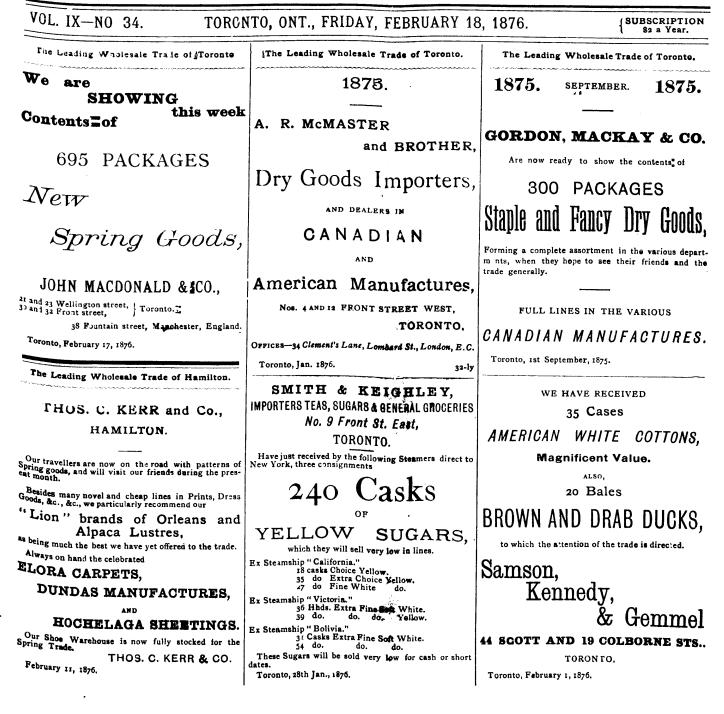
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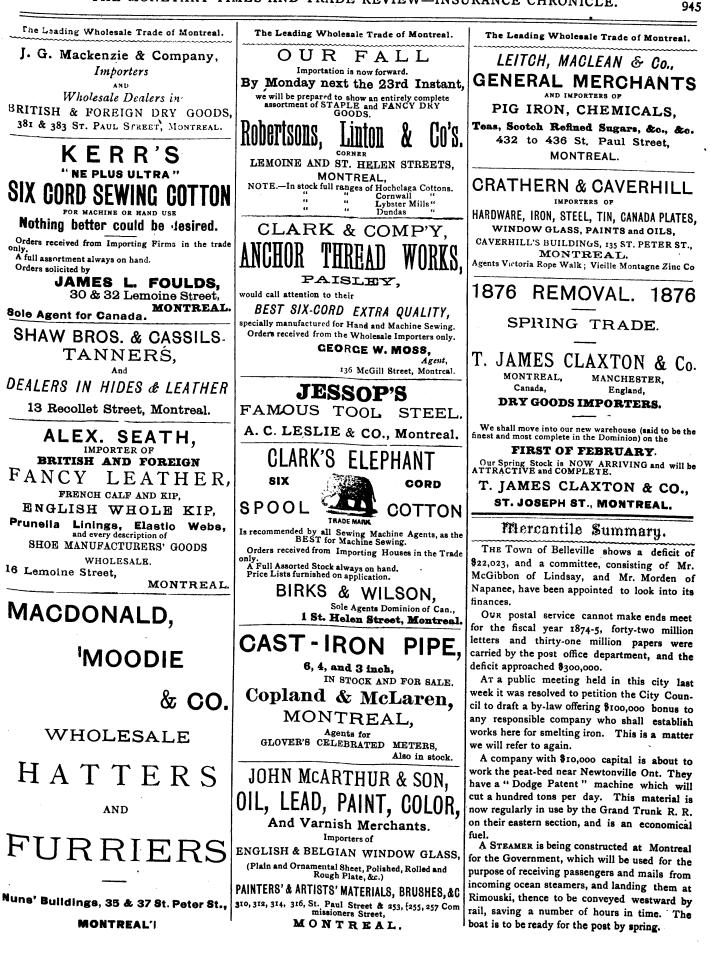
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authority from Government to investigate the important subject of closer trade communication between those islands and Canada.

DUNDAS is to have another screw manufactory. The American Screw Co. of Providence, R. I., has purchased land in that town, and contemplates the erection of a building 150 feet by 30, giving employment to five hundred hands, and having a capacity of ten thousand gross of screws daily. The American business of this company has not been very profitable, but it is believed it will not be altogether abandoned.

THE Cuban sugar and to bacco crops are suffering from the protracted drought. It is estimated that the former will fall short two hundred thousand tons or thirty per cent. of the general average, while the tobacco is almost completely ruined for want of rain at the proper season of growth.

A NEW industry is likely to spring up from the discovery a short time since that excellent molasses and sugar can be produced from Indian corn. A sugar mill in the Western States has tried the new process, and has made a quality of molasses superior to that obtained

ence. If this be true it is an important matter.

THE penitentiary at Kingston is unusually full. Over 600 prisoners are now confined there. With this condition of things, the scarcity of employment, and the consequent temptations to stealing and other misdemeanors are no doubt greatly chargeable. The contractor for the prison labor has not effected his arrangements for work, and the convicts are almost idle.

MESSRS. Laslett & Russell, hardware dealers, through losses by bad debts, and probably too a large lock-up with the Joseph Hall Manufacturing Company of Oshawa, have been forced to stop payment. The firm is a young one, having bought in 1871 the stock of the late Jno. H. Evans, and although they were presumed to have made money by the rise in metals of late years, they have suffered from the more recent shrinkage and from the unfavourable times.

THE failure is announced of Messrs. R. & J. White, general merchants, in Pembroke. It was brought about by the connection of Mr. R. White in the lumbering business with E. B. Eddy by whom we are told the firm lose a heavy sum. From the extent which their business had from sorghum. The syrup, it is thought, can be | reached and the credit they engaged it is likely

There is no statement yet made of their assets.

An experiment respecting the productiveness of bees has been made by Mr. W. C. Wells at Thurlow, near Belleville, in this Province, with very satisfactory results. From fifty-nine hives of Italian bees this gentleman last summer extracted 5,750 pounds of honey. One hive lost its queen, and it was united with another. In ten days, when the clover was in blossom, this double hive produced 1711 pounds of honey. As the hive was on scales and was weighed every morning the accumulations of each day could be ascertained, and one day alone not less than 38 pounds were collected.

MR. A. C. SUTHERLAND, of the dry goods firm of Sutherland & Fleming, Montreal, is missing. The reason for his absence is thought to be a desire to escape from the harassments of law-suits and counter law suits in damages, arising out of some patents which he was foolish enough to purchase and give notes for at enormous figures, from some American speculators. Saddled already with a heavy loss, and threatened with actions by men, against whom he had taken extreme proceedings, he is presumed to have left for California. We have heard of



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The Trade and Navigation Returns laid on the table of the House of Commons at the opening of the Session, supply, when carefully examined, a complete explanation of the depression that now prevails, and of our recent heavy financial embarrassments. The summaries of exports and imports for the last few years have appeared in the daily journals, but we will reproduce them now in a somewhat clearer form and assist our readers to draw such conclusions from them as the case requires. The figures refer to the years that have intervened since 1868, and every one who is acquainted with the business of Canada will recognize in these that a period of very distinctly marked progress, commencing very gradually, and proceeding at a more rapid rate year by year, finally culminated in the inflation which was brought to so sharp a conclusion about a year ago. The periods named all end on the 30th June:

Imports.	Exports.	Excess of Imports over Exports.
\$73,400,000	\$57,500,000	\$15,900,000
70,400,000	60,400,000	10,000,000
74,800,000	73,500,000	1,300,000

1868

1860

1870

There we reach a point that deserves attention. The productions of the country represented by its exports of farm and forest produce, together with mines and

valuable every year, bringing increasing monetary ease, and larger profits to traders and capitalists. As a consequence the value of all kinds of property rose. Timbered lands especially felt the influence and almost fabulous stories were current of the manner in which single lots and large tracts had doubled and trebled in value year by year until sometimes an increase of twenty fold had been obtained in five years. Canada was never more hopeful and buoyant than at this period, and the hopefulness and buoyancy had a solid and reasonable foundation for the most part.

But it happened with Canada as it invariably does with England. A period of prosperity and money making always leads to inflation; to straining of credit, to overtrading, over-borrowing, and over-producing. And so it did here, as the following figures plainly show : Excess of

	Imports.	Exports.	Imports over Exports.
871	\$ 96,000,000	\$74,000,000	\$22,000,000
872	111,400,000	82,000,000	29,400,000
873	128,000,000	89,700,000	38,300,000
874	128,200,000	89,300,000	38,900,000
875	123,000,000	77,800,000	45,200,000
In	considering	these figures	let us say
hat	we have long	been of opinio	on that our

that we have long been of opinion tha exports were more than is shown by the returns. Large quantities of goods, we believe, leave Canada by rail without any note being taken of them, and we do not believe that the balance of trade is really so much against us as has been shown. Still, for purposes of comparison between one year and another, and especially between one period and another, the returns are sufficiently accurate.

Let, then, the difference between the first three years and the last five years be noted. Up to 1870 there was a constant increase in the total exports without any corresponding increase in imports, and at length the two items nearly balanced each other. After this we find an immediate increase of \$22,000,000 in the imports with the merest trifle of an increase in exports. After this exports rose in value \$15,000,000, but imports rose \$32,000,000. From this to 1875 imports declined \$5,000,000, but exports declined \$12,000,000, and the final result of the whole movement is that the excess of imports was greater for last year than ever. An excess of \$45,000,000 on a total export of \$77,000,000 is plainly unhealthy. Even allowing that our exports were \$5,000,000 more than the returns show, there would still be an enormous excess in proportion to the total.

The operation of an excess of this kind is cumulative. To appreciate the full bearing of it we must see what the total for several

of excess from 1871 to 1875 we find it reach the astonishing figure of \$173,800,000. According to the returns, we imported this enormous amount in five years more than we exported. Even allowing that exports were underrated \$5,000,000 a year, we should still have an excess of \$150,000,000. But taking the exports as underrated even \$10,000,000 a year, we have even then an excess of \$123,000,000.

Now, whatever view we take of the vexed question of the balance of trade, there can be little doubt that a large portion of the above represents an increase of our foreign indebtedness, and indebtedness that bears interest in one shape or another. The country as a whole, or the several Provinces, or municipalities, or corporations, or traders, have to share this additional burden amongst them. And after considering the loans that have been effected by the Government on account of railways, and loans effected by companies-railway or otherwise-we cannot but conclude that during the last five years there has been an enormous increase of our mercantile indebtedness to English houses. That English merchants have been pressing goods on their customers abroad during the last year or two at an unusual rate is a fact well known to all who are familiar with our trade. A good deal has been said of the American manufacturers making Canada a slaughter market, which is to a certain extent true, but probably will not be much longer. But, as has been pointed out in the House of Commons this week England has made Canada a slaughter market too. She has poured her goods into Canada at a rate that used to be entirely unknown. And credit has been given in a most reckless lashion. Houses that could buy a few thousands with difficulty at home, have been able to buy ten times as much with comparative ease in England. The result of the whole has been an astonishing increase of mercantile indebtedness, and a piling up of burdens which the country will not be rid of for years to come.

