one dollar more on a building than suffito the disgust and annoyance of all inside passengers. Then the route of cars is cient to free it from the dangers of being indicted as a public nuisance, they will be hanged without an hour's notice. last night a lady carrying a child waited round the street between Sherbourne hounded next election for spending the round the street between Sherbourne and Church streets nearly an hour for the Sher-bourne street car. Others were placed in the same unpleasant position, and when application was made at the office for an explanation the same round the strength of the street street explanation the same round the strength of the street street street explanation the same round the street explanation the answer was, "Oh, we con menced this afternoon running up Churc will have to build a courthouse of her own the superintendent." Now, why could not independent of the county; but how much better it would be if the two corporations could arrea and erect a counthouse between running in Cleveland and other America

cities, perhaps our street railway company would soon learn a little more considera-tion for the public convenience. L. R.

Toronto, Feb. 1, 1884. out closed firm.

Brother Beaty's Appeal. To the Editor of The World.

SIR : I see brother J. Beaty's address to the orangemen of Canada in your World of Jan. 23. I would like to know from Brother Beaty or from you what is this special act that the orangemen of Canada want, or is it for the benefit of the grand lodge, or the common brethren, or what is this special act of incorporation for, or is it to fool the common brethren? If we have a local act why don't the brethren accept it, and each lodge hold its own property and do as they please with it. Why cannot this special act be published, that every brother shall know its contents, and don't lead the brethren blindfolded to

and if he leaves this country and goes to the States and takes up land he perjures himself. THOS. CULLEN. Owen Sound, Jan. 31, 1884.

To the Editor of the World. SIR : As banks, and questions relatin o banks in general, seem to come under a certain M. P. P. from the east who is to address you on a subject of importance

It is a matter of some surprise that in ountry advancing in every way as fast as Canada is doing, and in Toronto, her second city in point of size, and first in a great many other respects, the banking munity should be without the conveniencies afforded by a well regulated clear ing house system.

The reasons in favor of its establishment naturally divide themselves into two classes —those which affect the banks only, and

FINANCE AND TRADE. OF THE ÆTNA LIFE INS. CO. TORONTO, Friday, Feb. 1. nues to show signs of reces are satisfactory and ASSETS, January 1, 1883, at \$26,756,069 54 very one seems to be well satisfied with the Canada Permanent (new stock) was quoted RECEIPTS. remiums in 1883. \$2,721,289 28

A lot of 112 shares Farmers' Loan ings sold at 108. The New York stock losed very strong

Chicago closed strong on the whole list. Matured endowments. Dividends and returns to polic holders. Re-insurance \$2665 10, commission: \$272,734 52 A cable to Cox & Worts quotes Hudson Bay at £23j, and Northwest Land at 62s 6d. The sugar market is very active. Granu-lated is selling at \$jc to \$j, and yellow at 6jc to

Agency exp., med.ex. and all other exp. Dividend on stock earned in stock Sc, as to quality. The tea market is very strong and prices of all grades have an upward tendency. The Sovereign Fire of Canada has reinsured its risks with the Glasgow and London, and dep... Taxes \$81,518 19, profit and loss \$5,636 59 will apply at the coming session of parliament for powers to wind up. The Glasgow and London has deposited \$100,000 with the gov-ASSETS. \$952,675 00 ernment at Ottawa, and will transact a general ess throughout Canada. There were 329 failures in the United S

Cash on hand and in banks. Railroad and other stocks a bonds. during the past week. The local stock market was flat and featureless. Vague rumors are floating around about certain stocks, but there is nothing of a definte nature broached.

\$45,000,000. Loans on collaterals..... Loans on personal security Loans on existing policies. Balance due from agents. The Montreal stock market opened weak. Assets Dec. 31, 1883, at cost... nterest due and accrued, De 1883.

Teronte Stock Exchange.

New York Stocks.

MORNING SALES-Commerce 1, 3 at 117; 3. 100 at 117; after board. Federal 100 at 1839. CLOSING BOARD-Toronto 168; to 168; sales 6 at 168. Merchants 108; to 108; sales 8 at 108; Commerce, 118 to 117; sales 60, 30, 40 at 117; Federal 126 to 125; sales 26 at 126. Northwest Land Co. 62; to 614; sales 50 at 62; after board. Canada Landed Credit 120 to 119; sales 20 at 120.

Montreal Stock Exchange. Premiums paid in advance. Reserve for re-insurance
 Montreal Stock Exchange.

