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Mercantile Summary.

THE Survey of the Whitehaven Railway in Cape Breton is to be proceeded with in October next, and the work begun in 1878. So writes the Secretary from New York.

A PUBLIC meeting was called by the firewardens o. Amherst, N. S., last week, to consider the subject of better fire protection. A committee was appointed to report as to obtaining a supply of water from the neighbouring hills.

AT the Coldbrook Rolling Mills is exhibited, say the St. John papers, the Wickersham nail machine, a new invention by which nails are made at the rate of from two thousand to three thousand per minute, according to the size of the machine and the speed attained.

The firm of D. Morgan & Sons., tailors and clothers, Quebec and Ottawa, who obtained twelve months extenson last June, have apparently been unable to meet there paper, and have been attached. They owe forty five thousand; their assets are, nominally, much more, but will shrink heavily.

THE recelpts from Inland Revenue at Halifax for August, 1877, were: From tobacco, \$8,349; spirits, 4,550; other sources, \$1,043; total, \$13,942. The corresponding figures for the same month last year were \$8,655, \$3,905, and \$969; total, \$13,529. An increase is thus shown this year of \$413, while the return from bill stamps is \$304, or thirty per cent. less. Halifax customs receipts for August last were: From duties, \$82,952; signal tax and other sources, \$615; total, \$83,567. Same month last year: From duties, \$75,215; other sources, \$575; total, \$75,790. The increase for August, 1877, is therefore \$7,577.

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MESSRS. R. DUNN & Co., dry goods merchants of Montreal, are offering their creditors a composition amounting to 37½c.in the dollar, of which thirty-five cents will be secured. The offer awaits acceptance by English creditors.

THE deaths among the Catholic population of Montreal for the past year numbered 3,288. Among the causes of death were: Inflammation of the lungs, 203; fever, 85; bronchitis, 100; infantile cholera, 203; consumption, 174; diph. theria, 158; small-pox, 408; 661 deaths were from infantile debility.

THE city council of St. John have declined to guarantee the loan which the Trust & Mortgage Association propose to make in order to assist in rebuilding the city. The probability is that it will now be refused by the Provincial Legislature.

THE Canadian Engine and Machinery works at Kingston are at work on locomotives for the Intercolonial Railway. An order for three engines received on Saturday prevented the works from being closed.

THE Oxford Woodenware Manufacturing Co's. premises at Oxford, Cumberland Co., N.S., were burned a week ago. There was no insurance upon the premises or stock. By such shortsighted policy and false economy the shareholders have lost most of the money they had invested in the business; and this enterprizing place has to lament the destruction of an industry, that gave employment to some of its active population and helped to make up its claim to the name of a manufacturing village.

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MR. T. W. Dennis, of Perth, haberdasher, who is one of the sufferers by the failure of Young, McNaughton & Co., Montreal, finds he is unable to pull through; he has placed his affairs in the hands of an assignee and will likely give up business. He owes about \$1,200, with assets of say \$1,000.

MESSRS. Jeffrey, Moodie & Co. of Kingston. a dry goods firm of somewhat less than a year's existence, have been compelled to assign owing to the failure of Robt. Dunn & Co., Montreal. Messrs. Dunn had purchased the stock of Greenfield & Co., and resold it to this firm taking short notes in payment. The liabilities as far as ascertained will reach perhaps \$20,000, and assets not far short. General creditors will not get more than fifty per cent, likely less than this amount.

Such alarming rumours have been floating for some time past regarding the prevalence of typhoid fever, etc., in Quebec city, that the Government has been soliciting information from the different clergymen of that city with a view to postpone, if necessary, the Provincial Exhibition. This caution is most commendable, but the reports in circulation are greatly exaggerated. We are assured on very good authority that the city is generally healthy, and that no necessity exists for such action.

A HEAVY failure has occurred this week in that of J. G. Kennedy & Co., the wholesale and The Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto.

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retail clothiers, of Montreal, whose name has been kept prominently before that city for some years. Mr. Kennedy was at one time of the firm Kennedy and Jackson, and also was connected with J.A.Rafter, whose recent failure probably hastened the downfall of Mr. K. His launching out as a wholesaler has also been regarded as an unwise step. It is impossible as yet to get definite figures, as a good portion of his indebtedness is in Europe. A bank is a creditor directly and indirectly for about\$46,000. His direct liabilities amount to say \$106,000, and assets are said to be well represented.