Let it never be forgotten that this indebtedness bears interest. Whatever has been borrowed by the Government has added to the permanent debt of the country. And we doubt much whether the objects on which the money has been spent will yield any revenue, either directly or indirectly, for a long time to come. The debt, therefore, will press upon us without any corresponding benefit to the large majority of our taxpayers.

In connection with the above figures, showing how our foreign indebtedness has fisheries, had been getting larger and more years amounts to. Casting up the figures been increasing, we append a statement

showing how the internal indebtedness of the mercantile community has been growing during the same period. The loans and discounts of the banks-apart from loans on stocks and loans to the Governmentwere as follows for the month of July in **each** of the years undermentioned :

1871	\$ 77,000,000
1872	102,000,000
1873	107,000,000
1674	I IQ,000,000
1875	123,000,000

These figures are significant. When our merchants and manufacturers had to carry such an increasing load of debt both abroad and at home, it is no wonder that we had such a complete breakdown as was exhibited last year. And the only way to prosperity is to reverse the process.

NOVA SCOTIA COAL INTERESTS.

Coal miners in the Maritime Provinces take a gloomy view of their position, and they are looking to an adjustment of the Dominion or American tariffs to bring about a change for the better. The report of the little Glace Bay Mining Company, which held its annual meeting a few days since, says that the coal trade of Nova Scotia " may look in vain for any improvement so long as English and American coals are admitted free of duty, and our coals have to pay a royalty of ten cents per ton, or equal to twenty per cent. on the cost of mining, and are met in the United States by a duty of seventy-five cents gold per ton. If we do not get some protection we must work our mines for nothing. Notwithstanding that no additional expenses have been incurred in connection with our works, our financial statement is barely as good as last year."

There are circumstances in this to be considered. The question of protection to coals in that Province is of interest to the consumers in this. It would not be right in a Government to benefit one part of a country at the expense of another part. Any assistance, so far as we can see, given by our Government to Nova Scotia miners, means higher prices in Ontario, by keeping back the product of Pennsylvania. In our climate coal is a commodity of prime neces-^{sity}, and nearly as indispensable as food itself, and it should be made as accessible as possible to every one. We hardly think then an artificial assistance should be given to our brethren in Nova Scotia, which, while compensating them for the disadvantages of nature, would bear heavily upon us. Certainly, unless they can lay coals down here as cheaply as Americans, they must look to other places of outlet when

all royalties are removed. Their interests do not come under the class of protection to industries. They do not import materials and ask their labors to be guarded, but they are asking a natural product to be raised in price. This kind of protection cannot, we think, be looked upon in the same light as protection to manufacturing, which repels the aggression skilled labor in one country makes upon skilled labor in another. Coal miners do not create, they only produce, or bring to market what nature has given them. Then, as in the case of agriculture, they should be satisfied with the price their commodity will bring. What is asked for by some cannot be looked upon in any other light than as a drawback or bounty. And this, we reasonably conclude, it would be wrong to give. There are many in the Maritime Provinces thoroughly convinced that this trade will not revive until access is gained to the markets of the United States. Before looking abroad, however, for the removal of restrictions, all cause of complaint should be done away with at home. The payment of twenty per cent. on the cost of mining as a royalty is excessive, and ought to be taken away altogether. Let it be abolished. And if the Morrison tariff now under discussion in Congress is adopted, the Americans will admit coal free of duty, and then Nova Scotia miners may send their products where they think best. But their natural position points them clearly to the eastern American cities as the most likely consumers. And we will be happy to see this outlet thrown open to them.

BUILDING SOCIETY MEETINGS.

A considerable portion of our space is again occupied with the Annual Reports of Loan and Saving Companies. Some of these institutions, though comparatively small, serve a very useful purpose in their several localities. An acquaintance with their working and a knowledge of the functions they perform, has done much to remove the prejudice that formerly existed against them. Institutions of this class have an advantage over the Banks, which loan their money only on short dates, while the Societies lend for a term of years; and if these loans are properly invested in farm improvements, or in buildings and machinery which give employment to all classes of workmen, and tend to develop the locality where they are situated, they cannot but be beneficial. Another very important feature is the encouragement they give to the laboring classes to save their money and invest it at a reasonable rate of interest. These sums,

amounts, accumulate rapidly, and form a fund which when distributed benefits the whole community.

The statement of the Ontario Savings and Investment Society shows that the business of the Company continues to prosper. With the exception of the deposits. which exhibit a slight decrease, all the departments have shown an increase over the previous year. The investments, which are made upon freehold property, amount to \$1,104,753. After paying the usual dividends an addition of \$7,000, has been made to the Reserve Fund, which now amounts to \$124,300.

The third annual meeting of the Midland Provident Loan and Building Society was held in Port Hope on the 1st inst. This young Company appears to be appreciated in the wealthy district where it is located. Although it has only completed its third year, its deposits, we learn from the statement submitted, have been increased \$13,500 and now amount to \$67,000. Considering the condition of the money market, the increase has been large. The loans foot up to to \$83.696, and the profits of the year were \$18,396; of this sum \$4,400 were added to the Reserve Fund. A by-law was adopted authorizing the issue of \$50,000 additional capital, and this now makes the authorized cipital \$250,000.

The directors of the Security Loan and Savings Company, which is to be the new name, of this institution, have obtained authority to issue \$100,000 additional stock. \$50,000 of this amount is to be issued to the shareholders at a premium of 5 per cent., nearly all of which has been subscribed, making the capital now \$250,000. This is sufficient to enable the Company to issue debentures. The sixth year of the Company's business appears to have been a prosperous one. The net profits were \$18,457. An addition of \$3,559 was added to the Reserve Fund, which is now over \$8,000.

THE CITIZEN'S INSURANCE AND INVESTMENT COMPANY.

We have many times in the past three or four years found ourselves in opposition to the management of this Company. And whenever any reference was made to it we have distinctly reserved to ourselves the liberty of acting according to our own reason and conscience in dealing with its affairs as they came before us. We intend to do so still with it and every other public institution in this country that comes within the scope of this journal. Whatever though they are often received in small doubt was cast upon its title to public con-

fidence in past years was just, strong as We were the efforts made to repel it. maintained the insufficency of \$10,000 as a basis for a fire, life, accident and guarantee business. Often when the Company could not fully venture its business before the public in an annual report our columns have furnished information not found elsewhere, and have raised questions respecting a re-insurance fund never provided for. Why the deposit, too, was not made at Ottawa was not overlooked. But the report given in another column shows a better state of things, and we cannot help thinking that some of its merits, at least, sprung from our former criticism, and that we share with the management in their congratulations upon a full and elaborate statement of the Company's condition. This will no doubt do much to strengthen public confidence. The surplus, it is true, after providing for all liabilities, in accordance with law, is not large, but it is gratifying to know the institution is secure. A good deal of information respecting their standing and operations, not previously published, is supplied. The total assets of all the departments are represented in the general financial statement at \$290,873, and the amount under insurance at \$17,348,862, which is an increase of \$4,712,574 on that of the former year. In the guarantee department the expenses appear to be considerably in excess of twenty-five per cent of the receipts. The losses by fire have been about fortyfive per cent. There is sufficient to reinsure the risks of all departments and leave a balance. We are, at length, happy to find this Company giving satisfactory assurances to the public of a safe basis, and anticipate still greater stability when its cash capital and deposits are increased. The directors are acting wisely in applying to the Government for power to separate the life funds from those of the other departments, a step we is ve always insisted on, and in determining for the future to do a safe rather than a wide-spread business. Looking at this Company now, after it has advanced to a position of security, we are willing to forget some features in its past history and look forward to the honourab'e success towards which the directors now appear to aim.

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

These accounts were laid on the table of the House of Commons with most commendable promptness, but as they are only made up to the 30th June last year, they do not afford much light on the great ques tion of diminished revenue which presses so heavily at present.

Up to that time there had been an increase rather than a decrease. The causes which have been operating so powerfully of late had not then made themselves felt. It was only during the last half of 1875 that importations fell off and revenue decreased; and it is only by bringing a supplementary statement down to the present time that the actual position at present can be estimated. This will no doubt be done when the Finance Minister brings down his budget.

The ordinary income and expenditure of the Government in 1874 and 1875 were as follow:

Receipts. 1874.....\$24,200,000 1875.....24,600,000

Expenditure. \$23,300,000 23,700,000

These figures are very satisfactory so far as they go, and it may be worth while to analyze the statements and show what the principal items of receipts and expenditure are.

Receipts may be classified as follows :

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	1874.	1875.
Customs duties\$1		\$15,300,000
Excise duties	5,600,000	5,100,000
Post office	1,100,000	1,100,000
Public works (canals		
and railways)	1,500,000	1,400,000
Bill stamps	209,000	240,000
Interest on investments	610,000	840,000
Sundry items	881,000	620,000
- \$:	24,200,000	\$24,600,000
And expenditure as f	follows :	
Interest on debt\$		\$ 6,700,000
Subsidies to Provinces	3,700,000	3,700,000
Cost of working canals,		-
and other public		
works	2,300,000	2,100,000
Cost of working post		
offices	1,300,000	1,500,000
Cost of collecting Cus-	-	~
tom duties	650,000	
Cost of collecting excise	206,000	0 199,000
Cost of carrying on the		4
Government	1,660,00	0 1,470,000
Cost of administering		
justice and punishing		
Criminals	910,000	o 890,000
Cost of Militia, Mount-		
ed Police and other	1 480 00	0 1,470,000
defences	1,370,00	,4/0,000
Cost of Lighthouses and Coast Service	940,000	0 940,000
All other items	940,000 4,400,00	
mi otifet itellis	4,400,00	

\$23,300,000 23,700,000

There is one item of expenditure in these accounts which calls for explanation. In addition to the cost of maintaining public works there is another item of \$1,800,000, called 'public works.' Now the cost of new works does not form part of the ordinary expenditure of the Government, and the item should not appear in this portion of the accounts at all.

There is another item in the accounts formerly cashier of the Metropolitan which is most obscure. The Finance Minister has of course to deal with funds applicable to other than ordinary expendismall an institution. When a bank whose

tures, and includes them in a separate statement. This additional for 1875 is as follows: Receipts.

\$23,800,000 3,400,000
\$27,200,000
\$14,300,000
2,200,000
11,100,000

\$27,600,000

We take the above figures from a contemporary which ought to have accurate information, and must observe that the item "open accounts" which figures for such large sums is one of the most loose and unbusiness-like we ever saw in a statement of public accounts. We shall revert to this again.

INLAND REVENUE REPORT.

