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-Charles Auderson, a Woodstock, Ont.; flohotographer, is reported to have leit that town, togother with his stock in trade. His landlord and some other creditors are waiting to hear from him.
-The Provincinl Government lave appointed Messis. E. M. Wood and Geo. Halse to look into the financial affaits of the town of Emerson before they are formally handed over to a Government receiver.
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－Leamington has adopted the＂curfew＂ syetem．Instead of the time－honored！ bell，a steam whistle will be blown at 8．30， every evening，when all children must go indoors．The city council of Cliatham havo reported against the adoption of tho＂cur－ low＂in that town．
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－The city coumcil of Windsor is petition－ ing Parliament to ${ }^{-}$abolish the present system of fishery licanses and other res－ trictive regulations on fishing．They claim that the restrictions prevent Canadian fishormen from competing auccessfully on the lakes with those of Michigan，Ohio，and Wiscomsin．
－A tall clerical looking man has been so－ liciting subscriptions for the Glasgow Children＇s Protective Society from Seotch familics mear Aylmer．There is no such in－ etitution，and the man is simply a swind－ ler．As he will probably try tho aame scheme in other district it will be well to look out for him．
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claim to be paid the full amount oved; them.
-Wimnipeg lawyers decline to recommend loans on homesteads, owing to tha careless manner in which exemption legislation has been enacted. The committee appointed to confer with the Government as to the best means to overcome the difficulty made a suggestion that the At. tomey-general prepare a test case for the courts.
-Steinhoff \& Little, bankers of Wallaceburg, have closed their doors. Their dejositors were principally farmers and me-
chanics, and ás the bank did a large business, there is some excitement in the town over its suspension. Little was the only partaer, Steinhoff having retired from the bank two years ago.
-The system of water works at Galt has been extended rapidly since its introduction three years ago. There are now fourteen miles of mains laid in the town, with about 700 water takers, while for fipe protection there are 109 hydrants, not counting ime hydrants put in by private parties for the protection of their works.
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-That fishing schooners are profitable property is proved hy three schooners belonging to the firm of Parker, Holmes \& Co., of Boston. Mlle finst two, built in LSSS, have bontght in $\$ 245,035$ from the haddoek fishery. The third, luile in 1s91, hats stocked wi67,000 from the halibut fishery. Whe three vessels cost $\$ 30,000$ and hane houstit in \$8.12,ite to-date; os anough to pay for themsolves ten times over inside of six yours.
-'The total sale of municipal bonds in this country mad the United Stales for the month of Februnsy is phated at $\$ 11,451$, 122. Sinee the opening of the present year the market for this class of securities has shown stendily increasing activity. Ihis is evidened not only in the higher prices paid for recent issues, but in the unusually

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Inrge mumber of bids made for many of the miew municipal loans.
-The trial shipmant of eggs from tho colony of Victoria, Australin, has arrived in Fugland and has been duly inspeeted. The egegs had been rubbed over with grease and aiterwards placed with bran, flour, lime amb pollard in small cases. When opened they were found to be perfectly. fresh anil sweet. Considering the lengtri of time they had been on the royage this is a trifledifficult of belief.
-The adrocates of silver had two crumbs of comfort rouchsafed to them during the past week. Chancellor Von Caprivi is considering the advisability of coining tiwenty-two million marks in silver coin and the Chamber of Commerce of London, at the requist of the commercial houses doing business in India and China, has representer to the Eurlish Goverument tho u"geney of the reassembling of the Intermational Monetary Coniforence, with a view of finding some remedy for the fall and flue tuations in silver, which are represented as causing grave injury to Eastern trade.
-The experiments on compound locomotives that have been going on for the past two years show that thay use 20 ? per cent less fuel than the ordinary loco-


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motive. This means less labor and perhaps a decrease in the cost of boilers. Upon the reviral of locomotive building it.is probable that a larger parceutage of compounds will be built than ever before; and in the mear future the majority of all engines to be used exclusirely on grades will undoubitedly be compounded.
-The first shipucut of gold from New York to London since last autumn went forward this week. It comprised $\$ 1,250,000$ in coin and bullion.
-Owing to the unsettied state of tho country it is likely that the next crop' of coifec in Brazil may not cyeed $5,000,000$ bags, and it is possible it may be even less.

- Mr. Edward Boyer, one of the tirst to take out a policy in the sutual Life when
it first started in 1843, died last month in Brooklyn. He paid $\$ 9,151$ in premiume and His $\$ 10,000$ policy was worth $\$ 23,965$ : to his heirs.
--The insurauce committee of the Massachusetts legislature has reported adversely to the bill authorizing fraternal beneficiary orders to pay commissions to agents or canvassers sccuring new members. This is as it should be.
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has been sold by R. H. Brand to Mr. Albert Linton. It is understood that Lt.-Col. Frank Bond has an interest in the nem business.
-The fimancial statement of R.M.Mowat © Co., Trenton, presented at a recent croditors' mecting, was as follows: Stock and rood delts $\$ 7,000$; bad book accounts $\$ 6,-$ 000 . The inspectors were instructed to wind up the estate.
-David Douglas, of New Westminster, B.C., made an assignment, got married, and went to jail under a capias, inside of 24 hours. This seems to bear out the The Morthey Manufacturing Co. itd roonomro.


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-Jos. Galipma, coal merchant of Maisonneure, has nesignol owing $\$ 8,800$. Ho started two yan's aro without either sufficient chpilal or exparience.
-Avehmmante \& Teveille, hardware merchants of this city, whose financial troubles have atemaly heen motei, are offering. bo crnta in the dollar, cash.
-Elwin Fisher, lumber, St. Jolm, N.B., bow in finumial troubles, is so years of age. Itis lindey disposition induced himu to lend his name ton rendily. Assets are likely to medt all his liabilities.
-At a meting of the crelitors of Margotle Freres, beld this weels, the linbilities were shown to be $\$ 34,000$ and assets \$ 4,200 . The latier comprise book delta \$1,800 and ntock \$2,810. The ostate is to be wound up.


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-The creditors of Mr. James Robertson, dry goods merchant of St. Thomas, have agreed to accept 70 cents on the dollar in cash, or 100 cents in twelve montlus without intercos. The estate blows asseta of $\$ \$ 1,000$ and linbilitics of $\$ 58,000$.
-Pierre Beliveau, general atore, St. Gabrict de Brandon, has assigned owing \$15, 000. He lans been in business twenty-four years, hut appears to have been lacking in the qualities that ensure sucecse, for he das run steadily behind for yenrs past.
-What threatemed to prove a disagrecable law-suit between a wholesnile lenther merchant of artistic tastes, and his bankers, lias been settied tilis weok out of court, to the great satisinction of the many; friends of pace and good-will among worthy people.
-Grand Trunk Railway Co.'s return of traffic, week ending March 17th, 1804: Passenger train carnings 1894 \$109,010, 1803 \$114,274; froight tmin carmings 1.804 \$23S,797, 1803 \$955,105; Total train earnings 1804 \$ $\$ 4,7,512,1503 \$ 372,870$. 1)ecrense $1894 \$ 24,666$.

- At a general meeting of the shareholders of the Montrenl Street Railway the directors were huthorised to incrense the enpital atock of the compring from two to four million dollars. The new btock will hy issurd to shareholders, at par at the rate of share for share.
-The report is arain in circulation that the Canaliinn North West Land Co. will shortly he amalgamated with, or absombd lis, the Mulson Buy Co. The Irading kinneholders in both concerns are identical, and the marging of the two inte one would be a saving to all concemed.
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-The case of T. F. Collard, the commercial traveller who was killed by falling or throwing limself from $\Omega$ lotel wintow in Indiamapolis last fall, has been compromised. He carried $\$ 40,000$ in accident insurance on his life, and the six compraies interested have agreed to pay 62 1-2 per cent of the claims against them.
-R. Benllac, cluyeh ormaments, ete, eity, in business alone since '70, has assigned with linbilitics of $\$ 20,000$. Ha las become over-stocken and has found his custom on the decline lattelly, owing to the money stringencr. Mo claims n aurpluss and thinks he could pay in full if allowed time.
-Nowa Seotin nilvien spank of the assimment of R. A. Walker: sencral store, New Glasgow. Ins lans ben in , business nearly a quarter of a century, succeeding his father, ame was supposen to be doing fairly. The stoppare was a surprise locally, and explanations will doubtless bo nsked for.
-Govdon Melville, the lessee of the Pinard of Trade restaurant, has failed to notain any concession from tha Puilding Committee, and $n$ fudgmnt for the full ammunt of rent du? has ben taken out numinst himb. It is doublful, however, if nuything ean h? collected mider it, as his place on Notre Dame strect is amply protected by his landlord's claim.
-F. G. Ievin, gemernl store, Monsomin, N. W.T., is asking an cxtension spreat oret two yenrs. Ha has benglone sinee ' 80 and

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was formerly connected with Lewin \＆Gu－ thrie and F．G．Lerin \＆Co．－T．A．Abrams， clothing：Union Mines，B．C．，has been， brought to a stop in less than $n$ yeant： He rell sick and lost business．
－J．O．Lafreniere \＆Co．，grain，etc．，city， are offering 20 c on the dollar，half cash and balance on time．The firm has sus－ tained heary losses by the depressod state of the breadstuffs market，and their of－ fer is bsing gouerally accepted．Mr．J． 0. Iafreniers is the only partner，and he has been Iong in business．He has the sympathy of many in the trade．
－The Red River is rising slowly but stendily．－The－prospects are that the river will be clear of ice at the end of March for the first time for 22 years．
－A manufncturer＇s section of the To－ ronto Board of Trade has been formed with Mr．J．Gurney as chairman，L．M．Jones as deputy chnirman，and E．A．Wills as secretars－trensurer．
－Recent Inilures in British Columbia in－ clude J．D．Black，baker，Vnncouver，whose liabilities are $\$ 1,600$ ．F2 shows a nomin－ nl surplus of $\$ 900 .-W$ m．Baveridge，cloth－ ier，Nanaimo，is offerims $331-2 e$ on the dollar，cash．Ha was in business little over

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－The creditors of C．H．Nix，harness，Ux－ bridge，Ont．，Thare refused his offer of 50 c on the dollar．＇Liabilitins are $\$ 4,800$ to $\$ 5.000$ and nssets nbout $\$ 2,600$ in stock， besides real egtate，in which the insolvent has sumk considernble money．－Mnnsfield \＆ Gold have arranged with their creditors to pay 45 ？on the dollar within 8 monthes， secured．Their stock is reported to be in noor condition．
－Wm．Farvery representing himself as liguidato of thar Tadlins Home Monthly，a pizn sellnu？perinilical that collapser mod re pressum of the postal and police an－ thowitins in Tormonto．has born endenvoriner to revire the nld selieme in Consion，Ont． The postal nuthorities snon diseovered that he was at work，and ly atamping hiscir－ rulars frnullulent and rathoing all lattars addressed to him to the senders，have forerd him to seek new territories．
－Isnac Prouty \＆Co．，beot and slon manu－ ufacturers of Spneor，Mass．，silid to lo． the Inresest shon firm in the world，have susprndnd mamant．Their nominal assets ani $\$ 1.327,000$ and thir linhilitios about \＄800．000．Their anles avornged \＄2．000，－ 000 per yant：and the welly pay－roll in their fnctories was $\$ 13,000$ ．The firm simply asks for time in which to pay in full．Pad debts and imability to make col－ Jections are giren as the causes of their
failure． failure．
－Thittie mews is fortheoming conenruing the nifnirs of C．J．Miller，Jotel，Woofl－ stock：Mrs．C．J．Millar is the registered owner，har husbnnd having failed on a for－ mer occasion．The misiortune is attribut－ ed to the hard times and high rent，butt