MONTREAL is a handsome city. Her wharves of stone, her banks and warehouses, her public buildings, are justly admired. The mountain drive, Mount Royal Park are celebrated by authors. The Windsor Hotel will soon be enjoyed by tourists. But amid all that has been done of late to beautify the city, the Bonaventure railway station still remains, as it has been for close on twenty years, the antithesis of everything that is convenient or handsome. The Star styles the present structure 'hideous, unclean, uncomfortable, ramshackle, and thoroughly disreputable.' Efforts have been several times made to secure a better depot-once during the visit of a former G. T. R. President. Let us hope that the incongruity of the present building, with its surroundings, may be so impressed upon Mr. Tyler, during his present visit, as to lead to a change.

A Nova Scotia paper, the Windsor Mail, asks when people will ever learn wisdom, and cease to give their money in advance to foreign travelling agents whom they do not know. One hundred subscribers to an American paper, called the Illustrated Weekly, mourn the loss of four dollars each, having paid in advance to an

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agent; and all they got for their money is a chromo, not worth over 50 cents. Another agent for this paper victimized large sums of money out of Hants Co. about one year ago in the same way.

THE property of the International Coal Company was sold on the 30th ult., under foreclosure, at the suit of trustees for the bondholders. Mr. Day, of New York, first offered \$50,000, and after a series of bids by that gentleman and Mr. Mayor Beaudry of Montreal, the property, upon which the mortgage is over a million dollars, was secured by the latter for \$200,000.

THE lumber trade in the Ottawa Valley is improving, judging by the report of the Free Press, which says that the value of lumber exported already this year is upwards of \$727,000. The exports for the first three months of this year were more than one third greater than any year since 1873. The present quarter promises to be a good one. All this is hopeful, while buyers appear to be purchasing only to supply their immediate wants.

THEY have had an "International Exposition" at Cape Town, South Africa, so that neither France nor the United States have any longer a monopoly of the use of that phrase. Among the exhibitors there were Messrs. Edward James & Sons., the English makers of Ball Blue, Dome Black Lead &c., who received a gold medal for their products.

LEON Joubert, a small shoe dealer of St. Joseph Street, Montreal, finds that people do not wear out his wares fast enough to keep the wolf from his door, and as he can't pay his debts in full, he is offering thirty-seven cents in the dollar, spread over a year. This settlement has been granted him. He owes about \$3,500, with assets of \$900 less.

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OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

PETROLIA. Sep. 1, 1877. The Oil season may be said to have fairly opened for this year; prices have advanced a little and the market is very firm. Crude from \$1.25 to 1.35 per brl.; Refined from 11 to 13c per gallon, (wine measure); New York, Crude 71c. per gallon; Refined 14 to 14½c. per gallon, (wine measure). Developing is still going on briskly, but there are no large wells to report. The average daily product is about 1000 brls. The crude, 3513 brls., Distillate, 1574 brls.; Refined, 456 brls. Business improving. The American Monthly Review of the Petroleum trade has the following from Stowell's reporter, Aug. 20, respecting the oil trade in the States: "The number of wells drilling at the close of July is 365, or 30 less than at the close of June. The number of wells completed in July is 365, against 403 in June, which wells show an average daily production of 17 brls., being one barrel less than the new wells of June. The total number of producing wells in July is 7,567, with an average daily production of 5; but being nearly one brl. per well less than July 1876. The amount of oil produced in the month under consideror oil produced in the month under consideration was 1,189,005 bls., making a daily average of 38,355 brls., an increase over the previous month of 662 bls. per day, and 3,722 brls. per day over the corresponding month in 1876. The present outlook for production favors the belief that it will not likely be increased in the

immediate future, except some new prolific territory is found. The total stock held in the producing district on the 31st July was 3,004,-728 brls., being an increase over the previous month of 92,054 brls., and 326,000 brls. less than the same time in 1876, and 1,382,000 less than 1875. On account of the Railroad strikes in July, the shipments fell off from the previous month 294,173 brls.; the total amount shipped was 1,096,951 brls., or 35,386 brls. per day."

The Canada Mutual Building Society held its second annual meeting on 30th ult. The membership remains about the same in number as before, while a balance is shown at credit of profit and loss account of \$3,921.82.

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TORONTO, CAN., FRIDAY 7. SEPT, 1877

TARIFF INCONGRUITIES.

