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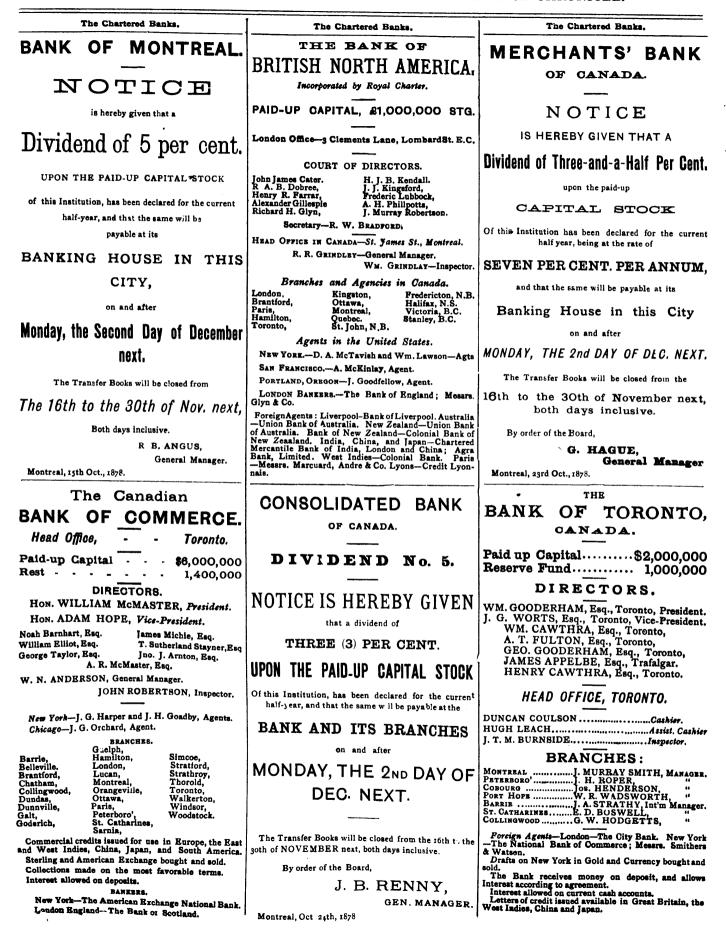
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DIRECTORS: ROBERT LONGWORTH, Esq., President.	Capital, \$2,000,000. Ret, 400,000 HEAD OFFICE MONTREAL. DIRECTORS.	AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$1,500,000 CAPITAL PAID IN 31st MAR., 1877. 1,328,684 RESERVE FUND
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A Dividend of Four Per Ct.	Charlottetown & Summerside. Newfoundland-Commercial Bk of N'fndland, St. Johns.	Incorporated by Royal Charter, A.D. 1818.
upon the Capital Stock of this Institution has been this day declared for the current half year, and that the same will be payable at the banking house in this city, on and after FRIDAX the four house in this city, on and	New York-Mechanics' National Bank, Messrs. Mor- ton Bliss & Co., Messrs. C. F. Smithers & W. Watson; Boston, Merchants' National Bank; Portland, Casco National Bank; Chicago Bank; Portland, Casco	
31st October next, both days inclusive. By order of the Board, R. H. BETHINE, Control	Bank; Milwaukee, Wisconsin Marine and Fire Ins. Co. Bank; Teledo, Second National Bank.	Sir N. F. Belleen, Vice-President.
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That a dividend of four per cent. for the current half year, being at the rate of eight per cent per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of this Institution, has this dey been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Azencies, on end of the payable at the	DIRECTORS: Jehn Doull, Samuel A. White, James J. Bremner, Daniel Crosses	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Incorporated by Act of Parliament 1868.
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JACOB HUFF has been found guilty of setting fire to property, and was condemned at Belleville, on Tuesday, to imprisonment for two years therefor.

MR. Valin, a Quebec shipbuilder, has laid the keels of two new vessels, which he purposes constructing during the coming winter.

On Wednesday last navigation was suspended on the Red and Assiniboine Rivers on account of the ice. Work on the Fort Francis canal has ceased for the season.

THE Toronto Cattle Exporting Firm have shipped from this port during the past week, 1,500 head of cattle, 2,000 sheep, and 1,200 hogs.

THE number of sea-going vessels entered at the Quebec Custom House since the opening of navigation up to the present time number 656, of 500,249 tons, against 955 of 762,314 tons last vear.

THE order of St. Michael and St. George has been conferred by the British Government upon Sir John Rose, Hon. Mr. Pelletier, and Mr. T. C. Keefer, as areward for the services of these gentlemen on the Canadian Commission at the Paris Exposition.

MR. Edward Williams, of Middlesboro on Tees, Eng., has been nominated president of the British Iron and Steel Institute for the coming year. This gentleman was general manager of the gigantic undertakings of Messrs. Bolckow, Vaughan & Co., Limited, for years, and is well known in iron circles as an authority upon ironmaking.

BOULOGNE, France, is to have a deep-sea harbor, accessible to large steamers at all states of the tide. The work will take fifteen years to complete. The plans and estimates have been made by M. Stoecklin, chief engineer of the Pas de Calais, and the cost is estimated at 17,000,000 francs (£680,000).

MR. GEO. T. WHITNECK, who continues the oil and paint business of Blakslee & Whitneck, in St. John, has been in trouble. An investigation into his affairs is now being made, and if his capital is not too much impaired, it is probable he will be permitted to continue business.

Two furniture establishments in St. John, N.B., those of E. H. S. Flood and C. E. Burnham are pleading for an extension of time from their creditors, most of whom reside in the United States.

D. G. OLIVER, retail dry goods dealer in Lindsay, has been attached. This gentleman was considered somewhat expensive in his style of living, and not having any capital of his own should not have been able to get into business.

STILL another of the Montreal hotels has succumbed to the hard times, the well-known Montreal House, which has closed its doors, and the furniture of which has been sold by auction. This makes the third hotel failure since the great boat race.

A RESPECTABLE tailor on Yorge Street, Mr. Fred Gaudin, who begun business there in 1873, with a capital of \$500 has been attached. In January last, he claimed a surplus of about \$3,- 000. He always did his occupation justice in his display of fine clothing and his habits were considered somewhat expensive for his means.

THE clerks of the Bank of France have been forbidden to wear the mustache. This hardship has not been confined to them, however, for that appendage has frequently been the subject of legislation. In February, 1792, soldiers of the Empire were forbidden to wax their moustaches or wear them in sharp points, and in June the wearing of the moustache was limited to the grenadiers.

THE N. W. Trans. Co.'s steamer "Ontario' lately brought from Lake Superior 45 barrels of silver ore and 3,500 barrels of flour. The " Quebec," of the same line reached Sarnia last week with ten cases of fresh fish from Cockburn Island and 79 barrels ore from Silver Islet, valued at \$100,000, and said to be the product of ten days work at the mine.

THE "Dominion Bank Note Company" seeks incorporation, to engrave bank notes, and do a general lithographing and printing business in Ottawa, capital to be \$100,000, in 20,000 shares of \$50 each. The applicants are Hon. John Hamilton, George Drummond, Samuel Dawson, Richard White, and Levi Ruggles Church, of Montreal, which gentlemen are the provisional directors of the company.

PERHAPS no branch of the retail trade in St. John is in so unsatisfactory a condition as the boot and shoe business. Previous to the great fire, nine shops were considered sufficient for the demand; now there are thirty establishments competing for what little trade is being done, and it is not surprising that there should be some failures in this line. The latest of them is that of Messrs. McDonald & Campbell, whose liabilities are \$13,000, and the somewhat novel part of the business is that there are no assets.

THE only stationery establishment that escaped the fire in the capital of New Brunswick in 1877, was that of Mr. E. C. Jones, who had a splendid opportunity to make money, but it appears did not succeed. He has now been forced into bankruptcy by the Toronto firm of Campbell & Sons. Having but a small stock, the heavy expenses he incurred has eaten up his profits. A statement of assets has not yet appeared, but it is believed that the estate will make a fair showing. Liabilities \$10,000.

On account of over-production, the manufacturers of fine writing-paper, in council at Springfield, Mass., have decided to stop work for a time, provided 85 per cent., of the makers throughout the country will do likewise. They intend to take 2,000 tons of paper out of the market. This is a supplementary step to that taken by the same association when they met in congress some months ago.

MESSRS. WM. BOAK & SON, fish and commission merchants in Halifax, who have been in difficulties for some time, have been attached. At a meeting of creditors held in January, 1877, the firm got an extension of time. At that time their assets were valued at \$80,000, with liabil-

conducted with much prudence, and although their estate has a fair appearance it is doubtful whether the creditors will be able to realize more than about 30 per cent. of their claims.

A LARGE dry goods failure in the States is that of Messrs. Dodd, Brown & Co., of St. Louis, the third largest house in the country, outside of New York city. Enterprising, wellconducted, and until recently prosperous, fit was considered a safe concern, and its paper was "gilt-edged " at the banks. The causes of failure have not been clearly given, but shrinkage of assets had much to do with it. One New York dry goods house are creditors for \$100,000, and the total liabilities are not far short of a million and a half.

THE stock of the Western Union Telegraph Company went up to par on the 26th ult., a price it had not reached for years previously. The company is said to have been for some time buying in stock with its surplus funds, until it has \$17,000,000 in hand to divide among the fortunate shareholders. It is now proposed to give one share to every three held in the Company-a liberal bonus, to be sure.

THE London Division Grange, at their meeting on Saturday evening last, discussed, we are told, the advisability of petitioning the Local Legislature to abolish market fees. Here is wisdom ! Had they not better also discuss the propriety of doing away with hotel charges for stabling their horses, with wharfage and storage on their grain, as they aim to do away with commissions of all kinds on their produce? The grangers around Hamilton once made a pretty row because they had to pay market fees in that city, and got an opinion from some legal luminary of the order to the effect that any granger paying market fees once needed not pay them any more for ever. Well, let the brilliant originator of the idea draw up his little memorial and present it : that will not cost much.

FROM a four page extra of the Chatham Planet devoted to a description of the commercial and industrial interests of that town and the adjacent villages of Ridgetown, Morpeth, Dresden, Wallaceburg and Blenheim, we gather that while the lumber trade of Chatham has declined, her grain trade has increased, until 400,-000 bushels are now computed to be this year's export of wheat from that market, besides barley, peas and beans. Taking the past three fiscal years, ending 30th June, the duties paid at Chatham were: On imports for 1876 the collections were \$23,675.10; on imports for 1877 the collections were \$23,475; on imports for 1878 the collections were \$25,173.22. The exports for like periods were: 1875-6, \$403,124; 1876-7, \$274,252, and for 1877-8, by quarters:

Total for the year\$303.619 A BANK robbery, which for boldness, secrecy, and the amount of property stolen, surpasses anything of the sort accomplished of late, was that of the Manhattan Savings Bank in New ities of \$60,000. Their business had not been York on Sunday last. Between six and nine

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o'clock that morning masked burglars entered the bank building, corner of Broadway and Bleeker street, and handcuffing the janitor, made him under threats of death, reveal the combination of the safe and deliver up the kevs of the bank. The officers of the bank admit the janitor possessed the combination to the vault; it was given him in order that he might give depositors their valuables in the early morning, take out books and made ready for business. The bank officers state that securities were stolen to the amount of \$2,757,700, of which \$2,506,700 were registered in the name of the institution, and are not negotiable; \$168,-000 are made payable to it, \$73,000 are in coupon bonds, and \$11,000 are in cash. The bank has, it is claimed, a surplus of \$400,000, and will continue business; but declines to make any payments without two month's notice.

THE amount of assessable property and income in Belleville is put down at \$3,760,556, and the value of church, school or permanent property exempted from taxation is \$428,940, or about 8½ per cent of the whole. The population is 10,-000, and the ratepayers number 2,140.

THE conflicting land claims commission for the county of Selkirk, Manitoba, commenced its sittings on the 14th October.

E. BURNHAM & Co., of Digby, N.S., general dealers, are asking an extension of six, twelve and eighteen months, without security. Assets placed at \$53,000, liabilities \$29,000.

A. D. HUNTER, general storekeeper, now at Norwood, was previously in business in two other places. Although he never was considered worthy of much credit, he managed, like many others, to get a supply of goods, and has now assigned.

MR. WILLIAM BEATTIE, agent for English manufacturers, and well known by many of our dry goods importers, some of whom he had assisted through bad years of trade in this country, died in Manchester, England, on Monday, the 14th inst. This will be sad news to some friends in Canada.

THE New York Council of political reform contends that the Brooklyn Bridge is "neither useful, practical nor safe," and that the \$10,-000,000 which has been taken from the pockets of tax-payers to erect it to its present stage is practically lost.

THE new St. John, New Brunswick, rebuilt since the fire, is, says the *Iron Age*, both for the beauty and solidity of its structures, a finer city than the old. There are now erected or in course of erection 352 stone, brick and brick-cased buildings of an aggregate value of \$3,456,200, and 350 wooden buildings valued at \$739,332, making a total of 888 buildings of all kinds, with a value of \$5,195,532. New buildings worth \$100,000 have also been erected outside the burnt district.