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creditors lave not been paid for some four to seven months，and doubtless would like to know where the money has gone．The inadlord went into possession for a rent bill of $\$ 590$ ，and the tax collcetor follow． －ed suit with a claim for over $\$ 300$ ．
－Mortimer \＆Co．，bookbinders，Ottawa， are serking an extension of dime，which may be said to be practically granted． They expericuced a falling off in trade the past year and met with several severo losses．The firm show liabilities of $\$ 15,-$ 000 and nominal assets of about $\$ 30,000$ ， hut the latter are in locked up slape．The busimess is an old csiablished one，but has bean sulbj cted to close competition in late years．
－Tlie Dominion Associntion of White Lead Grinders，which was formed about， fifteen monthe aro for the purpose of maintaining prices，has collapsel．In January last，a large Montreal house left the nasociation and placed contracts． for over 300 tons at $a^{*}$ price said to be 25 cents under their figures．As the other firms felt compelled to meet the cut in rates，$n$ meeting was callod last Saturday，th which the moribund asso－： ciation wals formally dissolved．
－Mr．Justice．Finkle has decided that the assignment of Coync $\&$ Co．，dry goods merchants of Ingersoll，who failed in De－ cember last，was illegal．The assign－ ment was made by Isnac Coyne，under，a ＇general nower of attorncy from his wife， Mary M．Coyne，who yas a．member of the firm．Mr．Justice Finkle held that this did not give him the necessary au－i thority，and hence thint the creditors are Free to issue excentions àgainst Mrs．Coync－ on the ground that no legal assignment has taken place．

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$56 \pm, 352$-an increase of $94,600,977$. over the volume of its predecossor. If we deduct from this $\$ 4,133,698$ for the movement of coim and bullion, and \$3,482,308 as the estimated amount short returned at lintand points, we find that the net value of merehandise exported from this country was $\$ 110,9 \pm 8,346$ as against $\$ 108,806,044$ in 1892.
Of this total $\$ 102,006,4: 90$ represents goods the produce of Cunada and the remnining $\$ 8,941,856$, the products of other countries exported through Canadian portis. It is with the first-as representing the true surplus exported by this country- that we have to deal. It was distributed as follows:-
British Empire - - - $-\$ 63,225,609$ United States - - - $33,813,502$ Other countries - - : - $\quad 4,957,079$
These figures prove conclusively that Great Britain and her dependencies maintain their supremacy as the chlef purchasers of Canadian goods; since they show that im round figures the British Empire took 62 per cent, the United States 33 por cent, and tho other countrifs only 5 pen cent' of our surplus in 1893.
If we analyse the distribution of the principal constituents forming these totals we fad some interesting data, more especially as to the division of the large items of each of the great subdiylsions between the British Empire and our only other large customer, the. United States. Thus, in the case of our mineral products, of which Canada ex. ported $\$ 5.820,800$ in 1893, we find that the value of the principal articles exported to cach of the two countries was as follows:-

| 1 | Brit. Empire. | D.S. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Asbestos. | \$20,050 \$ | 368,378 |
| Conl 1 - | 64,404 | 2,750,669 |
| Copper matte | 17,430 | 373,039 |
| Plaster - | - - | 178,079 |
| Mica - | 8,125 | 84,404 |
| Nickel' matte | 27,600 | 388,257 |
| Phosphate | 97,737 | 18,183 |
| Prrites . - |  | 89,582 |
| Sand \& Gravel - | 30 | 117,730 |
| Stoze : ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1,850 | :48,357 |

This table shows that so far as the produce of Canadian mines is concerned, the United Staltess is by far our largest buyer, and it is the same with the produce of Camadian flshierin's, valued at $\$ 8,743,050$, the distributiom of the larger lines of export between the two countrifes baing :-

| Salt cod | Brit. Empire. <br> - $\$ 005,140$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { U.S. } \\ \$ 545,55 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mackerel, fresh |  | 73,185 |
| do pickled | 20,768 | 421,85 |
| Halibut, fresh |  | 32,99 |
| Herringe, fresh |  | 64,216 |
| do pickled | 153,757 | 151 |
| do smoked | 21,520 | 41,8 |
| Lobsters, fresh |  | 290, |
| do canned | 840,510 | 798,720 |
| Snimon, fresh | 4,086 | 110,88 |
| - do canned | 869,067 | 20 |
| do pickled | 12,778 | 29,70 |
| Other fresh fish | 75 | 802,017 |
| Furs \& skins | 580,518 | 13,3 |

Only in the items of salt cod, canned lobsters and salmon, and the' skitns of marime animals, does the British Dimpire figure as our largest customicr. Practically the whole of Canadian fresh fish exports goes to our neighbors, and in the total they lead by nearly a millhon and a half of doliars.
The funited States are larger purchasers, too, of the produce of Canadian forests than the British Empire as the following comparison of the principal exports in this branch will prove:-

Brit. Empire. U.S.

pire takes ten mlllion dollarsp worth of deals, deal ends, and square timber, from us; while the United States inarely takes $\$ 200,000$ worth. But this is offset by lacreases in United States purchases in every other item; more especially in that of planks and boards lin whleh they take nearly $\$ 7,500,000$ worth more than Great Britain and her colontes.

In the next divislon of Canadian ex. port trade-that of animals and their produce-the preponderanice of Great Britain wecomes overwhalming. In fact nearly 00 per cent can we credited to her of our total exports of $\$ 31,736$, 491 in that line. The principal items are:-

| Morses - | Brit. En <br> - \$ 305 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { U.S. } \\ & , 123,839 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cattle | - 7,483,800. | 11,032 |
| Swino | 15,061 | 130,008 |
| Sheep - | 151,777 | 1,088,814 |
| Poultry | - 7,794 | 52,114 |
| Butter - | - 1,253,066 | 7,539 |
| Cheese | - 13,382,050 | 23, $\overline{7} 78$ |
| Eggs | - 541,863 | 324,356 |
| Fiurs | - 1,090,074 | 385,688 |
| Hides \& horns | 6,876 | 385,246 |
| Lard | 65,861 | 8 |
| Meats - | - 3,062,799 | 29,862 |
| Wool \& pelts | 297 | 294,969 |

Only in the purchases of horses, sheep, swine, poultry and wool does the United States transeend Great Britain. It is interesting to note, however, that in spite of the McKinley tarlff, egge to the value of $\$ 32 \mathrm{f}, 355$ still go across the Hine, and that American tanners bouglit Canadian hides to the extent of $\$ 385$,24.6 last year.

As a consumer of our agricultural products Great Britain and her colonien stand agaim preponderant, as was only to be expected; and of tile total export of $\$ 22,049,4,90$ In this branch they can be credited with fullyl $7 \overline{3}$ per cent. The primeipai lines of export were diviled as follows :-

Brit. Empire. U.S.
Bran - . . $\quad \$ 95,935 \$ 88 ; 016$
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It seems a little sarpising that a great agricultural country like the United States should need to purchase Camadian cereals to the extent of s.1, 705;089. Yet such ts the case. More than this, the Americans purchased. : some of every vartety of our cercals, In, cluding barley to the extent of \$688, 271 , peas to $\$ 422.922$, benns to $\$ 351$, 058 and wheat to $\$ 9.46,568$, and this Loo, im spite of tio Mcrinjey Tarifi.
The la'st Inaneh of Canada's export trade we have to constader is that at Camadan manufactures which, last year, reached the ered!table figure of $\$ 7,693,959$, or n'n lucrease of $\$(022,971$, equivalent to aboutt $8 \frac{2}{2}$ per cent, during. the year. The primetipal lines exported were fairly evenly divided between our two largest customers as the following comparative buble shows:-

Brit. Empire. U.S.
Agric. implements - $\$ 205,253$ \$ 10,377
Leather - - 801,722 1,904
Organs - . . 237,362 13,048

Oileaku - - - 251,859 84,84:1
$\begin{array}{rlrrr}\text { Ships - } & - & - & 130,083 & - \\ \text { Sugur - } & - & - & 44,067 & 170,206\end{array}$
Tow - - - 375 116,768
Furniture - • $\quad$ - $\quad 30,406 \quad 123,572$
Doors \& subhes - - 128,008 1,441
Matches - - - 168,513 35,5,18
Wood pulp - - . 1,640 454,253
It seeme curfous that we shond have exported sugar to the extent of \$2es,000 altogether, and still more curious that the Uatited states should have taken $\$ 170,206$ worth of It. - It says fatrel, too, for Cinata that she exporten mateles to the value of $\$ 20.1,000$ and new furniture ( not household effects) to the extent of $\$ 174,6$ ch, of when $\$ 123$, 872 went across the limes. The large and mereashg export of organs and pinnos across the Atiantic is also another creditande featiore ba the retions. It shows that Cemadel is emerging from the status of a purely agrieultural country, so far as here exports are concerned, and that she is now commenefog to take her place among the manu. facturing nations of the world.

MONTHEAL CLEARNG HOUSE.
Total for week ending 22ul March, 1594: Clearings $\$ 10,116,996$, balances \$1,4 44,282 ; corresponding week oi \$1893, $\$ 12,772,830$ and $\$ 1,602,759$; cor: responding week of 1892, $50,787,971 \mathrm{and}$ \$1,370,772; corresponding week of 1891 , \$\$T,092,483 and $\$, 1,230,129$.

THE BANK STATEMENTS.
The statcancats farnished by the chartered Danks for the month of February dadicate that but little ehainge took piace in the currentl of trade during the four weeks whose business they cover. The volume of circulation show. ed an therease of $\$ 31,892$ during thes month. This is a silght guin upon the figures for Junuak'y-which were tho lowest for the six preceding years-but It is so silght as to muleate that the movement of agreleuitural produce upon which the fuctuations of circulation depend was practically at a standsthil during the month.
A disquietimer feature is the decline of deposlits on demmand to $\$ 50,5061,162$, , aud of those payible after notice, to $\$ 108,570,761$, since the end of Janumy. A shamkage of \$987,081, or neariy a mbilion of dollars, in the deposits of the coluatry fin four weeks argues that merchunts are finding collections so difficuib that they are compled to draw upon their own resourees to meet current deniands upon them. Of courso certaidn of these withdrawas represent sums taken from the banks to be in. wested ehther in new enterprises or at a higher rate of interpest than the Whats are whing to pay. But it is to we fetured that the bak of theme are due to the mereasing striugency of imoney, and to the necessity of the expenditures finseparowic from the coming of spring, being metf from the resources of past years instead of from the profits, of the preseat.
On the other hand the month shows an unanticipated increase of $\$ 366,273$ in the voamse of call loans on stocks, and of $\$ 1,48(6,505$ in that of current loans and discounts. The spring mila revival of speculative activity in the stock market that is a refreshing contrast to the drop of $\$ 292,000$ that took place in January, and is all the moro encouraging on that account, But the second seemis more difficult to explain. There was no revival of tirade during February to account for an advance of a mullion and a hall in the volume of loans and discouthin. The spring millinery openings and the expected earlier commencement of navigation were doubtless factors to a certain extent; but ueither of these enuses were suipfieient, alone or even togethery, to cause such a marked lucrease fin the demand for descount. We minst then search for the true reason clsewhere, and when we exambine the component - parts of the figures more closely, and discoven that \$ $\$ 1,122,424$; or 75 per cent of the total
merease, is creditid to the Bank of Montueal the only conclusion to ise drawn hs that thobulk of the unexpectcd tncrease in the volume of current loans and discounts must be ascribed to fanamelal transactions between that lustitution and certain cailway corporatious rather than to any general improvement in the commercial stiuation.