Mr. William Bell, a manufacturer of Organs at Guelph, in a letter to a morning journal, adduces the following facts in favor of a change of tarifi:

"The duty on American organs is 171 per cent., and the duty on raw material, which I must purchase in the United States, as it is not produced in Canada, is the same. Now you will see that the 17½ per cent. revenue protection is greatly diminished. But it is when I come to export my organs that I feel the evil effects of the present tariff most keenly, as I have to meet in the English, European, Anstralian, West Indian, or other foreign market, my American rival. who has not to pay this 17½ per cent. on the raw material. This raw material represents fully one-third the cost of the finished article; or, in other words, the American has an advantage of nearly six per cent. over me. Hence the necessity for a revision of the tariff."

If Mr. Bell be exact in his nomenclature. and if what he calls raw material is really such, he has made out a case for such an alteration of the tariff as would, in England, go by the name of Free Trade. It is an indefensible policy to tax raw material as high as the manufactures into which they enter. It is on a par with the bread tax, which was swept away with the corn laws. What Mr. Bell wants, in this particular, is free trade in raw materials; and that that demand is unreasonable no candid free trader will allege. The other demand which he puts forward is not immoderate. "We do not desire," he says, "a great rise in the tariff, 21 per cent. being the extent of our demand. I speak for myself," he adds, "but along with this we desire a thorough revision of the tariff with a view of protecting Canadian interests." A revision which should make a discrimination between raw material and the manufactures into which they enter, could not be objectionable from a free trade point of view. Huskisson commenced tariff reform, in this way, in England, and his example was followed by Peel, under the impulsion of the Anti-Corn-Law-League. The railways we are building, under the delusive pretence that they are not to add to the burthens of the country, will soon render necessary, for reasons of revenue, an additional 21 per cent. duty. But, were it otherwise, it would not be improper to shift some of the burthen borne by raw materials to manufactured goods.

While Mr. Bell asserts, and his statement has not been challenged that the 17½ revenue duty is far from being all in his favor, since that portion of it which is levied on the raw materials he uses tells against him. Messrs. Norris & Soper, of Toronto, importers of organs and pianos, allege that the goods they import are assessed exceptionally high for duty, and pay in consequence more than 171 per cent. on the cost price. The cost price is not necessarily always the true value. The Legislature has recognized the fact that a sacrifice price does not represent the true value to be assumed for the payment of duties; and when goods are purchased or entered below the cost of their production, they are to be subject to a fair valuation. If Messrs. Norris & Soper have paid duty on an amount greater than would represent the fair value, they have not been fairly dealt with; but if the law has been fairly carried out, which may be assumed till the contrary is asserted or proved, they are not exact when they assume that the 17½ per cent. duty they pay is really—the value of the goods being taken into account-equal to 23 or 24 per cent. on organs and 28 per cent. on pianos. "The invariable rule," they say, "is to value the instruments higher than the importer pays." It would be sufficient to answer, were that the fact, that American manufactures sell organs and pianos cheaper in Canada than they sell them in the United States. This is true of a great many articles of American manufacture, and the valuation for duty of pianos and organs assumes the same thing. If the assumption be not correct, the Customs Department is at fault. On the contingency of what may be the fact in this respect, depends the validity of the argument employed by Messrs. Norris & Soper.

A WORD TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS.

The difficulty of collecting past due accounts is as old as the century with our store keepers, and is a difficulty which embitters many a one's enjoyment of his business or his leisure, and helps to turn his hair gray before its time. How can it be removed? It is easy to say give no more credit to farmers or to mechanics, but that is not immediately practicable; the system of credit, so long established, cannot be changed into a cash one all at once; and besides, neither the artizan nor the farmer has at all times the cash to buy what he needs. But country merchants, whose book-debts trouble them, can at least make an effort to shorten credit to their customers, and thereby second the stand taken by some wholesale houses in the like direction.

It will be said, it has already been said, that 'it can't be done'-we do not believe that. The 12, 18, or 24 months credit obtained by country people from retail stores could be quite well reduced to half the period if a stand were taken by merchants, urged by the conviction that their own prosperity, not to say existence, depended upon it. Stop the credit of each customer whose account is unsatisfactory. If he goes elsewhere to get credit, let him go; if his business does not pay you, you are better without it. Do not be afraid to sue those who are able to pay and will not; if they take offence and go elsewhere, your best plan to coax them back to your shop is to offer them bargains in fresh stock for cash, a method which has to our knowledge proved wonderfully effectual. Make it worth the while, financially, to farmers to change the system, and the will not be long in availing themselves of the advantage.

We are favored with a letter, bearing upon this subject, from a prominent whole-sale merchant of Montreal, who apparently does not believe that any restriction of credit by wholesale dealers to their customers is possible while competition is so keen, and while banks are willing to discount six months paper with but indifferent names upon it.

