

mind, with respect to the second column of the table, that "the assessors are still (October 17th) working on their revisions of contested cases, and there may possibly be a difference of \$1,000,000 or so in the estimate of assessable property. The figures for exempt property, however, will of course stand."

ASSESSED VALUE OF MONTREAL REAL ESTATE 1893-4		
	Exempt.	Assessed.
East Ward .....	\$ 2,607,500	\$ 2,987,600
Centre " .....	1,832,000	5,766,100
West " .....	292,500	10,292,800
St. Ann's Ward .....	764,900	11,965,130
St. Antoine " .....	16,445,800	45,065,475
St. Lawrence Ward ..	2,511,800	13,077,370
St. Louis " ..	1,529,850	9,614,580
St. James' " ..	3,543,500	11,504,500
St. Mary's " ..	2,752,950	9,646,540
Hochelega " ..	782,100	4,738,990
St. Jean Baptiste ..	659,150	4,878,530
St. Gabriel Ward ..	392,730	3,009,490
	\$34,102,660	\$183,118,105

It may be explained to those of our readers not familiar with Montreal, that the reason of so large a value being represented in both columns by St. Antoine ward is that it is a large district, extending from Seigneurs St., near the Grand Trunk track, to the base of the Mountain about the upper reservoir, and that it includes an unusual area of church or convent property exempt from taxation. The wards which on the other hand show so little exempted property, St. Ann's and the West, are situate the one around the canal basin and Point St. Charles, the other, say between McGill and St. Francois Xavier, below Craig. The wards of St. James and St. Louis are at the eastern part of the city, while St. Lawrence runs north towards the Hotel Dieu Hospital. St. Gabriel Ward extends westward from the Point St. Charles and is bounded by the river and the Lachine Canal. St. Louis ward, bounded west and east by St. Lawrence, Main and St. Denis streets, extends from the drill shed to near Logan Park. Considering the district, it figures in the list far comparatively small proportion of religious property.

#### GUARANTEE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.

A more respectable or capable board of direction it would be hard to find than that of the Guarantee Company of North America. The gentlemen composing it are: President and managing director, Edward Rawlings; vice-president, Wm. J. Withall, vice-president Quebec Bank; E. S. Clouston, general manager Bank of Montreal; George Hague, general manager Merchants Bank of Canada; Wm. Wainwright, assistant general manager Grand Trunk railway; T. G. Shaughnessy, vice-president, Canadian Pacific railway; Hartland S. Macdougall, stock broker and financial agent; John Cassils, manufacturer and director Merchants Bank of Canada; E. C. Smith, president Central Vermont railway. It was fitting that Mr. Rawlings should be appointed to the presidency—as successor to Sir A. T. Galt—of this important company, which he virtually founded many years ago, and the principle and function of which has been so well exemplified on this continent. At the meeting of the board held on Monday last, Mr. Withall was elected vice-president; and Mr. John Cassils elected to fill the vacant directorship.

#### DRY GOODS ITEMS.

Many of Ottawa's milliners are opposed to the early closing laws which went into effect on the 9th inst. in that city.

Says the *Textile Mercury*: Not a few Canadian buyers have been in Glasgow during the

past two weeks, and the orders placed are reported to be over the average.

One of the largest houses in the dry goods trade, says the New York *Shipping and Commercial List*, will send none of its department buyers abroad this fall. Six of them usually started about this time to spend several months on the continent replenishing their stocks. One of them said last week that there was no use going. The stock yet unsold would carry them far over the season.

In ladies' kid gloves, dome fasteners and laces are all prevalent. The colors are confined to tans and blacks, with a larger proportion of tans this year than last. Those with best taste prefer medium to dark tans—so we are told.

This season cashmere gloves will be worn in various colors, where last year the trade was confined to blacks almost exclusively. Modes and tans appear to be the favorite shades, but navy and cardinal are also considered good colors. Values are, if anything, lower than they were a year ago, in goods of this class.

Some Toronto houses are carrying good stocks of Japanese handkerchiefs. They are attractive in design and colors, and undoubtedly a large trade in them will be done before Christmas.

In New York morning wear, dogskin gloves in shades of gray, sewn with black, are seen; and for evening wear, gloves with handsome embroidered designs on the back and top of the long wrist.