In order to provide for this sudden draft of $\$ 3,230,859$ upon thelr resources the banks were compe"led to call in the least profitable of their outside balances. We thus fimd that they with. drew durtag the month $\$ 2,100,424$ from the United States, and $\$ 464,614$ from Great Britaln. They also permitted their deblt balances in that country to merease by $\$ 491,633$. This practically means that the mereased homode. mand for money enabled them to with. draw $\$ 8,056,671$ from markets whero call money rules at one per eent and transfer it to this country where tha average rate fo $41 / 2$ to 5 per cent odn call. Thus the fluctuations of the month have not been unfavorabse to the bathks. They have a smaller total of deposits to pay interest upon, and they have been abe to place their outstde balanecs to better advantage in this country.
But if the banks have not foand February wnprofithble it is to be fearad that the same camot be said of the mercantlle community. The difificulty of making collections, moye especially in the North-West, which was severely felt in Januany became accentuated in February. The number of inilures was large during the month, and altogethen the commercial horizon was a gloomy one. Slance the opening of the present month, however, a fair amount of im. provement can we noted in the outslook, although the stringency of moncy is iout little alleviated as yeft. Payments axave wen better mat. The mill limery openings were well attended. IHe rapid appronel of spring, and the certalnty of an early opening of navigation, lave stimulated country purchases, and the belief that the changee In the tarlff will be few and unimportant has moproved the industrial sitution. Altogether prospects are wrighter and it is expected thate:tile wank statements for March witl show a still furtaler improvement in the commercial outblook.
Sublomed is a comparison of the most important items of the returns, with those of the month of Jajuany :-


## SOCLALISAI SE. (3.)

We resume our discussion of the question begun eaxiy the present inontin under the caption of Anarchy and Sociulism.
The social economists do no de bear in view theoughout, that in order to ren: dery the state the sole employer, fo will we obiiged gradually to onlist in its service ali the Abllity now in the serviee of private enterpuse. The eficiency of this Alliity under the new conditjons will depend on whether, there will be as much to alstribute amoug the laborers when labor shall take nearly the whole, as there is now, when it takes only a part.
It would be difficult to see in what respect Sociaism would make any change in the conditions of the so-called working classes. Por, if a man who has aro land, who lives: only on wages, and who has nothing to separate himself from starvation but the sale of his labor-if such a man is a white slave now, the great buik of the community under the new condlition would be white slayes still, and slaves with no chance of ever attaining freciom. The doetrides advocated by the socialists are firstly, that wo man must be allowed to own ans of the means of production, secondiy that he shall own, but own only, his wages and the articles öf consumption the can buy with them, and thirdy, that withont labor a man will get no wageti nt all, and that consequentiy, it he do not choose to work he will be in danger of atarvation. It is claimed also that no matter how fast population Increases, the State will be able to lind productive labor for all, and besides that their labor will be rewarded by increased wages.

It would be dificult to find, as a solution of tie above, any new power or prinelple by which the sociallistio state would be better alle to solve tho 'problenl of fanding productive labor for everybody, than the private capitalIst, as at present The socialistic state could easily waste the saivings of the country in setting mene to useless and

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uuproductive labor, but how to make this productive labor keep pace with the indefinite multipilcation of Inlaibitants, is a problem for which they havo as yet, ween unable to find any solution. To say that the State, as a State, would we able to do this, is, says Mr. Mallock, "as absurd as to say that the State conld discover a new star".

As for the dncreased deward for labor -higler wages-it woud be difileult to show how, whithout an increaseds aurownt to divide up, each man wouid get more than he ls now obtaining. One of the priacipal dirficulties in the way of leadiug to the mew order of thags wouid we the securing men of abluity to worls at the reduced rater to get thein to exereise their ubinity just the same. Every stimuius to exceptional exertion would be annibilated; the "scarce braims" who wouid have to durect the capital would be released aine from all the ponaltios of fallure and neariy all the revards of succesisfrom the ponalties of failure, لpecauso the capital would not be their own; and from the rewards of suceess because, as the soctaists say, a graduated income tax wouid always be held in readiness, for the special purposes of taking from every industrial genius everything that le produced annually above the vaiuo of the $\$ 1,000$. The soctaistic state would stmply resume possession of the materials for which abillty operates.
The important point is, that the means of production as they exlot today, are thempelves the production of ability, but the socialists speak of these gifts as if they were the natural qualities of the age, and that the state has a right to resume its rights to them, as' It did to other.products in themide die ages. They meght as well talk-of its resuming its rights to the lasti pleture painted by the greatest artist of the day

Mr. Mallock illustrates the case, of an able man who, because his ability is a soclal-mecessity will be ablo to command the maxlmum $\$ 4,000$ a year. Such a mam with sufficlent motive may
be able to saye annually say $\$ 3,500$. If he does this from the age of 20. ta $3 \overline{5}$ he whil be the owner of about $\$ \$ B_{0}^{\circ},-$ 000, whech if managed by himseif: wou.d, under the existing"system, bring dim la say $\$ 3,500 \cdot a$ year; and if lie doos this ior another tem yerrs he will save at the end $\$ 70,000$ more, and then be the owner of $\$ 100,000$ which whil brtug him in some $\$ 10,000$ annually. "t thist juacture, he will probably be abile to sell the busiduess he hals developed to some other man of abinty, and beq abie at 45 to retirgafrom business. At all events, he would be miaster of an fincome which is the resultion his pust exertions and economy; and whith he whil we able to leave to his wife and chlidren. He may have created in the shape, let us say, of a factory, in finanmate co-worker with living ability and labor ; and as the owner of it, he will commamd a share oi the productit he.ps to produce.
Let us now see what; will we the conation of our man with $\$ 4,000$ a year under the Soc:uistic State. The moment he can command this sulary from his employers, every motive to exert himself further iṣ gone. Let him multiply his wealth by the use of his "searce wraims"; to never so great an extent, they whil be swept away by the eollector of income tax, who will be watching him as though he were a public encany. The motive to produce, talle motive to save will be ani mithilated; he will be allowed to spend hits $\$ 4,000$ a year as he likes, so long as he spends it on! wine, plumeakes on meckttes, but if instearl of spending \$3500 a ycas he should w'sh to sinend it on the construction of some impropr ed printing press the socialistic stato frould say to him "By| all means do so. if you like, but the moment it is finsshed we shan confiscate $i t$, and whoever gets any bencitt from $t$, you, ats all events, shall get none."
It requires but iftle reasoning in this darection to show that such a state of things as the Sociailsts desire to estab. lish, would de subversive of all that tends to promote the welfare of the masses of the peonle, and of civilization generally. Where the wealth cannot be acquired, there will we no stimulus to economy, labor, or genius. Art whll dic, and all that makes life worth living to many people, we wholly at an end.

The sochallsts are anxious to show ail the world the soundness of the repro clples, and the only way to accomplish this is to prove that it is suceessiullis
any degree. The opportunity is at hand in the shape of the co-operative societies (in England) who have ample capital for the purpose. The societics, ns pointed out by Mr. Mallock, owned Wetween them in 1801, over eiglity milHons of dollars, and in 1802, more than. eighty-flve millions. And what de they do with it? In 1801 they had invested three elghts of it in Individualistic enterprises and in the year following they had. similarly invested a jets greater proportion of the capital which they employed. That is, fully 92 par cent is employed, not in production, but in what the Sociailsts call, joint-sitock storckeeping. And yet the great problem with the soclalists, is that of Production. If it is possible to secure Ability under conditions designed specanlly to rob it of the larger part of what it produces, why do not these socletles use all these millions in Production?

There are humdreds of thousands of men-so the leaders of the untonists tell us-hundreds of thousands of théar fel-low-workmen without employment. Why do not the unionlsts and the cooperators themselves employ them-the one with their anmual revonue, the other with their capltal of nearly forty millons, now invested m non-socialistie enterprises? The answer is main; nefther of these bodies can empion elther the umemployed or themselves, Wecause to emp!oy sucecssfully, Ab:lity is the prime requisito-and abillty of n very high order; and it is impossibla to secure such Absity on the terms of the Soclallsts.

The very extstence of an unemployed class, so far from being a proof that socfalism is required, is'a proof we require yet raver Aibility, and yet more strongly stimulated individunlism. Let a new Arkwright, or a new Watt, or a genitas who will do for agrleultare what these men did for manufacturio, make his appenance; In shorb, let tha multplication of Abllity merely keep pace with the fncrease of population, and the unomployed class (other than crimimas, and drumards, and excenttomally worthless pergons, will be an impossibility. Does the bitterest opponent of the private capitails, imaghe that it the witi of man was able to derlse monns by which, under existlage circumstances, the present unemployed could be sald to produce any. thling which the rest of the community .would resogntse na exelungenble wealth-docs nurone tunagine that under theso circumstances the labor of
the unemployed would laye to go begging, and that eager employers would not rather be competing for it? No doubt, the Statie, as it is, may support these men by finding for them unremunerative labor, and thus trench on the savings of the country; but this is merely a disguised charity, and is no reas solution of the problem. The probiem is how to make the labor of the unemployed as eficient, and as wealthproducing as that of the masses of their fellows; and thes is a problem which can be solved by industrial abillty only. The sociallsts would encourage ability by robbing it of nil its products !
What is really wainted-if anything new is wantied-is rather that the State should offer it an additional bonus;--for example, to the man who shall discover how to lessen the iriction' of the steamship as it plows across the ocean, in order to increase its speed to double or triple its pesent rate. The sharlk and the porpoise can distance the most rap'd of our occan greyhoundsi simply because of the great difference in friction. The man who said he could steam a yacht 50 miles an hour by means of a conting of goidleaf had partially solved the problem.

## SALU'TARY EXANPLES.

It is generally recognised that the objeet of puinishment is as much to deter. others from the possible commission of crime as to mete out the due penalty to the actual offender. From this. standpoint the past twelve month's furnlsh a number of object lessons to those who may be tempted to commit acts of embezzlement or defalcation whoso value as deterreats can hardly ba over. estimated.
During that period no less than slx Canadian depauters have been brought back to suffer the penalty of their acts. Oharles Dariasoa, the Burlington nurserymon who glefrauded the Bank of Hamilton, was brought back from Mexico; Ralph Godolphin, the defaultlag treasurer of Huntsville, was cap. tured in England ; George Pyke, the aeconantant of the Imperial Bank, was extradited from El Paso; Jolin Conn, the Alvinston manker, was brought back from Detrolt, and an olficer is now on alis way to Graytown, Nicaragua, to boring back J. C. Bain, the defaulting Toronto ticket elerk. The last to we captured is John C. Fraser; who with a fellow clerk named Mleliael J. Teedy, absconded from Toronto last Dominion Day with $\$ 14,800$ warth of, the Grand

Trunk Rallway's remittances. Fraser was caught at St. Louis, and is now in the hands of justice in Toronto. The report that Teedy had jeen captured at San Dlego proved incorrect; but nevertheless it will not le long before he is also in the toils.
The lesson laculented by the fact that every large defanlter in this country during the past year has been patientIy hunted down, no matter in what portion of the earth he sought a hlaing place, should be a waining to those who are Ilkely to yield to temptations. There is hardly a corner now in this great world where a crlminal can flid security. All the civilized communities are bound to each other by extradition treatles so comprelionslve in their scope as to leave but very few loopholes for escape, and besides this, the Hendency of all governments is to construe their provisions in the most liberal spislt and hence to further minimise the prospects of the gullty one avoldIng the punishment fitted to his crime. Truly to day the way of the transgressor is very hard. He may range the whole carth; Wut justice is constanitly. on his heels, and alded by all the resourees of modern science, rarely falls to come up with him eventually.