"Can it be expected," he says, "that houses with ample means will make a crusade on their customers, who are really their best friends, to compel them to give shorter credit, thus driving them into the hand of weaker rivals, aided by banks which cannot find sufficient outlets for the contents of their teeming coffers? If banking facilities were more restricted, terms of credit would be much shorter. The nominal time of credit to retail storekeepers may be shortened, but that will not make them pay sooner than now, because they will renew, so long as they keep too large a

stock for the turn over in their business. Most retailers will gladly pay three times the profit represented by the usual interest, and get extended time.'

This last sentence may apply to weak traders, or those who do not know their business; but our correspondent will not seriously pretend that it is true of the large class of substantial dealers who do understand the virtue of limited stocks and prompt turn-over, and who are willing as well as able to avail themselves of the advantages of cash discounts or a saving in interest.

Retailers ought to turn over their stocks three times in the year, and can make money by so doing, and businesses in which this is not done at least twice, are sure to be rusty and unsatisfactory, if not unsafe. Many, it is true, keep a nine months supply on hand, and are therefore constantly too heavily stocked. But there is a vast change to-day in this respect, especially in the Western district of Ontario, where stocks are, in a great many cases, smaller, and purchases made at intervals of three, two, or one month instead of, as in old times, in a lump twice a year.

Wholesale merchants themselves lay in their supplies not once or twice a year as formerly, but little by little, per cable or otherwise they replenish their stocks as required. And in these recent days of shrinkage, of fluctuating values, those who cannot afford to take the chances of a hit or a miss, are wise to adopt this policy. The depreciation in values of the past two years in dry goods cannot, we think, be less than twenty, and by some is placed at thirty per cent. It commends itself, therefore, to country dealers especially, who are still able to do so, to seize upon any and every means of avoiding so serious a loss as this shrinkage implies; to reduce their stocks and amend their plans of buying if they would not suffer from the pressure of a heavy interest account, and the risk of loss from changes in markets or

The writer of the letter above quoted considers that the farmer does not care what profit he pays the merchant, so long as he gets extended time; while the mechanic is careless about what prices he is charged so long as he gets credit. Now the very reverse of this is proved by the fact of the marked success of cash stores established in places where long credit and high prices had been the rule. Cheap goods captivate the eyes and secure the dollars of either a farmer's or a mechanic's wife in scores of shops, of some of which we have personal knowledge. It is perfectly true, likewise, that money which should go In explanation of this predicament, we are

to pay the long-standing accounts of other stores finds its way into the till of the cash store. There is no good excuse for this. People should be off with the old love before they are on with the new. And if a customer goes elsewhere with his money before paying what he owes, we urge the storekeeper to sue him without mercy.

A word now as to the refusal of farmers, of which we hear every day, to accept current prices for their products, in the belief that higher figures will be had in the future. We have already condemned the impolicy of this; but an additional reason for objecting to it is, that no farmer has a right to speculate in holding his grain or his produce, while that grain or produce, or its price is already owing to the village merchant. If the farmer considers that higher prices for his wheat are likely to be obtained later in the season and is determined to take the chances, at least let him sell at once what suffices to pay his debts. He may keep the remainder to speculate with. But the farmer who, owing an acccount for nine or eighteen months, refuses say \$1.20 for his wheat to-day, deserves to be pressed for his account, and we trust he will be.

BUTTER.

Since we wrote in June last, on the above important item of Canadian wealth, the extent of the season's make of butter has ceased to be a subject of conjecture or

Our neighbors in the Province of Quebec have had better pasturage-owing to more copious rain—than we in Ontario, up to present date. The make of Eastern Townships butter is large. In the western part of Ontario the production is a full average and the quality is said to be good, while in the old butter district of Brockville it is more difficult to say how much has been made, because the farmers there seldom, if ever, sell till well into September. We gather, however, from several sources, that there has been a great lack of rain in central Canada, and the pasturage has consequently suffered.

Concerning the marketing of butter, it is pretty well understood that the first half of that process has been thoroughly done that is, the farmers in the east and the west have sold freely. But we hear of complaints by the operators, that they have not found as ready a market as could be desired; a large proportion of the make of Canadian butter is still in their hands unsold and some uneasiness is felt as to what shall be done with the summer make, as the fall butter will very soon be in the market and taking the preference over summer stock.

assured by correspondents, who ought to know and who write with evidently unwilling candor, that the chief reason for this untoward state of things is the unpleasant fact that the Americans have taken our trade away from us, so far this season, by selling their ordinary dairy and western butter cheaper than we would.