Messrs. Copp Bros., of Hamilton, caused a writ of attachment to be issued against the firm of Wilson, Gilmour & Co., stove dealers in St. John, N.B. Neither partners understood that business so well as they did making men's clothing and supplying the ship owners with

groceries. Mr. Gilmour, it is stated, invested \$15,000 in this business, and the firm is now in bankruptcy with \$34,000 to pay. It may succeed in raising half that amount.

QUITE a heavy failure is reported in that of Mr. Patrick Rooney, wholesale dealer in woollen goods, Montreal, against whom an attachment has been issued by an English creditor. Some two years ago Mr. Rooney obtained an extension of time, which he worked through successfully. But of late his assets had seemed to dwindle away, no small share of them going, we believe, into the hands of his wife under Quebec law. He had been the holder of a good deal of real estate too, which is not now so desirable an asset. He owes in all some \$160,000. It is at least doubtful if the statements, circulated through the press, about the insolvent being involved through the Toronto firm of N. & F. Rooney, now in liquidation, are well founded.

SPECULATION in real estate, which swept over Ontario in 1854 to 1857, and was perhaps most active in Toronto, seemed to take an equally firm hold in Montreal in 1870-75. We have heard much of the successful purchases of land in that city or its suburbs, but there was many an acre bought of which few heard, but which has remained a dead weight upon, if it did not ruin the buyer. One of the principal causes of the embarrassment of Messrs. Adolphe Roy & Co., of Montreal, long-established importers of dry goods, was the investment of their senior during the " prosperous times," together with seven or eight other gentlemen, in plots of land in Hochelaga, at "the Back River," and elsewhere in the suburbs of that city, amounting to several hundred acres. Before this could be realised upon, land went down thirty to fifty per cent.. and the property became a burden to carry. Mr. Roy was a holder of bank, and other stocks outside of his firm, and we understand that a second writ has been issued against him individually, with the object of keeping the landed and personal estates separate. Another source of loss to him was the failure of the Pierreville Steam Mill Company, in which he was a large stockholder. The dry goods business of the firm is said to be in tolerably good shape, its assets being adequate to its obligations. There are at least four banks interested in the different estates-the Merchants, which is said to be well secured, the Hochelaga, Peuple, and Jacques Cartier.

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THE Chipper ship from New York on the 22nd, for Sydney, N. S. W., takes out three locomotives, built by the Baldwin Locomotive Company, Paterson, N.J., to the order of the Colonial Government. That road sent last year on trial a locomotive, complete, the running of which by the New South Wales authorities induced the order for three more like it. Not a bad bit of enterprise. THE MONETARY TIMES AND TRADE REVIEW—INSURANCE CHRONICLE.



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THE NEW FISHERY EMBROGLIO.

The government of the United States is making extreme demands, in the matter of their fishery rights on the shores of Canada and Newfoundland, under the Treaty of Washington. These claims are put forward by Mr. Evarts in a communication to the American Minister at London, in reply to one from Lord Salisbury. The correspondence arose out of the following incident. On the 6th of January last, some American fishing vessels were fishing with seines, and barring fish, on the coast of Newfoundland. In doing so, it is alleged by Lord Salisbury that they violated the laws of Newfoundland in three particulars : by fishing in the close season, which extends from the 20th October to the 25th April; by fishing on Sunday; and by barring fish. These fishermen were disturbed in this pursuit by the fishermen of Newfoundland; a proceeding which, whatever the provocation, was neither executive nor judicial, and one which it would be difficult to defend.

The American government refuses to be bound by the local laws of Newfoundland, and is inclined to claim the right to fish in season and out of season, and in any way, legal or illegal. It will acknowledge no authority as competent to decide how the fishery is to be carried on, but a joint convention appointed by the two governments. This is certainly an extraordinary claim, when we consider that the jurisdiction in the coast waters of a nation is as complete as that over the land.

Objections were formerly taken by the American government, under a previous treaty, to certain proceedings of the colonial governments, on the alleged ground of their illegality; but no claim of this nature has ever before been made by that government. The year after the convention of 1818, the British passed "an Act to enable his Majesty to make regulations with respect to the taking and curing of fish on certain parts of the coasts of Newfoundland,

Labrador, and his Majesty's other possessions in North America." In 1836, Nova Scotia passed an Act having the same object in view. This shows the practice under the previous treaty. Mr. Evarts does not point out that there is anything in the treaty of Washington to authorize a departure, in this respect, from the established practice. His present claim is nothing less than a right to ruin our fisheries, by disregarding all those precautions which it has been necessary to take for their preservation.

Still we can hardly imagine a serious quarrel arising between two first class powers over such a question. If the American fisherman's conscience is not bound by the Sunday law, he might be allowed to take his own course in that respect. The mode in which the violators of the local laws of Newfoundland were dealt with is certainly regrettable, and there ought to be no difficulty in saying so. The exercise of a little common sense and forbearance, on both sides, ought to be sufficient to provide a means out of the difficulty.

THE CITY OF GLASGOW BANK FAILURE.

Since we dwelt upon the causes and the probable results of the stoppage of this large banking institution, now several weeks ago, news has come of the arrest of the directors, and their commitment to prison upon the charges of falsehood, fraud and criminal mismanagement, falsification of the returns made to the Government of the gold held by the bank against notes issued. The legal issue was limited to £72.921, but at the suspension of the concern the note circulation was $f_{.868,403}$, and the coin amounted to only $f_{,321,763}$, but the deficiency was made to appear less by illegally including coin lying at the bank's branches. Notice of an assessment of $f_{2,-}$ 800 per share was given on the 25th ult. by the liquidators of the Bank; one instalment payable December 22nd, and another on February 24th, which must exhaust the means of the small holders, and will leave a heavy sum to be made up by the few wealthy ones. A summary of the shareholders given in an Edinburgh paper is as under : Average

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37 Solicitors and legal professions	28,366	 766
99 Merchants	92.350	 932]
24 Medical men	25,220	1,050
24 Manufacturers, bleachers, coal-	,	 -,
masters, &c.	40.678	 1.679
4 Shipowners and shipbuilders	9.100	2.275
10 Papermakers	66,017	6,602

These aggregate say £870,000, and in addition, the Bank held, according to the Economist, £153,536 of its own shares, instead of the "four and a half millions" mentioned in late cable despatches. From the classes of people described in the above list, it may well be inferred what distress and ruin will be occasioned to most of the thirteen or fourteen hundred people scattered over Great Britain. Widows, spinsters, and tradesmen, to the number of over four hundred, held from one share to one and a half each, upon an average; and the number of merchants and manufacturers was much smaller, as may be seen, than that of the professional and non-mercantile classes. A number of minor firms had to suspend payment early last month, and the heavier failures since, with connections abroad, have produced something very like a panic in the English share market. Money abruptly hardened when, a fortnight ago, a million of sovereigns were withdrawn from the Bank of England and despatched to Scotland and Ireland.

Among the houses who are embarrassed by the City of Glasgow Bank's stoppage are the following, with the amounts appended for which they are indebted to the back:

Smith, Fleming & &o., India merchants Heugh, Balfour & Co., shipping, Man-	£3,000,000
chester James Morton & Co, New Zealand and	2,000,000
Australian trade, Land and Wool	2,800.000
John James Wright, East India trade	500,000
William Scott, his partner	150,000
*Lowis Potter, Chairman, Member of a	
shipping firm	1,500,000
*Wm. Taylor, Grain Merchant	500,000

The two first named, and Morton's firm, have failed since, also Wright, whose liabilities reach a million pounds.

The names marked with a star are those of directors of the bank. Among the other directors were Mr. Stewart, an Edinburgh merchant, for whom bail to the amount of £500,000 has been offered, but refused; Mr. Inglis, a landed proprietor; and Mr. Salmond, who was manager of the same bank in 1857, when it stopped. Beyond the fact that some Glasgow corn merchants, who had been connected with the bank, found difficulty in retiring corn bills, the feeling early in October was that it would affect the corn market, only in a general duliness, and perhaps slight decline caused by the fear of further complications being revealed.

The pregnant fact that the bank had been insolvent for years, before it stopped, has been officially disclosed. All that time, the directors were paying high dividends,

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and the stock was at a heavy premium. be improved; but security which consists As far back as June, 1873, there was a deficit of £973,000. The fact was covered up by false entries. At a later date, $f_{4,-}$ 250,000 of known losses were put on the balance sheet as good assets. As late as June 1878, the directors beguiled the public with the pretence that the whole capital of £1,000,000 was intact, and that the reserve amounted to £450,000. The dividend was put up from eleven to twelve per cent. Some of the directors were distinguished tor an ostentatious display of superior sanctity. "What," said the Rev. Mr. Robinson, at a shareholders' meeting, " deepens the discredit is that they trod the streets of the city arrayed in the garments of righteousness, making long prayers while desolating widows' houses, erecting churches while wrecking homes." One of them is said to have professed such a repect for the sanctity of the Sabbath that he would not read a Monday's paper, because part of the work on it had necessarily been done on a Sunday; so he cheated the devil by picking up the news second hand in conversation. Unfortunately the hypocrite's mask served the purpose intended.

No strunger proof could be offered that sppearances cannot always be trusted than that which these discreditable disclosures present. It remains to be seen whether this catastrophe will lead to a change of system that will afford some more absolute security. The only security the creditors of the bank have lies in unlimited recourse against the shareholders. Thus we see that, in Scotland, unlimited liability can be made a reality, though it might be difficult to enforce it elsewhere. The double liability of the Bank of Upper Canada went for nothing. The case can however hardly be considered a test one. The government was the principal loser; if the same amount of liability had existed towards private individuals, no doubt an attempt would have been made to enforce it; and in that case, the deficiency would have had to be made up by a few.

SECURITIES IN BANKING.

After an experience of several years, the conviction must now force itself on the most unwilling minds that the American system of banking, from being the worst in the world, has become the one which affords the largest measure of absolute security. But there are no signs to indicate its possible adoption on the other side of the Atlantic. Vested interests would fight hard against such a change. The security of the Bank of England is

largely of recourse against shareholders. though it may be good, is not the best.

An efficient inspection would have prevented the frauds so long perpetrated with impunity by the Glasgow broken bank; but there is little reason to hope that this calamity will lead to the establishing of an efficent government inspection of banks, in the United Kingdom. The London Economist calls attention to the column, "liabilities of directors," in the monthly statement of Canadian banks, and recommends the making of such an exhibit compulsory, in Britain.

The directors of the city of Glasgow Bank held but small amounts of stock, and such as are worth anything will be compelled to contribute very little towards making up the losses of which they were the cause. Though different views prevail as to the desirability of bank directors holding considerable amounts of stock, the experience of this failure does not favor that the idea that it is best that they hold only small quantities. That is the view which the Bank of England acts upon. These Glasgow directors did not need to own large amounts of stock to enable them and their friends to borrow far more than the whole of the bank's capital.

The frauds which from time to time are perpetrated by managers of joint stock companies would destroy all confidence in these organizations, if, as a rule, they were not honestly conducted. The presence of fraud is only the exception that marks the rule. People are not going to lose confidence in banks, as a rule, because one highly discreditable failure has taken place. At present, there is growing up, in the United States, a very bitter feeling against banks and bankers, a feeling that is utterly devoid of reason. It probably has its source in the communistic ideas that are floating about. It is difficult to believe that anything so causeless can long continue to exist.

A NEW PRINCIPLE OF ASSESSMENT

The proposal to charge all street improvements in Toronto, to a frontage tax, involves the adoption of a new principle of assessment; and it is, therefore, desirable to see what it has to recommend it, what objections lie against it, and how it would be likely to work. As the streets are public highways, in which there can be no individual property, it would be difficult to show why they should be improved by means of a frontage tax. The one thing in favor of such a tax is that owners of

taxes, when they are directly benefitted by the expenditure. While these improvements are made at the general cost, more eagerness will be shown by property owners to get them. As a mode of assessment, it would hardly be possible to make the local rate operate equitably. Let us consider the effect of such a rate on two kinds of property. There is property in Toronto not worth over ten dollars a foot frontage, and there is property that would bring a thousand dollars. On the cheapest land, the local assessment, for all purposes, might reach two dollars and a half a foot frontage, or twenty-five per cent. of the value ; but on the dearest land it could not bear any such proportion. As an equal tax, therefore, the local rate can hardly be recommended.