Much of the swiftness and certainty which marks the punishment of crime momadays is due to the action of the guarantee companies. It is for this reason that their bonds are preferred by all large Imstitutions whose employees occupy positions of trust and conse. quently of temptation. Large employ. ens know that private bondsmen are uswally frlends of the person whose honesty thes guarantee, and are hence less hikely to search him ont should he prove unvorthy of their trust. With the guarantee companies it is a mere matter of busimess. They lnsure a man's honesty as cney woatû nis life or his limbs, for a fired premium, and, in order to minimise their chances of loss, they sigorously hunt down every defanlter whose dishonesty Involves loss to thelr shareholders. It is the knowledge of the unswerving and merelless chase that these companies will inevitably Inaugurate it he defaults that keeps many a weak or sorely beset man from yielding to temptation. Nemesis will dog his foot-steps day by day untll justice claims her own. Others may abaindon the search but the companles will not; and, therefore, with thils lact constantly before his eyes, hls very. fears cause him to rise superior to disfromesty. In thle way the guarantee
companies form an invaluable ractor in our great industrial and commercial enterprises. They reduce crime to a minimum by rendering its punishment pertain. They save many a young man from the commission of an act of chminal folly that might wast his whole future carecr, and, at the same time they protect his employers, and through them the public, from loss. Surely they need no greater evidence of their usefulness than this.

## THE CRY OF "HARD TIMES."

The growing checulation of American newspapers in this country-largely because of their boldness-has probably been one of the chlel factors in giving consistency to the impression that the unsatisfactory condition of trade and Industry in the United. States has been reproduced to a greater or less extent in Canada. Man is an imitative animal, and even shrewd and seltreliant business men are influenced by the views of others; more especial ly when these views are put before them in the columns of one of theing farorite mewspapers. Naturally then, the constant cry of hard times, and financial depression, appearing, day after day in the American press, hed its offect more or less upon their minds, and they insenslbly began to talls "hard times" themselves, until people took it for granted that times reaily were hard here and proceeded to make that statement an excuse for cutting down their expenditure and not paying their bills promptly.

Even the managers of the joint stock companies made reference to the "depressed condition of industry, and the unsatisfactory state of the financial outlook." But we notice from the annual reports that every one of theser companies paid their usual dividends, most of them carried a snug sum of their reserve fuads as well, one or two paid a jonus in addition to the divid. end, and one had the honesty to come out and say that the jear just past was the most prosperous in the history of the institution. This does not look as if the depression talked of had much foundation in fact.
The truth is, the volume of trade last sear was fully up to the average, it not a little wetiter than that of 1802, and payments throughout weire fairly satisfactory with the exception of those of the North-west. In this province wankers say that trade was more sntisfnctory than for sears. The in-
crease in dairy products, the spread of mixed farming, the good hay crop, and the demand for export at fairly' re. muncrative prices, have Increased the farmers, purchasing powers. 'Country storckeepers have bought freely, re. mittances have been falrly satisfactory, and the province generally has been prosperous. The same conditions, to a lesser extpant in some of the western localities, have prevailed in Ontarlo. The farmers: as a body are prosperous In spite of the low prices ruling for agricultural produce. We read of some who have the graln crops of two years stored in their barns walting for better prices but who are able to pay their way from the sale of their milk to the crenmeries and cheese factories and therefore canafford to hold their grain. The loan companles report a depreciation in the value of real estate; buit nevertheless they have all pald comtortable dividends to their slareholders, and none of them speak despondently of the outiook. It ls only in the Northwest that we come upon genuine hard times and there they have been brought about by natural causes entirely Independent of the depression in the 'United states. A short crop and low prices are responsible for the unsatisfactory. innancial condition of the North-west and unless this year shows an-abundant harvest and a rise in whant values we cannot look for any great lmprovement during 1894. But thls is only one section of this great Dominion. In all, the others trade has been fairly prosperous and, though the number of fallures has been large, they have usually been attributable to causes that would have involved disaster even in "boom" years.
Lndeed Canadian trade is really on a sound Dasis. This very ery of Hard Times has tended to restrict speculation to restrain undue expansion, and to encourage conservativa methods of dolng business. In this way it may be looked upon-as an absolute factor for good rather than any detriment to the com. mercial situation. It has certainly done us no harm in the past and as it is evidentis based upon the ciltuation in the United States, and not upon that in this country, it is hardly likely to do us any in the future.
-The total product of gold of West $\Delta u$ tralin last year was 110,310 ounces, or mearly double that of 1892. The outlooki for a further increase in the present jear is most promising.

RECENT FAILORE INCIDENTS.
A fruitful subject, for discussion and possible solution just nqu might be' summed ap in the enquiry: "How long in a house justified in carrying on busineme when the result of the past year's operations shows it to have lost ground and to be still drifting astern?" To this might be added: "Is it honest to place a large order with a friendly and confiding supply firm when an assignment seems inevitable within a few days ?"
There is no reason to doubt that many, creditors in : this city consider themselves the victims of duplicity in certain failures that have occurred since the opening of the year, but the fear of ridi: cule and commiseration has sealed their lips, while more serious action has been delayed through dread of notoriety, less, of paluable time in the courts, etc. Rumors of severe legal proceedings in connection with a disastrous collapse in Quebec have been current for averal days, but it is just possible that the parties thinking it an instance of "throwing good money after bad" may delay action. Fortunately there is no such thing. in this Province as chattel mortages or bills of sale, which, though usefull under ecrtain prouliar circumstances, give many opportunities, for crooked dealings, especially hurtful to distant creditors.
The lnw, however, should be more setere against insolvents who make large purchases a few days prior to their assignment, when they can lawfully bs presumed to be cognizant of their insolrency, and a simple and inexpensive form of revendication of such goods might bo devised. One instance mentioned is that of a car load of valunble seeds, grain, etc., shipped to order just on the eve of the failure of the buyer, who is expected to pay mext to nothing. In nother case, an ${ }^{\prime}$ order for ten baga of colfee being tilled: one or two days before the assignment, the seller immediately demanded the return of his goods, but was told that one bag had been wated and the rest bypothecated for a loan. This needy buyer is once more in full operation, having. settled at a figure much below 20 c on the dollar.
An equal distribution of assets of insolvent estates, throughout the Dominion, would remove many abuses. A lirm in the Lower Provinces recently wrote a Montreal house offering as a mark of friendship and estecm ito secure them their claim in full by a bill of eale. This the I wholesale people hero refused, on principle, stating it would be unfair to other craditors. The debtor was strongIf urged to lay his affairs before all hil creditors, which he did. Another case which has come to light is less croditable. In this instance a debtor who was lound to be owing $\$ 28,000$, whil' ho had only $\$ 16,000$ worth of assetes, wam asked to prefer a Montreal merchant for a $\$ 6,000$ claim. This ho declined to do unless another big firm was included, and its representative being callod in, both were covered. The dividend to the unsecured creditors must necessarily bo $x$ ceedingly slim.
Such eramples as these have dotermin:
ed, several large conceras to withidraw. their travellers altogether from the Lower Provinces.

## a NECESSARY TARIFF Change.

If, when the Bulget is brought down, its tariff clauses do not contain some provision for replacing the present obnoxious specific duties upon imported woollen cloths by an ad valorem percontage, the wholosale clothing trade, and all those consuming the cheaper goods which they manufucture, avill be grievously disappointed. There are certain low grades of unpe and bearers which have never yet beon made to advantage in this country, and apparently never will be. These lines are of the utmost importance to the clothing trade, even with a havy protective duty to aid them the only two mills in Cumada ruming on thess lines camot compete with luropran markets in these goods, and yet they are loaded with a specilic duty ranging from 58 to 75 per cent. of their cost, as the following examples show:


This the trade look upon as unjust, when better class goods of similar mates are taxed only 30 to 40 per cents of their value. They argue that if a specific duty duty be levied upon these cloths, it should be graded in proportion to their cost, as is done in the United States tamify ; but they would much profer that an "ad-valorem" percentage duty should be imposed finstead, and would regard it as fairer to botie the importers and the manulacelurers of these lines.

- Snother point of complaint among clothing manufacturers is the fact that they alone, of all Canadian industries, receive practically no protection whatsoever Woollen cloths, which may be looked unon as their raw ianterial, are taxed 20 per cont. und 10 cents per pound, while the protection allotited to clothing is only 25 p. c. and 10 cente per pound. This looks ut firstsight like a balane of 5 per cent. in their favor. But we must remember that there is a loss of 10 par ceat. in cutthig, and that these cuttings, upon which 20 cents per jound in duey is paid on an average, can only be sold for 1 cent per pound to the mills for shoddy-wakinge. This taves their protection practically, mil, and therefore they urge that in order to offect the loss in catiting, and etill leave them 5 per cent. of protection, tho duty on clothing should be phaced at least 15 . per cent. higher than that on woollent cloths.
- Those of our renders who desies further information on this head should consult the table on page 78 in our issue of 12 the Jnuuary last.


## $\triangle$ SUGGESTION FOR THE POST OFFICL DEPAUTMENT.

It is probable that the Post Office Depirtment las long ere this had its attention direted to the now species of compotition established by the Express Comp panion in this country for transmitting
small sums of money, which we must be-: lieve has been making serious inroads upon its revenue. Post-office Illoncy Orderg are Zeing aupplanted, to a large extent, for some time past, by Express móncy-orders, whith are being supplied to tho publice at a discount of 40 per ceat. from the rates charg-d by the Govornment. The facfities are practicully equal; indecd, what trifilige difictences existr is on the side of the Express sirvice. It is advisuble that the Post-oilice Depurtment make some redaction in its charges, in view of this new and atetive compatitor for the transmis. sion oi moncys hom place to place.
a wholesale merchant in this city, one who keejs in touch wilh the prorress oi the age, has difected our attention to the advantages to be derived from employiner postmasters throughout the country for the colliction of swail accounts. In many, phates where there are nu batbe the diiliculty in making colletions is vitan excending geat, and there is no reason aly, for a small ies, post-mastors should pot be authorizd to malie these collectious for merchants and athers in the dillerent distributng ecatres. Tho man who mighets payimg a smath account, who is inWhatedt to ponte ananng appeals hom his ereditors, whose good nacure he has olten tried, wound be more lakey to yied to the kodictations oi one oecupgima the position of posi-master in the comary vilage. We Hare merely reterted to the subject, but may returis to at shouid it bs decmed practucabte and adsisabe by the authorities at Uutawa. Such ofiscial collecting abencies cound arot ian to piove of rast benciit to the business of the country at large. As it is, there is too much indebtedness everywhere Avamy orergbody owis sumbbody chse,-and thete is a stroun mecessity ion some system akin to a gencal Clearing Housia in which the mothod we havo hiated at would prore a very inpportant nucleas.

## A GOOD SUGGLSALION.

Mr. J. Wolferstan Thomas, gencral manager of the Molsous Dunk, wiling on the subjuet of civie expenditure, suggests the appointment of a civic controller, whose duties should be closely akin to those of the pressint uselul auditor-general of the Dominion. The n.w oflicial, whose freedom from civie intlatuess is to be assured by his biins el.cted by a majority of rotes froin the City Council, Bourd of Trade and Chambre de Comanres, should bo responsible for all expenditure, and thus would act as a wholesome check on maulhorized disbursements. From the tripurtite nature of his election he would be comparatively indepandent of aldermanic iniluenees and, with the knowledge that his office would aot be vacated so loner as he performed his duties fathfully and ufficiently, he might be relied upou to guard tho taxpayers' interests jenlously": The sugt frestion is a good oue; but it is hardiy, probable that such a method of electiou could ever be secured, and were the controller appointed solely by civie influenco his independenco from aldermanic con'trol would be problematical in the extreme", and consfiuently his appointment would only be an unecessary expense.

## LABRADOR.

Labrador, which was originally attached to Quebec, but which was afterwards transferred to Newloundland because. it was so far removed from the centre of population here, has hitherto been rogarded as a useless waste; but. Mr. A. P. Low, of the Geological Department, who has been there for some months, reports that its interior is thickly wooded with spruce trees, mixed here and there with poplar. There are thousands and thousands of square miles of sprise, sulficient to last for years after local forests are done out . The majority of the spruce trees would make timber cighteen inches equare. Hore and there over the country are indications of vast deposits of the richest of iron ore.