We know of Canadian merchants in butter who were fairly "affrighted from their propriety" by the high figures which ruled among buyers in western Canada; and preferring to do no business rather than make purchases at figures which threatened a loss, kept out of the market. One western operator, that we know of, has not bought a package in Canada for export, but has shipped from New York thousands, bought in that city.

The Americans have further stolen a march on us by the development amongst them of the creamery system, which has proved so successful. If our Canadian trade is to be retained, our farmers must do as our cheese makers have done-put up creameries and make a "choice, mild, uniform, article." This done, Canadian butter will be taken in preference to American, and the gain in price as well as in reputation will be a fortune to the country.

The wet weather in England, which has hurt the grain crops there, has benefitted dairymen, and the crop of butter and cheese is expected to be large in Britain. Still, we hope there will be an outlet ere long for the accumulation of butter now held at various points in Canada.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES IN CANADA.

The report of the Superintendent of Insurance, in comparing the results of last year's fire business with that of the year preceding, says, with respect to the former, that it has resulted in an increased volume of business, at a slightly increased rate (1.06 against 1.02) of premium, and a very largely increased rate of loss, viz., 77.33 per cent. of the premiums received, which is ten per cent. above the average of recent years, and is the heaviest ratio since 1870. The inbusiness was done by creasedCanadian companies, which took forty-one and a half millions of dollars more than last year; the British companies decreasing their risks by a million, and the American by half a million. Let us see what advantage, if any, our home companies obtained from their greater business.

Thirteen Canadian companies did fire business last year, and received \$1,881,641. for premiums upon risks to the amount of \$198,509,000. The losses incurred during

the year were \$1,747,443, of which only \$51,916 were resisted. The losses paid were \$1,599,048. Each of these quoted amounts is larger than the corresponding sum for 1875, but the losses exceed those of the previous year by over half a million dollars, an increase equal to thirtytwo per cent., and far more than double any year previous to 1875.

The ratio of premium to risk in the case of the Canadian companies averages about 1.10; and none of the companies doing a general fire business, except the Quebec, show a lower per centage in this respect than 1.12, which with 1.14 and 1.15 represents the ratio attained by companies doing fire business only.

Turning first to the companies doing an isolated risk business, we find the Agricultural Mutual of London showing a ratio of premium to risk written of 1.01; the Isolated Risk, '95; the Canada Agricultural and the Ottawa Agricultural, '91 each, or an average of ninety-four and a half per cent. We extract from the tables of the report the following figures furnished of the four companies named, showing the ratios of loss to premium; of expenses to premium; of premium to risk; and of assets to risks in force :---

Company.	Ratio of losses paid to premiums re- ceived.	Ratio of general ex- penses to premi- ums received.	Ratio of cash ex- penditure to cash incmoe.	Ratio of premium to risk written.	Ratio of assets to risks in force.
Agricultural Mutual	79.76	30.58	105.67	1.01	0.71
Canada Agricultural	88.96	49.14	139.85	•91	.77
Isolated Risk	71.45	43.92	107:73	•95	.64
Ottawa Agricultural	22.14	60.93	79-96	.91	.94

Excluding for the present the Ottawa Agricultural, which had completed only one year's existence at the end of 1876, this table shows us that each of these companies had expended, for losses and expenses, much more than they received in premiums. The first named spent \$1.10; the second, \$1.38, and the third \$1.15, for every dollar received.

These are companies which, as their very names indicate, were established to do an agricultural or an isolated business; their stock was solicited and subscribed for that purpose. But in an evil day, we think, some of these companies have determined to leave the beaten and perhaps somewhat too-well-frequented path of country or suburban risks, and have entered the crowded thoroughfare of fire underwriting in towns and cities.

At the same time, and perhaps as a conse-

rates in such wise that a three years' risk which formerly was considered to require a premium of two per cent. to cover, was cut down to say one per cent., or only half the original rate.

In 1876, the ratio of premium to risk written upon by companies doing this class of business, as we have shown, was '94 in an average among the Canadian fire companies of 107.6; in the previous year it was '91, while the average of all Canadian companies was 1.12. The ratio of their losses to premiums received was (leaving out the Ottawa) 49.8 in 1874; 67.4 in 1875, and 80 in 1876.

Are our companies unable to learn anything from these figures?

Here we have a premium twelve per cent. below the average; a ratio of assets to risks of '76 in an average of 1.41 amongst the fire companies; a ratio of general expenses which is increased over last year doubtless by their expenses in towns and cities; and a proportion of loss-apart from the great conflagrations-increasing yearly; what is the conclusion to be drawn?

