

time. Now sir, I count myself no sardine in the biz, and don't propose to be beat at my own game of bluff, nor will I set tamely by and allow any man to out-brag me while I have the needful to put up, nor quietly see him rake down the honours while I hold four aces—no sir—not much. I work on a brokerage for the AMBROSIAL Co., and do my endeavours right here in Frisco. On the 1st day of August, A.D. 1870, I spread myself for a thirty day fight, and on this 1st day of September, I frantically seize my pen to give you the result and write my name and deeds high on the scroll of fame! *Results*.—Took ninety applications inside of thirty days, all but one ten year endowments. Insurance \$450,000,—premiums \$42,500.00—policies mostly for gold coin, and all annual, one application refused by medical examiner, paralysis and couldn't sit up to be examined; two died before policies could be written up; three cut to pieces in a saloon just after signing blank applications; eleven—shanghied in a sailor boarding house and sent to sea same day potatoes were to be delivered; nine stock brokers, rich in the morning on YOT BET silver mine stock, busted higher than a kite before 3 P.M.; five ship captains and mates, not yet sober enough to deliver policies; twenty-two Irish laborers on city sand bank, say they will all take their policies next month,—I treat them every day; twenty-seven applicants followed me to the office and refused to have their policies written up; thirteen threatened to whip me, but didn't; one man thoughtlessly ran his fist against my nose and I did some dentistry for him—he has been spitting teeth for a week past;—one applicant paid his premium \$32.65, took it out in board! There sir, if any one can beat that he can have my hat, I don't allow no common rooster to climb over me—I don't myself.

### Railways.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—Traffic for week ending Sept. 30, 1870.

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Passengers.....             | \$37,577 37 |
| Freight and Live Stock..... | 42,685 29   |
| Mails and Sundries.....     | 2,584 50    |

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| Total Receipts for week.... | \$82,847 16 |
| Corresponding week, 1869 .. | 86,288 91   |

Increase..... \$ 3,441 75

GRAND JUNCTION RAILWAY.—The supporters of this scheme will be glad to learn that the County Council of Peterboro' have passed a By-Law granting a Bonus of \$100,000—\$75,000 for the Grand Junction, and \$25,000 for the Haliburton and Peterboro' Railway, which will be an important feeder of the Grand Junction, as it runs direct north. The townships along the lines of both routes in the County of Peterboro' have agreed to augment this sum by additional bonuses.—*Belleville Intelligencer*.

WELLAND.—The late accountant of this Company, Mr. C. M. Gibson, was arraigned before the Police Magistrate of St. Catharines, on a charge of embezzlement preferred by Mr. Merritt, the present Managing Director. Mr. Gibson left the road at the time that Mr. Reekie's connection with it terminated. By the terms of his agreement, he was permitted to take a year's salary in advance, and the Manager did likewise. It appears that the amount of these sums—\$4,000—did not appear in the cash book, and hence the charge of embezzlement. The liabilities of the Railway were assumed by Mr. Merritt, amounting to about \$23,000, and he was placed in possession on the 30th Aug. last. The result of the trial was the dismissal of the case, the magistrate saying that there were no grounds of action whatever against the accused.

—The Midland Railway of Canada will apply to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, at its next session, for an act to authorize the issue

of Bonds for an amount sufficient to cover and redeem the outstanding Bonds and Securities of the Company, and an additional sum of (£100,000 stg.) one hundred thousand pounds sterling, to be secured upon the present lines and properties of the Company, and upon all extensions embraced in their Charter, which may be constructed, also, for a grant of Land, and for other purposes.

### Commercial.

#### TORONTO MARKET.

Business in all departments of trade, with the exception perhaps of Dry Goods, has been somewhat less active than previously, although there is still a moderate degree of activity, and a good many goods are being shipped in various directions. The weather has been fine for the most part, but there was a storm on Monday night which was felt over a large part of the country, doing a good deal of damage in one way or another, being especially severe on the Lakes, and causing loss to shipping. The temperature has become decidedly lower, and there has been pretty sharp frost.

The imports at this port for September were again large, the increase over the corresponding month of 1869 amounting to no less than 35 per cent.

|                           | 1869.       | 1870.       |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Imports, September .....  | \$1,021,672 | \$1,379,596 |
| „ previous 8 months ..... | 4,343,286   | 5,322,756   |
| Total to Sept. 30 .....   | \$5,364,958 | \$6,702,352 |

Increase, 1870.....\$1,337,394

Or one fourth more than was imported during the first nine months of 1869. This is a very large addition to the trade of Toronto, and as far as we have been able to learn, there is no excess in stocks of any kind in this market.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business has been steady, with a fair amount of orders coming in. Not many buyers have visited the city during the week, but manufacturers have been fairly busy. No change in prices. Remittances are about an average, as usual there being a good many customers who have to ask for renewal of their paper as it matures.

