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dren is about three miles from Russell village, on the Shell River Branch, and on a branch edge of the beautiful Assiniboine River. The picturesqueness of the location is re-markable.

The line of railway is now completed as far as Langenburg, and Mr. Baker is now down in that direction arranging for the further extension of the road to the distance of some twenty-three miles, and which I understand will run through a prolific belt of agricultural lands. The Manitoba and North-Western Railway

is a comfortable road to travel over. The stations are neat and cleanly, the officers of the company civil and obliging. THOMAS GORDON OLIVER.

Birtle, Manitoba, 10th May, 1888.

## MONTRELL More 16th 1990

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STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average. 1887
Montreal	217	215	165	i		
" " <b>x</b> .d.	2111	2093		211	2101	238
Ontario	$127\frac{5}{2}$	122	31		2103	2.00
" x.d	121	119	25	1201	1197	121
Peoples'	106	102		105	103	
Molsons	149	140	55	145	140	145
Toronto	211	200	12	209	200	207
Jac. Cartier	90	10	30			93
Merchants'	131	1294		130 <del>1</del>	130	1301
Commerce	121	120	322		100	122
" x.d.	1173	116	175	1163	1167	1
Union	97 <u>1</u>	85		97		
Montreal Tel	95	941	614	95	917	102
Rich. & Ont	$54^{-}$	$52_{2}$	343	53	52	70
City Pass. x.d.	217	200	200	213	200	245
Gas	2111	210	295	211	210	2187
C. Pacific R. R.	60	58	675	<b>5</b> 8}	58	64
N. W. Land	57 <u>1</u>	51	····	56 <sup>§</sup>	54	61
	0/2	51	••••	205	54	6

## DUNNING LETTERS.

A State street gentleman was complaining to a friend one morning that a house in New York had sent him a dunning letter. He said : "I have been trading with that house for fifteen years, and for the first time I have re-ceived a dunning letter." "How much do you owe?" inquired the friend. "Not a very large bill," said the merchant, "but I have owed it only since last March. It escaped my attention entirely." "Well," said the friend, "I don't see how you can find foult that your attention entirely." "Well," said the Irlend, "I don't see how you can find fault that your attention has been called to your negligence. You ought to be grateful for the letter. You received the goods. The merchant in New York has not received his money, and one of big clerks has in plain language. notified you his clerks has, in plain language, notified you of the fact. Don't you think you owe him an apology as well as the bill?" Thinking the

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matter over a few minutes, the State street gentleman said : "Well, I don't know but you are right. It had not struck me that way, but it is a fact that I owe the man and ought to have paid him. It never occurred to me before that one ought to be grateful for a dunning letter; but that is because I am not used to them. I suppose the man who gets one every day doesn't kick."—Albany Evening Jomrnal.

## THE COMMERCIAL OUTLOOK.

M. Leroy-Beaulieu, the eminent French economist, has an article in a recent issue of his journal, L'Economiste Francaise, in which he discusses the commercial situation in the principal countries of the world in connection with the fall in prices of merchandize, and the outlook for the near future. The writer 'says that careful observers can now detect the symptoms of a tendency to a revival of business in most coun-tries and that signs would be more merchand tries, and that signs would be more marked, particularly in Europe, were it not for disturbing political complications, of which France especially has had more than her share. The economic disturbance has not yet completed its course, in the opinion of the writer, but its worst period is behind us. Extending his view still further in the future, M. Leroy-Beaulieu de-clares that Europe with its divisions, its threats of war and its actual hostilities, its military expenses, its great public debts and its heavy imposts, is giving new countries like the United States, and even South America and Australia, an enormous advantage in the field of international commercial competition.

-A Boston jobber of rubber goods lately sent a box of tennis samples to a dealer in a small town in West Virginia, who wrote acknowledg-ing the receipt of the package, but said they had no use for such articles in his town. He had tried to get the bareful albeits in his 1 had tried to get the baseball clubs in his locality to take hold of the goods, but found, on investigation, that the majority went BARE-footed.

They were contributing toward a fund for what have you got ?

--Wife (pleadingly)---" I'm afraid, George, you do not love me as well as you used to do." Husband--" Why? Wife--" Because you always let me get up to light the fire." Husband--" Nonsense, my love! Your get-ting up to light the fire makes me love you all the more."-Boston Courier.

-A dry goods merchant in Newville, Pa., dreamed that he was selling and measuring off dress goods, and so realistic was his dream hat he tore the sheets of the bed into shreds.