The figures of this report are much simpler than those of the Trade and Navigation Returns and call for very little comment. The following are the items for 1874 and 1875 respectively:

	Duty collected on	1874	1875.
•	Spirits	\$3,500,000	\$2,970,000
1	Tobacco	1,401,000	1,430,000
	Malt	354.000	351,000
	Petroleum	274.000	268,000
'	Malt Liquor	25.000	29,000
1	Other Receipts	53,000	48,000
		And the second second second second	······

Total \$5,607,000 \$5,096,000 The decreased collection of duty on Spirits, no doubt, arises from the taking goods out of bond in 1874, in anticipation of the rise of duty. This actually took place from 63 to 75 cents per wine gallon, but the increase did not check consumption, or to any appreciable extent, increase smuggling. Whether the above articles can bear an addition of duty is one of the questions which are of very pertinent interest at the present moment., Not a ray of light has been suffered to escape as to the intentions of the Government in view of the large diminution of revenue beyond a statement that economy of expenditure will be sought. Very little, however, can be effected by this, as all the larger items are of a fixed nature. Our opinion is that additional duties must be imposed somewhere.

MARITIME BANK.—We understand that the Maritime Bank of St. John, New Brunswick, has just completed arrangements for opening an office in London, England, under the management of Mr. A. F. Hink^s, formerly cashier of the Metropolitan Bank, of Montreal. This, we must admit, is a singularly enterprising step for ^{so} small an institution. When a bank whose

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capital is less than half a million; with a circulation of \$65,000, deposits of \$72,000, and a line of discount, all told, amounting to the magnificent sum of \$400,000, walks boldly into London and takes its place alongside the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of British North America; one must pause to take breath. It makes us think of the old stories of little Jack the Giant Killer storming the castles of Wales. Jesting apart, however, this is really a great pity. It is calculated to bring Canadian banking into contempt. It will afford facilities for illegitimate business, which, whether availed of or not, will be a standing temptation. We do not know if the directors intend trying to sell the bills of the Bank in Montreal or New York. If they do, we must take the liberty of seriously recommending them not to draw on their London office.

RAILWAY AID.—We were not able in our last issue, through want of space, to refer to the amount of aid granted by the Legislature to the Railways from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. The grants and the portions assisted are as follow: Lake Simcoe junction, from Stouffville to Jackson's Point on Lake Simcoe, twenty-nine miles, \$2,000 per mile; Belleville and North Hasting, from the point of junction with the Grand Junction Railway northward, twenty-two miles, \$3,000 per mile ; Cobourg, Peterboro and Marmora, between Harwood and Ashburnham, a distance of thirteen miles, \$2,000 per mile; Credit Valley for fifty-two and one-half miles, between Brock Road and Ingersoll, \$2,000 per mile, and for twenty-seven and a half miles between Cataract and Elora, \$2,000 per mile; Stratford and Lake Huron, between Stratford and Listowel, about twenty-five miles at the rate of \$2,000 per mile. The increased aid mentioned by the act is the following: Victoria Railway, from Lindsay to Kinmount, thirty-three miles, \$1,000 per mile; Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction, from the boundary between Ontario and Quebec to Ottawa, sixty-six miles, \$1,000 per mile; Midland Railway from Waubashene to Midland Bay, thirteen miles, [\$1,750 per mile; Grand Junction, from Sterling to Peterboro, forty-five miles, \$1,000 per mile; and the Kingston and Pembroke for sixteen miles, between Sharbat Lake and the Mississippi river, \$3,750 per mile. We can only say, upon the matter at present, that we are glad to see so unjust a system as that of grouping practically repealed, by referring disputed cases to arbitrators.

-The Co-operative Credit Bank, an unsound institution which by dint of advertising has evident, and was predicted as far back as last

August, 1874, failed some two weeks ago, and the manager, R. B. Oakley, has been arrested for obtaining money under false pretences. It was assailed by the press since its commencement, but Mr. Oakley under the cloak of religion and by means of a journal which he carried on out of the deposits, succeeded in obtaining £40,000 from the public. The bank had several branches in other English cities, and these were kept up by lecturing on the excellencies of co-operation. Depositors were deceived by promises of security and 'an annual interest of eighteen per cent. Whenever an attempt was made to draw out money the manager offered the shares of the Gilbert and Schroder Gold Mines Canada Company equal to the amount wanted. When the concern gave way the assets were found to be 10s. 6d., which with the returns made from the various branches made the amount of $\pounds 6$. The good security and large profits are now anxiously looked for by many, but are found by none. There were some subscribers to the stock, and these if worth anything will have to pay the claims on the bank. What surprises us most is that an institution of this kind, existing from the first in an illegal manner, and attacked by the public journals on every side, could openly keep itself before the British public so long, when every reasonable depositor must have known it could never pay eighteen per cent. interest and loan money at current rates.

-The Halifax Fire Insurance Company, one of the oldest companies in Canada, has just issued its annual report. This company was formed in 1809 with a capital of £50,000 in 100 shares of £500 each, of which one-fifth was paid up, the balance being secured by bonds and mortgages. In 1820 a dividend of 10 per cent. was paid, and in the four years from 1831 to 1835 no less than 105 per cent. was paid in dividends. Though this company was well nigh crushed out of existence by the fires of 1859 and 1861, it still lived, and now in its sixty seventh year it shows a fair report. The amount insured in 1875 was over two and onehalf millions of dollars, and at the close of the year two and one-quarter million dollars were on the company's books. The premiums received amounted to \$21,054, the earned premiums were \$22,900, interest and dividends on investments amounted to \$10,757, losses \$10,-616, and the nett profits were \$18,213. The paid up capital is \$120,000, the reserve \$30,370, and profit and loss, after paying the 10 per cent. dividend, is \$6,203. These sums added to the increased premiums of 1875 give a total available asset of \$172,000.

-There has been a continuous fall, of late, in the value of silver in the English money market. The effect according to the London Times has been sufficient to engage serious attention as there is not apparently in existing circumstances a counteracting influence of sufficient force to stay the decline. This course of events was floated on the surface of London credulity since summer. It is due to the large productions of

the Californian and South American mines and the abundant supplies offered in the markets of the Continent. Very few countries want to buy, and of late the only ones that approached the English market, which is only kept open by the reduction of the price, were India and Spain. All the European powers have sufficient for their wants. Suggestions are being made to arrest the decline but without some special inquiry it is likely to continue.

-In another part of this paper may be found the sixteenth annual statement of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. By comparison with the statement of the previous year we find that the assets of the Company have increased \$4,057,332. The increase in the suplus to policy holders has been \$2,853,332, and will be applied to the reduction of their next annual premiums. After providing a reinsurance fund there remains a surplus to policy holders amounting to \$4,515,919.

-A few days since in this city an important decision in insolvency was given by Judge Duggan. A writ of attachment was issued to an official assignee against a firm, but the day after he took possession the firm made an assignment to another assignee. The point then to decide was, which was entitled to possession, and the judgment of the court confirmed the first.

-Quite a movement has taken place in the stock of the City and Districts Savings Bank of Montreal. It is stated that Mr. W. Workman, one of the original proprietors, has disposed of his one-tenth interest in that institution to a Mr. O'Brien, who is a fellow-countryman and a clothier in that city. By this means a large portion of the Hibernian race in and around . Montreal are as formerly induced to give their patronage to the Bank. But there appears to be some doubt and surprise expressed as to the validity of the transfer of an interest of about \$125,000 to a gentleman in the clothing trade.

-From an address delivered at the ninth annual meeting of the Ontario Dairymen's Association held in Ingersoll last week, we learn the amount of cheese exported from this Province last year. This city exported 4,966,808 lbs., the districts east of it 16,000,000 lbs., and those to the west 27,613,560 lbs., making a total of 48,580,368 lbs. sent out of Ontario in 1875. Assuming it to be worth ten cents per pound the value of this commodity is \$4,858.036.

-We will publish in our next issue a copy of the Act to secure uniform conditions in Fire Insurance policies. It was our intention to give it to our readers this week, but through pressure on our columns we are compelled to hold it over.

-The directors of the Reliance Mutual Life Assurance Society of London have appointed Mr. Henry Unwin as Assistant-Secretary, in the place of Mr. David Skirving, whose death we announced three weeks ago.

meetings.

CITIZENS' INSURANCE AND INVEST. MENT COMPANY.

The annual general meeting of the Citizens' Insurance and Investment Company was held in the Company's office, Montreal, on Monday, the 7th inst., the President, Sir Hugh Allan, in the chair, There was a considerable attendance of shareholders. Among those present we noticed the following:—Messrs. N. B. Corse, John Pratt, Henry Lyman, Adolphe Roy, J. L. Cassidy, Sir Hugh Allan, Andrew Allan, A. Cantin, Jos. Mercier, Louis Allard, John Auld, Chas. Bruce, P. M. Galarneau, Hon. Judge Berthelot, Jas. Donnolly, A. Provost, R. Anderson, T. J. Claxton, W. Smith, G. F. C. Smith, Alex. Walker, Hon. D. A. Smith, E. H. Trudel. The Chairman then read the report of the Directors to the shareholders as follows :—

REPORT.

The business of the Company during the past fnancial year, in the several departments in which it is divided, is as follows:--FIRE DEPA^BTMENT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.	
3,649 new policies were issued, assuring \$ 9,107,897 00	Payments-
Premiums thereon	Expenses
Premiums thereon 00140 00	Claim not due \$2,000
Gross amount of premiums	Sumbra
Gross amount of premiums received	Surplus At credit of profit and loss per last annual report
0,100 15	and loss per last
	Deduct Premiums on
Amount re-insured during the year	Policies cancelled
which @725,252 00 is re-insured) 11,767,591 00	At an although a star
131,469 29	At credit of profit and loss
GUARANTEE DEPARTMENT.	Total surplus
470 new proposals for the year were re- ceived	
130 new proposals declined and not pro-	The following is t
ceeded with	ment :
\$40 were completed, assuring	Aunual Report
1,016 policies now in force, assuring 2,889,400 00	Add surplus fire de-
Annual premiums thereon	Surplus Guara n te e
ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT.	Surplus Guarantee Department
703 policies issued during the year, as-	Surplus Accident De-
suring	Surplus Head Office
904 policies now in force, assuring 1.563 500 00	Surplus Life Depart-
9,361 05	ment \$11,767 31 Less Premiums on
LIFE DEPARTMENT.	cancelled poli- cies\$1,485 74\$
165 new proposals were received for 265,100 00	cies\$1,485 74\$
59 declined and not proceeded with 103,600 00 106 policies completed, assuring 103,600 00 161,500 00	1
Fremiums mereon	Deduct dividend and
9 paid-up policies issued	interest to Share- holders, Commis-
9 paid-up policies issued 4,232 00 693 policies now in force, assuring 1,128,371 00 Premiums thereon 39,380 11	sion on New Stock,
Taken together the Company's risks are :	sion on New Stock, Judgment, Wilson appeal, &c., &c
Rieke Draminus	appear, &c., &c
611 767 501 6101 (a)	
Guarantee 2,889,400 28,212 62	Invested as follow
	Cash in Merchants'
Total\$16,220,491 \$169,042 96 Life	Bank of Canada\$ Merchants' B'k Stock
	Metropolitan
Total\$17,348,862 \$208,423 07	HE
Increase over 1874 \$4,712,573 60,822 15	Real estate cost\$ Dominion Govern-
The following are the financial positions of	ment
the different departments of the business :	Office Furniture Agents' balances
FIRE DEPARTMENT.	Bills receivable Can. Navigation ('o.,
Receipts of Premiums	Can. Navigation Co.,
in the year\$132,190 05	\$154, suspense, \$326.31
Interest 434 59	LIF
Payment of Expenses 26,497 31	Cash in Merchants'
Payment of Expenses 26,497 31 Losses	Bank
	ment
GUABANTEE DEPARTMENT.	Interest accrued Merchants' B'k stock
Receipts of pro- miums in the	Sundry policyholders
Vear	×
Interest 213 97 Recovered re-	Of which is due to
Losses	Stockholdena
	Stockholders
\$ 28,696 52	Stockholders
Payments of \$28,696 52 Expenses	And required for out- standing claims
Payments of \$28,696 52 Expenses 9,844 65	And required for out-