Large sales of ladies' elastic ribbed vests have been made by Toronto houses. Two seasons ago the sale of these goods was confined exclusively to city trade; last season they were introduced into the country, and now they are sold everywhere and found extremely comfortable.

Hosiery importers say that each season inquiries for fancy hosiery of thinnest possible texture become more frequent. A trim-appearing ankle is much to be desired, and aids thereto are plentiful. Wide stripes should be avoided, even if they be all of the same color, and so should wide instep embroiderings, as they give an effect of added breadth. Select, instead, narrow vertical ankle designs, which will produce an appearance of slenderness.—*Dry Goods Economist*.

#### INSURANCE NOTES.

The new fire engine was tested a week ago at Sussex, N.B., and also a water tank. Both gave satisfaction.

The managing director of the Sun Fire Assurance Office, Mr. M. R. Pryor, of London, England, is on a visit to this side of the water. He was in Toronto on Wednesday last on his way from Chicago, where he had made a brief stay. From this city Mr. Pryor goes westward, to New York, to sail shortly for England.

We learn with interest that Mr. Stuart Morrison, formerly in the employ in this city of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, has received the appointment of inspector for the western district of the Standard Life Assurance Company of Edinburgh. Mr. Morrison's headquarters will be Chatham, Ont. His many friends in Toronto wish him increased success and continued happiness.

It is only three months since the village of Gibson, opposite Fredericton, New Brunswick, was swept out by fire, and on Tuesday last, the business portion of the village of St.

Mary's Ferry, immediately adjoining Gibson, was laid in ashes. Incendiarism is asserted to be the cause. Nine stores, three hotels, two society halls, and nineteen dwellings were destroyed, and the loss is stated at forty-four thousand dollars. Twelve insurance companies held risks on the burned property, and their policies are stated to amount to \$22,680. The village was without means of coping with fire.

#### CLEARING-HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures of the Canadian clearing-houses for the week ended with Thursday last; compared with those of the previous week:—

	Oct. 19th.	Oct. 12th.
Montreal .....	\$10,957,115	\$11,222,982
Toronto .....	6,037,857	6,249,862
Halifax .....	1,154,808	1,182,710
Hamilton .....	808,349	763,850

Total clearings.. \$18,952,649 \$19,421,904  
Aggregate balances this week, \$2,471,190:  
last week, \$2,620,633.

#### ADDITIONAL SUMMARY.

The steamship "Miowera," running between Vancouver and Australia in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway, a good while overdue on her homeward trip from Sydney, has been heard from. On October 2nd she was stranded at the entrance of Honolulu harbor, and has worked up on the reef, lying in about eleven feet of water. Although in a bad position, there were no holes in her bottom. Her passengers and mails have been forwarded per steamer "Australia."

In May last, H. J. Blaise purchased the men's furniture of Z. G. Goldberg at 75 per cent., giving real estate in part payment. Having had but little previous experience, we are in a measure prepared to hear already of his assignment to the sheriff. About eighteen months ago Mary Edwards bought the furniture, etc., of the Manor House, Vancouver, for \$5,500, paying a rent of \$650 per month. Now she and her husband make a joint assignment.

On Wednesday last the stocks of merchandise of the following were sold: Wm. Dunham, general stock, Carleton Place, brought 60 cents in the dollar.—The grocery stock of P. Bourassa, Chatham, 78 cents.—W. R. Cavana's general stock at Victoria Road, 69 cents.—The window shade stock of A. R. McKinlay & Co., 53 cents.—The sheriff realized 24 per cent. on W. C. Munroe's men's furnishings stock at Sault Ste. Marie.—The general stock of Hull & Ferguson, Fort Erie, was sold yesterday by auction.

A GENERAL merchant at Blizard, Minn., in the Sudbury district; W. J. Moore, has assigned to D. Blackley, of Hamilton. He has only been in business here since May, 1892, commencing then as the firm Gilroy & Moore, but he has been doing business here just about a year. His affairs are said to have suffered from lack of attention, and several suits have been recently entered by Montreal houses. Mr. Moore was a farmer with no experience in storekeeping.

A statement of the men employed by the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company at its workshops in Sorel, Quebec, during the years 1890-1893, shows an average for the first four months of the year of 1000, for the second four, of 609, and the last four of 529, or averages of 225, 153 and 132 men each month. The wages paid out during the period average \$112,500 yearly.