Still, if it be practically impossible to get on without such a tax, necessity must rule. But if, under the circumstances, the fact that this tax would bear unequally on different kinds of property, should not be pressed too far against its adoption, it may fairly be urged as a reason why an attempt should be made to prevent the introduction of the principle being made an occasion of aggravating the inequality. Hitherto the greater part of this class of improvements has been done at the general charge of the city. The fact that such improvements are in existence already in some parts of the city, is no reason why the property benefitted by them should not be charged with their cost; because if the principle is good for one street it is good for another for the present as well as the future. If there be any reason why the whole of the cost should not be so charged, let a part of it be. The amount need not all be collected in one year; it might be extended over two, or three, or even five. If the local assessment, in these cases, were made not to exceed half the cost, the fund so raised might be used to level up in streets yet to be improved; one-half of these new improvements being paid out of this source, and the other half being assessed against the property. As there must be about a thousand acres in the north-west part of the city-say west of St. George Streetwhich is still in the condition of farm land, several years must elapse before all this land can be built upon; and for that reason five years would not be too long to spread the assessment for past improvements over. The money would come in quite as fast as it would be wanted. And this source of revenue would serve in lieu of the half million that Alderman Turner once proposed to raise by loan for future local improvements. Besides, half unexceptionable and could not well property would the more willingly pay a million is an arbitrary figure, and

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would almost certainly prove insufficient. If the local improvement fund, derived from past improvements, proved to be more than was needed, the balance might go towards the construction of the great projected sewer on the front of the city.

It is due to the owners of property on unimproved streets, actual or future, that all should get a fair start in the introduction of the proposed new mode of assessment.

BUSINESS IN ST. JOHN, N. B.

That the business of St. John should be at the present time in a not very satisfactory condition is scarcely to be wondered at. A combination of influences has been at work to affect the trade of that city. First among them must be considered the destructive fire of June, 1877, whereby from fifteen to twenty millions of capital were swept out of existence, and the whole current of the city's commerce brought to a temporary stop. Misfortune to individuals could not but come of such a general disaster, and many of the manufacturers and merchants found themselves crippled, some of them ruined. In order to relieve the suffering and destitution, contributions poured into the city, and insurance to the amount of over seven millions of dollars was speedily available to set the business machine once more agoing.

Of the \$8,000,000 thus obtained, it has been estimated that nearly three millions were applied to the payment or compromise of debts contracted before the fire took place; some more was devoted to restocking; but a very large portion of the money not then expended is now represented by magnificent piles of stone and brick. The visitor who has not seen the city since the fire would scarcely recognize St. John, so much more handsome and solid is it than before. It was well, when rebuilding, to do so carefully and thoroughly, with especial regard to the dangers from the fire fiend, whose visit was so recent and terrible. At the same time it is questionable whether their owners can get, because people in the present state of business cannot afford to give, an adequate return for the money invested. Every one likes to see handsome public buildings and beautiful churches, but it is possible by the premature erection, or the needless costliness of these, to expend more than can be at present afforded, and to mortgage the future heavily for the present and succeeding generation.

In view of the loss of capital, and the expenditure needful to repair the waste, many is assisting to bear down a great industry."

firms were forced to depend largely upon the banks for assistance. This, although granted for a time, could not be expected to continue.

Another feature which must be taken into account is the competition occasioned by the greater number of shops opened during the past year, resulting in a marked diminution of profit and in some cases its effacement. In the boot and shoe trade we are told of thirty shops which now divide the trade, which before the fire was done by ten.

The activity in building, which is so marked, in the general anxiety to take advantage of cheap labor and material, and which gave such a stimulus to the demand for groceries, breadstuffs and clothing, has naturally fallen off, and the coming winter does not afford such promise to artisans.

Again, the price of deals, the great staple of New Brunswick, is lower, as we stated recently, than it has been for years, and the lumber and timber trade of that ϕ rovince, like that of the remainder of the Dominion and of other countries, is unprofitable and stagnant. Freights are at a low point; and the shipping interest, important as it is to the province whose principal emblem upon the Dominion shield is that of a ship, is suffering the world over.

The foregoing are among the principal considerations which tend to make the business of St. John unsatisfactory. To overcome them, and to place the trade of the city upon a prosperous footing, will need the best thought of her able merchants and the frugal management of her citizens.

A feature which is in one sense encouraging, though in another of less immediate advantage, is a marked diminution in the quantity of lumber cut in New Brunswick this season. Probably not more than onethird the usual number of trees will be felled during the coming winter. Statements about the reduction of the cut of lumber have been so often made and contradicted by the facts that this may not be readily believed. We have good authority for it nevertheless. A Miramichi paper makes the suggestion with regard to that trade that the cost of placing logs in the local market shall be lessened : "The Stumpage Tax ought to be reduced to a minimum, for that, with the expense of long drives and boomage tells heavily against the business, and especially so against operators of moderate means. The North Shore trade is specially harassed by the Stumpage impost, and there is good reason to ask for the consideration of the L Provincial Government in a matter which

THE BANK OF TORONTO DIVIDEND .----Following the example of the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of Toronto at its board meeting, Wednesday, resolved upon a reduction of its dividend. The stockholders may rest assured that in adopting this policy the directors were influenced by the same principles that in past years led to the high position which the bank holds among the financial institutions of the country. It is doubtless annoying to find dividends growing less and stocks decreasing in value; but an almost universal commercial depression such as we are passing through necessarily affects securities of every kind. We scarcely anticipated in our remarks last week on diminished earnings and losses that this bank would make a further reduction in its dividend, but in view of the state of the country, and probably of a further drain on the earnings of the bank through accumulated bad and doubtful debts, we are not surprised at the result. The fact of two leading banks having resolved upon so courageous a policy at such a time as this, should carry with it a lesson to the commercial world. The merchant should buy with the utmost caution, farmers should not wait for speculative prices before moving their grain; factory and railway enterprises should be gone about with a due regard to probabilities, and bankers so lend out their capital that the risk of its being locked up is reduced to a minimum.

FIRES AND INSURANCE.

The fire tables of the New York *Chronicle* gives the following figures, as representing the fires during September last:

		Canada.
Am't of property destroyed	\$4,203,900	\$354 900
Losses to Insurance Co's	2,281,100	160,700
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of fires in both countries was 92, ignustication September 1877, which goes to show that the destruction by each fire, as well as the insurances were smaller last month. The specials burned in Canada during September, numbered 41, which included five saw-mills, 8 country stores, four furniture factories, three livery stables, two drug stores, two liquor stores and

two carriage factories. For the nine months ending with September last, the value of property destroyed in Canada was:

was.	1878. \$4,596,600	1877. \$27,358,400	1876. \$7,475,690
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amount destroyed in the month of June that year, in which were included those by the St. John fire, which in round numbers were \$20,-000,000, there remains as the losses for that year, \$5,443,300, from which the figures for this year thus far show a decline.

THE FINANCIAL EXAMPLE OF FRANCE.

We condense from the American Bankers' Magazine a translation of an article by Victor Bonnet, which appeared in the Rcvue des Deux Mondes, showing why the immense issue of irredeemable paper in France, during the Franco-German war, was not attended by any depreciation of that currency :

" The question is constantly asked, why it was that the great and rapid increase of paper money in France did not raise the price of gold, or cause a general inflation of prices, such as was produced by a similar increase of paper money in the United States. The reason has been substantially stated by Victor Bonnet, in his articles on the payment of the indemnity and the management of the circulation of the Bank of France. It is because the larger part of the money circulating in France before the German war, was metallic, and after the suspension of specie payments in July, 1870, the notes of the Bank of France merely took the place of gold and silver previously in circulation, without expelling those metals from the country. The precious metals were not expelled because the balance of foreign trade remained favorable to France. The creation of the large loans of 1871 and 1872, by means of which the payment of the indemnity of \$1,000,000,000 was principally accomplished, became a temporary, but only a temporary, indebtedness to the holders of those loans in foreign countries. The resources of the French people, and their confidence in the financial integrity of their Government are so great that the loans of 1871 and 1872 were no sooner made than the portions taken abroad began at once to be called back to France by a home demand for investment, until at length the whole amount is said to have been reabsorbed. These loans amounting in the aggregate to \$640,000,-000 were negotiated respectively at $82\frac{1}{2}$ and 841 per cent., and they are now quoted at about 115.

Although the balance of trade is known to have been favorable to France, and therefore caused no flow of specie from the country, such as took place in the United States during the war and for many years afterward, it might be supposed that the payment of such an enormous war fine as a thousand millions of dollars to a foreign country, would have seriously drained it of the precious metals. Such, however, was not the case. The total sum agreed by the treaty of peace to be paid to Germany was \$1,063,151,771; of this \$65,000,000 was paid by transfer of railways lying within the ceded territory of Alsace and Lorraine; \$998,000,000 therefore remained to be paid in money, or money's worth. The actual payments were

and silver; \$21,000,000 in German coin and bank notes, \$25,000,000 in notes of the Bank of France, and \$849,500,000 in bills of exchange on England, Holland, Belgium and Germany. The German money (coin and paper) had come into the country with the German army, and never formed any part of the specie properly belonging to France, and hence the return of it was no loss of coin. The French specie went out gradually, as the instalments of the debt were paid, during a period of about two years (June, 1871, to September, 1873,) and it is not probable that onehalf of the whole amount paid (\$103,000,000) was ever out of France at any one time, inasmuch as the currents of trade brought it back again rapidly after each Government payment. Thirty millions of dollars were paid in three instalments, near the end of the liquidation, in the months of June, July and August, 1873. It was borrowed of the Bank of France, and all of it was repaid by February, 1874. Besides the indemnity paid by the nation, the city of Paris was condemned also to pay a ransom of \$40,000,000 of which \$10,000,000 were paid in specie borrowed of the Bank of France.

"There was at no time during the payment of the indemnity any great diminution of the large s:ock of specie habitually held in France. Out of a metallic stock, variously estimated at from \$750,000,000 to \$1,200,000,000, the temporary loss of \$50,000,000, or even \$100,000,000, would produce no effect whatever on the gold premium, nor on prices. The highest point which that premium ever reached was about four per cent. This was in November or December, 1871. At the end of January, 1870, the bank held 240 millions of dollars in specie, against a circulation of 294 millions; that is, all of its bank note issue except fifty-four millions of dollars, was covered by specie in its vaults. War was declared in July, 1870, and peace ratified in May, 1871, the preliminaries having been signed in February. Specie payments were suspended immediately on the outbreak of the war. The metallic reserve was somewhat greater in July than in January, but the amount of notes uncovered probably remained about the same. The minimum of specie held by the bank was reached on the 23rd of February, 1871, three days before the prelimin. aries of peace were signed, when it amounted to only \$79,750,000. The circulation at the same date is not given, but it was probably not far from \$400,000,000. At the end of December, 1870, it was \$345,000,000. Four laws were passed limiting the amount of the circulation under a suspension of specie payments, there being no limit under the French law so long as the notes were redeemed in coin. The law of August 12, 1870, fixed the limit at 340,000,000 of dollars: that of August 14, 1870 (only two days later), at \$480,000,000; that of December 29. 1871, at \$560,000,000; and that of July 15. 1872, at \$640,000,000. The maximum of the circulation was reached October 31, 1873, viz., \$614,382,400. The specie at that date was about \$160,000,000. On the 24th of January,

and the specie risen to \$271,000,000. On the 27th of January, 1876, it was \$500,000,000, and the specie \$340,000,000. January 25, 1877, it was \$532,000,000, and the specie \$420,000,000. January 31, 1878, the date of the last report, it was \$502,000,000, and the specie \$395,000,000. In June, 1877, however, the specie was \$60,-000,000 greater, and the circulation about \$25,-000,000 less than in January, 1878, so that the paper money of France was then very nearly covered by gold and silver in bank. Specie payments were formally resumed on the 1st of January last, though for several years past, it has always been possible to procure specie at the Bank of Ffance without paying any premium. During the year, 1877, in the face of a circulation averaging 2,400,000,000 francs, the Bank distributed to the public more than 1,000,000,-000 francs in gold and silver; so that the resumption of specie payments was accomplished long before the period fixed by law, Dec. 31, 1878

" Since the resumption of specie payments the circulation has declined about \$40,000,000, and the specie in bank increased by about the same amount. The latest statement (Aug 22.) shows the notes outstanding to be \$460,000,000, and the specie \$437,000,000. The Bank of England, at the same date, had a circulation of \$139,000,-000, and coin and bullion of only \$109,000,(00. Each bank is very strong in specie reserves in proportion to its circulation, but the Bank of France holds four times as much specie as the Bank of England, and has a circulation somewhat over three times as great,-having a monopoly of the circulation, while the Bank of England has not, and all the banks of issue in Great Britain (including the Bank of England) have together a circulation of \$222,500,000, about half that of the Bank of France.

" If the foregoing facts and figures are carefully considered, there will be no difficulty in understanding why specie did not rise to a premium in France in the face of a doubling of the bank-note circulation. The notes of the Bank of France-the only paper money of the country when specie payments were suspended in July, 1870-probably did not exceed a quarter of the stock of the precious metals held in that country, and the \$614,000,000 touched in October, 1873, did not probably exceed five-eighths of it."

INSURANCE NOTES.