## A NOVEL PHaSE.

The case of the Trinity College va. the 'Travelers Lusurance Co., puts charches in a novel ligit as the benciciaries oi insuranca policies on the lives of young man who are members of their congregatiuns. To insure their young men is said tu be regarded by many roligious and charitable institutions as a prolitablo investment. The young man is cancouraged to take out a policy for the berelit of the organization, either payiug the premiums himseli in place of contributing to the treasury, or leaving the orgamazation to pay for them. In the case refered to it wats held by Judge burwell that where a church pays the premiums the policy is void as a wagering contrict, for where no tics oil biood or marriage exist one can bure an insuabue incerest in the lie of anuther only when ho is a creditor ol or surety for sued other.

## Commelectal notes.

-A digest of the cass oi alecausland ve. Quebec, which is the lifist cuse it tho $\mathrm{OL}^{-}$ tario courts giving an interpectation of tho term "flatiable" ja the eth statuiory Condition, is unaruidabiy held over.
-The assets of the estate of Wim. Merrin \& Co., baw mill, Norwich, Ont., have been sold at foce on the dollar: Liabitities are returad as $\$ 13,000$ and assels as $\$ 14,000$. Mr. Merrill died in Janumy last. Ten years ago te was considered worth $\$ 40,000$, but losses by fire, decline in value of real estate, amd assistase to his camily by eny dorsements, and otherwise, made a serious imroad on his resources. Mi. FI. Van Vallenoburg, who secured an interest in the businuss, is reported to have lost what he put in, some $\$ 8,000$.
-The recent troubles of Geo. Wyatt \& Sons, boots and shoes, London, Ont., uppenr to have been brought about by an indisereet removal to larger premises, involving double the rent and four times the stock previously carried. They were also brought into close competition with old houses in good ruming order. The senior partaer has been in business. 25 yenre and paid his way heretofore. Liabilities are $\$ 7,000$ and assets $\$ 10,000$. The latter consist of $\$ 8$,000 in stock, $\$ 1,000$ in book debts and baid nuce cash on haud. An extension is likely to bo granted.
-Manitolen advices state that Mrs. S. A. Hamilton, Emerson, is endearoring to setthe a't 30 c on the dollat. The business was established 10 years ago, in suceession to Wm. Brach, and has benn managed by Robt. Hamilton, husband of the insol-rent.-Campbald \& Robinson, dry goods and shoes, Morden, in business since '02, when they succeeded Geo. Strachan \& Co., have assigned.-S. Y. Caymagh \& Co., traders, Newdale, a new firm; recently held a meeting of its creditors. Particulars not yet to haud.-H. I. Hatch, general store, Pipestone, has been grantel an extension of thime!-Riddell Bros., traders, Pipest-one, are asking an exteusions. They have beeni in business little over a yoar, sueceeding $F$. A. Richardson.
-Mr . H. S. Dumning, the new manager of the Windsor Hotel, will enter upon his duties on Saturday next. Mr. Duming has been loug and farorably known both to the directorate of the company and to the travelling public. He was for many years chief clerk in the Windsor, and was Mr . Swett's most trusted lisutenant. For one season he mamaged the Iroquois Honse at St. Hilaire, and he was mext selected by the Canadian Pacific Railway to coitrol their palatial new hotel at Quebec-the Chateau Frontenac. Mr. Duming possesses all the varied qualities that go to make up the successiul hotel man. He has had a long experience of the Windsor, and therefore no one is more fitted than he is for the position he has been called upon to occupy, or more tikely to make a suceess of it.
-The failure of John Wrallace, storekeeper, Dundalk, Ont., is attributed to the withdrawal of some of this best customers through the Patrons of Industry, and a demund for a dellt of $\$ 300$. When Boyd Dros. fatied 3 years ago his liabilitios werd $\$ \mathbf{\$}, 300$, to pay ofit which he reduced his stock, which injured him in competing for trade. Liabilities are now retumed at $\$ 600$, with assets valued at $\$ 1$, äbu. Thu latter consist of dry goods, grocerics, boots unil shons, crockery, etc., also $\$ 102$ in good outstinding accounts and $\$ 271$ bad and doubtiul.
-In Ontario, Simmons \& Co., hats, Barrie, are compromising at 60 cents on the dollar, 3, 6,0 , and 12 months. secured. Liabilitizs $\$ \overline{5}, 165 .-H$ Hury Gerth, harness, New Hamburg has failed for a small amount.-E. W. Paisley, Erin township, has assigned.-The assigmment is amouned from I'oronto of Emma H. Dent, dry goods. The store was mamaged by her father, Geo. W. Deut, who failed some years before reaching that city.-J. W. Hyde, general store. Treuton, is now settling at 40 per etnt., $3, G$, and 9 montlis, secured. $-W$. Hipple, gremernl store, Camplen, who started in the 1 summer of : 02 , succeeding Isaac Moyer, has assigned with small liabilities. -D. W. Purt, wholesalo fish denler, Toronto, has ässigned for an unknown amount. He was supposed to enjoy a good business.-Wm. Walton, grocer, Woodstock ; Stephen Bowermap, weats; Bloomfield; J. W. Staples, lumber, Maureps, and John Armstrong, grocer, Poterboro, have assigned.

- -John MreQueen, general store, Montague, Pe. I., is offering 20c on the dollar, payable this yar:-G. F. Cox, haruess, St. Stephen, N.B., has failed for a spall sum.M. L. Harrison, books, cte., St. John, N.B., although in business some 15 years, ouly succecded in dojng a small trade.. Eis assignment is reported with liabilities of - ${ }^{2}, 000$-A. S. Poiricr, ganeral store, Shediac, N.B., is offering 60e on the dollar, puyable in $4, S$, anal 12 months, secured. The liabilitizs ure about $\$ 18, \overline{0} 00$. He has been in businass over 20 years, prior to 'ss being in partuership, with his brother.
-Geo. b. Gebhardt, lithographer, cit5, who has been sued on several ocensions of lat, and otherwise gave sigus of being hard pressed, has assigued. His liabilities will probably reach 80,000 , all claims not haring been produed. Whe principal ereditors are Wm. Strachan, \$1,362; P. Schell, Kiursal, Germany, $\$ 3,000$; Jupp \& Co., Muuich, $\$ 900$; Daster \& Wirth, Laipaig, $\$ 809$. There are many smaller claimants.
-The liabilities of S. A. Rife, who gavo up a livery stable at Mildmay, Ont., tor conduet a wooien mill at Walkerton are $\$ 0,000$ and his assets $\$ 6,000$. The latter consist of a brick mill and stock and $\$ 700$ in look delyta. Rife invested $\$ 3,000$ to $\$ 4,-$ 000 in the mill at Wakerton at the in-* stance of ons S. B. McKelvie, who was in partnership with him for a time. The premises were enlarged and new machinery put in. Last fall the insolvent was probably able to pay one hundred cents on the dolfar. He turned out a great deal of stiock aud sent it to the wholesale houses to sell on commission. They advanced 75 pur cent. of its value, and it is now chamed that by a (lop) in the market Rife lositall the-balance. He was sick for a considerable time and could not attend to business, aul was just able to get around when the crash cance. The trouble with this milr is that it is too larere ior a merely local aifiair, and not big enough to compate for tha wholesule trado with harger concens. The capital was never sufficient.
-The following list of United States patents to Canadian inventors, granted Hebruary 27 th and Mareh $G$ oll, is reported expressly for this puper: Electric neater, Austia S. Hatch, Wimusor, assigner of onehuif to Stephen J. Martin, Detroit, Mich.; Vehicle-tongus, Andrew B. Mckay, London; Clothes-line, Fredrick S. MeKay, Hatley; Ice-velocipede, Francois E. Naden, River Desert, assignor of one-half to Joseph Comeau, Man waki ; Strect-car fender, Walter W. Peay, Toronto, assigner to John Banes, same place: Lamp-sitade, William E. Ward, Kiugston. Patents granted March the. 6 the, 1804: Wheel for vehicles, William Bomar, Bolton ; Range boiler, Gcorro Booth, Toronto; Biscuit-making machine, William, Christie, Toronto; Trap for ilies on animals, Robert H. Guthric, South Dumiries; Bols-sleigh, James Jackson, Keady ; Car-: coupling, Joseph A. Gendron, Farnham, assigner to M. H. St. Denis, same place; Machine for caining, Robert J. Laidlaw, Lamilton; Furvace, Robert II. Laird, Toronto, assignor to William Henry Laird, New York, N.Y.; Trace buckle, George V. Martin, Whitby; Telephone-oxchange system, Tawin Pope, Quabsc ; Telephone, system', I.: Pope, Quabne.
-In this province, T. N. Corrivenit; trad. er, Fulford, has assigned with linailitiens of $\$ 3,000$. He has been in busincss ancounte of yenrs, but lacked experience.-L. A. Choquette, books, St. Hyacinthe, veferred to in our lnst, owes soms $\$ 20,000$. Chief creditors are Jaeques Cartior Bank $\$ 10,000$; Alex. Choquatte $\$ 000$; Alph. Choquette $\$ 800 ; \mathrm{C} .0$. Beanchomin \& Sons $\$ 8.0$ and Zech if File, Belgium, sto0,-V. Brault is Co., gensral store, St. Louis de Gonzague, previously noted, has assigned.-H. K. Dufour, Murmy Bay, has b.an poing bohind, for the past few years, and now assigns1. A. Precourt, hardware, city, in business for $a$ few years in a small way, has as signed.—IW. H. Olive, muirs agent, city, is asking an exteusion of one and two years from his larger creditors and offers to pay small amounts sooner. He owes about $\$ 5,000$ - Jas. Martin, general store, Buckingham, laving met with some heavy losses, has been fored to-succumb. -J. \&P. Daigle, provisions, city, are offeriug 10 per cent. on liabilities of $\$ 18$;000. P. Daigle was unsuccessful alone some jears ago. More pushing hotises appear to lave taken the. trade.
-Among the business troubles of the week in this province are the following: M. J. Johnston, phinter, Granby, is offoring ing $2 \overline{5} \mathrm{c}$ on the dollar, on liabilities of $\mathrm{p} \pi$, 000. He did fairly well for sonie years, but jatteily does not appear to have been quito as attentive to store matiers as he might have been.-Roy \& loy, genemal store, River Desert, previously mentioned, are offering 30 c on the dollar, 3,6 , and 9 months; ac-curcd.-A compromise has been effected by M. Gagmon, tradar, St. Flore, on the basis of G5e on the dollar, secured, paynble with: ine 12 months.-Mrs. L. A. Piante, hotelf, Yamaska, has failed for a small amount. -E. Boucher, hardware, Sherbrooke, is asking an extension, spread over 12 monthg. His liabilities are small and he shows at suiplus of about $\$ 6,000$. He has been in business successifully for some years, but of late has become involved and finds time inecessmy.-Laurent Mattic, baker, Pont Rouge, lins failed for $\$ 1,300$; assets $\$ 090$. -Jos. Gaipinanu, grain marchant of Maisonneuve, has assigned. The total liabilities are ss, $3+2$ : The pincipal creditors are the wile of the insolvent, 84,$500 ; \mathrm{Er}$ aus Bros., \$650; Morrison \& IIolt, $\$ 1,000$; L. Denis \& Fils, \$000.

A cerenl is frown in the mountrinous districts of tha Himalayas that is worth investigating by our northwestern legis: latures. It is called Kownes, and the fact that it grows at such altitudes is what lende special interest to it. It looks something like wheat; but has very much larger ears.