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THE PEOPL

WHAT IS GOIN CIRCLES ALL Toronto Beats Lo Medal-Canadi

A Portuguese Dr. Zukertort pl twelve players games

The Alexander racing mare Miss not now be taken "Leap year skate to carnivals in man

maritime province lady skaters choose festivals. Lee defeated Cal., Jan. 20 in quarter of a boat's l made it a close finis had the best of it

was referee. John W. Stokes a decision they gav the grounds. He e d images for the ind legal judges followe and decided against

The National tro United States has distributed \$960,56 among 9842 starters distributed was \$69 no less than \$4,20 tributed

"Honest" John finish judge in the boat race, and the decision "dead her in his eightieth yea tute, owing to the Putney bridge, dest ness he carried on Fulham.

The following account and Suburban han "Plunger" Walton's Bluegrass, P. Lorill and Abbotsford a Girofle. For the has accepted for S amptonshire stakes f the Lincolnshire han Abbotsford. Sutler ceptances for the la Comanche has been entries for the great

cap. Mike Murphy, a tried to earn \$50 by Marquis of Queensbe Mitchell, at the lat Arthur Chambers' Philadelphia, on We was knocked out by was knocked out by seconds, the quicke Mitchell hit Murphy of the neck, flooring the last time Murph time in ten seconds. match Arthur Chambe Mitchell with the \$10 from Jack Keenan. In Keenan appeared on two minutes anoth Mitchell and Keenan side, according to agreement, and to

The amount of m for upon the English increasing. In 188 $1881, \pm 249,000;$ in for the past year the £268,000. Out of t

given to two-year old to handicaps, leaving tribution among the and three-year-olds

proportion is about years; and it follows

that the greater part devoted to short dista of £150,000 went to while £47,000 was giv mile and a half to two

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number of horses wh past year was 2070, an two-year-olds, 607 four-year-olds and 31 upward, the proportio ent ages being very has been for the las century ago there wer

century ago there wer altogether, or little number which now ru

To the Editor of

your issue of Jan. 30 a

in the report of th medal curling contest. rinks are the names In the United States i

nor a "captain" appea falo lost. Woodbridge, Feb. 1

Following are the

Washington park, Ch

Great Western Handie Lloyd Daly ; John For Owens' Mandamus. Lightning Stakes-J

ance. Oakwood Handicap-A Daly and Baccarat; Joh and Disturbance. At the Chicago drivin outrice have been made

entries have been made Board of Trade stable's Scalper and Lloy Summer Handicap -Baccarat and Lloyd Dal nie Bird. Princess is entered in meetings

Toronto Beats Lo

A curling match w

ween the Toronto

the Walker gold meda

close contest resulted by 10 shots. Subjoine TORONTO. Rink 1

J. Bain, J. O. Heward, J. Riddell, skip23 Rink N

E. E. Hargrave, Capt. McCorquodale, John Wright, Wm. Bayly, skip...29 Rink

J. D. Henderson, D. S. Keith, T. S. Russell, Cast, Perry, skip.....26

Majority for Toronto

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New York, Feb. 1, 1 p.m.-Stocks, firm Am. Ex., 97; C. S., 53; D. & H., 107; D. . L., 120; Erie, 254, ptd., 69; III. C. 136; M. C., 9 Mo., Pac., 90; N. J. C., 86; N. P., 224, ptd. 4 N. W., 1173, ptd., 145; X, Y. C., 114; R. I., 117 St. P. 883, ptd., 116; St. P. M. & M., 914; U. F (74; W. U., 754. Local Markets. The Farmens' Markets. The receipts of main on the street to day were small and prices unchanged. There were about 600 bushels of wheat, which sold at \$1.02 to \$1.07 for fall, and 800 to 82e for goose, spring nominal at \$1.03 to \$1.12. Barley quiet and steady, with sales of 400 bushels at 62c to 68c. Oats firm, with sales of 200 bushels at 57c and 38c. Peas sold at 73c to fall for two loads, and rye is nominally un-changed at 62c. Hay plentiful and easy; about 70 loads sold at \$6 to \$9 for clover, and at \$10 to \$15 for timothy. Straw sold to the extent ten loads at \$1 to \$8 a ton. Hogs steady at \$7.75 to \$6 af or two loads, and rye is nominally un-reases of mutton at 7c, and lamb at 84c Poultry firm; turkeys life to 13c per b; geese Se to 9c; chickens 50c to 65c; ducks 70c to 90c. S. Kawnesice Marker. The receipts were Prices are unchanged, and are as follows: Beef-roast, 10c to 12c; veni, best joints, 12c to 13c per b, 10c to 12c; veni, best joints, 12c to 13c per b, 10c to 12c; veni, best joints, 12c to 13c to 516 to 52c to 10c. Peric Choos and the for the first cheese, 14c to 16c; sellow to to 12c, stage rolls, 18c to 19c cooking, 15c to 16c to 12c; the first curk syst of 52c to 16c to 12c; the first curk syst of 52c bio 16c to 16c; the first curk syst of 52c bio 16c to 16c; the first curk syst of 52c bio 16c to 16c; the first curk syst of 52c bio 16c to 16c; the first curk syst of 52c bio 16c to 16c; the first curk syst of 52c bio 16c to 16c; the first curk syst of 52c bio 16c to 16c; the first curk syst of 52c bio 16c to 16c; the first curk syst of 52c bio 16c to 16c; the first curk syst of 52c bio 16c to 16c; the 52c bio 16c to 16c; the first cheese, 16c to 16c; bacon the first of the 52c contex, 52c to 50c; bacos 16c to 16c; first solt of 50c; curk syst, 51 to 52c bio 16c to 16c; first solt of 50c; curk syst, 51 to 52c bio 16c to 16c; first solt of 50c; curk syst, 51 to 52c bio 16c to 16c; first solt of 50c; bacos, boo 16c to 16c; first solt of Local Markets.