Losses paid......\$3,804 91 Losses out-standing 1,150 00 4.954 91 14.799 56 Surplus..... .\$13,896 96 ACCIDENT DEPARETMENT. Receipts of Premiums... Payments of of \$ 9,954 23 expenses \$ Losses paid ... \$2,573 71 Claims out-1.186 94 standing 200 00 2.773 71 3,960 65\$ 5,993 58 Surplus..... READ OFFICE. Receipts, Dividends, Rents, &c...\$ Payments of Assessments, Fuel, 7.072 37 &c 1,097 36 Nett 5.975 01 LIFE DEPARTMENT. Receipts-\$ 42.544 86 \$ 10.777 55 20,000 00 30.777 55 \$ 11.767 31 11.767 31 \$ 69.637 92 1.485 74 68,152 78 \$ 79,919 49 83.849 61 the general financial state \$145,767 84 46,216 75 13 896 96 5.993 58 5,975 01 10,281 57 \$ 82,363 87 \$228.131 71 \$ 60,158 12 \$167,973 59 vs :---11,954 19 89,156 00 20,800 00 AD OLFICE. \$82,606 55 50.000 00 1,429 10 2,296 31 230 64 480 31 \$208,954 10 FE BRANCH. 8,435 53 53,000 00 530 00 16,450 00 3,503 96 \$ 81,919 49 \$290,873 59 117,650 00 5,250 00 \$122,900 00

From these statements it will be seen that the business of the Company has been fairly progressive during the past year, the amount under insurance being \$17,348,862, as against \$12,636,289, an increase of \$4,712,573, with a corresponding increase of premiums. The losses from fire have been less in the past year than in 1874, and the profitable return larger. The Directors have not aimed so much at a large business as at one easily handled and control-led; but extensions will continue to be made from time to time as they are required, and in the meantime they have every reason to think that the affairs of the Company are in a satisfactory position. In accordance with the resolutions agreed to at the last annual meeting, arrangements were made to have the cash capital of the Company materially increased, and deposits made with the Government to put the business of the Company on the most favorable footing. These ends have been attained, and the Directors believe that the confidence of the public is given to the Company to the fullest extent. As understood at the last annual meeting, applications will be made to the Do-minion Legislature in the approaching sessions for an alteration of the designation of the Company to the "Citizens' Insurance Company of Canada," leaving the word " Investment" out, and also for power to separate the funds of the Life Department from the other departments of the Company. The Directors take this opportunity to welcome the shareholders to their new building, which is well adapted to the business of the Company, and has been built within the estimated cost. The accounts of the Company have been duly audited, the certificate of which and detailed accounts of the affairs of the Company are on the table. The Directors who retire at this time are Messrs. N. B. Corse, Andrew Ailan and Henry Lyman, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

The Chairman—I move the adoption of the report, and will be glad to hear any remarks which may be made.

Mr. Henry Lyman-Mr. President, I take it for granted that the statements which have been laid before the meeting are extremely satisfactory, as there does not seem to be any disposition on the part of those present to make any inquiry or to ask for any further information respecting the business of the Company. I don't know that it becomes me as a Director to volunteer information. The Report is so clear and pointed that it seems to meet the case very fully in every respect. It has clearly indicated the prudent manner in which the business of the Company has been conducted, and I think I may venture to say that it is the intention of the Board, so far as I know, to continue to conduct the business of the Company in a safe and careful manner. That is the aim which has been kept in view, and I think it will be more emphatic in the future than it has been in the past. And while we are doing business throughout the country-we have offices now throughout the Province of Ontario and the Lower Provinces as well-our object is not to do a very large business, but to do such a business as will be profitable to the shareholders and satisfactory to ourselves. The Andes in Cincinnati did a very large business, and its prospects were most brilliant. It ventured into every portion of the country, but it overdid the thing; it did a business that it could not control, and the consequence was that its capital became impaired, and it was obliged to wind up. I believe the Canadian policyholders were safe from the fact of there being a deposit with Government. And that was the only reason why they were safe. The fate of the Andes should be a warning to all other Companies to take care that the business they do is of such a character as will pay to undertake. Reference \$167,973 59 has been made in the Report to the new building. It will not be a bad investment by any means. The whole of the building is let to advantage, and although our expenses are a little more this year from the fact that we only took possession in June, and we have not been able to collect a year's rent and to show a year's rent in our statements, next year, I have no doubt, we shall be better off in that respect, and we shall increase the revenue which we derive from the building.

Mr. T. J. Claxton-I should like to make one or two inquiries, if permitted. I understand, Mr. President, that the surplus at the end of the year amounted to \$167,000. This I under-stand to include the surplus from the fire, guarantee, life and accident departments \$83,-000, and surplus from last year \$84,000. Does this make any provision for re-insurance of the

various departments ? The Chairman—The sum of \$63,000 is charged for re-insurance.

Mr. Claxton-Has that been written off the \$167,000 ?

The Chairman-Yes.

Mr. Claxton-Then I understand that the life department has been kept separate from the other departments ?

The Chairman—It always has been.

Mr. Claxton-Is there not in addition to that any guarantee fund as a re-insurance fund ?

The Chairman-Not for the life business.

Mr. Claxton-Might I inquire what portion of the surplus would be required to re-insure the life business ?

The Chairman-Last year the actuary told us we could re insure at a profit.

Mr. Claxton-I understood that the losses in the fire department were about \$17,000 in Montreal and \$40,000 outside of Montreal. What pro rata was that of the actual insurance taken 1

The Chairman-The percentage was very nearly the same outside of the city as inside. Here is a statement we got made : the per-centage of losses in the city was 45 per cent.,

and outside it was 453. Mr. Claxton—I put the question because it struck me that the amount of outside losses was very large and inside very small.

The Chairman-That is because there was a much larger amount of business done outside the city.

Mr. Claxton-Then it appears that there has been a very considerable profit to the shareholders. After the statements which have been laid before this meeting, it gives me very great pleasure to second the adoption of the Report. The reason for my making these inquiries, I may state, was that there has been a good deal said about this Company not having enough to re-insure. Now it appears that the Company is not only in a position to do that, but it has a large surplus, which is a very satisfactory state of things : and while you may not have done so much business as other Companies, it is probable you have done a safer and more solid business than most Companies, and that it shows a larger profit. I should like to make one suggestion, if it meets the approval of the Board—if it be possible, to have the report printed and in the hands of the shareholders before the annual meeting, so that we might be able intelligently to follow the Report as read. I offer this as a suggestion merely, and I will conclude by seconding the adoption of the Re-Port.

Mr. Lyman-I will add one remark with reference to a point which escaped my attention. It is that the Company have kept aloof from all combinations of other Companies with respect to rates. If we have been successful in keeping losses down to a minimum it is not because we have put rates up to an excessive amount. It is because we have carried out our own views

to break them down, but avoiding any combination that would force us to take a position of antagonism to our customers; and I think it should be satisfactory to our shareholders that we have done the business we have, in view of the fact that we have pursued an independent course.

Mr. Donald A. Smith-Might I ask, Mr. President, what portion of the stock issued during the year has been taken up? I did not gather the fact from the Report.

The Chairman-There were 1,765 shares issued during the last year. We do not propose to issue any more stock to the public; our capital is large enough now; and we will not increase it unless there is some special application from parties who can bring business to the Company.

The Report was adopted by acclamation.

The Chairman announced that the Scrutineers reported the retiring Directors to have been unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year. He would now propose that Messrs. Damase Masson and T. M. Bryson be appointed Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year.

Carried by acclamation.

Mr. George F. C. Smith-I would desire, Mr. President, to say a few words, if I am not too late. I cannot help feeling, as an insurance man, that not half enough has been said with regard to the result of your business for the last year. Knowing as I do the poor result of the fire insurance business in Canada during the past year, I must say that you have been eminently successful, and that a very great degree of credit is due to the Directors and to the Manager of the fire department for the careful manner in which the business has been conducted. I have no hesitation in saying my opinion is that, all told, hardly a dollar has been made on fire insurance business generally during the past year. I know of one company claiming the largest Canadian business, and if all had been told at the annual meeting, it would have appeared that they had not made a dollar of profit on their Canadian business. But here your percentage of losses is only about 45 per cent.] look upon that as an eminently successful result. You can hardly expect that result to continue. As far as I am concerned, I should be better pleased to receive only six per cent. dividend this year than ten per cent., and to see the bal-ance carried to the Rest. I feel that the gentlemen here to-day are rather to be blamed for not congratulating you sufficiently upon the eminent success which has attended your operations during the past year. I am quite sure, if I had the figures and had the time to look over them that the result of the life business would be found quite as successful as the fire business; but it is always difficult to judge of the profit on life business.

The Chairman-We propose before next year to have another examination made by an actuary, so as to be able to show the exact value of the business done.

Mr. Smith—I would add that the managers of the different departments have evidently deserved well of the shareholders; the result of their exertions is very apparent to-day. The meeting then adjourned.

SECURITY PERMANENT BUILDING AND SAVINGS SOCIETY.

The sixth annual meeting of the shareholders of this Society was held at the office of the Company, St. Catharines, on Tuesday, 1st February, 1876. Mr. T. R. Merritt occupied the chair, and the President read the following

REPORT.

Gentlemen,-The Directors have great pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders the as to business, not intending to put up rates or usual Financial Statement relating to the busi-

ness of the past year. The net profits for the year were \$18,457.50, from which have been paid two dividends, at the rates respectively of 8 and 9 per cent., leaving a surplus of \$3,559.21, which amount has been carried to the Reserve Fund, making a total of \$8,011.62. The Deposits show a fair increase, notwithstanding the monetary stringency that has existed during the past year, indicating the confidence of the public in the Society. The continued presperity of the Society and demand for loans having warranted an increase in capital, your Directors obtained authority at a general special meeting held on the 15th of December, 1875, to issue \$100,000 more stock, in such amounts and at such rates as they deemed expedient. Under this author-ity stock to the amount of \$50,000 was allotted to the Shareholders at 5 per cent. premium ; and the whole of it has since been subscribed, principally by the Shareholders, placing the Capital now at \$250,000. It having been deem-ed advisable to change the name of the Society to that of "Security Loan and Savings Com-pany," a By-law will be submitted to you for that purpose; and if it meets with your approv-al, an application will be made to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the necessary authority to do so, under the Act passed at the present session of Parliament, now awaiting the assent of his honor the Lieutenant-Governor. The paid-up capital having now reached the amount necessary to enable the Society to issue Debentures, your Directors propose, as soon as the change in name is effected, to issue and place on the market such amounts as the demand for funds require; and as these Debentures will be of the highest class of security, they no doubt can be placed at such rates as will greatly augment the income of the Society. The Financial Statement, together with the Books, vouchers and securities of the Society have been carefully examined by the Auditors, whose report is annexed. The Secretary and other offices of the Society have conducted its business to the entire satisfaction of your Directors. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. REYNOLDS, THOS. R. MERRIIT. Secretary. President.