FIRES AND INCENDIARIES .- Out of twentytwo fires occurring in Canada within the past ten days, ten are put down in the telegrams as "incendiary." A Western paper states that the losses by fire during the past three months in the townships of Windsor and Sandwich have reached over \$50,000, and with one or two important exceptions all these are put down to incendiarism. We do not agree however in the conclusion, although incendiaries are unhappily too numerous. Neither of these, nor of any other made as follows: \$102,500,000 in French gold 1875, the circulation had fallen to \$528,000,000, made, we believe, with truth. We constantly

see the announcement made, when no ready means presented itself of explaining the origin of the fire that it was " undoubtedly incendiary." Our farmers and rural residents are not all fools, even if they were all dishonest. And even if we considered them all capable of setting fire to their barns, we should doubt if they were guilty of the folly of burning up stables, barns, implements, autumn crop, and sometimes snimals, for the sake of a small and inadequate insurance. No: the cause of burnings is not incendiarism in nearly so many cases as we have been told by the country press. Carelessness, neglect of common precautions and ignorance of natural laws are to blame for many. The article on "Burning Buildings," which we reproduce elsewhere, shows how many causes of fire must be guarded against. Doubtless not a few of our fires on farms have taken place from these or coguate causes. As to lightning fires, we have in numerous articles told our readers, of precautions to avert these, and the Insurance Advocate has spoken many timely words upon fire-traps, and the recklessness shown in these matters in too many of our factories and mills. An American paper says that the frequent mysterious burning of hay stacks and farmers' buildings has led to the discovery that they are set on fire by wasps' nests, which are ignited by spontaneous combustion, through the chemical action of the wax in contact with the paper-like substance of which the nest is composed, a small access of oxygen being sufficient to make it burst forth in a blaze.

LOOK OUT FOR SAWDUST .- It is a dangerous article to strew on floors, or to keep in any quantity in combustible places. When impregnated with oil or grease, sawdust is prone to spontaneous combustion. English papers report a case where sawdust had fallen from time to time through a crevice in the floor, accumulating in a heap between the beams; that it absorbed some spilled oil, burst into a flame and nearly destroyed the building.

THE INCENDIARY PIN .- A young lady of Chicopee, Mass., met with a very curious accident the other day, while out walking in the hot sun. She wore a pin in the shape of a globe, that lay in just such a position as to concentrate the sun's rays upon her clothing. The result was the burning of a hole two or three inches across in her dress, the first intimation she had that anything was out of the way being her lace collar dropping off.

The St. Johns News says there is much dissatisfaction in Waterloo at the contemplated removal from that place to Magog of the office of the Eastern Townships Fire Insurance Company.

Ashburnham has purchased a hand engine reel and a roo feet hose from the town of St. Catharines, and possesses besides, a HollyRotary pump, made by Hamilton of Peterboro.

The danger of spontaneous combustion of bituminous coal is illustrated by the fact that no less than four per cent of all the coal laden vessels that have left English ports during the last five years for destinations south of the Equator have been lost by ignition of their cargoes.

The new cargo insurance rates went into effect on the 17th inst., as follows: Montreal, 1.20; Lake Ontario ports, 80c.; Ogdensburg, 90c.; Buffalo, 60c. Ten per cent. off for "A" vessels.

N.S., resigned some months ago, and it is complained that there is no organized body to take charge of the apparatus should a disasterous fire bread out.

TIMELY HINTS.—The heating apparatus of every building, whether used for dwelling or for business purposes, should by thoroughly examined and put in complete repair. Metal corrodes during the summer, and flues become chocked. Hence, from the neglect of precaution, cold weather is ushered in by fire alarms, and the report of casualties ranges from slight up to serious conflagrations. Now is the time for the housekeeper's tour of inspection over the premises. A month hence, you might as well call "spirits from the vasty deep" as invoke the stove dealer and the plumber.—Scientific American.

-The Agricultural Insurance Co., of Watertown, New York, has made its deposits of \$100,000 in Ottawa, preparatory to resuming business in Canada. The business it is stated will be confined to the province of Ontario until the result of the negotiations for acquiring the outstanding business of the defunct Canada Agricultural Insurance Co., are known.

HALIFAX TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE .--- The first term of the institution bearing the above name began last month, and will continue till December 20th ; the remaining terms-there will be three in the institute's year-will extend from the second Wednesday in January to the last Friday in March next, and from the third Wednesday in April to the last Friday in June. During the first term it is intended that classes shall be taught as follows: In mathematics, by Mr. A. McKay, Principal of Dartmouth Schools; in Physics, by Dr. J. J. Mackenzie; in Mechanical Engineering, by Mr. Vossnack; in Drawing by Mr. Forshaw Day; in Modern Languages by Prof. Liechti ; in English, by Prof. DeMille; in Industrial Chemistry, by Dr. Bayne and Mr. R. G. Fraser ; in Zoology. by Dr. Somers; in Mining, probably by Mr. R. G. Rutherford; in Assaying, by Dr. Edwin Gilpin; in Architecture, by Mr. A. Dewar; in Civil Engineering, by Mr. E. H. Keating. In Mathematics, Physics, Modern Languages, English, Industrial Chemistry, Zoology and Assaying, classes will be held in Dalhousie College. The teacher of Mechanical Drawing and Engineering, has just returned from a visit to the various Technological Schools in the United States, during which he has collected an interesting series of models, apparatus and designs for use in teaching. This move in the direction of scientific education is of importance to Nova Scotia. In a country so rich in minerals as she, too much attention cannot well be given to subjects such as physics, chemistry, and assaying. In the near future there must be a demand for skilled labour and technically instructed brains to assist in the development of her mineral wealth. It is well, therefore, to have men of the present generation taught subjects, for education in which we have hitherto had to depend largely upon other countries, or else to employ engineers and mineralogists educated abroad.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF PRINCE EDWARD The Axe and Ladder Company of Dartmouth, Island. —At a meeting of the shareholders, Angus, and A. T. Patterson, committee.

held in Charlottetown on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., it was unanimously agreed that the directors pay into the funds of the bank the sum of \$40,000 cash, and that the shareholders, including the directors, pay \$10 on each share, making in all \$85,000. It is expected that this amount will be nearly all paid in before the 20th inst., on which day a general meeting of the shareholders will take place, and it is hoped by the friends of the bank that it will then be in a position to resume business the following day. The directors, in undertaking to restore \$40,000 of the lost capital, are paying a heavy penalty for their mismanagement, and considering all the circumstances it is probably the best course they could adopt in their own interest, and it is an act of justice to the creditors of the bank. It is much to be regretted that they did not in some way or other effect a settlement with their principal creditor, for the longer the negotiations continue the more difficult the task becomes, and assets continue to decrease in about the same ratio. Should the bank be able to resume payment this month the shareholders will require to exercise a good deal of patience in repairing its losses. The bulk of the autumn trade will be over for this season; and in consequence of the competition that has existed the margin of profits on the island, as well as other places, has been reduced to 2 narrow margin. It will take a considerable time to restore the bank to its former position. With reference to this matter we wish it to be understood that the Merchants' Bank referred to in our article of two weeks ago was the Merchants Ba: k of Prince Edward Island and not the Merchants Bank of Canada, as some may have thought. It is a pity that in the Dominion of Canada there are three banks bearing the same name, viz., the two above referred to, and the Merchants Bank of Halifax.

-The managers of the Scottish banks met in Edinburgh on the 11th ult., and decided to take over the accounts of such depositors in the failed bank as were not shareholders in or debtors to it. Demand deposit receipts will be granted to those who had £200 deposited, for half their amounts, and those who had larger sums will get deposit receipts payable twelve months hence. The note circulation of the bank was about £600,000, and these have, since the failure, been taken with readiness by the other banks in Scotland, although the position of notcholders is not in any way different from that of the other creditors.

-At a meeting of the Manufacturers' and Industrial Association of Montreal, held in that city a week ago, the following gentlemen were elected office bearers : E. K. Greene, president ; Alex. Buntin, vice-president ; H. Lyman, treasurer; J. Livingston, secretary; Messrs. John Rankin, Geo. Stephen, A. W. Ogilvie, Henry Bulmer, Jas. Rose, A. F. Gault, G. Boivin, I. H. R. Molson, H. Shorey, D. Morrice, Wm. --Much interest has teen taken by Montreal merchants in a case where a tea merchant of that city, Mr. Henry Beattie, was fined, by the police magistrate, \$100 for having, as was alleged, refused samples of tea to an Inland Revenue officer, under the Adulteration of Food Act of 1875. Mr. Beattie, who refused to sell a pound to the applicant, showed that he had however not refused samples absolutely, but desired to be shown the authority of the officer and some witness to the transaction. Upon the presentation of the facts before a jury last week at the Court of Queen's Bench, a verdict of "not guilty" was returned, and the decision of the magistrate thereupon reversed.

-The Scottish Commercial Insurance Company desire it to be understood that the failure of the City of Glasgow Bank does not affect that company in any way, it having no interest in that concern, either as depositor, stockholder or creditor.

-The gross earnings of a group of twenty-six principal railroads in the United States and Canada, including the Illinois Central, the Wabash, the Central Pacific, Kansas Pacific, Chicago and North Westerv, Grand Trunk and Great Western roads, were for the nine months, ending with September, \$79,263,283, against \$73.430,264 for the like period of 1877. The earnings of twenty roads, *i.e.*, excluding from the above group the Grand Trunk and Great Western, the Wabash and Scioto Valley, the Dubuque and Sioux city, were as follows, in the period mentioned of the past four years :--

1875	 \$59.326,640
1876	 62,142,006
1877	 59,757,813
1878	 65,050,414

Showing that the gross earnings of the present year are larger than those of any one of the three years preceding. The Grand Trunk receives less this year than last in the proportion of \$6,470.833 to \$6,711,784, and the Great Western more, viz., \$3,310,518 against in 1877 \$3,119,045.

-The Consolidated Bank of Canada has declared its semi-annual dividend at the rate of three per cent.

-The lumber merchants of the Ottawa district are preparing to commence operations, and a large quota of men have already been despatched to the shanties.

-Intelligence received from the vicinity of Gaspe and Bonaventure report decided improvement in the fisheries of that district.

—The Bank of Ottawa has declared a dividend at the rate of $43\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for the current half-year.

-Mr. B. Gibson, Whitby, has received the contract for a portion of the Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway.

Correspondence.

OUR WATERWORKS.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

DEAR SIR .--- I have read with much interest your recent article entitled "The Financial Condition of Toronto," and it would appear to me that, so far at all events as your waterworks are concerned, they should be made not only self-sustaining but a source of income to your city. Here, in Hamilton, our waterworks must represent a (capital) cost of very nearly \$1,000,-000. Last year they were not only self-supporting but handed over to the city a net revenue of \$30,000 besides ! If your authorities are not too proud to learn from the "Ambitious City" a lesson or two, I am sure our worthy Mayor (who was for several years chairman of the waterworks committee and under whose economical and sensible direction the works became a paying institution) would be most happy to tell Alderman Turner "what he knows about " waterworks. In this city all property on streets where pipes are laid is taxed, but in cases of vacant lots, or houses unoccupied for a full quarter, a considerable discount is made. We are able to run our city on a taxation of eighteen mills-ten of which go to form a sinking fund to redeem our outstanding debentures and to pay interest thereon-three for school purposes and five for city purposes. Our general debentures are here quoted at $89\frac{1}{2}$ to 90, and those of the waterworks at $94\frac{1}{2}$ to 95. The city annually waterworks at $94\frac{1}{2}$ to 95. The city annually purchases thousands of dollars worth of the former and retire them, thus saving large sums of money to the ratepayers. "Come and see us! Yours, most truly,

CHARLES D. CORY. Hamilton, Oct. 26th, 1878.

BANK INSPECTION.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR,—The Economist of 12th October last, concludes some editorial remarks on the late failure of the City of Glasgow Bank by calling the attention of its readers to a point in the monthly statement to Government of our Canadian banks to which, among other noticeable things in the statement, it says "attention may be usefully drawn." The particular point referred to is the last column under the assets, marked "Directors' Liabilities." This is no doubt a high compliment to Canadians. But, Mr. Editor, before congratulating ourselves upon the completeness of our system for protecting the depositors and note-holders of our banks, we should profit, so far as possible, by the lesson which the shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank have learned, at the expense of total ruin to many of them.

The question then is: Can we do anything more than we are doing to guard against a similar disaster falling upon any of our banking institutions? I think we can, by appointing a Public Inspector of Banks, paid by Government, whose duty it shall be to inspect the books of our banking institutions from time to time, and to satisfy himself that everything which appears under the head of assets is of a tangible nature, and not so Scotch-misty as some of the assets of the City of Glasgow Bank turned out to be. The officers entrusted with this responsible position should be a trained banker; one who is well posted in his profession, and capable of penetrating all the "ways that are dark" amongst bankers, if any such exist.

This proposition will no doubt meet with many objections; some will object on the ground that the statement which our banks are office for \$3,000.

required to make at the end of each month, does away with the necessity of such an officer. I would answer that those who are posted know how easy it is for a bank to make a statement on the last day of the month, showing the amount of legal tenders on hand required by law, whilst a Public Inspector of Banks making an official visit on any of the other thirty days in the month would sometimes result in the legal tenders on hand being found much under the amount which the law requires. I am told that this is a notorious fact, in the case of some banks, the cashiers of which show more zeal than wisdom. These men would, of course, be in the front rank of the objectors. You ask how could this be done? I will show: The cashier of a bank makes his statement to Government at the end of the month, showing the full amount of legal tenders on hand as required by law; but what is to prevent his lending out half those legal tenders on the following day against stocks ? Suppose another cashier, who has not got the legal tenders to loan against stocks either at the beginning, middle or end of the month, what is to prevent him from borrowing for one day enough legal tenders to enable him to make up his monthly statement? Security can easily be found for one day; the bank's "name" or possibly bonds belonging to a customer lodged with the bank for safe keeping. There may be at the present time, more than one of our banks in this condition, and the fraud could be carried on from month to month until the fatal day comes, and come it must; but if such banks were liable at any moment to the scrutiny of a Public Inspector of Banks, I venture to think that they would not long carry on their deception.