the slaughter. It is time that the comm the slaughter. It is time that the common orangemen shall wake up, and not be fooled by political parties—or what are orange-men thinking about, or do they want the big fish to eat up the little? Let us main-tain our christian principles in defiance of lords, dukes and earls and grand masters. In conclusion, Brother Beaty, I shall say to you that the orange oath should be changed. It is a serious oath for a young man to take in a free country like Canada, and if he leaves this country and cross to

Our Banking System.

It seems inevitable, judging from the past, that the development of such a country as our smust be by alternations of expansion and depression, the duration of either being determined largely by the economic use made of the proceeds of our natural sources of walk, such as our mines, forests, fisheries and farms. How much of the increase of the past four or five years has been transformed from a floating to a fixed and unproductive form, must necessarily be largely a that do noney which has been transformed from a floating to a fixed and unproductive form, must necessarily be largely a matter for conjecture; but it isjunquestionable that do noney which has been so transficient harvest, and have probably been availing industries, which are at present in some of the manufacturing industries, which are at present in some of the large increase in failed. However, that the present check to up progress, as indicated by the large increase in failes of and economising expenditure on the event of the strengt inports and economising expenditure of the strengt inports and economising expenditure on the strengt insport, but the event of the targe increased disaster should be averted. There is producting the produce alarm, but everything in the victure of reasources, in the commission of the attrasting condition of reasources in the strengt of the strengt in the dominion.

The board of trade took up the question of the inadequate protection of the city against fire. The expression of opinion given showed that the council ought to do something right away. A select committee was appointed to wait upon the city council and urge an immediate increase of the water supply, more efficient means for extinguishing fire, and an amendment to the fire limit by-law to prevent the erection of large wooden buildings on the water front. The officers for 1884 are; Henry W. Darling, president; William Ince, vice president; G. Maclean Rose, treasurer; Edgar Willis, Secretary. Council-Hugh Blain, A. M. Smith, R. W. Elliot, W. F. McMaster, W. B. Hamilton, A. B. Lee, J. D. Laidlaw, W. Christie, A. Nairn, B. Cumberland, W. E. Matthews, D. R. Wilkie.

Mr. Darling was congratulated by the board on the efficiency he had displayed in office and he, replying, said that the satisfaction of knowing that he had done his duty, and the fuller satisfaction of having beon appreciated, amply repaid him.

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That scourge of cold climates, typhoid fever, as our dispatches have announced, is commit-ting ravages in Canada. Well may the Can-adians feel alarmed. There is no disease more tatal; and none, even when the victim sur-vices, that leaves traces more lamentable and ineradicable.—New Orleans Times Democrat.

he the resolution provides:— That the president of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to invite the co-operation of the governments of the American nations in securing the establishment of a commercial league by and between the said nations, to be known as the Castoms Union of America, the arrangement of a common basis of import duties from other countries than those which may compose said league, and that the commercial intercourse among the people of all the American states may be freed from the payment of any customs or other dues whatever: and that a common system of weights and measures may be also establish-ed for the purpose of facilitating such inter-course.

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gan G. Bulkeley, president, snows that the past year has been one of the best in the history of the company. There have been large gains in membership, new husiness premium and interest manifest



Markets by Telegraph



A Portuguese Id. When the English and Oporto started years ago, the new wonder among the nat people, who find no sports or in muscular being puzzled at the i ple engaging in such 1 the occasion of the first

between the two club thus reported it: To-morrow there teresting game of er cricket clubs of Lisbo object of the formation the playing of the gan an active, running, driv