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Orchestral Organ-1st extra prize, Alexandre, of Paris.

A special meeting of the directors of the late Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company was held at the Capital last Wednesday, when some rather pertinent questions in the interest of the shareholders were read. It will be remembered that some time before the latter calls were made, the then directors took over some large lots of shares from certain discontented holders. The principal question propounded was whether the calls upon these shares have been paid, it being alleged that, if so, there should be sufficient not only to pay off all the remaining liabilities, but to return a trifle to the shareholders. It is reported that the calls have not been met, and that the directors disclaim any liability under that head.

THE APPLE Crop in Nova Scotia is so heavy that there is danger of the Maritime markets becoming glutted, and of consequent losses upon shipments. St. John and Halifax are almost overstocked, and the coasting schooners at Annapolis, N.S., are said to be loading for Shelburne, Yarmouth and Liverpool, N.S., and Prince Edward Island. The quality of the apples is characterised by a correspondent as

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"not the best." Most of the winter fruit at Annapolis is still held for higher prices. For lots \$1.50 per brl. has been offered, but no sales of consequence reported.

Ir is announced that the books of the Edison Electric Light Comp by have been closed for the purpose of receiving assessments from the stockholders of \$60 per \$100 share. The capital stock of the Company is \$300,000 in 3,000 shares, so that the assessments are expected to realize \$180,000. New stock will be issued for the amount of the payments, increasing the capital to \$480,000. The assessment was rendered necessary by the heavy expenses of the Company for experiments, which exceeded the amount at first estimated, and compelled several large stockholders to advance funds to the officers. The books will be reopened on the 1st December next.

THERE IS at present a full in the lumber business of Nova Scotia, -only one vessel loading at Annapolis. A correspondent of that place says :- Condwood is firm, and worth \$3 to \$3.50. \$1.50 per cord more than last year. Butter is worth 20c retail, and very little in market: cheese 15c. The cheese made by factory in this county is inferior to hand-made Canadian cheese; have tried both. Cattle and sheep are still being shipped to St. John, N.B., per steamer "Empress," in fair condition.

Ir was with deep regret that the community learned last Friday of the death of Dr. S. B. Schmidt, one of our ablest and most respected physicians, at the comparatively early age of fifty-four. Dr. Schmidt was well known as one of the thirty physicians of Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers, etc., who volunteered their services at the quarantine station of Grosse Isle in 1847, when the ship-fever raged with such violence among the emigrants. Twenty-eight of the thirty volun-

teers fell victims to their zeal; two only returned, one dying shortly afterwards, leaving Dr. Schmidt the sole survivor of the noble band. The same benevolent and generous over-zeal characterized the good doctor throughout his extensive practice, and it is doubtless to this unselfish and zenious attendance upon all classes of patients, and at all hours, that is to be attributed his untimely removal from his sphere of usefulness among us. He died of cancer of the liver.

THE PROPLE of Paisley, Ont., are clamoring for more banking accommodation, and with some reason if the state of prosperity and amount of business recorded be taken as evidence. A correspondent says :- "There are no fewer than 35 shops, of all kinds, in this village, and during the long period of depression we have had only two or three failures. It is surprising how well all our business men are getting along. We have two butter buyers, one of whom bought and shipped direct to Wolverhampton, England, from the 1st January last till the 1st October, inst., eight carloads, containing 147,202 lbs butter, valued at \$23,807 During September, he shipped to the same place two carloads, containing 40,600 lbs, valued at \$8,000. In the same month eleven doubledecked carloads, 1,980, sheep valued at \$5,940 and fifteen cars of cattle, 300 head, valued at \$11,400, were shipped from Paisley by the local dealers; the sheep were for Montreal and Toronto markets, and the cattle for England and the United States. The village exports for the last year were :- "Grain, 150,000 bushels; Flour, 40,000 barrels; Hay, 150,000 tons; Lumber, 600,-000 feet; Live Stock, 100 carloads; Sundries, 18) tons." It is not surprising, from the above brief outline, which, however, conveys a fair dea of the character and amount of business