The position of the shareholders of Canadian banks differs somewhat materially too from that of the shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank, the latter is liable to their last penny, whilst the liability of the shareholders of our banks are, limited to twice the amount of their shares. What would now be the prospects of the depositors in the City of Glasgow Bank for the recovery of their money if these two positions had been reversed ?

Yours truly,

DEPOSITOR.

October 29th, 1878.

Insurance.

FIRE FECORD.—Elmira, Oct. 25th.—A fire burned the cooper shop of Jacob Wentz. Loss \$300 to \$400, no insurance.

Markham, Oct. 21.—A fire broke out in a woodshed adjoining the Markham High School, and the school was totally destroyed. Most of the furniture and books were saved.

Perth, Oct. 26.—A fire last night consumed the barn, outbuildings and summer crop of Mr. Moodie, 9th Con. North Burgess.

Parkhil, Oct. 27.—A building owned by Simeon McLeod, and occupied by D. Forbes' tailor shop. and E. J. Phippen, photograph gallery was totally consumed. E. J. Phippens loss \$1,100, insurance \$600; Edwin Phippen, loss, \$350, insurance \$200; Forbes' loss \$300 no insurance; S. McLeod, insurance on building \$1000.

VALLEYFIELD, Que., Oct. 28.—The steam barge Albion, owned by Messrs. Muir & Bros., St. Catharines, caught fire, on Sunday morning at the head of the Beauharnois canal. Loss estimated at between three and four thousand dollars; no insurance.

Halifax, Oct. 29.—An unoccupied building at Willow Park, owned by Alex. Robinson, was burned last night; insured in the Guardian office for \$3,000. shed and contents burned. Insured in the Agricultural, of London.

Simcoe, Oct. 25.—The barn and stable owned, by P. McCoy, cab driver, destroyed by

fire; contents saved. Chesley, Oct. 25.—The saw-mill of Mr. Thos. Bearman, of Scone, was totally destroyed by fire. Loss, about \$3,000; no insurance.

St. John, Oct. 25th.-A fire broke out to-night in a barn in rear of Gough's house, Brunswick street, and destroyed the barn and outhouse.

Lindsay, Oct. 25 .- The shingle mill of John Dovey was destroyed by fire with a large quantity of shingles. Loss about \$3,000; insurance \$1,000.

Detroit, Oct. 25 .- The Detroit City Flouring Mills have been partially burned. Loss \$25,000; caused probably by spontaneous combustion.

Lakefield, Oct. 23rd.-The Mount Julien summer notel, owned by Mr. Robert Strickland, which had closed for the season, was consumed with contents. Loss \$10,000, not insured.

Port Colborne, Oct. 24.-R. L. Benner's blacksmith and carriage shops were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, about \$600; no in. surance.

Windsor, Oct. 24.- A house belonging to Mr. Chilvers, of Walkerville, was burned on Tuesday night; incendiarism suspected.

Toronto, Oct. 20.—A fire broke out in the dry goods store of Thomas Thompson & Son, over \$2,000 worth of silk and other goods being damaged by water.

Truro, 30th .- Alex. Chisholm's carriage factory, with a large quantity of stock, has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$4,000; insurance \$2,500.

Shediac, 30th.-A dwelling house. owned by D. L. Harrington, was destroyed by fire last night. Insured for \$400 in the Royal Canadian.

Bond Head, 30th.-A building owned by Mr. James Lawrence, carriage manufacturer, at Middleton, was burned, with some 20 vehicles; no insurance.

St. Thomas, 27th.-The old Roman Catholic Church, a frame building, was destroyed by fire; insured for \$600.

Sarnia, 27th.—A barn, owned by Mr. Charles, was burned to day. The rigging of two schooners stored therein was destroyed.

Prescott, 18th .- John A. MacDonald's barn was burned this morning. Damage \$200, not insured.

Esquesing, 21st .- Miss Mary Stewart's barn, occupied by Geo. Davidson, was destroyed with contents. Building insured in Canada Farmers for \$700, and loss near \$2,000. Davidson is covered to extent of \$700 on his grain and animals in Canada Farmers.

BURNING BUILDINGS.

Four barns have undoubtedly been burned in this town within a few years past as the direct result of carelessness. In one case a match, which had been lit to afford a momentary light, was thrown down in the dirt on the barn floor, where it started a slow fire, which gradually extended to a haymow. In another instance the enterprising owner shot an owl in the barn and killed him-and burned the barn. Whenever it is necessary to fire a gun about buildings, wool should be used for wadding, as it will not readily take fire from the powder. Spontaneous combustion, it is believed, caused the burning of the other two, one by the heat from a big pile of damp buckwheat chaff, and the other by hen manure under the shed, mixed with straw and other manure. In some instances buildings have barely escaped. One of our citizens was sitting in his house one evening in autumn, and hapit so hot as to nearly burn him. Seeking for the penses, the business cannot be in a healthy con- the profession suspects.-Bulletin.

Amberley, Oct. 25.-Mrs. B. Walden's barn, cause, he found it to be heat from the banking around the dwelling, which was buckwheat chaff. He did not go to bed until that banking was removed. The house would undoubtedly have burned before morning. Another man just at night loaded his waggon with the droppings of the barnyard, and then added some hen manure and ashes, and as it was late left the waggon standing until next morning. Fortunately he did not run it into any building, for the next day he found it on fire in three places. The dirt from a large grist mill was swept out of the back door and here too, a lot of shavings were thrown. One night the mill burned down and the fire started from the very place where this debris was rotting. A farmer who leaves the ben man. ure to accumulate during the summer, or lets the horse manure remain in the yard, runs the risk of having to build a new barn. Every building should be kept clear of litter, within and without, and no violence will be done to chemical laws nor to good taste.-Corr. N. Y. Tribune.

HOW HE "STOPPED THAT BOTHER."

In one of the north-western states, where the competition in Fire Insurance has been carried to an extreme, the ingenuity of a gentleman of the German persuasion was thus illustrated ; A man was building a fine house: he had got it half completed. Of course. he had been solicited a dozen times a day for weeks by parties who wanted to insure it. Our German friend arrived upon the scene one morning, and saluted the owner with-

" Pleasant day, sir."

gruffly responded the real estate " Yes," owner.

"You builds a fine house dere. my friend." "Yes," said the other a little more gruffly than before.

" Does dem insurance men bodder you much, my friend ?

"Bother me?" "they've nearly worried my life out ! '

"I shtops dot bodder," reiterated the German drawing forth a brand new house plate of the Continental Ins Co., and displaying it before the eyes of the builder; "Shust you nail dot up on the front of your house, and den all the insurance men dey tinks you was insured. I comes by here in two or three weeks, and when you gets through mit him you gives me dot plate back again.

"All right." " I'll try that.

" See here," added the builder, "you come back here in about three weeks; I want to see you again." He had evidently recovered a portion of his good humour.

"All right; I comes back, said the German.

In due time he made his appearance, and the house-owner at once told him that he wanted him to insure his property. Saying: I can compete with the ordinary insurance agent, but you are entirely too sweet for me to resist, and you shall have the job." And he got it.—Monitor.

TIMELY AND PRACTICAL.

Among the many excellent papers presented at the recent Convention of Fire Underwriters at Chicago, none, is more timely or practical than the one read by Secretary Cunningham, of the Glens Falls Insurance Company. " Is it so much a question of rates?" asks Mr. Cunning ham; and then he goes on to present the general proposition that the real question for fire companies to discuss now, is the question of expense. It is not so much a question of rates as of expense ratio. No matter how high the rates of premiums may be, so long as all that is received is absorbed by losses and ex-

dition. On the other hand, even though rates may seem absurdly low, there is such a thing as hope ahead, if only something can be saved by economy of management. Income is well enough; but living within it is the true secret of Upon this point Wilkins Micawber success. might pose as the model manager, inasmuch as he knew how to so present the relations between income and expenditure as to show whether the results would be happiness or misery.

Latter-day insurance management-especially on the part of our city companies-has tended not merely to extravagance, but to the habitual outrunning of income by expenditures. Mr. Cunningham, appends a table to his address, which covers the ground with forcible fullness. This table shows the combined experiences of all United States fire insurance companies reporting to the New York Insurance Department for the past six years. The figures show that. while the premium income has been going down by the run, there has been no corresponding diminution of the outgo ratio such as the situation called for.

We cannot do better than to let Mr. Cunningham summarise. He says

"By reference to the table, it will be seen that the item of income has been reduced almost \$12,000,000 since 1874, and this guite entirely on premium account, other income than from premium being about \$11,000,000 per annum with very little variation in any year. That is to say, while the premium receipts of the stock companies of U.S. doing business in New York were in round numbers. \$51,000.000 in 1874, they have every year since largely decreased until until they were but \$39,000,000 in 1877, and this with an addition of about \$1,-500,000 of capital stock in the business. This decline you will have no trouble in accounting for. I would say, however, that but little of it is found in the interest premiums of our foreign brethren, as some would have us believe, although it is a fact worthy of mention, that their premium receipts increased something like a million of dollars during the same time. While these few years have worked this extraordinary change on the income side of the account, how is it *per contra*? Losses have varied but little more than a million dollars per year, from a minimum of \$25,200,000 during the same time. Dividends, salaries, taxes, and miscellaneous expenses increased as a whole although as between 1876 and 1877, there was some reduction in 1877, which is a 'straw' from the right direction. In 1874, gross income ex-ceeded expenditures by over \$12,700,000, which splendid item was reduced by sudden grades in every year until it declined to 1,600,000 last Gross assets and net surplus, however, year. continued to increase until last year, when its decrease below 1876 was \$7,000,000 as to the first item, and \$2,500,000 as to the second. These figures need no comment. They tell the whole unpleasant truth."

Such is the diagnosis of the disease. And the remedy suggested is economical reform. Instead of questions about rates, the one question before the house is, "How can salvage be made in these items of expenditure?" It is enough for us to recognize the fact that economy has here found a consistent champion and the profession [a trustworthy guide out of the Slough of Despond. And we cannot help suspecting that one effect of the Glens Falls secretary's arguments will be to give the word "salvage" a new hold upon the minds of underwriters, by reason of his use of it as applicable not only to the loss account, but to the expense account throughout. There can be a profitable " salvage " made in other things besides losses; and on the making of it, or the neglect to make it, depends the prosperous continuance or the speedy demise of a good many more insurance companies than the public or

A CAUSE OF MARINE LOSSES .- In discussing the cause of marine losses, the London Review says: "First, there is the power of insurance and its secrecy. An owner cannot only cover his ship to his own sole opinion of her value, but he can, and does, often override the laws and customs that are especially enacted to prevent his losing all interest, by entering his vessel in thirds, freight (in which they pay half the amount for which the vessel is entered, even if she has neither present nor prospective profit at the time of the loss,) and protecting clubs, nay, he can put the ship into a small damage club, and thus recover the amount of percentage deducted in the ordinary policy for natural de-cay and wear and tear. These operations are undertaken with a secrecy that is scarcely conceivable to any but the initiated. Another class of shipping is covered in a more open manner; and if a sufficient amount cannot be insured without attracting suspicion, there is the ready means of covering outfit, disbursements and what not, every one of which materially increases the risk upon the legitimate insurance previously covered."

The accounts of the Imperial Fire Office for 1877, show that though the premiums were larger than before by $\pounds_{47,600}$, the excessive losses sustained in Canada absorb nearly all that remained of a truly Imperial income of £601,000. The claims amounted to $\pounds405,958$, and the expenses to $\pounds_{177,922}$, leaving a surplus on the insurance account of $f_{17,187}$ only. The dividend paid to the shareholders in the year was $£8_{4,000}$, of which £56,088 was derived from interest and profit on investments, the Rest was, therefore, drawn upon to the extent of \pounds 10,724. It will be recollected that the of \pounds 10,724. It will be recollected that the business of the previous year was unusually profitable, the amount then added to the Rest being £87,050; the check on this occasion is, therefore, entirely unimportant so far as the interest of the public is concerned. The balance-sheet shows that, in addition to the ample paid-up capital, there is a Reserve of £637,000, more than one year's income, and excellent proof of solidity in the Company. As we have said, the want of profit to the Office last year is to be attributed to the Canadian business, where the losses exceeded the premiums by over £ 100,000. The profit and loss account of this agency for the past nine years tells according to the report of the Insurance Superintendent, a sorry tale for the shareholders. In that time the premiums received amounted to $\mathcal{F}_{201,237}$, and the losses by fire £242,233, thus the Company incurred an expenditure probably not far short of \pounds 40,000, in order to return to the Canadians about 24s, for every £1 of premium A FRESH COMPETITOR FOR THE PROpaid.-Post Magazine.