STATEMENT OF CASH ACCOUNT, FOR THE YEAR 1875.

Receipts.

Cash on hand per last Statement	\$ 7,024 70
Received from Permanent Stock	44,279 01
	44,4/9 01
" Interest on Loans	23,139 82
" on account of School De-	0, 09 ***
bentures	1,928 00
" from Fines and Fees	439 25
" from Deposits	107,320 32
" from Loans repaid	81,611 93
if from Carol D.	
" from Stock Premiums	340 00

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Disbursements

Paid	Dividend No. 9, Jan'y 2nd, '75	\$ 5,367	A A
66	" " 10, July 2nd, '75	6,796	
•		0,700	-40
	Loans during year	100.014	
		152,914	-77
••	Denosits during year		
	Deposits during year	94,455	-20
	Interest to Depositors		
	Interest to Depositors	2,936	05
66	Evenence economit		
	Expense account	2,524	28
	Cash is D. 1		
	Cash in Bank	1,087	01
		-,007	91

\$266,083 03

STATIMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, ON DECEMBER 31ST, 1875.

Liabilities.

Permanent Stock Deposits on hand Dividend No. 11, payable 3rd Jan'y,	\$208,800 47,393	
1876 Reserve Fund	8,101 8,011	45 62

\$272,306 74

Assets.		
Unpaid Stock	\$ 23,181	о8
Town Debentures	2.020	00
First Mortgages on Real Estate	245,965	65
Furniture	52	10
Cash in Bank	1,087	91

\$272,306 74

We, the undersigned, have audited the Books and Papers of the Security Permanent Building and Savings Society of St. Catharines, for the year ending 31st December, 1875; and find the balance as stated above to be correct, and to be a true abstract of the Books of the Society. CHAS. A. F. BALL, ROBERT LAWRIE, Auditors.

St. Catharines. 26th January, 1876. Moved by T. R. Merritt, Esq., seconded by James Taylor.

"That the report of the Directors with the Financial Statement just read be adopted. Carried.

It was moved by J. L. Ranney, Esq., and seconded by Wm. Gibbons, Esq.

"That the thanks of the Shareholders be, and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice-President, and other Directors for their careful attention to the interests of the Society during the past year." Carried.

The By-law was then read, changing the name of the Society.

Moved by Robert Lawrie, Esq., seconded by Dr. Goodman.

"That the By-law passed by the Directors on the 1st February be confirmed, and that the name be changed to that of the "Security Loan name of changed to that of the "Security Loan and Savings Company," and that the Directors of the Society are hereby empowered to apply for an Act, or adopt such course as may be necessary for that purpose." Carried unani moundu

mously. The following gentlemen were elected Direc-tors for the coming year :--Thomas R. Merritt, Esq., Messrs James Taylor, James Lamb, S. Neelon, R. Laurie, G. P. M. Ball, R. Woodruff. At a subsequent meeting of the Board, T R. Merritt, Esq. was re-elected President, and Jas. Taylor, Esq., Vice-President.

ONTARIO SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Company was held in London on Tuesday the eight inst., when the report for the year ending 31st Dec., was submitted to the shareholders.

Report.

In presenting the fifth annual statement of the the affairs of the Society for the year ending 31st Dec., 1875, the Directors congratulate Shareholders on the continued prosperity of every branch of the Society's business. The usual Dividends have been paid, and \$7,198 92 placed to the Reserve and Contingent Funds. Through Messrs. Borthwick, Wark & Co., the Financial Agents and Bankers for the Society in Great Britain, the Institution now receives additional capital borrowed at a rate of interest to allow a fair margin of profit to the Society upon the investments made under our Charter. The liabilities contracted under the Act of Incorporation, viz., chap. 53 of the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada, and the subsequent amendments thereto, are made a first charge on the entire assets of the Society, and the liabilities are restricted to an amount not exceeding by one-third the Capitalized Stock. The Capitalized Stock now amounts to \$608,600, the liabilities to \$372,433.52, and the entire assets amount to \$1,138,033.99. The investments of the subscribed and borrowed capital of the Company are limited by Charter to Mortgages upon Real Estate situate in Ontario, and to Canadian Government

and Municipal Securities. The policy of your Directors has been to confine the investments wholly to first mortgages on improved Real Estate. The investments now amount to \$1,104,752 85 on Freeholds valued and appraized at \$3,244,874.00. The high class of these securities, and the care with which they have been selected is shown in the Society's statement, \$6,445 only being in arrear upon over one million dollars invested. Of these arrearages, \$2,576 have been since paid. The arrearages of 1874, \$3,145, have also been paid in full with interest compounded. All of which is respectfully submitted. G. G. MAGEE,

W. F. Bullen, Manager & Treasurer.

RECEIPTS. Balance in Bank from last year \$ 33,032 20 Interest and other Payments received . 2,691 46

Received from Financial Agents .. 47,450 00

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Loans on Mortgages\$	411,628	96
Repaid Depositors	612,647	11
Interest paid Depositors	20,203	84
Accumulating stock and dividends converted into permanent	135,023	38
Dividends paid on permanent stock	51,571	29
Expenses of management, interest		
commission, &c	12,480	33
Balance in Bank	32,564	28

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President.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The assets of the Society are as follows:

- Total Assets			51,138,033
Cash in hand	4	86	
Other Assets	712	00	
Cash in Bank	32,564		
gages in arrear	6,445		
Instalments of Mort-			
ing arrears)\$	1,098,307	30	
Estate (not includ-			
gages on Real			
Cash value of Mort-			
The assets of the So	sciety are	as	10110 W8 .

The total liabilities of the Society are as follows : (LIABILITIES TO THE PUBLIC.)

Debenturès\$ 47,936 66 Accrued Interest on Debentures 708 10

Deposits 323,788 76

\$ 372,433 52

Surplus Assets. \$ 765,600 47 (LIABILITIES TO SHAREHOLDERS.) Paid up Capital Permanent Stock \$608,600 00 Paid up Capital Accumulating ditto \$13,269 go..\$ 621,869 go Dividend No. 20 Permanent Stock ... 14,466 85 Accrued dividends on Accumulating Stock Reserve Fund 3,885 90 To carry to 00 \$7,000 00 Contingent Fund \$878 90 to do 124,300 00 \$189 92 1,077 82

To the President and Directors of the Ontario Savings and Investment Society :- The undersigned have audited the books of account of the Ontario Savings and Investment Society for the year ending 31st December, 1875, and have much pleasure in certifying that the same have been found correct and satisfactory. The securities have been severally produced, and they agree with the entries in the Registers. We further certify the accompanying balance balance sheet and revenue account exhibit a true statement of the affairs of the Society.

J. B. BOYLE, Auditors.

London, January, 28th, 1876.

After the report had been adopted, the old directors were re-elected by acclamation.

The new Board subsequently met and re-elected Messrs. G. G. Magee and A. Johnston as President and Vice-President respectively.

MIDLAND PROVIDENT LOAN AND BUILDING SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society was held in Port Hope on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at which a large number of the shareholders were present. The President, Col. A. T. H. Wil-liams, took the chair, and after the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed the follow-ing annual report and financial statement were submitted :

REPORT.

Your Directors have much pleasure in presenting the Third Annual Report of the Society, showing as it does, substantial progress of the Society's business. At the last annual meeting the Directors were empowered to issue additional stock to the extent of \$100,000. The subscription book was allowed to remain open for subscription by shareholders, as the by-law directed, until the 12th of February, when the Directors considered it desirable to withdraw the same, and to accept offers for the balance only same, and to accept offers for the balance only on terms of payment in full at the time of sub-scribing. The amount now retained is \$10,900, which the Directors would have had no diffi-culty in disposing of had they thought it desirable to allow it to be taken up and paid for in the usual manner by monthly instalments. The amount of stock paid up and Permanent is \$127,450, and that paid on Accumulating Stock \$27,769.69. The Directors are of opinion that an effort should be made to place the Society in a position to use the power conferred by the Dominion Act of 1874, which enables societies to borrow money upon their own debentures as soon as the paid up Permanent Stock amounts to \$200,000. The by-laws have been carefully revised and brought into harmony with the new Act, and will be submitted for approval and Act, and will be submitted for approval and confirmation. The amount loaned during the year was \$83.696.44, which, with the accepted applications in the Solicitor's hands, \$14,550, makes a total of \$98,246.44. In the Savings Bank, the amount on deposit has been gradually increasing, it now being about \$13,500 in excess of that on deposit at this time last year. The gross profit for the year has been \$18,396.73, out of which two half yearly dividends at 8 per cent. have been paid on Permanent Stock and credited to accumulating stock, leaving a sur-plus of \$4,400.75 to be added to the Reserve Fund. The Directors, thinking that it would be satisfactory to the shareholders, secured the services of the well-known Actuary, Mr. Arthur Harvey, of Toronto, to value the securities of the Society; his report will be submitted. The mortgages have been valued at the rate of inter-est at which the various loans were made, thereby securing to the shareholders the full rate of interest or profit from year to year. The auditors have during the year made their quar-765,600 47 terly reports to the Board, and the Directors

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have much pleasure in referring to the satisfactory manner in which the books and papers of the Society are kept. The attention of the shareholders is directed to the accompanying Financial Statements, with the certificates of the auditors attached thereto.

ARTHUR T. H. WILLIAMS, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the year ending December 31st, 1875:

CASH ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Paid on Permanent Stock\$	19,900	00
Paid on Accumulating Stock		
Repayments on Loans		
Interest on Mortgage Arrears	997	4I`
Interest from Bank, &c	1,894	
Savings Bank Deposits	67,034	61
Premium on Stock		25
Petty Ledger	116	81

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Dividends Paid	6,934	
Accumulating Stock interest	387	30
Expense, &c	1,654	55
Savings Bank withdrawals	53,341	
Loans on Mortgage	83,696	
Interest to Bank, &c	724	
Petty Ledger	I,575	
Ontario Bank	18.027	55

Assets.

Cash Value of Mortgages\$197,425	88
Office Furniture 226	20
Ontario Bank 5,026	23

\$202,678 31

\$166,341 68

Liabilities. Accumulating Stock and interest .. \$ 27,769 69 Permanent Stock..... 127,450 00 Savings Bank deposit and interest.. 37,486 26 4,898 63 Dividend No. 5..... Reserve Fund, last year.. § 672 98 Reserve Fund, this year.. 4400 75

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STANLEY PATTERSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

We, the auditors appointed by the Stock-holders of the Midland Provident Loan and Building Society, have examined the books of the society, for the year ending 31st December, 1875, and all documents and vouchers relating to the same, and have compared the above statement and balance sheet with them, and certify that we have found them correct and Satisfactory in every respect. R. W. BURNHAM, A. L. MIDDLEMISS, Auditors.