CROWDING PASSENGER STEAMERS.

The crowding of pleasure steamers, which ply in the neighborhood of Toronto (and the same may be said of other places), has for two or three seasons been a crying abuse to which no attempt to apply a remedy has been made. And yet the result is to endanger the lives of hundreds of passengers. In England, excessive deck loads even of merchandise are strictly prohibited; the Board of Trade is an official prosecutor, and fines are rigorously inflicted for infraction of the law. What is more, overloading, as being contrary to law, vitiates the policy of insurance. It is probable that, in case of disaster, the same result would happen here, if the liability of the underwriters came in question. In England steamships are licensed to carry a certain number of passengers according to capacity; and the same rule ought to obtain here. In fact, it is not creditable to our legislation that the law should so long have remained defective. It is plain that the owners of the steamers will not use the most ordinary precaution. They make no effort to confine within the limits of safety the number of passengers they take on board. As a rule, they almost or altogether preclude themselves in advance from the possibility of doing so, by selling season tickets, the holders of which have the right to go on board almost at any time. These tickets are a great convenience no doubt, but they

struction. They are sold at a price which implies heavy loading and which precludes profits being made from a moderate number of passengers. Persons who take these tickets do in effect take accident risks along with them, the premium which induces them to put their lives to the hazard being the difference between what they pay and a fair rate. To prevent crowding it would be necessary to refuse all but season ticket holders, whenever there is a rush, that is, to refuse persons who offer to pay more by sixty per cent. than those whom the owners have contracted in advance to take. This is the very last thing the owners would think of doing.

The law will surely be altered next session. It is impossible that so great a danger and so flagrant an abuse should be longer tolerated. The present season is nearly over, and it is little short of a miracle that no great calamity has happened. Meanwhile, let all who help to crowd unduly these steamers remember the personal risk they are voluntarily assuming with their eyes open. Let those who are responsible for the safety of others think of the risk they are running and cease to tempt fate, lest their ill-discharged responsibility overwhelm them with a great sor-

STOLEN TIMBER .- The United States Secretary of the Interior has pounced upon a number of timber thieves in the West, and it is believed that this action will effectually put a stop to their depredations. The man who steals timber can afford to sell lumber cheap. Stolen timber, in American mills, renders Canadian competition, in the face of the United States duty, additionally difficult. If the facility for stealing be removed, to that extent our chances of competing in the American market are increased. It is doubtful whether American timber thieves have always confined their operations to their own side of the line. They have been charged, in times past, with poaching on our north shore. Timber stealing has sometimes been practised nearer home. A late Premier used to say that he could name a firm in Ontario that had stolen timber enough to make three fortunes. These detected thefts in the Western States suggest the desirability of ascertaining whether nothing of the kind is now going on among ourselves.

-A suffering bondholder wrote to the treasurer of Alexander county, Illinois, to know: " 1st, Why there is no money in the treasury to pay coupons on the Alexander county bonds? 2nd, Does the county mean quence of this novel step, they reduced the are also a lure to what may prove to be de- to try repudiation? 3rd, What are the

prospects of the bondholders getting their money, and when?" The writer added, "I am a bondholder and ask for information." He got for reply: "1st, The people will not pay it. 2nd, The people do. 3rd, Now you've got me. 4th, God help you." What necessity there was for adding flippant impertinence to avowed rascality, Mr. Hely, the treasurer, has not stated.

-The United States Railroad Mutual Life Insurance Association, like many other cooperative institutions, appears to have a very uncertain existence. At the annual meeting of this Company, which was held in Chicago a fortnight ago, the report presented was rather unsatisfactory to its members. During the year 429 had forfeited membership, 15 had died, and one was disabled-leaving only 614 members. This is equal to a reduction of about forty per cent., and it is not at all surprising that the confidence in the Association was so much shaken that it was decided to either wind it up or modify its rules. The latter plan was adopted by the meeting. But this will not prove satisfactory. The remaining members will find their liabilities increasing, while their hopes of its future success will be all the time diminishing. The average cost of a \$1,000 policy to each member was \$23.50 during the last year.

—After long years spent in talking of building a railway on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, between Montreal and Quebec, that project is likely soon to become an accomplished fact. The North Shore Railway is nearly completed from the latter city to a point about opposite Sorel. The contractor, Hon. Mr. McGreevy, is entitled to much credit for the way in which he has pushed the work.