BIG DRY GOODS FAILURE.
A stir was coused in wholesale circles resterdny when it became known that W. S. Iampson, of Vietoria; B.C., was in town and had called a mecting of his creditors. The firm in tronble was originally called W. S. Fampson \& Co. but. iil January jast an cfort was made to. turn it into a joint stock company to
bo called the Stanley Honse. Company, with an anthorizol copital of $\$ 200,000$ and a subseribed, cupital of $\$ 50,000$. Among the provisional directors were Mr. W. S. Hampion himself, and W. T. Macandey; who held $n$ bill of sate ngainst Hampron for $\$ 15,000$, of which $\$ 5,000$ hat aine been repuid.
Hampson went to England to secure capital for the new company; but his Buglish friends did not take kindly to the acheme. Instend he was confronted with some mapnid bills that he claims to know nothing abont. Me returned disconsolate and empty-handed, and on his arrival in thie city was confronted with the startling news : that Macouley had seized the stock of the company und was selling it out under the bill of sale. As his principal creditors are in this city he at once colled a meeting; lut mattots were ao confused that all that could be done was to recommend him to muke an assignment. He owes $\$ 30,000$ and claims a stock worth $\$ 40,000$. Even after satisfying the bill of sate this should leave $n$ handsome surplus for the ereditors, unless the stock has already been sold en bloc at a small percentage on the dollar, as has happened before in such enges. If this be the cage now, Montreal creditors will have very little chance of at dividend. There was some talk of the creditors leing willing to necept 50 per cent. of their claims in cash and the remainder in ritock in the Stanley Honse Compuny; but nothing can be done until the real condition of affairs is lemened.

## TIIE BLHEING Sh:

The Behring Sen question pronifes one more to be a subject of contention bed tween Grat Dritan and the United States. 'The American Government holls that from the woment when the Paris arbitrators banded down heir decision, the Behring Suir tisheries became subject to the rules and regulations therein laid down, and Lhat the modus vivendi cuased to exist. The british reply that until the rules and regulations contanded in that decision are confirmed by legishative ennelment on the part of the two Govemments they are inoperative, and therofore that the modus vivendi is still in fores. The shortest way out of the difficulty would be, of conrse, to puss the necessury legislation confirming the decision of the Patis arbitrators; hat this the American Govermment is desirous of nvoiding if possible. The administration sherink from presenting a decision which matically defeats thair own contentions for matifention by Congress, and besides, white desirous of arailing themselves of the restrietions embodiod in the mbitumbers awhet, they do not wish to put themselves on record as accepting the whole of its findinge. In fact, they want to cxtract whatever advantuge it may prosent to American interents while still not recognising it officinlly. This Grent Britnin ta determined they shall not do, and hence her refuen to consider the award ne operative mitil such time as its provisions have hean ratified by legal mactment upon the part of both the countries intorasted..

THE CANADA BANK NOTR CO.
$r$ The Camadi Bank Note Company have succeeded in extricating themselves from their difficulties by securing a compromise at 60 cents in the dollar, 40 cents in casll and 10 cents in twelve months, unsecured, from thein creditors. They chaim to have lost heavily by the fire that occurred on their promises last year, as they only reccived $\$ 27,000$ trom the insurance companies. In the last two months they bave lost between $\$ 7,000$ und 88,000 by bad debte, and as they had become entangled in litigation as woll they deomed it better to meot their creditors at once. The total liabilities are placed at $\$ 70,000$, of whieh $\$ 20,000$ is alue to the trade. The assets, valued at $\$ 90,000$, are composed of presses, lithographic supplies, paper, ete., which would shrint very emsiderably if foreibly realizell upon.

## gNGLISH POTATOES.

It is singular that, owing to the cheapmess of ocean freights, Euglish potato shippers are able to underent the American inumer in tho New York market. Yet such is the fact. The freight from London to New York is only 20 cents per bag on au average, white the rail freights from northen or central parts of New York State to the city are from 27 to 36 cents per: bag. In addition the English potatoes imy ${ }^{20}$ conts par bushel duty; yet even then they can be placed profitably in New York, as is evileneed by the fact that three-cighths of the whole supply of that eity is derived from Great Britaim. From October to February 215,005 sacks of Das. lish potatoes were landed at that port. For the whole yar the imports of British potators into the United Stales were $4,061,-$ 000 bushels valued at $\$ 2,000,000$. In addition to this Canada sent $800, \% 25$ bushels, valued at $\$ 250,170$. Of these, $62 S, S 54$ bushels weres sent by Prinee Edivard Ishand, 301, To S bushets from Novi Scotia, and 114,1155 bushels from New brunbwick.

## GASPE NOTLS.

The Gaspe board of Trade late resolved to petition the Dominion Government for an extension of $4: 00$ feet to the wharf at Peree, for the construction of a breakwater at Cape Despair for the protection of the Gaspe bank cod fishemen, for the axtension of tha lobster fishing senson from 16 th July to List August, and for a subsidy for the repair of the mail-rond at Cape Rozier Mountain.
At the elcetion of officers of the Gaspe lonarl of Trade Mr:. Istue J. Hyman was ulected president, Mr. Jus. Baker viee-president, Mr. J. X. Lavoie secretary, and Mr. G. P. Fauvel treasurer. The members of the council are: Messers. George Homeril, ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. G. Le Bas, T. C. Savage, J. J. Lowides, A. I. Carter, W. I. 13. Fauvel and M. Lindsay. Intest adrices from bmail say that the eargoes of the Gaspe fishing flect, valued ath $\$ 250,000$, have been sold at fairly remumerative prices in lirazilian ports. It is also announced that Mr. I. L. Hyman, of Grand Grove, hins been elected warden of the county of Gaspe.

IT WAS NOT SMUGGLING. . . There are times when oren the American Customs Department can take a broad and comprehensive view of the tarifif, and the St. Clair tummel furnishes an instance of one of theme Special D. S. Treasury* Agent Wood discovered that a large amount of the material used in the construction of the tumnel was Canadian, and, as some of it had been used at the American end, he elaimed that, the company hai sumgeled it into the United States and therely defrnuded the Washington treasury out of thousands of dollars in duty. He laid the matter belore the department, and in reply received a letter exonorating the tumel company, and stating that in the construction of nay, 'internatioma work albove or below the water, as far as the materinis used are concerned: the revenue laws do not apply: The materials are not considerod as "ime ported into the United States."
gRAND TRTNK PROMTOTIONS.
Mr. Robert Wright, trensurer of the Graud Trunk Railway, has found it necessnry, owing to failing health, to resign the responsible position he has illed so satisfactorily for the past sirteen yenrs, and his retirement has necessitated some importnat promotions in the Grand Trunk staff.
Mr. Cuarles Percy, the present assistant to the general mannger, who has been for nineteen years in the employ of the road becomes treasurer in place of Mr. Wright, while Mr. J. J. Lanning, for twentythree years private secretary to the genorat manager, is promoted to Mr. Percy's position, Mr. Frank Scott, who has been in charge of the treasurer's office during Mr. Wright's absence, becomes assistant trensurer, and a number of minor promotions are recorded.

## THE DUTY ON WATCE CASES.

In commenting editorially on the circulation of $\Omega$ petition throughout the jewellery trade in favor of a reduction in the duty on American watch cases from 35 to 10 per cent., the "Jeweljers" Guido" points out that such a reduction would be absolutely rainous to the makers hẹre since it would convert Camada into a dumping ground for surphas American cases. Caandian watch eases of equally good quality are selling here just as cheaply as they sell in the United States, and that the rate of duty has no eflect unon the price is proved by the fact that they sell cheaper to-day under the 85 per cent. tarifl than they did under What of 171.2 per cout. Onder these circumstances the "Guide" advises the jewellery trade to considen the question carefully before putting their names to any petition for an alteration in the ex. istiug tariff.

## anoteer defaditer.

Jenu Labrecque, one of tho ledger keep. ers of the Banque Natiounle in this city, is missiug, and investigation shows that he has succeoded in cashing threo cheques, forged and accepted by himself, for \$243.15. It is also etated that ho has
carried away with him a number of blank cheques stamped with the bank's accentance, which it is fenred he may fill in and endenvor to cash later. Labrecque is only 19 yenrs of age, and has bean about two years in the service of the bank. He is spolien of as a clever young fellow, but of lato has been so dissipated in his habits that the bauk authorities were contemplating his dismissal when he forestalled them by alseonding. The bank will lose nothing, as they hold a policy for $\$ 4,000$ on him in. thio Loydon Guarantee and Accident Co.

## Prnancial

Thurgdny Evg., March 22, 1804.
Since our last issue, the Provincial Treasurer, Hou. John S. Hall, has sold over 5200,000 cables on London, against the arle of bonds. Some dissatisfaction has been expressed at the Treasurer confining his offers to those banks which had underwritten part of the loan. It is believed good prices wero obtained ranging from 10015.10 to 110 . One lot of $\mathrm{CEO}, 000$ is believed to have goue to the Tuion Bank, $£ 10,000$ each to the bauk of Nova Scotia aud Hochelaga Bank and $£ 100,000$ to the Bauk of Montreal. The banks which did not have an opportunity to tender, probably feel somewhat dissatisfied, but the Treasurer, no doubt, thought it best to give those bnuks which had undermitton part of the loan, the first opportunity to purchase the eterling, which he was prepared to offer.Sixty day sterling bills $90-16$ to 6 and 93 to \%/8 demand $97 / 6$ to 10 and $10 / 9$ to $1 / 2$; cables 10\% and 10\%; New York lunds $1-16$ to par and $1 / \frac{1}{6}$ to 3 . The average rate for call loans is $44 / 2$ per cent., but exceptional circumstances, either way, may result in loans at 4 aud 5 per cent. Bur silver in London 273d per ounce. New York assay bars 591ic. An increase from two to four millions of dollars has been ordered in tise capital stock of the Montreal Street Railway, to be called up as reguired by the direction. 'The stock rose 4 points, and afterwards went 4 points better, since, which it has re-neted 2 points. The Gas dividend as anticipated in this column was the usual one of 6 per cent. The 'bears' claim it has earned about 1139 for the year, lout there are those who state the actual carnings are nearer 16 per cent. On the announcement the stock strengthened and seems to have friends it the advauce. There were some large sales around 185 to 186, stock now ruling dull at 1841/4. 'Cable has been a favorito with higher prices predicted. Richelieu neglected and the clicue apparently want no more. Electrie and Telephoue have been advancing steadily and attention is being diverted to the former once more. Cottons dull. There is little doing in banks outside of investment account. The stock board adjourned for the holiday from Thursday night until Tuesday morning. New York stocks since the usual dividends have been stendy but dull. The 'bears' predieted lower dividends. Speculators await the result of Washington action on the Blandl
silver bill, which many expoct the Prosident to veto. Chicago whenit closes dull and neglected with May about 58c and July at 60c. Following is the record of local stocks for the week, as per Chas. Meredith \& Co., stock brokers:

| banks. |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \stackrel{4}{\mathrm{a}} \\ \stackrel{y}{\mathrm{E}} \\ \stackrel{y}{\mathrm{E}} \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Montreal | 121 | 229 | 22S $1 / 2$ | 229 |
| Peoples | $2 \overline{5}$ | 120 | $12 \overline{5}$ | 1201/2 |
| Merchants | 59 | 10012 | 159 | 161\% |
| Falifax | $2{ }^{2}$ | 140 | 146 |  |
| Commerce..... miscrllaneous. | 18 | 14012 | 140\% | 47 |
| Pacific. | 382 | 70 | 6734 | 82\% |
| Cablo. | 1055 | 1463年 | 14414 | 185 |
| Telegraph | 205 | 1403/4 | 1491/4 | 14214 |
| Richelieu | $12 \overline{5}$ | 80 | 79 | 691\% |
| Passenger | 4033 | 1881/3 | 170\% | 1771 |
| Gas. | 4102 | 186 | 182 | 214/4 |
| Bell Telephonc. | 545 | 1.51 | 148 |  |
| Royal Ilectric.. | 150 | 142 | 140 |  |
| Montreal Cotton. | 73 | 121 | 120 | 130 |
| Colored Cotton. | 10 | 571/2 | 071/2 | 1021/2 |
| M'ts Mrg. Co. | 2 | 117 | 117 |  |
| Dominion Cot. | 45 | 115 | 115 | 1271\% |

## MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETB.

## Thursdny Evg., March 22, 1894.

Spring orders in most liues have been fair. The trouble is not in selling, but in deciding about ability to pay, before shipping out stock. A great many accounts and notes are being carried over into the spring, and business skill and caution, are more than ever called for. The weather has again been mild, on the whole, and it would be surprising if water trafice is not begun two or three weeks earlier than usual. The opening of mavigation, and the reduction of railway rates to the summer level, will cause a welcome stir in shipments of norchandise. Lent is now practically over and the retail storekecpers have gindly made their promises attractive for tho Easter trade. As our extensive industries have enjoyed a fair measure of proserity, city trade has been fair. The changes in the tarifi will soon bo amounced and with this element of uncertainty removed inereased confidence is likely to be apparent in business and industrial circles.
Ashes.-lleceipts faix. The demand for export is very light. First pots \$4.15, seconds $\$ 3.70$. First pearls, nominal at $\$ 5.40$ to $\$ 5.50$, nothing doing. Received since 1st Jumuary 392 brls. pots, 24 brle. pearls; delivered 346 brls. pots, 37 brle. pearls; in store 22nd March at 3 p.m. 93 bris. pots, 27 bris, puris.
Butter fuld Cheeso.--The bulter market has contimed firm and the seareity of choice fresh table stock has led to several importations from the States. It is said that New York butter has been sold at about 28c. The open senson will soou increase tho wake up west. Sules of new creamery are reported of late at 25 to 26c and of spring make Townships dairy at 23c to 24c. Roll butter has been wanted it 20e to 20 1-2c. Held butter is not reailily salcable cyen at 2c to 5c, under top prices. Retail prices are as follows: Choice print 30c to 35 c , creamery 280 to 30c, good dairy 23c to2 c , mild cheose 120 to 14 c , stroug checse 17 c to 20c.
Dry Goods.-A fair number of orders have come in partly owing, no doubt, to the adranced state of the weather. Payments are none too satisfactory, and

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shipments of merchandise to some parts of the country are likely to be regulated by remittnucee. Those who have the money ehould paty up, as it is better for all concerned. Small orders, frequently repeated, seem to be the rule. Stocks of raw cotton in Liverpool are tho Leaviest on record; with a total visible supply in the States and Europe of a quarter million bales more than last year. Receipts also continue ou a fairly liberal scalo but at the same time there is an, indication bi firmness to the market arising from th beliel that trade is improving, which implies an increased domand for cotton by domestic spinners, and. this will tend to strougthen values. Manchester reports yarns quiet but stoady with cloths dull. Liverpool cotton eas ier, American middlings 41-8d. Now York cotton futures steady; March 7.97e, April 7.60c, May 7.65c, June 7.51c. Close spots thull; uplands $71-2 \mathrm{c}$, gulf 7 3-tc futures stenty ; sales March 7.36c, Apri 7.40 c , Mny 7.47 c , June 7.54 c , July 7.60 e , Aug. 7.65 c .
Green Fruits, Etc.--There was a good supply of fresh goods for the Caster trade. Floride strawberrice were held at 45c per quart. Boston lettuce aft $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.10$ per dozen and celery at 80c per dozen. Horse rakish 17 e per lb . Florida tomatocs $\$ 4$ per crate. Pine apples 18 c to 30 c . Spinach $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3$. Bananas $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3.2$ bunch. California ozanges $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 2.75$, as to sizes. Florida orange日, russets, $\$ 2.65$ to $\$ 3.25$, brights $\$ 3$ to $\$ 3.75$. Valencias $\$ 3.25$ to $\$ 3.75$ for 420 size and $\$ 4.75$ for 714 size. Messina oranges, 300 size, $\$ 2.50$. Lemons $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 3.50$, as to quality, and plentiful. English cobnuts 22e per 1b. Walnuta 1.1 1-2e to 12c. Filberts $8.1-2 \mathrm{c}$ to $01-2 \mathrm{c}$ Alinonde $111-2 \mathrm{e}$ to 18c. Peanuts Tc. to 0e. Italian chestauts 10c. Hickory yuts 4c. Polished pecans ' 9 c .' Shelled walunts 100 to 19 c . French prunes $41-2 \mathrm{c}$ to $\overline{5} 1-2 \mathrm{c}$. Apples $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 0$ por brl New cabluge $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3$ per crate. Cucumbers $\$ 2.50$ per dozen.
Groceries.-Changes in prices aro few ngain this week, but we have to note a decline of $1-8 \mathrm{c}$ in the price of refined sugars. Granulated is now worth $48-8 \mathrm{c}$ nud branded yollows 3 1:4c to 4c. Other grades will be found in our prices current. The decline has not improved the domand which generally sets in when prices start upwards. The possibility of tariff change may have influenced both this

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market and that of the United States. $A$ Iate report of the New York market says : Raw was slow and easy at $31-8 \mathrm{c}$ for centrifugnje 96 degree test, 2 3-4c for muscovado 89 lest and $21-2 \mathrm{c}$ lor mofasses sugur 80 test. Refined in the same market is quiel and 1 -10e to I-Se lower. There are some denters who would like to see Camada admit surar up to 16 Duteh Htandard if not higher, and if this was vlone a good deal of such sughe would be imported direct for une in the lumber camps and the firheries. Such enconragement of foreign trade might not connterbalance the damage done to the refining interest, however, and is suareely likely to carry with prices of home refined at present low level. 'lhere is more than one combimetion in the srocery trade but mone uspecially fiksome at present. Possibly they are on their good helaviour, just now, fearimg punjishment by a revision of the tarifi, inelining more in fovor of the consumer. The duty on merehantable rice is 1 1-4e per Ib., nind it comes in the rough state chielly from Juphn and Chinth, the duty agninat the raw material being 171.2 per cent. There is mother an excessive duty on common nuls of 3 e per llo. The genoral elange to nol valorem dalies is commended. $A$ report of the Amerienn rice murket says: Only a smiall amomit of business was trambacted, but values held steady. Domestic ordinary to inir 31 -Se to 3 3-4e, rool to prime 41 -4e to 43-4c, ehoied to laney me to $\overline{6} 1-2 c$, hend $51-2 \mathrm{c}$ to $\mathrm{cc}, \mathrm{l}^{3} \mathrm{atna} 4 \mathrm{~L}-2 \mathrm{e}$ to $43-\mathrm{kc}$, do bond 3e to 31.4 e , Japan 4 1-te to $41-2 \mathrm{c}$, Java in bond 2 I-4e to $23-4 \mathrm{c}$, Java 3 1-2e to 4 - 4 e. Speculation in contract cotiton at Now York has been slow hut generally upwarde, Sales at 1 b. 3 ate to 10.toc July and 14.00e Sept. Havre stendy. Inmburg 1-4 pfg. lower. London Bid to Gd lower. lieceipts at limailinn ports were 11.000 buss, inoluding 0,000 . higs at lion and 2.000 bucs al Snitos. The Rio mnrket was quiet and Sun: tos quiet. liate of exchange at Rio was quoted at., ( 7 -Sd. There were reports in the Montreal market of a combine on prones. lut thoy ate hold in miny hitnds, and there appears to be little in the ramor. So qreat is the variety that they can be bourht all the way from 4 1.-2c un to 20c. Tea han continued quiet, lut with noterate jobling business. The combine , price on eammed corn is said to be Stac. Several lare packers contime ontside of the nssociation nul some good sules of. comntoes and corm are mentioned. Oup recent transaction covered 1'100 elises. Jow prices have been necepted for fiehto close ont before Baster and the seasomijs noty oyer. One thousand hall-
chests of black tea have been shipped from here to New York.
Flour and Grain-There was a moderate lyend demand at about former prices. A Wimiperg despateh quotes No. 1 hard wheat there at 46 e and No. 2 hard 4.te, Brandon freighte. Here No. 1 hard Mitulitolat gells at 76 c to 77 c and No. 2 at T4e to 75. Deans. were selling locailly ut $\$ 1.20$ to $\$ 1.40$, as to quality. lecent cash quotations at Chicago are whent 56 c, corn 3 5̃ $\overline{\mathrm{b}}-8 \mathrm{e}$ and onts 30 c . British eables speak of whent cargoes as slow and heavy and corn casy. AustraLia 2 ह̈s to $2 \overline{5 s}$ 31, Chilian 23s 6dto 23s Od, Wula Walla ditto, California 23s: Weather milld in Britain. At Liverpool spot wheat inclined downwards. No. 1 standard California es 1.2 d , American red winter 4s 9d, No. 1 Dombay $4 s 10 d$, mixed maze 3s $103-1 d$. Camadian peas 4 s 11d. The American markets appear to have become demoralized by the continued decline, but it may be noted that the pressure is more due to tired 'longs' liquidating than to positive short selling. With the constant decrense in supphies abroad, especiatly in England, it is possible that improvement may come first from outside, owing either to their mecessities or ar realization of the cheapness in eurrent values. There is no splecial upprehension at New York regarding the doubtiol wheat held there al few monthas ago, it haviag been well cared for and largely dieposed of. It was a sreat mistake for our American cousins that the quality of New York contract graded wheat should ever have been allowed to be questioned. With full nllowance for the heary stocks, and the natural conditions to develop weevil, etc., nevertheless it was also the misuse or abuse of the grating system, by mixing, ete., that is largely to blame. The resull is, that to daty India wheat commatus a higher price in the consuming markets, which it should not, the Ameriean being a better whent, and even tho whent from Argentine, n new country with limited facilities for handliner the grain, meets with farorable comparison with the American No. 2 red winter whate. Indian what has been improved by more carefill handing and elcaning from extrancous matter, of dirt, etc.,
. White on the other hand American red winter eraded whent has been allowed to deteriorate to tho lowest of the standard instead of being an arerage of the standard. Spring whent commands full prices. Cabil No. 1 northern, abont 4 cents prem: ium orer Mry whent and Duluth certifieate whent $S$ or 9 cents premitum. Chieago spring No. 2 grade, varies 3 to 0 ©
according to sample-the grading at Chicago us well as New York having suffered by questionable handling. The demand for spring whent is mainly for the United Kingdom to mix with their own wheat or the whents from other countrice. The recent hot, forcing weather in Kansas does not promise well for winter wheat. Harvey county reports that considerable is winter killed mud the present dry weather is hurting it severely. Mimui county reports that they need rain badly and the sub-soil is very dry, Kansas as a whole is in dread of another drought. The shipments of whent the past week from enstern European, Australian and South American ports, show a decided falling off, tmounting to $2,320,000$ bushels (including 720,000 bushels for the United Kingilom had $1,000,000$ for the ocatinent) atrainst 4,$400 ; 000$ busicis, the preFious week and 1,080,000 bushels sume week last year. These shipments, combined with those from India, 200,000 bushels und $8,258,050$ bushels from the Whited States, both coasts, aggregate 5 , $888,0.00$ bushels, against the estimated European weekly requirements of 7,200 , 000 bushels, or a deficit of $1,361,950$ bushels.
Iron and Mardware.-In few lines is more interest felt as to what the changes in the tariff may be. Wire is now largely produced and used in Canada and the Northwest has been elamoring for free bapbed wire. For some time makers have pain the freight on barb wire, and have lately decided to do the same on lurge quantities of plain wire. The late declim: in the price list was duly noted at the time. Philadelphin advices state that with prices at the lowest there is no increase in the demand, showing it is not a quistion of pricess lut positive scarcily of business. Reports from Germany state that the demand for Silesian spelter is better and a number of contracts hare beon mate for Marel and April. London G. M. B. speltar E15 1ons. From Singapore nows comes of moderato sales of tim at rather firmer rates. Sales 47 t tons at $\$ 37.12$ 1-2 and $\$ 87.02 \mathrm{I}-2$ closing $\$ 37$. Lombon tin, spot $£ 68 ; 3$ months $\operatorname{CGS}$ lăs; mazket quict. Soft Spanish lead in Loudan C0 äs. G. M. B. copper st1 is Gd, futures 841 17s Gd; market steads. Alumimum prices per lb. in ton lots nit New York. No. 1 to bo over 08 per cent, and No. 2 to be ovec 04 per cent. pure. No. 1 rolling ingots 70 c . No. 1 ingots for re-smeldiug 00 c , No. 2 5̄̃. Silver, New York commercial bars $693-\mathrm{Se}$ per oz. London 28 1-8d. United States advices etate that further complications in Pittsburg iron and steel