Halifax, N. S., October 21st .- The steamer Venezia, from Montreal, with a full cargo, went ashore last night while entering North Sydney Harbour in fog and high winds. Part of her cargo will be saved. The vessel is supposed to be a total wreck.

THE COTTON CROP.

The October returns to the American Department of Agriculture, indicate an average condition of the cotton crop, of 90, the same as in September. The following are the State averages :

North Carolina	84-a decline of	2
South Carolina	84-an increase of	4
Georgia	85—an increase of	4
Florida	84—a decrease of	7
Alabama	91—a decline of	1
Mississippi	86-a decline of	3
Louisiana	83—unchanged	1
Texas.	103 on ingrass of	2
Arkansas	90-a dealing of	3
rennessee	102-an increase of	11

MERCAN ILE PUBLIC SPIRIT.

Governor Seymour, of New York State, in a recent address, complains of the "sad lack of interest" merchants, bankers and real estate owners manifest in public questions that directly or indirectly affect their interests. He says:

"When men in the country, and the forwarders and commission men in the city, were struggling to get tolls on our canals cut down, the classes alluded to showed no interest. The meetings called by the produce men were at-tended by few outside of those engaged in the pursuits immediately connected with the canal business. They excited less interest, and were not as fully or as generally reported as events of little comparative consequence. And yet the revival of trade and the welfare of all classes are largely due to the aid to commerce by a reduction of tolls. This lack of spirit is not shown in the other great cities of the world. It was not so in Venice or Genoa when they played such grand parts in history.

Commenting on which the N. Y. Bulletin says: We have different methods of creating public opinion and of making public opinion effectively felt from those employed in mediæval times. The merchants and bankers of our day are constantly speaking and making their influence felt through the commercial and financial press, an instrumentality wholly unknown to Genoa and Venice. Through the silent operation of that instrumentality, the "public spirit" of the modern banker and merchant is enabled to make itself felt among a far wider constituency than was possible at the merchants' meetings on the Rialto. The press, in fact, is doing for the modern merchant the work that the merchant of the middle ages had to do for himself. The all but unanimous influence of the New York journals steadily and persistently exercised in favor of low canal tolls, thus giving expression to the commercial and financial sentiment around them, was worth five hundred public meetings at the exchanges, in creating that final public opinion which the Legislature was bound to obey. The sparse attendance of bankers and merchants and real estate owners at the Produce Exchange meetings, to which the Governor alludes, had but little to do in determining the low tolls question, so long as the press-the representative of those classes-was outspoken on the subject. Had the press been silent or treated it with indifference, the imputation of a "lack of spirit" would be well founded.

DUCE TRADE.

Quite a number of produce commission merchants in some of the Western cities are much irritated over a new move by the American Express Company. That concern has issued circulars stating that it is prepared to engage in the sale of produce as well as its transportations. Agents are instructed to receive packages on consignment to the company's own office, to sell them and account for the proceeds, without charging commissions. Certain classes of articles are transported almost exclusively by express companies, notably, eggs, perishable fruits, butter, &c., and it appears that the company has concluded that for some points at least, its agents may enlarge their carrying trade by offering shippers the additional facilities of a permanent selling arrangement. The produce dealers of Chicago are taking vigorous measures in opposition to the new rivalry, one feature of which is a pledge signed by a large part of the trade, that they will no longer patronize the American Express. What the result the Canada Central Railway, and has already increase of 11 will be remains to be seen.

2:30 o'clock, Oct. 30, 1878.						
Stocks.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transact'ns in Week	Buyers.	Sellers.	
Montreal	151	1543	502	1538	154	
" xd	147	150	250	1485	150	
Ontario	75	78	455	77	781	
Consolidated	71	731	400	71	72	
Peoples		70	51	65	70	
Molsons				85	878	
Toronto		• • • • • • • • •		132	138	
Jacques Cartier		392	35	371	39	
Merchants	923	94	597	93	941	
Commerce	111	112	418	1115	1128	
Union			4		***4	
Hamilton					•••••	
Exchange	71	75	75	72	75	
Mon. Tel.	1134	118	977	117	119	
Dominion Telegranh			3//	80	834	
Riche ieu & Ont. Nav	5 8	541	224	534	54	
City Pass xd		83	25	851	348	
Gas	:145	120	445	116	1174	
R.C. Insurance			4-J	82	11/3	
Globe Print. Co				137	140	
Sterling Exchange	1081	1081		1081	108	
Gold	100	1008	••••	1001	1001	
Merchants xd	92	901	233	901	91t	
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OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

PETROLIA, Oct. 28th, 1878.

The shipments of oil are still increasing, being for the week ending Oct. 26th, Crude, 9,064 brls; Distillate, 140 brls; Refined, 575 brls. The market is firm, but business generally very flat, no new strikes to enliven the scene. Development still going on. Any speculation in oil lands here is completely out of the question, but there is some enquiry for farm lands. The market for Refined is improved and very firm at the following rates : Refined,'131c to 14c per gal., w.m.; Crude, per brl., \$2.08. New York, Oct. 27th, Refined, per gal., w.m., 10§c.

RAILWAY NOTES.

- The Railway News of London, gives a list of 205 railways of Great Britain which pay no dividend on their ordinary stock. Most of these are short lines, built for feeders, connecting lines, or mere local advantage.

DETROIT & MILWAUKEE.-The receipts of this road for the week ending October 17th, were \$24,365.12, being an increase over those for the same week last year of \$1,086.85. The total increase in earnings since January 1st is \$127,758.49. Mr. C. C. Trowbridge, receiver, vacated his position some days ago by order of Judge Reilly and the Purchasing Committee, of which J. H. Muir is secretary, took charge of the road meantime.

-The Whitby and Port Pery Railway is doing a lively business in grain, lumber, &c., &c. As many as forty loaded cars have left Port Perry in a day, while thirty per day has been its average for a week.

-Two freight trains on the Hamilton & Northwestern Railway collided last week, near Barrie. The engine driver, conductor, James Hinds, and brakeman, were seriously injured. The loss to the company is estimated at \$35,000.

-Mr. W. J. Spicer, traffic superintendent of the Grand Trunk, who is himself an abstainer, has issued his annual circular on total abstinence, congratulating the servants of the company on the success of the pledge system introduced five years ago, and urging the moderate drinkers to join the temperance society, or at least to assist and encourage the movement by not tempting those who are weaker.

-Mr. Crossen, of the Cobourg Car Works, has secured a contract for building fourteen cars for set his men at work upon them.

GRAND TRUNK HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-The ordinary half-yearly meeting of sharehold-ers of the Grand Trunk Railway, was held on the 29th ult., in London. A report of the company's business for the half year ending 30th June last, was submitted, from which we take the following figures :

Gross Receipts over the whole lines,

less £2,804 for discount on Ameri-	6 00
can currency, were	£881,003
From which deduct working expenses,	
75.73 per cent	667,253

Leaves say £213,750 available for the payment of interest on various lands and debentures; leases of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence, Montreal and Champlain, Detroit and other lines, $\pounds 108,673$; interest on 1st and 2nd equipment bonds, £27,699, and five per cent. perpetual debenture stock. $\pounds 67,156$. The gross receipts are 2.39 per cent. greater than the like half-year of 1877; the working ex-penses. 1.50 per cent. less. The passenger receipts were less by $\pounds_{3,911}$, or 1.63 per cent., though the numbers were increased by 10,389, or 1.20 per cent. as compared with 1877. The receipts from freight traffic increased £12,815, or 2.18 per cent., and the tonnage increased 103,172 tons, or 9 80 per cent. The total number of passengers carried was 876,361, as against 865,972; and the quantity of freight was 1,156,045, against 1,052,873 tons. The average receipt per passenger was 5s. 41d., against 5s. 6¹/₂d., and per ton of freight 10s. 4¹/₂d., against 11s. 2d., and the conversion of U.S. currency cost the company £11,521 less this year than last. Charges against capital account undergo a reduction by $\pounds_3 8_{3,171}$, by means of converting postal and military bonds into debenture stock. Over a million pounds of 5 per cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock have been issued during the half-year. Mr. Grosvenor Hodgkinson and Mr. Kirkman D. Hodgson, M.P., resign their seats at the board through illness. Sir James Ramsden has also resigned. Mr. William Unwin Heygate, M.P., for South Leic-stershire, a director of the Mid-land Railway, and Lord Claud J. Hamilton, M.P., Deputy-Chairman of the Great Eastern Pailure for the Great Castern Railway, have been elected directors.

Too MUCH CREDIT GIVEN .--- A letter to the Montreal Witness, signed "Storekeeper," says that the curse of Montreal is credit-that is speaking commercially " It is the bad debts on the books of retail merchants which invariably cripples them, and pulls them down at last. Look at the Savage and Lyman estate, if I remember rightly, the papers place the book debts at \$13,000. What a study and a guide to other retailers these names would be. I have just seen a list of creditors, and I find that while I flattered myself that the insolvent was my customer, and frequently put myself to much trouble to please him, he was dealing at three other stores in the same line of business. As a rule I find lawyers, Government clerks (especially the people of the Court House) and notaries the worst pay, and mechanics the best. Probably if we had a small debtors' court or some simple process by which we could inexpensively collect debts; or, what would be much better still, if storekeepers would not be such fools as to Credit people living beyond their means, the trouble would be remedied.

A NOVEL BRIDGE.—At the shops of the Prince Edward's Island Railway, a bridge is being constructed out of iron rails. It is a lattice girder, 31 feet span; the top chord is formed of three rails laid parallel; the bottom chord is formed in like manner, the lower rails being placed in an inverted position. The diagonal bracing is formed of short pieces of rails, bent at the upper and lower ends and twisted with a half-turn in the middle, so as to cause the flanges to come in conjunction with

the flanges of the top and bottom chords. The in contact with a current of highly super-heated flanges are then riveted together with § inch rivets. At each place where the braces and counters meet the chord, a half inch iron plate is introduced, which binds the three rails of the chord together. The rails used are 40 pound iron of the Sandberg pattern. The bridge is designed by Mr. G. C. Cunningham, chief engineer of the road.

A HEAVY LOAD .- On the Northern Central Railway, a consolidation locomotive recently hauled 183 empty eight-wheeled cars, one loaded car, one disabled engine and two cabooses thirty-nine miles in three hours and twentyfive minutes, including two stoppages of twentyfive minutes. The length of the train was 5,904 feet, and its weight 3,694,000 pounds. There was an opposing grade of four feet per mile, and frequent four and five degree curves. This is certainly a remarkable performance .- Chicago R. R Gazelte.

CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY.—The annual meeting of the Credit Valley Railway Company was held in this city on the 24th ult. In the absence of the President, Mr. Geo. Laidlaw, Mr. Angus Morrison occupied the chair. annual report stated that Mr. Laidlaw had concluded arrangements through Messrs. Sanders Bros., of London, for the purchase of steel rails and fastenings sufficient for the whole line from Toronto to St. Thomas, Elora and Orangeville, subject to the required bonuses and exchanges of debentures with the municipalities. He has also concluded a financial arrangement for the purchase of necessary rolling stock. A quan-tity of rails and fastenings equal to about 5,000 tons has already arrived or is on the way. Track-laying is proceeding west of the city, to-wards Streetsville. The loss of the steamship "Copia," with 1,700 tons of rails and fastenings, has delayed the reaching of Milton and Brampton, but the "Copia's" cargo has been duplicated. The section between Woodstock and Ingersoll is completed and in operation. The report was adopted and the following directorate chosen :-- Messrs. George Laidlaw, Presi-dent; C. J. Campbell, Vice-President; Robert Hay, M.P., R. W. Elliot, J. L. Morrison, Angus Morrison, John McNab, Col. Arthurs and Capt. Gardner.

THE AUSTRALIAN WORLD'S FAIR IN 1880.-We have a copy of the Illustrated Australian News, issued last June, as a special edition for the Paris Exhibition, and contains profuse illustrations of Melbourne, and other cities of Australia, with a view of the International Exhibition building for the fair of 1880. The progress which Victoria has made of late years is remarkable, and considering how well we have done at Sydney, it would be wise to bear in mind the propriety of having a good representation of Canada at Melbourne in 1880.

-" Marvellous" discoveries are stated to have been made by Mr. Salisbury, whose exhibition at the Brooklyn Navy Yard last month, promises, at the blookyn havy fatulist month, promises, (so says a recent American paper), to completely revolutionize the iron, steel and glass trades. By using petroleum for fuel, not only is coal superseded, but, at a compara-tively trifling cost, there is acquired a heating power which surpasses anything hitherto known. In the experiments, the heat registered 5,000 degrees, melted pig iron in ten minutes instead of two hours, and made liquid glass in two hours instead of sixteen. The invention con-sists of the liquid fuel "and the means of using it. The fuel is made of the residuum of petroleum and coal tar-a mixture of about the consistency of molasses. It is conducted from the barrel to the furnace by means of a small pipe. At the end of this pipe, as it extends into the door of the furnace, is a funnel-shaped apparatus. When the fuel enters this funnel, it comes farmers begin to market their produce more

steam, which atomizes the liquid, and thus admits a sufficient amount of oxygen at the point of ignition. The automized fuel then shoots in a fierce but delicate spray into the blazing furnace, the brick arches of which are kept at a white heat." We seem to have heard this before.