Quebec timber and lumber advices, to the close of last month, are to the effect that timber was rather more enquired for at that date; a good many vessels having reached port within the preceding ten days; but as the trade con tinued to be depressed in the most important home markets, there was no improvement in prices. White pine of good quality was in demand and twelve Ottawa rafts of it changed hands at fair prices. In red pine, inferior is not wanted but fresh and good quality commands fair sale. The deal market is quiet, but there have been limited sales. Oak and elm are moving slowly. The report of the supervisor of cullers shows the quantity of timber, staves, spars, etc., measured at Quebec thus far this year, to be greater than 1876 or 1875 in white pine, oak, elm, and staves, but less in the articles of red pine, ash, tamarac, birch and maple. Spars, too, are much less numerous.

—Having a pretty large exchange list to look over week by week, we have been struck by the many appeals made by merchants, through the columns of local journals, to their customers who are in arrears. Now vigorous and threatening,

now plaintive and coaxing, and again explanatory and argumentative, it seems as if the sentiment of 'Oh, teach me how to woo thee, love's had been sung in every imaginable mood and language to the Canadian debtor, on the stage of the press. We have before us three of these appeals the first of which may be classed as the appeal direct; it says bluntly:

"I have now exhausted all peaceable means of warning and can only promise that rich and poor alike will be waited upon by the proper legal authority, if my accounts are not paid by October next."

The next, which we shall style the call poetical, is written by a shrewd sort of wag who thinks that his threat will be best received if veiled under a rhyme, and so treats his patrons to four stanzas, one of which is:—

"With those whose bills are overdue A stringent course he must pursue, Tho' it should cause them for to fret, He'll strive and make them pay their debt."

The third we classify as the request satirical. Its writer adopts the sarcastic mood and frames his advertisement to embrace a topic of current interest, and also to convey an unmistakeable hint, thus:

"To those who have held their BUTTER for the last year or two and are owing me, I would say that now while BUTTER is up, sell it, and come and pay what you owe me. And to others that are owing me and have no BUTTER, I must frankly state that I have no BUTTER either, and therefore can't realise on BUTTER to pay my debts. But I would manage to pay if they would either call and settle or remit by registered letter within the next 30 days."

-A telegram from Ottawa states that "one of our leading legislators is busy preparing amendments to the present Savings Bank Act, which will prevent the directors from dabbling in foreign stocks, without proper security." We have long urged the importance of having the savings of the poor placed beyond jeopardy. Instances are not wanting of directors of savings banks speculating with the funds entrusted to them. Only a few days ago it was reported that a number of gentlemen had made from \$50,000 to \$100,000 each by operations in Western Union Telegraph stock. This stock, owing to a recent amalgamation with another company, had advanced, it is true, but the money was not made as stated. The investors simply recouped themselves, and had they been obliged to realize a few months ago the result would have been a heavy loss instead of the gain that is reported.

—The Royal Canadian Insurance Company appears as plaintiff in some twenty-three suits entered in Montreal against stock-holders who have made default in the payment of their calls. The Stadacona Company is following a like course. This will no doubt bring discomfort to some of their shareholders, and disaster to others. Although severe, it is the only measure they can adopt.

-The Molsons Bank has declared a dividend of four per cent. for the current half year.

—We have received the September-October number of the North American Review. The list of contributors to this number is a strong one, and the contents are varied and interesting. The most striking papers, to mercantile men, will probably be those of Hon. David A. Wells, on "How shall the Nation regain Prosperity?" and that of Col. Thomas A. Scott, of the Pennsylvania Railway, on "The Recent Strikes," and "Fair Wages" by a striker.

—A commission, consisting of a number of legal gentlemen of Quebec, Montreal, and the Eastern Township, with Hon. Judge Loranger as consulting commissioner, has been appointed to codify the statutes of the Province of Quebec.

—The Union Bank of Prince Edward Island has opened a branch at Montagu, P. E. I. under the charge of Mr. M. J. Fitzgerald, formerly accountant at the head office of the Bank.

—The Mackerel fishery in Nova Scotia promises a fair yield, with a brisk demand at good prices.

ONTARIO INSURANCE DEPOSITS.