DRY GOODS.—Business in this important department of the wholesale trade still continues brisk, and sales up to this date show a very considerable increase over those for the corresponding period of last year, still buyers are reported to be purchasing with sufficient caution, not at all desirous of over stocking themselves, or of taking more than importers are willing to sell them. The increase in trade has been principally due to an increased number of buyers, who have appeared to find it advantageous to buy in this market. From the unusually large imports, stocks here have been particularly well assorted, and customers have found no difficulty in obtaining goods suited to their trade. The following figures show the imports for last month, and from January 1st:—

|                         | 1869.     | 1870.     |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Woollens.....           | \$255,279 | \$339,774 |
| Cottons.....            | 126,575   | 154,843   |
| Silks and Velvets ..... | 53,169    | 61,986    |
| Fancy Goods.....        | 96,952    | 89,344    |

|                        | Since January |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Woollens.....          | \$938,902     |
| Cottons.....           | 1,030,459     |
| Silks and Velvets..... | 270,950       |
| Fancy Goods.....       | 327,211       |

DRUGS.—Have been moderately active during the week, and a fair business has been done. Prices generally are unchanged, but *Gum Arabic* is quoted 1c. lower, and *Opium* has declined 50c., being now quoted \$9 to \$9.50.

GROCERIES.—Trade has been quiet, with no

special movement in any direction. *Sugars*—however, are firm for both raw and refined, and have sold to a fair extent; although holders are not particular to force sales, some transactions being reported at an 1c. advance on rates previously obtainable. The following are the imports for September, and since January 1st, for articles named:—

|                           | For September     |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
|                           | 1869. 1870.       |
| Tea, Green and Japan..... | \$54,261 \$56,049 |
| Tea, Black .....          | 7,767 8,941       |
| Sugar.....                | 22,536            |
| Brandy, Gin and Rum.....  | 2,891 3,918       |

|                           | Since January       |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
|                           | 1869. 1870.         |
| Tea, Green and Japan..... | \$246,327 \$345,491 |
| Tea, Black.....           | 49,504 50,633       |
| Sugar.....                | 117,622 205,203     |
| Brandy, Gin and Rum.....  | 29,296 35,947       |

HARDWARE.—Business has been less active, and for the current week there has been very little doing. There is no change to report in prices. The Toronto imports for September were, of hardware \$23,428, against \$20,778; and of dutiable iron, \$7,853, against \$15,708, for the corresponding month of 1869.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Receipts of *Hides* have improved, but the competition between the local buyers, not based on business principles, has resulted in forcing up prices beyond actual values, and dealers are now paying 9c. to 10c. for inspected, although incurring an actual loss in doing so. This, of course, cannot last, and prices must come down before long, quotations being now higher here than in Montreal. *Sheepskins*—are also taken at over their value, competition securing 85c. to sellers, which is considered from 10c. to 15c. too high.

LEATHER.—Business has been fairly active during the week. *Spantsh Sole* has been in request, and prices are well maintained. Canadian *Calf* and *Kip* are also wanted, and full prices are paid. *Harness* and *Upper* still neglected and now difficult of sale at quotations, the accumulation of stock continuing.

LUMBER.—Trade is a little dull at Albany, and shipments from Toronto are on the decline; prices, however, remain unchanged. The demand for shingles is good and prices slightly advanced. Quotations are,

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Clear.....                                               | \$22 to \$24 00 |
| Com .....                                                | 9 to 9 50       |
| Culls .....                                              | 7 to 7 50       |
| Shingles, No. 1, \$2.75 to \$2.90; No. 2, \$2 to \$2.25. |                 |

PAINTS AND OILS.—Are quiet and without any change in quotations.

PETROLEUM.—The demand for refined has again been considerable, and dealers find difficulty in keeping pace with it. Prices are fair, but without alteration.

PRODUCE.—The market during the week has been decidedly sluggish, and transactions, except in wheat, have been made at prices in no way improved. *Flour*.—The market during the week has been quiet all through the week, and although prices in New York have improved somewhat, there has been no demand here either from shippers or speculators to cause any advance in quotations. The following are the principal sales which have been made public. 100 bbls. Extra, at \$5.50, at Cobourg; 200 bbls. ditto, at \$5.50, at Malton; 100 bbls. Superfine, and 200 bbls. Spring Extra, on p.t.; 200 bbls. Extra, at \$5.50, at Malton; 400 bbls. ditto, at a point a short distance west, at \$5.42½; 100 bbls. ditto, at \$5.50; and 100 bbls. Fancy, at \$5.35, at Weston. The stock in store on the 18th was 8,271 bbls. *Wheat*.—The market has been quiet, but the tone of it has gradually improved, and there is a small but decided advance in prices, buyers at the close showing more disposition to operate, and more willingness to meet the views of sellers. The stock in store is not large, amounting on the 18th inst. to only 102,000 bushels. The reported sales were in all some 10 cars of various grades, at