JUTE CULTURE IN THE SOUTH.

A factory for the manufacture of cotton bagging from jute will shortly be in operation in Charleston. Jute seed has been distributed by the Agricultural Society to about sixty planter; on the coast. Within two or three years the South will raise jute as well as spin and weave the fibre. A million acres of land in India are devoted to the cultivation of jute. One jute factory near Calcutta employs 4,500 workmene Dundee, in Scotland, has a hundred jute mills, employing 20,000 operatives. The South can grow jute as successfully as India can, and can manufacture it as profitably as Dundee can. And this will be done if the import duty on jute be allowed to stand until our American plantations and factories are fairly on their legs. To somee xtent the cultivation and manufacture of jute is an experiment.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Montreal, 29th Oct., 1878.

The weather during the week has been mild, with a good deal of rain and a little snow. There seems to be stagnation in all branches of business in the city, and yesterday one of the oldest dry goods houses, Adolphe, Roy & Co., had to succumb. There is no speculative demand in any branch of trade, and the local element is confined to as narrow limits as possible, and until financial matters take a more favorable turn we need hardly expect to see much improvement in business. There seems to be some general distrust in business circles now, which was so prominent a feature some months ago.

ASHES .- Pots .- Very few ashes have been arriving lately, prices are steady. Firsts have been selling at from \$3.80 to 3.85, seconds at \$3.30, thirds \$2.80. Pearls are not in large supply, and are somewhat dearer, current rates being \$5.25. Stocks at present in store are Pots, 1,269 brls; Pearls, 282 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- There is a lull in this trade, the Fall demand being about over, and until we have cold weather no particular activity is looked for, the only business doing is in filling some sorting up orders. Prices remain much as last quoted.

CATTLE .- The number of cattle arriving has been fair, but mostly on European account, those offered for home consumption having been comparatively few, but the demand has been light, and the prices realized have hardly met the views of drovers, 3c per lb. being the outside quotation. Hogs were in moderate supply, and sales reported averaged from \$4.25 to 4.50.

DRY GOODS.—We cannot report any improve-ment in this branch of business. Continued mild weathier tells against the demand for heavy goods, which is partly occasioned, no doubt, by the low price of grain making dealers in the country more inclined to hold back from the market, and until freely we cannot look for much improvement. here, and prices have if anything favored the Remittances are slow in coming to hand.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- The downward ten dency in this business noticed last week continues, the demand, however, has improved a little, and sales are reported within our range of quotations. We quote: Bi Carb Soda \$2.95 to \$3 00 per 112 lb keg, Soda Ash, \$1.371 to 1.40 per 100 lbs, Cudbear, 10 to 18c per lb.; Arrow root, II to 15c per lb.; Borax, 10 to 11c per lb.; Cream Tartar Crystals, 25c¹/₂ to 26c¹/₂ per lb; do Ground, 29 to 30; Caustic Soda, 2.45 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs. East India Senna, 12 to 13c per. lb.; Sugar of Lead, 11 to 12c per lb.; Bleaching Powder, \$1.25 to \$1.371 per 100 lbs.; Madder, 71 Powder, \$1.25 to \$1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ per 100 lbs.; Madder, $7\frac{1}{2}$ to gc per, lb.; Alum, \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; Copperas, I to oc per lb.; Sulphur, 3c per lb.; Brimstone 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. Epsom Salts, \$1.75 per 100 lbs.; Sal Soda, go to \$1.00 per 100 lbs.; Saltpetre \$8.00 to 8.25 per 112 lb. keg, Blue Vitriol 5 to 6c.

FISH.—The demand is light for all kinds of fish. The Herring catch is only about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the average. We quote Dry Cod, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Green Cod, \$3.00 to \$3.50; Labrador Herrings, \$5.00 to \$5.25; Salmon, 10.00, 9.00 and \$8.00, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

FURS .- The mild weather prevents skins from coming in, our late quotations although nominal are what would be paid here for prime skins. Prime Mink \$2.00; Muskrat 10C., ditto kitts 5c; Marten, \$1.25; Otter \$7.00; Fisher \$7.00; Fox \$1.25, Lynx \$1.75: Beaver fall, \$1.00 to 1.50; prime large Bear \$8.00.

FREIGHTS.-The demand for ocean tonnage has been moderately good, and rates for heavy maintained at 5/- to 5/6, and by iron clippers at 4/6 to 5/. The rate for orders for all U.K. is 6/- 6/6. grain by steamers to Liverpool, has been well

FOUR.—Receipts during the past week have been 31,886 brls. Total receipts from 1st Janu ary to date 759,619 brls, showing an increase of 118,895 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1877. Shipments during the week, 35.251 brls.; total shipments from 1st January to date, 577,534 brls, being an increase of 36,537 brls. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1877. The firmness noted at the close of the market this day week has been well maintained, and during the week, although sales have not been very large, there was a stronger feeling and prices were the turn in favor of holders. To-day the market was moderately active and closed firm at our quotamoderately active and closed firm at our quota-tarions. We quote Superior Extra $\$4.32\frac{1}{2}$ to 4.40; Extra, $\$4.17\frac{1}{2}$ to \$4.20; Fancy \$4.05 to 4.10 nominal; Spring Extra \$4.00to $4.02\frac{1}{2}$; Superfine, \$3.65 to \$3.75; Strong Baker's Flour\$4.20 to \$4.45; Fine, \$3.05to \$3.10; Middlings, \$2.85 to \$2.90; Pollards, \$2.90; Dutadio Rade \$2.00 to \$2.90\$2.50 to \$2.70; Ontario Bags, \$1.90 to 1.95; Oatmeal \$4.00 to 0.00; Cornmeal, kiln dried \$2.35. to 0.00.

GRAIN .-- Wheat .-- Receipts during the past week were 240,265 bushels. Total receipts from 1st January to date, 6,552,505 bushels, being an increase of 623,007 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1877. Shipments during the week 197,051 bush; total shipments from 1st January to date, 5,832,251 bush; showing an increase of 1,555,663 bush on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1877. The shipments of wheat are now beginning to fall off, there has not been much doing in our local market. Some Red Winter Wheat was sold at 95c; the market closing firmer at 97c; Spring Wheat by the carload is worth about 86c; Maize is firm and sold at 45c; Peas, 75c, ex. Can.; Oats are easier, sales at 28c; Barley, 75c to 85c.

GROCERIES.-Teas.-There is no speculative demand just now for Tea, but the market for the local supply has been moderately active. The

buyers; from low to choice grades from 24c to 50c is paid for old crop teas. Some little has been done in Blacks at from 26c to 65c, according to grade. Coffee .-- The movement in this article is very slow, and beyond a few jobbing sales nothing is reported; Java, 27c to 29c; Maracaibo, 20c to 23c; Singapore 21c to 22c; Mocha, 29c to 32c; Rio, 19c to 20c. Sugar .--The market is decidedly easier, and sugar can be bought at lower rates than last week. Stocks held here are not in excess, but the demand has been very light notwithstanding the present low prices of sugar. Scotch refined is selling from 7 to 81c according to brightness; our inside quotation for an inferior quality. American grabulated 92 to 92c; Dry crushed 92 to 10c; Raw sugars are not in much demand, nominal price 71 to 73c. Molasses-Some considerable sales of Barbadoes are said to have taken place within our range of quotations, viz., $37\frac{1}{2}$ to $42\frac{1}{2}$; stocks are light. Syrups are in good demand, and prices are if anything in buyers' favor; we quote amberi42 to 44c. Rice has not been much asked for this week, and prices have been the turn easier, say from \$4.20 to 4.45; some sales of an inferior article have been made a shade under our inside quotation. Spices- The demand for spices has been very quiet, buyers operating only for immediate wants. There is very little change in prices in this market. We quote Black Pepper $8\frac{7}{5}$ to $9\frac{3}{5}$ c; White Pepper 18 to 19c; Cassia, 14 to 17c; Cloves, 38 to 40c; Jamaica Ginger, 19 to 22c; Pimento, 13¹/₂ to 14c; Nutmegs, 60 to 85c; Mace, 75 to 90c. Fruit.-New crop fruits are arriving pretty freelv. and large sales of Valencia raisins have been made at $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{3}{4}c$; holders now asking $4\frac{3}{4}$ to $5\frac{1}{4}c$ New Layers \$1.65 to \$1.80; Loose Muscatels \$1.90 to \$2.00; Sultanas, new crop $4\frac{7}{5}$ to $5\frac{1}{5}$ c; new crop 8c. Currants 51 to 6c; for new crop, old crop 3 to 5½c, Tarragona Almonds 14½ to 16c. Filberts, 6½ to 8c. Walnuts, 6½ to 12c. HIDES AND PELTS.—There is nothing new to report in the market. Butchers hides are readi-

ly bought up at our quotations of \$7.50; \$6.50; and \$5.50; for Nos. 1 2 and 3. Sheepskins are steady at 60 to 75c; but an advance may be expected next week.

HARDWARE .--- Business has been anything but active during the past week, and now that the season is so far advanced merchants do not look more activity this season. Canada plates have been selling in retail lots but without any profit, the demand for other heavy goods being very meagre. Prices remain the same as previously quoted.

LEATHER .- Business continues fair for good Spanish Sole, for which prices are firmly maintained. Slaughter Sole is very quiet, at prices scarcely remunerative to the tanner. Curried Stock is moderately dealt in, and sales are in small lots only. We repeat the quotations of last week: Hemlock Spanish sole, No. 1; B. A. 23 to 24c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 19 to 21c; Zanzibar, ordinary No. 1. 20 to 21c; Zanzıbar, orainaiy No. I. 20 to 21c; ditto No. 2, 17 to 19c; Buffalo Sole No. 1, 19 to 20c; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; Hemlock slaughter, No. I. 24 to 26c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 30 to 36c; ditto, heavy, 28 to 34c; Grained, 32 to 36c; Splits. large, 22 to 29c; ditto, small, 20 to 25c; Calfskins, 27 to 5 the source for ditto, 24 to 26 the source for 36 lbs., 50 to 65c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 45 to 621c; Sheepskin linings, 20 to 32¹C; Harness, 20 to 30c; Buffed cow, 12 to 15C; Enamelled cow, 15 to 18C; Patent Cow 16 to 17C; Pebbled cow 12 to 15c; Rough 20 to 24c.

OILS .- Petrolium .- We have no change to OILS.—*Petrotium.*—vvc nave no change to note in prices, which remain firm, with a good consumptive demand. Car lots 17c.; part cars, 17½c.; single barrels, 18 to 18½c., per wine gal. Linseed oil raw 59 to 60c; ditto boiled 63 to 631c. Fish oils are in light demand, Cod Oil has been moved to a small extent at 40c for firmnes in the Japan market is beginning to tell Halifax and 43¹/₂ to 45° for Newfoundland. have been in good demand for prime, from \$12

Seal Pale 421 45c ; ditto Straw 35 to 371c ; ditto Steam Refined 47 to 50c; Olive Oil 971c to \$1.10; Palm Oil 8 to 81c per lb.

week, 6,744 pkgs. ; shipments, 7,467 pkgs. Really fine Butter is somewhat scarce in the market, but would command full prices. Townships Butter, 14 to 16c : good Western is sold in lots at 8c. Cheese-Receipts 13,400 boxes; shipments, 14,580 boxes. The market is dull and stocks are heavy, holders being disposed to press sales, and for September and October make not more than 8 to 81/2c would be paid. Lard is selling at 9 to 91c. Pork-Receipts 155 brls; shipments, 92 bls.; market quiet; new Mess is worth 12.00 to \$12.50. Smoked Hams, 12 to 121c.

SALT .- There is a good demand just now for salt, and the market is firm, there have been large sales of Coarse at 6oc ; holders now asking 62 to 65c ; Factory filled, \$1.00 to 1.15. Wool.—The sales have fallen off somewhat

during the week, any transactions in Canada pulled have been within the range of 22 to 24c; but this quotation may be considered nominal.

TOFONTO MARKETS

Toronto, Oct. 30, 1878.

There is no activity to note in any of the several branches of trade in this market during the past week. For several reasons, not the least of which is the bad roads in the country. dry goods, groceries and provisions have all been quiet, but more especially the first named line. The same cause has rendered farmers' receipts of grain small, and the wholesale produce trade has been rather dull; prices have not declined to any quotable extent, but the tone of the market is weaker, and buyers and sellers are apart. Shipments, however, seem to have been large, and accordingly stocks in store show a slight decrease. The cattle export trade continues good at firm prices.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Sorting up orders for winter goods have been coming forward freely during the week. The demand has been principally for pegged and strong work, though there has been some enquiry within the last three days for rubber goods. One of the factories here is now running only three fourths time. Remittances are reported to be very fair.