Port Hope, January 29, 1876.

The President moved the adoption of the report and briefly referred to the satisfactory condition of the society and offered explanations of the financial statement. The motion was seconded by the Vice-President, Mr. Wm. Craig, and unanimously carried. It was then moved by Dr. Clemesha, and seconded by Mr. Dingwall, that Dr. Burnham and A. L. Middlemiss be the auditors for 1876, and that the remuneration be \$25 each .-- Carried. The revised by-laws were then submitted and confirmed by the shareholders; also a by-law to enable the Directors to change the name of the society to that of the "Midland Loan and Savings Company." A by-law to make an addi-tional issue of stock to the amount of \$50,000, making the authorized capital \$250,000, was then discussed and carried unanimously. After a vote of thanks was tendered to the Directors for their services during the past year, the elec-

tion for Directors for the ensuing year was proceeded with and resulted in the unanimous reelection of the retiring board, namely: Col. A. T. H. Williams, Wm. Craig, R. C. Smith, H. H. Meredith, W. W. Renwick, Nathan Choate and James Hall, M. P. The meeting then ad-journed. A meeting of the Directors was held immediately afterwards, when Col. Williams was elected President, and Wm. Craig Vice-President.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

Montreal, February 15th, 1876.

Since onr last report the heavy failures in the hardware trade has tended a good deal to shake confidence again in almost all branches of business; but it is believed that the rumours which have been current during the week are entirely without foundation.

The prospects of increased duties on many articles in the Tariff has caused some demand from country merchants wishing to replenish their stocks before it takes place, but this has seemed little or no change in prices, and at the moment there is an almost entire absence of any speculative demand. Flour for the local wants of the trade has been more freely dealt in, but not much doing for May delivery. Grain is nominal; ashes steady, pork dearer. We give under the respective heads the stocks of flour and wheat in store this morning. Weather has been very unsettled, and not at all seasonable, snow and rain alternately with very little hard frost to make good roads which are much cut up.

ASHES.—Pots—The increased demand for ashes noted in our last report has been maintained, but very little alteration has taken place in prices, firsts having sold all week at \$4.621 to 4.80, a few seconds changing hands at \$3.85. Thirds are nominal. *Pearls*—There have been no sales, and price is quite nominal, buyers would pay from \$4.95 to 5.00 for firsts. The stocks at present in store are Pots 2,984 bls.; Pearls, 1,138 bls.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- A slight improvement has been noticed in this trade during the week, but there is no doubt now that the spring trade will be much lighter than usual. Our quotations are without material change, but for large lots of goods these prices would be considerably shaded. We quote Men's kip boots \$2.50 to 3.00; do. French calf \$3.00 to 3.75; do. Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; do. split Bro-gans goc to \$1.25; do.kip Brogans \$1.30 to 1.50; Boys' split Brogans 75c to \$1.00; do. Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1.40 to \$1.50; Womens' Buff and pebbled Balmorals \$1.1 5 to 1.80; do prunella Bals. 75c to \$1.75; do. do. Congress 75c to \$1.75; Misses Buff and Pebble Bal-morals goc to \$1.15; do prunella Balmorals and Congress 70c to \$1.25; Childrens do. do. 60c to \$1.00; do. Pebble and Buff Balmorals lots of goods these prices would be considerably 75c to \$1.00.

CATTLE.—The market yesterday was rather firmer than on the previous week. The cattle on the stand yesterday were of a superior quality, and generally brought higher prices than last Monday. The sales averaged from \$4.12 to 4.75 per 100 lbs. live weight. Since this day week a car load of Sheep changed hands at \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Dressed Hogs are in limited supply and firm, \$8.00 per 100 lbs. DRY GOODS.—Under the impression that

there will be increased duties on many kinds of dry goods merchants have been taking goods out of Bond. Business doing is light, although the number of orders coming in from travellers is large they are only for small quantities, and "be met with would be readily taken, but Teathe Spring trade, to all appearance, is going to

be a small one. A small improvement in remittances is reported this week.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .-- The demand for articles in this branch of business is still very light, and values are without material change. BiCarb \$3.75 to 4.00; Sal Soda demand has fallen of, and prices steady at \$1.55 to 1.65; Caustic Soda 3½c; Soda Ash 14 to 2c; Alum 2 to 2½c; Epsom Salts \$1.75 to 2.00; Salipetre \$8.00 to 8.50; Copperas IIc; Blue Vitriol 7c; Cream Tartar Crystals 281c; Bleaching Powder scarce and firm 2 to 281c; Boraz 121c; Sulphur \$3.25 to 3.50;

Brimstone, \$2.75. RAW FURS.—Arrivals of furs have been rather more plentiful during the week, prices are without change, but in many cases our outside quotations has to be paid. Beaver \$1.75to 2.00; Black Bear \$6.00 to 12.00; Fisher, \$5.00 to 7.50; Silver Fox \$25.00 to 60; Cross Fox \$2.00 to 5.00; Red Fox \$1.25 to 1.60; Lynx \$1.50 to 1.75; Labrador Dark Martin \$7.00 to 8.00; Pale Martin \$1.25 to 1.50; Prime Dark Mink \$2.50 to 3.00; Dark 2nd Mink, \$1.50 to 2.00; Fine Dark Otter \$8 to 10; Fall Muskrat 12 to 15c; Winter do. 20 to 23c; Spring, do 27 to 30c; Racoon 25 to 60c, Skunk 20 to 50c.

FISH.—There has been a fairly active-demand for Labrador herrings at our quotations, and for Labrador herrings at our quotations, and also for Green Cod prices of which have advancd considerably. We quote, Labrador Herrings \$4.75 to 5.00; Dry Cod \$5.00 to 5.50; Green Cod \$7.00 to 7.25 for No. 1 and \$6.00 to 6.25 for No. 2; Salmon \$15, 14, and \$13 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively; Mackerel is nominal. FLOUR.—The stocks in store and in the hands for which the provide which the stocks of the section

of millers this morning were 58,160 brls. against 57,683 brls. on the 1st inst. and 63,087 brls. on the 15th Feb'y 1875. Receipts for the past week 3773 brls.; Total receipts from 1st January to date 26.804 barrels being a decrease of 19,398 barrels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1875. Since last week we have heard of sales of round lots of superfine at \$4.50 and Strong Bakers Flour at \$4.65 and \$4.75 for May delivery, holders now ask higher prices and there has been an improved local demand and a much larger quantity of flour has changed hands than for sometime previously. The English market has been somewhat firmer, and prices here have been stiffer, the market however was dull with no disposition shown to operate. ever was dull with no disposition shown to operate. Superior Extra \$5.10 to 5.22½; Extra Superfine \$4.90 to 4.95; Fancy \$4.70 to 4.75'; Spring Extra \$4.55 to 0.00; Superfine \$4.15 to 4.20; Strong Baker's flour \$4.60 to 4.80; Fine \$3.70 to 3.75; Middlings \$3.15 to 3.20; I ollards \$2.50 to 2.90; Upper Canada Bag flour \$2.20 \$2.25; Oatmeal dull at \$4.65 to 4.70; Cornmeal \$3.70 to 2.75.

3.75. GRAIN.-Wheat.-The stocks in store and in the hands of millers this morning were 284,150 bushels, against 247,257 bushels on the 1st inst. and 167,296 bushels on the 15th Feb'y 1875. Receipts for the past week 18,100 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date 41,680 bushels, being an increase of 20,779 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1875. This grain is still quite nominal in the absence of transactions. Maize.-There has been nothing doing and price is also nominal; Peas .--Since the sale for May delivery, noticed in our last report, we have heard of no transactions and the price is now nominal at 85c per 66 lbs; Oats .- A round lot for May delivery was placed at 341. Barley nominal at 55c to 6oc. Pot Barley \$5.00; Pearl Barley \$9.50 but nothing doing in these last two articles.

GROCERIES .- Teas .- Japans, the latest mail advices from Japan, up to January 11th report the market there as being "quiet, with little disposition to operate except in high grades. Medium " and fine kinds if not very fresh and desirable are "neglected, but good Teas of these grades if to

"men are pressing undesirable kinds only. Mar-"ket when the steamer left was dull and ir-"regular and quotations nominal." The prospect of an increased duty on Tea caused a good deal of speculation, which seems now to have quite subsided, but country merchants seem anxious to replenish their stocks before the extra duty is imposed, and a pretty large jobbing trade has been done, and at rather easier prices as stocks are large and heavy arrivals coming in from New York. The range of prices this week have been from 27 to 621 according to quality. Greens of low grade have met with some enquiry at $27\frac{1}{2}$ to 30c for Young Hyson. Blacks are neglected. *Coffee*.—This market is firm owing to the expected change of duty, but no advance in price has taken place, stocks are more than sufficient to meet the demand. Java is procurable at 20 to 32c; Maracaibo 221 to 272c; Laguayra 23 to 25c; Singapore 24 to 27c. Sugar.—The "Phoenician" with a cargo of Scotch yellows has arrived at Portland, a good part of which has been shipped direct to the West. The market here this week has been very quiet and almost at a standstill, and no improvement is looked for till the duty question has been settled. Small sales of Yellow refined at 71 to 8c; American granulated 8 to 8§c; Local refined is unchanged. In raw sugars there have only been small sales at 61 to 71c, stocks are only moderate. Molasses. -The market is now moderately well supplied, but we do not hear of any sales of much moment. Barbadoes 41 to 43c; Muscovado 34 to 35c; Sugar house 26 to 30c. Syrups.—Golden 43 to 50. as to grade; Amber 65 to 70c. Rice market slightly firm at \$3.80 to 4.00. Spices.—Not much demand for anything in this line. Black pepper is a little cheaper being now procurable at $11\frac{1}{2}$ to $11\frac{3}{2}$ or about $\frac{1}{2}$ clower than last week. Nutmegs 80c to \$1.10 according to quality; Cloves 45 to 50c; Cassia 15 to 18c; other kinds are firm but unchanged. Fruit.—Sales this week have beem mostly of a retail character, the market having ruled very quiet. Currants maintain their firmness owing to the smallness of the stock held here, and sell from $6\frac{3}{4}$ to $7\frac{1}{4}$; Layer raisins are firm at \$2.25 to 2.30 stock small. Valencias 8c; Figs 12 to 13c firm; Prunes 5 to 64c; Almonds 124 to 14c; Filberts 74 to 8c; Walnuts 5 to 7.

HIDES AND PELTS .- Stocks are now pretty well worked down and it is not likely there will be any change in prices before the 1st March; the market is very quiet. We continue to quote \$7.00, \$6.00, and \$5.00 for No. 1, 2, and 3, inspected hides; for Sheepskins from goc to \$1.30 is paid according to quality.