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prices nre expected as the result of $n$ serious cut in the rates of east bound froights.
Leather and Shoes.-Some few shoe factorics hive been working overtime until quite recently, the fine weather causing retailers to hurry up their spring shipments. These have been larger since the March pnyments and may be expected to inerense with lower freights. Black leather is biting neglected "locally, but a fair supply has been exported. Sole lea-ther-in-fair-foreign demand, but stocks are supposed to be larger than at this time last year. Light leathers and colors in chief demand and Dongolas have been manted. At Quebec, boots and shoes have been selling at extremels low prices, owing to the low price of leather and hides. First cost being small, shoemen should, however, havs made money. Curriers have been at the merey of the manufacturers, who have forced prices to a rery low loasis. Until lately, the demand for Quebec eplits from England and the continent has been large, but this has coasel althourh western goods still hare some call- Quebec curviers are bidding such low prices for Montrenl hides that tanners are inclined to store"their Etocks and awnit developments.
Maple Products.-There have been fair supplies of new make and demand has been gool. Syrup is quoted at 7 ac per tin, aul surar at Se to 10 c per 1b. for best: Menl and Feed.-Oatmenl is steady nud unchanged. Standard in bags $\$ 1.05$ to $\$ 2$; granulated $\$ 2.05$ to $\$ 2.10$; rolled onts $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.05$. Stanilard in brls. $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.10$; gramulated $\$ 4.20$ to $\$ 4.30$ and rolled oats $\$ 4.20$ to $\$ 4.25$. Feed firm and in good demand. Mran \$17, shorts $\$ 18$ and monllie $\$ 23$ to $\$ 25$.
Paints, Glase, Etc.-Musiness is looking up a little, but no change in prices is looked for until navigntion opens if then. The combination among white lead grinders has been broken up, as one or two firms were understood to be cutting rates. The association was organized about 15 monthe ago and prices wero maintained until quite recently, enstern people being the offenders. One firm is credited with booking orders for 300 tons at a cut of 25 c .

Potatoes and Onions.-Supplies of potatoes hre large with sales at 50 c to 60 c per bag in lota. Onions firm at $\$ 2.25$ to $\$ 2.50$ per brl:

Provisions and Eggs.-Pork dull but hams, bacon and lard in good demand. Canadian short cut pork $\$ 15$ to $\$ 16$ per brl, hams 9 c to 11 c , bacon 10 c to 12 c , lard $91-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 10 e and $71-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 8 c for common refined. Eggs in good supply and in fair demand. Retail prices are 20 c to 22 c for fresh. Jobbing prices: Boiling $151-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 16 c , held fresh 6 c to 10 c , eity limed 8 c to 10 c , western 0 c to 8 c .
Sceds.-There is a good demand. Clover, red, $\$ 11$ to $\$ 11.50$ por 100 lbs.; alsike, per lb., 13e to 15 c ; Camadian timothy, per bushel, $\$ 2.60$ to $\$ 2.70$; western $\$ 2.30$ to $\$ 2.40$; flax, per 56 lbs., $\$ 1.40$ - to $\$ 1.50$.

## TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

 (Revised by Telegraph.) Tor'onto, March 22, 1891. General trade quiet this week. Stocks of merchandise in the country are neknowIedged to be smaller than usumb, and conseguently a faysorting-up trile in spring goods is expected. Buyers are cautions, and the number of retail merehants taking cash discounts are inereasing. Payments are fairly antisfactory. Mongy is casy, with call loans on stocks ruling at 4 1-2 to 5 per cent. New York draits are lomer. Speculation is not as great as it was, but the jeading issuss continus very firm. Bank of Toronto sold at 250 1-2, Commerce att 140 1-2, Dominion at 283, Standard at 170 8-4, Fimilton at 168, Imperin 187, Cable sold at 144 7-8, Westein Assurance alt $147^{1} 1-2$, Gus ${ }^{\circ}$ nt 101 1-2, Incandescent at 117, London and Canadian sold at 125,' Ontario Loan n't $1301-4$, Building and Loñ at 100 1-4, Canada Permanent at 180, Renl Estate at 70, and London and. Ontarid nt 112.Butter, Etc,-Market continues firm, with reccipta moderate. ... The best dairy tub ells at 21c to 22c; large rolle at 18 c to

20 c , creamery tul) at 22 c to 23 c , and pound rolls at 22 c to 24 c . Pegs are easicr at 14 c Ito 10 c for fresh, and at 7 c to 8 c limed, Cliecse $101-2 \mathrm{a}$ to 11 1-2c, the latter fori full creams, October make.
Dressed Hogs.-The demand is slack and prices easy. Silect weight sell at $\$ 5.70$ to $\$ 5.75$ and hasary at $\$ 5.40$ to $\$ \overline{5} .50$.
Flour and Grain.-Flour is dull and unchanged at $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.60$ for straight rollers, and at $\$ 2.80$ to $\$ 2.00$ for patents. Nanitoba patents job at $\$ 3.70$ to $\$ 3.75$, and bakers at $\$ 3.40$ to $\$ 3.50$. Whent is steady, with sales of car lots of white at 57 c west, and of white and red at $59 \mathrm{c}^{\prime}$ on the Northern. Spring sold at 60c on the Northern and at 60 c on Midland. No. 1 Mnnitoba hard is selling at 78e west and 75 c east, and No. 2 hard at T1e west and 73e enst. Barley dull, with bales of No. 1 at 42c to 43 c and feed ath $36 e$ to 37 1-2c. Oats firmer, with sales putside at 33 1-2c to 34c, nnd on track at $371-2 \mathrm{c}$. $\mathrm{P}_{\text {ans }}$ firm at 55 e to 50 c north: and west.. Rye is dull at 44c outside, and corn 41c outsids. Bran $\$ 14$ west and $\$ 16$ Gere. Shorts $\$ 10.50$ to $\$ 17$. Oatmenl is firmer at $\$ 4.15$ to $\$ 4.30$.
Grocerics.-Trade very quiet. Sugars are lower in sympethy with outside markets. GGranu!ated splls at $4-1-2 c$ to $4.5-8 \mathrm{c}$, and Tellows at 3 1-4e to 4 1-4e, the latter for Juight yellows. Caffens at 21c. to 220 for Rios. Dried fruite unchanged and canned Trgetabing atendy at 85 e . Tens in fair requent and firm.
Hardware.-Tundo fair and prices steady. The demand is chicfly for small lota.
Hides ond Skins.-Cured hides are quotod att 3 1-2c and green unchanged abt 8 c for No. 1. ninl 2c for No. 2. Calfskins 6e to 7 ta . Shoppekins dull at so. Tallow. $51-4 \mathrm{c}$ to $51-2 \mathrm{c}$ for remplered.
Jive Stock.-Receipts amall and prices unchanged: The bint londs of conttle soll ait 3 1-2c par lb, and choice picked lot at 3 R-4al. Medium enttin 3c to 8 1-4e and rourth 2 1-2c toे 2 3-4c. Calves $\$ 2,50$ to $\$ 7$. 60 ench. and mileh cows $\$ 30$ to $\$ \$ 15$ cach. Shapp sall nt $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 4.50$ ench, ind Inmbn 4 c to 4 1-4e per 1b. Hows nasire nit $45-\mathrm{sc}$ for thn $b^{n}$ st, at 4 - $3-8 \mathrm{c}$ to $41-2 \mathrm{c}$ for half fath and atores and-4c-to 4.1-4c lor rongh.



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bridge will be commenced about the ond of May. The bridge will be 5,004 feet in length from shore to shore, will be 150 feet above high water mark and will be built on the cantilever principle, Connection will be made on the Canadian side with the Canadian Pacilic and Grand Truik systems and with the New York Central on the Awerican side, also with other lines that may be built up to $i t_{0}$

## Co-INSURANCE.

There is one point about the co-insurance clause which ought not to be lost sight of, and that is its value as an educator of the insured in the real nature of the fire insurance contract. We doubt if all underwriters havo heretofore appreciated all of the reasons why the loss ratio to amount at risk has not declined with the improvements that have been made in risks. They have made reductions only to find that the ratio of loss to insured values was about the same as before the improvements were made. With every improvement made the insured has reduced his insurance so as to make whatever of salvage there is to be had inure to his benefit. Tho underwriter has reduced his rates and tho insured has reduced his lines, so that in many cases for less than hailf the premium formerly received the comphay has ona all partian losses practically the same riak as beiore. Underwriters have been having that fact burned into their consciousuess until they pretty thoroughly comprehend, it, and with the pperation of the co-insurance cilause the insured will learn that in a busimess where partial losses are the rulo and total losses the exception, all the property at risk must bear a share in the peril or the unterwriter mast be paid a premium for traing it which is commensurate with the added risk.

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that the injury was accidental because the plaintiff did not mean to wrench his lnce. Then it was fairly described as something violent. So far, there was not mueli dificulty, but the difficulty was to say that it was by external means. If tho injury had bean caused by reason of something internal it would not be within the policy. The court held that as it was clenrly not internal it must be extermal, and, hence, would suit the worde.

## RJDUCLNG EXPENSES.

One of the most striking fentures of the Fiumacial situation is the stringent reduetion of expenses by railrond corporations all over this continant. This movewent, which already antained headway in the koncluding monthes of 1803 , has now be-1 come genernt and is producing results of: the lighlest importance both to the own-1 ere of railroad sccurities and tho public as well. The statements of such typical railroad corporations as the Penusylvania, St. Paul and Missouri Pacific roads are merely indications of a tendency which has extended to all mailrond corporations. Confronted as the managers are by e shrinkage in gross revenues, which, according to our recent reports of monthly carnings, areyage abort 12 per cent. of the recoipts in the same portion of 1893, the offort has been made fin some cases successfully to counteract the situation ly a correspondings degree of economy in operation. To accomplish this more than partially is, of

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course, impossible in a great many instances. A railroad crnnot be shut down like a mill or manufactory. Neither can it refuse any traffic on the ground that its volume or the rates offered are unremunerative. The boumdaries within which expenses can be reduced are in the case of a railrond marrow ones. "The resulte thus far obtained, however, seem to sliow thint this is a field which railroad managers have hitherto failed to regard with the attention it deserves, and that though a revival of business activity would doubtless restore a considerable portion of the expenditures which have been so ruthlessly lopped off, the ycars 1803-94 are like--1y to mark the commencement of an era of iucreased ceonowy in the operations of many American railroad systems.
The first and most uscful criticism upon this tendency is that carrying it out involves a deterioration of the physical condition of the propertics. It is urged, in other worlds, that the wecessary maintenance of rondbed and equipanent is neglected for the nurposa of making a bettor show with met carnings. This, if general, woutd simply be postponing the work in quastion till a more convenient time,with the chance meanwhile that the deterioration of the properity itself would render the cost greater thar any immediate or apparent bencfit would justify. There is no doubt that such a policy has been pursued to some extent on many lines. Others, again, have suapended the providing of ndditions or improvements to their plant Where the cost was to be defrayed from eamings aud not from capital account. Apart, jowever, from such mothods railroad managers, particularly in the west, have discovered other effectual means of reducing the ratio of their companies' expenses.

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