COAL AND WOOD .- Trade in coal has been active during the week, with prices decidedly firm yet generally unchanged. We hear of stove coal having been advanced by some dealers to \$5.00. Stocks are large, and expected to be fully equal to the demand here during the winter. Wood is higher, no hardwood being obtainable, is is said below \$5.50; pine is worth \$4.50. Egg coal is worth \$4.75; Nut, \$4.50; Blossburgh \$5.00; and Lehigh \$6.00 to \$6.50.

CATTLE, ETC .--- The market during the week has been fairly active, at firm prices for all exportable animals. Of cattle the receipts were about 5,000 head of better bred animals than usual, and therefore a better selection was made. The yards were cleared of all the best grades by noon every day, some 2,000 head having been shipped. Prices paid were : for choice, \$4.50 to \$4.75; first-class, for local use, \$4.00; second, \$3.00 to \$3.50; and third, \$2.00 to \$2.50. Sheep have been in good request at good paying rates to farmers. About 6,500 sheep and lambs have arrived, and prices ranged from \$6.00 to \$7.00 for first-class sheep; \$4.00 to \$5.00 for second; and \$2.50 to \$3.50 for third. And for lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.00 for firsts; \$2.50 to \$3.00 for seconds; and \$2.00 to \$2.25 for thirds. Calves

for seconds; and \$3 to \$4 for thirds. There have been a good many hogs offering and about 1,200 head were exported during the week; prices ranged from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt., live weight.

DRY GOODS .- Business in this branch has been very quiet during the week. Sales here have been comparatively few, and orders from travellers are uniformly small, accompanied by bad reports. People in the country have as yet bought very sparingly of woollens and wholesale dealers are waiting anxiously for the first cold "spell." Stocks in many parts of the country remain untouched, owing to the impassable state of the roads, which, together with the low prices for grain, renders it also very difficult to make collections. Fancy goods have met with a fair demand, but dress goods are quiet. For heavy tweeds there is a fair demand, but prices are unsettled owing to large job lots having been thrown on the market by Canadian manufacturers at reduced prices. In some cases figures have been cut so low as not to pay for the handling of the goods. One leading dealer reports : " It is a quesion of not One how much profit, but how much loss." In some barley districts where good prices are obtained, business is reported better than here.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Business in this line is moderate, and remittances are more numerous but small in amounts. Quinine is quoted rather lower here at \$3.50, but advices from London indicate another upward turn for this article. Sulphate of Cinchonidia, an American article largely used in place of Quinine, is not procurable at present, all in stock having been bought up for the South. Logwood is dearer, and the price of Extract of Logwood, as a matter of course, follows.

FLOUR.-Stocks in store, 3,650 bbls., against 4,250 bbls. last week, and 2,911 bbls. on like date last year. The market has ruled inactive, with easier prices though there are no important changes to note. Superior extra has been quiet at about \$4.00 f. o. c.; extra, steady, with sales last week at equal to \$3.85 here, and yes-terday at \$3.85 on track. Fancy remained nominal, with none offering. Spring extra has continued quiet, with one sale reported at \$3.70 f. o. c. To-day one lot of extra was sold at equal to \$3.85 here, and other lots were nominal; but spring extra would not likely have brought over \$3.65, for there were no buyers apparently.

GRAIN .- Wheat, fall-Stocks in store, 64,702 bush. against 67, 102 bush. last week, and 40,507 bush. on like date last year. The wheat market has remained quiet at rather weak prices. Last week a car of No. 1 fall was sold at 92c, and a car of No. 2 fall at 88c f. o. c., with other sales on p. t. On Tuesday there was an active enquiry, and several sales were effected at 88c for No. 2, and 75c for No. 3 fall, and 65c for rejected fall wheat; street prices, 80 to 92c. Wheat, Spring .- Stocks in store 67,403 bushels against 57,107 bush. last week, and 158,359 bush on like date last year. Sales of spring wheat were made yesterday at 85c. for No. 1; 83c for No. 2; and 73c for No. 3; all f.o.c. The market was quiet but steady to-day; three cars of No. 2 at 83c f.o.c. constitute the only sale reported. Street prices 70 to 85c. Oats .- Stocks in store 15,240 bush, against 15,240 bush last week, and 21,081 bush on like date last year. There has been nothing quotable reported all week in this grain. American of good quality have been held at 28c without finding buyers, but noCanadian hasbeen offered. Street price 30 to 32 Barley.-Stocks in store 244,662 bush, against 254,185 bush last week, and 221,120 bush on like date last year. The amount of business done during the week has been small, and prices seem to have been rather weak No. 1 sold towards

\$14 each having been paid for firsts; \$6 to \$7 | then at 85c f.o.c., but yesterday sales were made | buyer arrived here to day, and another from the at 85c f.o.c. and 831c on track. Extra No. 3 has ruled steady, with sales at 76c on track, and at 75c f.o.c., and also on track. No. 3 has been weak, with sales yesterday at 62c. The market closes quiet, the only sale reported to day being that of a car of extra No. 3 at 75c on track; No. 2 was held at 87c. Street prices, 6oc to \$1.00. Peas.-Stocks in store, 8,828 bush, against 8,554 bush last week, and 23,356 bush on like date last year. No sales of lots have been made on the spot, and the feeling has been easier. No. 2 has been offered at 65c without bids; and a lot of uninspected lying at a point east was sold at 6oc f.o.c. Street prices lower, at 6oc to 63c.

GROCERIES .- Trade has generally been quiet since our last reference, and remittances fair, though not as good as desired. Fruit has been steady, with a fair business done in Valencia raisins; round lots have sold at $4\frac{7}{8}$ to 5c, and for retailers' parcels 5½c is charged. To-day there were sales of 1,500 boxes at 41c. ex-warehouse Montreal; 500 boxes at 43c, and 500 boxes at 41c. The first large shipment of Malaga fruit arrived in the market to day. Prices are scarcely settled yet, but they will be high at about \$2.00 to 2.50 for layers and London layers respectively, to retailers. Currants have been selling in lots at 41 to 6c. for new, and 3 to 31 for old, according to quality. Fish has been quiet; supplies have increased, and new Labrador herrings are worth \$6.00 per bbl. We note sales to day of 100 cases Lobsters at \$1.321 cash; 50 cases Salmon, eastern, at \$1.621 cash, and 250 boxes boneless fish at 2³/₄c. in Boston. Rice steady and firm; a fair business has been done with retailers at last week's quotations. Syrups.—A few sales of job lots have been made at 40c up to 52c, as to quality, but the season is not yet fairly opened, and the plentiful supply, together with the low price of butter, tends to limit the demand. Sugars are the turn easier ; prices are a shade lower in England, but it is thought this will be counteracted by the rise in freights which usually takes place at this season. The demand from jobbers is light, and sales have been generally small to retailers. Teas have been steady at unaltered quotations, except for the finer grades, which are reported higher in England. There has been a fair business in lines on English account, but not much doing on the spot. 120 chests of Young Hyson, firsts, were sold here to-day at 53c; Japans have been more active, with sales of lines of Common at 30 to 32c, and fair at 39c; a line of Common Black at 20c; and lines in Montreal at 46c to 48c. Tobaccos and Liquors have been steady and unaltered, with a very light movement in job lots.

HARDWARE.-Business has been fair, under the average demand for general hardware at this season. One or two houses have been kept busy filling orders received from the Lake Superior districts. Remittances better, but not vet satisfactory.

HIDES AND SKINS. The market for hides is unchanged. The demand from local tanners continues good, and the supply is still barely sufficient for present wants. Sales of cured have been made at 71c for No. 2 and 8c for No. I, while some choice lots brought 81c. Sheepskins have been offering freely, and all sold at 70c. An advance will probably take place on the 1st prox. Dry skins bring 50 to 65c. Tal-low remains quiet at unchanged prices.

LUMBER.-Business in the local market has been pretty flat, and the shipping trade has not been active during the past fortnight. Shipments to American ports include 5 or 6 cargoes of mixed lumber, and during the past week the demand for small cargoes from St. Catharines and Welland Canal has been rather brisk. The Georgian Bay trade has been reported good, but vessel accommodation is very scarce. The the close of last week at \$1.03 f.o.c.; No. 2 sold shipping season is nearly over. An Oswego H. L. HIME.

west this evening. Prices remain unchanged.

OILS .- Petroleum .- Business is reported active, and prices are firm at a slight advance. Quotations for car lots are nominal, but they sell for 14c. at London.

PROVISIONS .- Business during the week has consisted chiefly in filling jobbing orders from country dealers; remittances fair. Butter con-tinues very quiet; offerings from the country have been more plentiful, but dealers report large proportions of inferior quality, which shippers will not touch. The city trade has been supplied principally by farmers receipts. No change in prices. Bacon has been steadily enquired for, and tons and cases have been sold at last week's quotations. Stocks are pretty well reduced. Cheese has been in moderate demand from the retail trade, at unchanged prices; small lots of fine are firm at 9 to $9\frac{1}{2}$; but inferior is lower, and buyers and sellers are apart at the factories. Dried Apples - The season for new lots has scarcely opened; there is no demand from outside points and prices are unsettled. From 4 to 41c has been paid to country store keepers, and old are worth $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c. Eggs are higher, worth 16 to 18c for lots of fresh. Hams have been quiet and steady at former prices. Sweet pickled are worth 111 to 12c smoked; no new ones in the market. Lard has been moving off steadily in small lots at $8\frac{1}{2}$ to gc for tinnets; g to get for pails, and 8c for tierces. A sale of 60 tierces at 8c was reported to day Mess Pork rules nominal, and weak in sympathy with the west; sales of small lots reported at \$11.50 to 11.75; dressed on the street worth \$5.00 to 5.50. Hops-The only sale reported was that of a ton and a half at 7c, but they are generally held at 8c to 10c, without buyers. Salt is in fair request; 300 bags Liverpool coarse sold yesterday at 75c, and small lots have brought 80 to 85c.

WOOL.-The market has been dull, and prices are weak, though unchanged. One lot of 3, oo lbs. and several smaller lots of fleece have sold at 23c. Pulled super has offered freeiy, but sold slowly; one lot of lambs' wool was taken at 21 c. Dealers have sold some lots of pulled to manufacturers at 23 to 24c, according to quality. Advices from Boston re-port a better demand.

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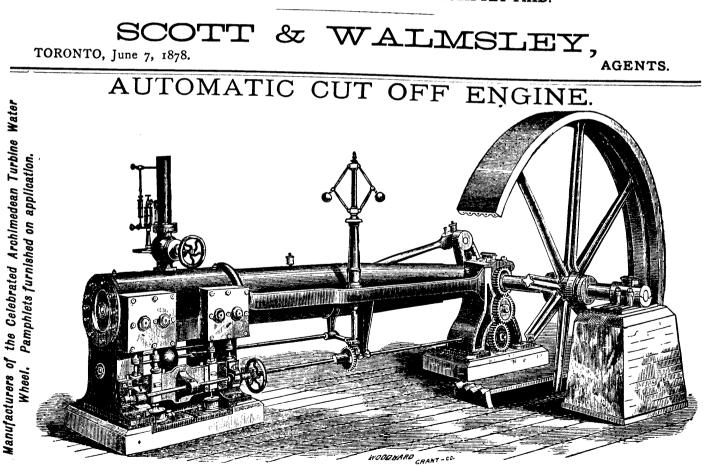
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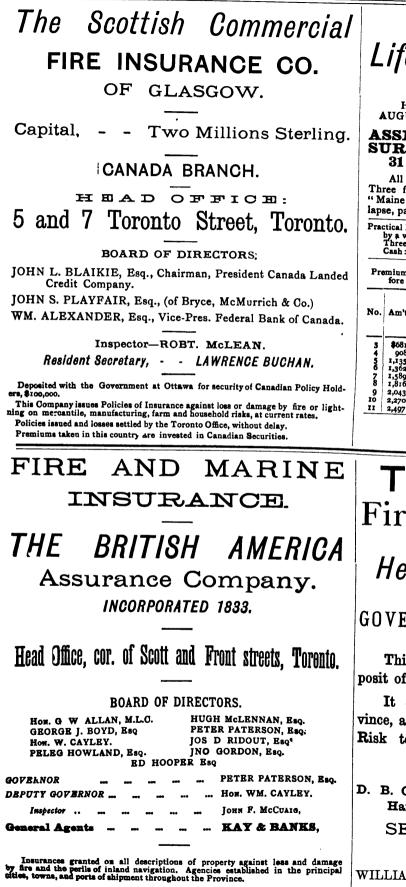
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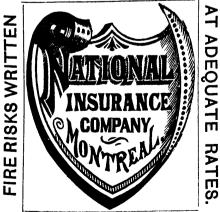
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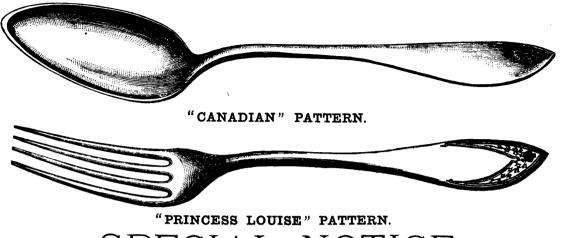
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