HARDWARE .- We have few changes to make, the most important is on cut nails, which show a reduction of 15c per 100 lbs. previous list; this reduction has been made with the view of meeting American quotations and keeping pos-session of our own market, which manufacturers have not been able to do for sometime past, as American makers have been sending large quantities into Toronto and points in the North-West. Business continues quiet with some slight improvement in shelf hardware, prices, however, are not firm. The change in the Tariff which is generally looked for, will no doubt have immediate effect in prices of all imported goods. We quote *Pig Iron* Eglin-ton and Clyde \$21 to 21.50; Carnbroe 21.50 to \$22. American \$24. to 26.; Summerlie and Calder \$22.00 to 23.00; Langloan & Gartsherrie \$22.00 to 23.00; Coltness \$22.50 to 23.50; Hematite \$30.00 to 31.00. Bar, per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.25 to 2.30; best do., \$2.50 to 2.60, Swedes and Norway \$5.00 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7.00. Canada Plates per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$4.25 to 4.50; Garth and Penn \$4.25 to

to 7.50; Coke IC, \$7.00 to 7.25; 14 x 20, 25c extra. *Tinned sheets* Charcoal best No. 26, 13c. Galvanized sheets best brands No. 28, 94 to 104c. Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to 3.10; Sheets best brands, \$3.25 to 3.35; Boiler Plates ordinary brands \$3.25 to 3.50; Best brands \$3.50 to 3.75; Russian Sheet Iron 14 to 15c; Cut Nails, manufacturers list 3rd February, 2 D Lath, \$4.60; ditto, 21d to 4d shingle \$3.80; do., 5d to 10d, \$3.30; do. 12d & larger\$3.; 100 keg lots 5 per cent. discount, specification to accompany order for immediate shipment. nails patent Chisel pointed 25c extra. Pressed Spikes \$4.25 to 5.00; Shot Canadian \$7 to 7.50. Lead—Pig, per 100 lbs 6.50 to \$7.00; do sheets *Lead*—Pig, per 100 lbs 6.50 to \$7.00; do sheets 6.50 to \$7.00; do Bar, 6.50 to \$7.00; *Steel* cast, per lb. 12 to 14c; Spring per 100 lbs; \$4.50 to 5.00; Sleigh Shoe \$3.75 to 4.00; Tire ditto, \$4.00 to 4.20. *Ingot Tin* 23 to 24c; *Ingot Copper*, 22¹/₂ to 23c. *Horse Shoes* per 100 lbs. \$4.50 to 4.75; *Proved Coil Chain*, § in., \$6.00 to 6.25; *Anchors* 7 to 8c; Anvils 10 to 12c. *Iron wire* per bdl \$2.50 to 2.60. *Glass*, to 25 united inches \$2.10 to 2.20; do. 40 united inches \$2.30 to 2.40; do. 50 united inches \$2.50 inches \$2.30 to 2.40; do. 50 united inches \$2.50 to 2.60; to 60 united inches \$2.75 to 2.85.

LEATHER.-There has been somewhat more of a demand from the manufacturers during the past week. Spanish Sole is still in abundant supply, and prices remain unchanged. Slaughter Sole has declined, and is difficult to move except at very low prices. Harness-Nothing doing, prices nominal. Upper-Waxed is quiet; grain is scarce, but the demad is only temporary. Measured Leather-Remains about the same with only ordinary demand. Splits-Heavy and medium are in better request, and the supply is limited, light stock and juniors are not much wanted. We quote Hemlock Span-ish sole No. 1 B. A. 23; do. No. 2. 20 to 21C; Buffalo sole No. 1, 20 to 21C; do. No. 2, 17 to 18c; Hemlock slaughter 23 to 25c; waxed upper light and medium 30 to 37c; ditto heavy 30 to 33c; grained upper 33 to 35c; splits large 23 to 29c; do. small 15 to 19c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs, 55 to 75c; do 18 to 26 lbs 50 to 65c; sheepskin cow 13 to 16c per ft.; enamelled cow 18 to 19c; patent cow 17 to 19c; pebbled cow 13c to 16c.

LIQUORS .- This trade has been somewhat stimulated by the prospects of increased duties, and a good deal has been changing hands. Prices have not been materially enhanced, but the market closes firm for almost all kinds of liquors. Brandy-\$2.20 to 2.75, according to brand wood, and \$7.00 to 9.50 in cases. Gin is steady at \$1.55 to 1.65 in wood; red cases \$7.50 to 8.00; green cases \$3.75 to 4.00. Rum, Jamaica, \$2.15 to 2.40 in wood. Rye Whiskey 34c in bond per car load equal to \$1.011 duty paid. High Wines-57c in bond per car load equal to \$1.92 duty paid. All sales of spirits and whiskey are made duty paid in view of extra duty being imposed.

OILS .- The oil market keeps very quiet, but prices are firm and sales transpiring are at our quotations. Cod oil 62½c; Seal, pale 62½ to 70c; Menhadden oil 45c; Olive 95c to \$1.00; Petroleum is in fair demand at late rates, viz., car-lots 26c; and for small parcels and single barrels 29 to 30c. Imported Linseed oil, boiled, 55 to 6oc ; do. raw 60 to 65c.

PROVISIONS .- Butter-Receipts for the past week, 1386 kegs; shipments 1507 kegs; there is a ready demand in this market for Choice Butter which commands from 21 to 23c; lower grades are almost neglected, we quote store packed Western 16 to 17c., and Dairy Western 18 to 1gc. *Cheese*—No receipts; shipments 2,343 boxes; market quiet and unchanged at

pork has been firm with upward tendency, and we advance our quotations, but there have been very few transactions of any consequence transpiring. We now quote inspected new mess \$22.00 to 22.50; and thin Mess \$21.00 to 21.50. Tallow in barrels is nominal; ditto in the rough

SALT .--- There is very little wholesale demand at present, and small orders are filled at our quotations, viz., coarse 65 to 70c; fine 70 to 80c;

Factory filled \$1.10 to 1.25. WOOL.—There has been literally fnothing doing in the wool market this week, manufacturers are not inclined to buy in the present dull state of trade, and are waiting till there is a better demand for Woollens before laying in stocks. We quote Super 27 to 29c; black and unassorted 26 to 28c., both nominal.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, February 17, 1876.

The course of trade shows little change from last week. There is a good deal of speculation on the probable changes in the tariff, but noth-ing certain is known. Prices consequently show considerable excitement in some lines, and importers are careful to allow nothing to remain any length of time in bond, on which they think an increase of duty is likely to take place. Grain has risen slightly in price, and flour ap-pears to be also improved. With these exceptions there is no alteration of interest. The value of Toronto imports for the month of January compared with the same month last year is as follows .---

Dutiable Goods Free Goods	1875. \$580,721 34,474	1876. \$551,343 40,359
Decrease Roa inc	\$615,195	\$591,702

Decrease, \$23,493.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- Spring orders are coming in steadily, as country dealers see their way more clearly, and trade on the whole is of a satisfactory character. Prices are not changed. CATTLE.—Beeves—Receipts for the past week

were 295 head, against 354 head on the week previous. Although this supply is small it seems to be sufficient, The demand is not very active and prices are little changed since our last. First-class is in demand at all times at \$4.50, which is about the best that can be obtained. Second class are in good supply at \$3.50 to 3.75, and a fair number of third-class are offering at \$2.75 to 3.00. Sheep-Receipts for the past week were 98 against 199 last week. The amount of dressed offering makes the demand for live animals very quiet, and the demand for live animals very quiet, and prices are unchanged. We quote first-class \$6 to 6.25; second-class \$4.75 to 5.50, and third-class not wanted. Lambs are in good demand at \$4.50 to 5.50 for first-class, and \$3.75 to 4.00 for second-class, and Calves are enquired after, but are offering lightly at past figures. DRY GOODS.—The value of the undermen-tioned goods imported at Toronto in the month

tioned goods imported at Toronto in the month of January, as compared with the same month last year, is as follows:

	1875	1876
1	Woollens \$81,005	\$93,910
	Cottons 94,944	85,863
	Silks and Velvets 12,282	11,646
1	Fancy Goods 21,882	20,390
	DRUGS.—The market is steady	with little

alteration to record in prices.

FLOUR AND MEAL. Flour-Stocks in store on the 14th inst. were 15,540 brls. against 13.793 brls. at the same date last year. Some improvement has taken place in the demand, 4.50; Arrow \$4.50 to 4.60; Hatton \$4.22 to 4.40. *Tin Plates* per box—Charcoal IC, \$8.25 to 8.50; at 13½ to 14c. according to package. *Pork*— ditto, IX, \$10.25 to 10.50; ditto DC, \$7.25 Since the date of our last report, the market for agree as to prices. There have been sales of superior extra at \$4.75 f. o. c. The only sales of extra made were a few days since at \$4.40 f. o. c., but holders are now asking \$4.50, and seem to be firm in their views. Fancy has sold to a small extent at \$4.25 f. o. c. Movements have been mostly confined to spring extra, which has been well enquired after at \$4.10 to 4.15 f. o. c. Yesterday the market was not very well supplied, and sales were small. Holders of spring extra asked \$4.20, but there were no sales. Other kinds are as quoted above. Oatmeal—One car lot sold a few days since at \$4.20 on the track, and other sales were made at equal to \$4.05 and 4.10. Small lots are quoted unchanged at \$4.50 to 4.90. Bran is steady with sales of car lots of bagged at \$11.50 on the track.

FREIGHTS.—The following are the rates from this city to way-stations by the Grand Trunk line. To Kingston, 30c for flour and 15c for grain; to Prescott and Brockville 35c for flour and 18c for grain; to Montreal, 40c for flour and 33c for grain; to Portland, 80c for flour and 40c for grain; to Portland, 80c for flour and 40c for grain; to Boston, via steamer from Portland, 75c for flour and 374c for grain; to St. John, N.B., 80c for flour and 43c for grain; to Halifax 85c for flour and 45c for grain; to Halifax 85c for flour and 45c for grain; to Halifax 81.49 per brl.; grain 61c per hundred pounds; exclusive of bagging; butter and cheese 78c per hundred pounds; boxed meats, tallow, pork and lard 67c per hundred pounds. Rates to Glasgow by New York; flour \$1.49 per brl. wheat 65 per cental, and boxed meats 72c per hundred pounds.

GFAIN.-Stocks in store in this city on the 14th inst.: Fall wheat 226,919 bush.; spring wheat 371,020 bush.; oats 5,750 bush.; barley 179,908 bush.; peas 86,795 bush.; rye 1,216 bush.; corn 1,100 bush.; against fall wheat 111,774 bush.; spring wheat 332,996 bush.; oats 9,350 bush.; barley 87,114 bush.; peas 76,494 bush.; rye 450 bush.; corn 9,170 bush. on the same date last year. Wheat .- There is more activity in the trade owing to an advance of prices. Last week No. 2 fall sold at \$1.00, and No. 1 spring at 990 to \$1 f.o.c. Yesterday there were buyers of No. 2 fall at \$1.01 to 1.02, and No. 1 spring changed hands in round lots at \$1 f.o.c. Oats.—Car lots are selling daily at 33c on the track, and the market shows no change. Barley .- The market is weaker and has not been so active. The latest transactions show No. 1 nominal, No. 2 selling at 67c to 68c f.o.b., and no buyers for No. 3. Peas .- None have offered since last week when No. 1 sold at 71 to 72c, and No. 2 at 70c f.o.c. These prices would be readily paid by buyers. Rye.-There is nothing doing except at farmers market where 6oc is paid.

GROCERIES .- Coffee .- The market is moving very quietly at past figures. Rio brings 23 to 25c, and Java 30 to 32c. Fish.—A fair country trade, but little doing in lots. Cod is worth \$5.75 to 6.00 per quintal; Labrador herrings sell at \$5.50, and are scarce and firm; whitefish are worth \$5.50, and trout \$3.25. Fruit.-The trade has been duller than for some time; some reduction might be made on our quotations, but generally we have not been able to alter them for several weeks. Layers are selling at \$2.40 to 2.50; Valencias bring 81c; Sultanas 14 to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Currants 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; prunes 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; loose muscatels \$2.75 to \$2.80; Lon-don layers \$3.76 to 3.80; Malaga figs in mats \$6.00 to 6.25; Eleme figs in cases 15 to 16c. Filberts 71c; walnuts 8c, and almonds 141c. Rice_ -Remains without any change. Lots can be bought at \$4.05 to 4.10, and country dealers are supplied at \$4.20 to 4.35. Liquors.-The advance of last week is firmly maintained, and brandy in wood has advanced, the market is active. Sugar.—Dry crushed and refined are selling at late figures, and in raws the only kinds in the market appear to be English and Scotch; we repeat our former quotations

in another column. Syrup.—The market is firm and becoming more active as the season for general use approaches. Tea.—All kinds are apparently in good supply and the demand is active, but holders care little to sell, in expectation of the increase in duty. This has advanced prices beyond what buyers of lots seem willing to give. The following is the value and quantity of the undermentioned imports at the Toronto Custom House for the month of January, compared with the same period last year :—

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	Tea (Green & Japan)	33,469	"	_74, ⁸ 73	64
		\$13,549		\$23,275	
	Tea (Black)	7,882	"	38,232	"
	~	\$2,464		\$11,947	
	Cigars	3,900	"	1,506	"
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	G. (C)	\$23,287		\$12,472	
	Coffee (Green)	2,831	"	16,771	"
		\$517		4,689	
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HARDWARE—There is no change to note since last week, either in the market here or abroad. Zinc is firm at 73 as noticed last week. All kinds of goods are going off well.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides*—Our quotations for the past two weeks have been above the market prices here, which we have every reason to believe is higher than any other market west of Montreal. The mistake occurred by our being misled by one of the Toronto buyers. A good many steers are coming in at 6c for No. 1 inspected green, and 5c for No. 2. Cows are worth 5½ c for No. 1 and 4½ c for No. 2. Grubby sell at 3½ to 4c. Cured steers are selling in lots at 6¾c. Sheepskins.—We note a steady supply at \$1.25 to 1.60 for green and 6oc for dry. *Calfskins* are nominal at 10c for green and 16c for dry. *Tallow*.—Trade is quiet, the demand good, and prices firm at 4½c for rough and 7c for rendered.

PETROLEUM.—The market continues very steady at unchanged prices.

PROVISIONS -Butter. The only kind enquired after is choice for local dealers, and for it 19 to 20c would be paid. Ordinary is worth 16 to 17c, and inferior 14 to 15c. Box butter is selling at 16 to 17c. The time of shipping is nearly over and a quiet market is now looked for. Cheese is selling at II to 12c. Eggs.—There is a sufficiency of receipts at 15 to 16c for limed and 20 to 22c for fresh packed. Pork.—Is selling at \$21.00 to 21.50 but the transactions are small. Bacon. Prices are firmer. Lots of 1000 to 2000 sides have changed hands at 9¹/₂ to 9³/₂ c for April de-livery, small lots sell at 10¹/₂ c. Rolls bring 13 to 131c and shoulders toc for smoked and 9c for green. Hams are firm at 131 to 14c. Lard .-Tinnets bring 13 to 13¹/₂c, and tierces 13c. Hogs. -Receipts are small and prices have risen to \$7.50 to 7.60. Dried Apples.—Loose sell at $7\frac{1}{2}c$, and barrelled at $8\frac{1}{4}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}c$.

SALT.-Is worth \$1.10 to 1.15 for Canadian, and \$1 to 1.10 for Liverpool.

WOOL.—Combing is very quiet at 33c, and super is moving steadily at 25 to 28c according to lot and quality.

Correspondence.

HURON AND ERIE SAVINGS AND LOAN SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR, in your editorial notice of the Huron and Erie Savings and Loan Society in last issue, you say: "In view of the late amendment to the Loan Societies Act, we cannot

account f.r the Bank of Commerce stock."-Permit me to say in explanation that the stock was purchased some years ago, before the Act came into force; and while it was not intended as a permanent investment, we did not consider it necessary or desirable to dispose of it at a time, or under circumstances which would not be for the advantage of the Society. The asset, as you remark, is a good one, but it will in due time disappear from our statements.

Regarding the propriety of increasing the capital of the Society, the Directors were aware that money could be obtained at a cheaper rate by issuing debentures, and it will be seen from the report that they have this in contemplation, at the same time they believe that a large paid-up capital gives a society strength and inspires confidence. It was always intended to make the amount up to one million, and it was considered a favourable time to do so, as it not only afforded an immediate supply of money when it could be used to great advantage, but also place the Society in a very favourable position for appearing on the English market.

Your obe't servant,

L. GIBSON, Sec.-Treas. London, 15th Feb., 1876.

FIRE RECORD.—Hamilton, Feb. 11.—James Grenfell's house was destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,400; insured for \$800 in Victoria Mutual.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—John Allan's carpenter shop was damaged by fire to the extent of \$100. Hamilton, Feb. 12.—The stables of P. O'Brian were destroyed by fire. Loss \$200; no insurance.

Barrie, Feb.—The Simcoe Hotel and stables belonging to M. Shanacy, were burned. Insured.

Hamilton, Feb. 13.—Miss Goldsmith's millinery store was consumed by fire. Loss \$2,000; Insured for \$1,000.

CHEAP SHOES.—The Shoe and Leather Reporter says that the tendency toward cheap shoes which has been observed for the past eighteen months seems now to be general. Manufacturers are turning out large quantities of goods to meet this demand, which so closely resemble the same grades of previous years as to defy the scrutiny to any but experts to detect their inferiority. Using quite as good leather as ever, they are saving in the quality of the trimmings. In some respects this cannot fail to injure trade and to benefit the small shoemakers. The excellency of factory work has very largely driven the shoemakers out of their shops. But deterioration in the quality of factory work will set many a hammet to ringing on the lapstone.

The influence of heat on the color of leather only now begins to be appreciated. If the tannin of the bark could all be extracated without heat, the color of the hemlock leather would be a light orange, and would have none of its present objectionable features.

Insolvent Acts of 1869 and 1875.

In the matter of Alfred S. Kempshall, Insolvent.

A second and final Dividend Sheet has been prepared open to objection until the Twenty-eighth day of February instant, after which dividend will be paid.

JOHN KERR, Assignee. Toronto, Feb. 10, 1876.

Hand-in-Hand Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the above Company, will be held in the City of Toronto, at the offices of the Company, No. 48 Church Street,

On Monday, 28th day of Feb., 1876.

at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other business. By order of the Board.

HUGH SCOTT, Secretary.

Dated this 11th day of Feb., 1876.

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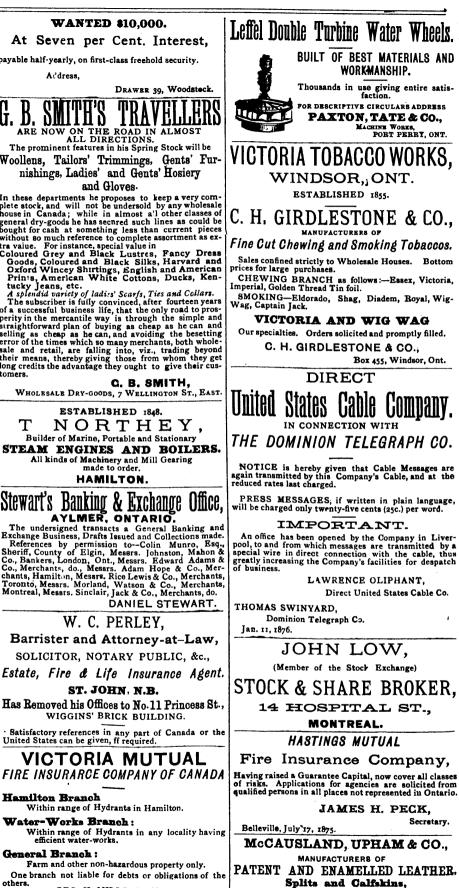
We, the undersigned, have personally examined in de-tail the assets, accounts, and business of the Society, and compared the result with the foregoing statement, which

compared the result with the foregoing statement, which we hereby certify to be correct. BENNINGTON F. RANDOLPH JAMES M. HALSTED, HENRY S. TERBELL, PARKEB HANDY, THOMAS A. CUMMINS, Special Committe of the Board of Directors, appointed Oct. 27, 1875, to examine the assets and accounts or the close of the vert at the close of the year.

HEAD OFFICE FOR DOM. OF CANADA:

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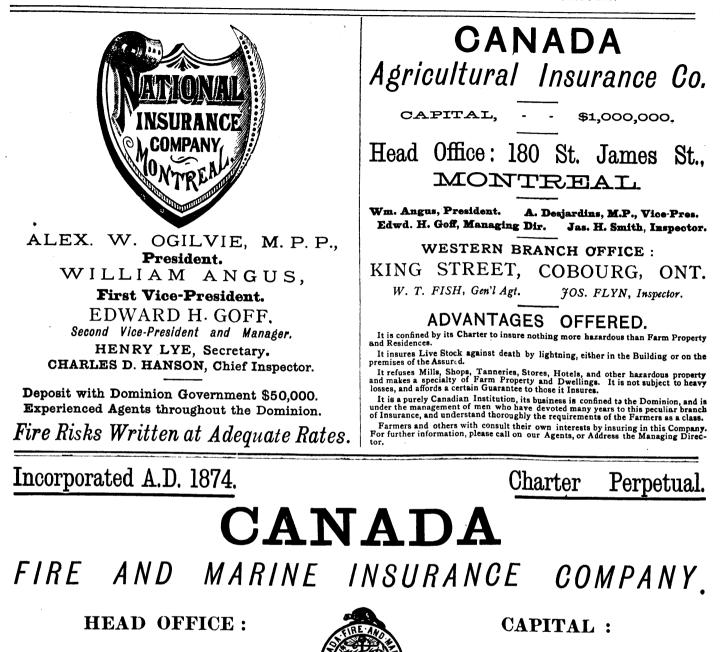
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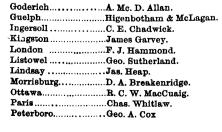
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