The following Companies, having complied with the terms of the Act 39 Vict., Cap. 23, and deposited with the Government of Ontario the amounts opposite their respective names, have obtained licenses to carry on business for the year ending June next, viz:—

Mercantile Fire Insurance Company, .. \$10,238 00 Waterloo Queen City Fire Insurance Company, Toronto..... 10.000 00 Standard Fire Insurance Company, 10,000 00 Hamilton Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Com-57,565 00 pany, Waterloo London Life Assurance Company, 25,000 00 London County of Perth Mutual Fire Insur-2,000 00 3,450 00 3,000 00 surance Company, Hamilton Ontario Mutual Fire Insurance Com-2,000 00 pany, London... 2,700 00 Company, Galt Victoria Mutual Fire Insurance Com-1,000 00 pany, Hamilton Economical Mutual Fire Insurance 79 00 Company, Berlin Ontario Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Whitby Prince Edward Mutual Fire Insur-114 00 284 00 ance Company, Picton Canadian Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Hamilton

Several other companies have not yet completed their arrangements for deposit. Delays of this sort should not be indulged too long.

—An Eastern journal likens the man who doesn't advertise, to the boy who went to market, taking thither for sale some green corn in a bag. When he was asked what he had in the bag to sell, he replied: "It's none of your business."

Correspondence.

INSURANCE RATES AND MUTUAL COMPANIES.

To the Editor of the " Monetary Times."

DEAR SIR,-In an editorial in the MONETARY Times of the 24th August, headed "Insurance rates," you suggest that the representatives of those companies doing a business largely in the isolated class of buildings should meet during the Fair at London with a view to increasing the rate to one per cent. In this I heartily concur, and shall be glad to see it carried out; no proprietory company making a specialty of this class of business at a 75c rate for a three years risk will ever pay an honest dividend. In the same article you say that managers of stock companies assert, not without reason, that the mutual insurance companies are chiefly responsible for the present demoralization of rates; to this I beg to demur. Mutual companies are not responsible for the demoralization of rates, they as a rule (although there may be an exception on the part of one or two young companies striving for business) have adhered to the tariff as laid down by them three or four years ago, and which is 20 per cent below what the stock companies rates then were.

For the demoralization you speak of, the proprietary companies are responsible. I can point you to an old stock company that reduced its rates in order to attract business which otherwise sounder companies would have obtained, I can also point you to younger companies who have systematically reduced the rates in order to divert business from other channels into their own, the result of which has not been altogether satisfactory either to the insured or

their shareholders.

This cutting of rates has been unfortunately followed by old companies of good standing who ought to have known better, who, fearuful of losing some of their businees, and giving ear to the statement (often untruthful) of wily agents, that if they did not take a risk at a certain rate, other companies would; have gradually reduced their rates, till now they are in many instances actually lower than those of mutual companies.

If the sound proprietary companies would but adhere to what they know to be a fair and paying rate instead of giving way to groundless fears and to the misrepresentations of mercenary agents, the present unsatisfactory and unhealthy position of affairs would improve, but as long as managers are guided by the dogma that they may do evil that good may come, whether it is for the purpose of competing with rival companies or of endeavoring to stamp out mutuals, so long will the interests of their shareholders suffer and the business of insurance generally be demoralized.

I beg to subscribe myself AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM. 4th Sept., 1877.

BANK STOCKS.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

DEAR SIR,-In my last letter I pointed out how, in my opinion, Bank Stocks were being pulled down below their value by the pernicious practice of brokers—and through them them their clients—selling "short." It is now evident by the very sudden rise that has since taken place that I was right, as no one will pretend that anything has occurred to so affect the financial position as to warrant this great change, but simply that these "shorts" (or wreckers) have taken alarm and are endeavour-ing to "cover" their sales. I shall not be surprised to find prices so rapidly revert to former figures as to cause them to regret their

temerity, as it is clearly not in the public interest that these sudden fluctuations should take place.

I am, yours truly, INVESTOR.

THE LOVELL PRINTING AND PUBLISH-ING COMPANY.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR,-I must request from you, in your next, a contradiction of the paragraph in your issue of last week regarding the Rouse's Point branch of this Company.

The works are not closed; the establishment has not been purchased by Messrs. Hoe; and its original cost was about three times the amount quoted by you. The factory is now in full operation, in the electrotyping and stereotyping departments, and doing a larger volume of business than at any time since it started, work being now in progress for some of the best firms in the United States.

Your statement, especially seeing that it has been widely copied, has been a serious injury to us. Will you kindly set the matter right as far as possible.

Respectfully yours JOHN LOVELL General Manager.

MUTUAL COMPANIES AND RATES.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times :

DEAR SIR,---In your issue of the 24th August, referring to insurance rates, you state that the mutual companies are chiefly responsible for the present demoralization of rates; also, that with some of these, their existence is only a question of time while the beggarly rates they seem satisfied with, continue. I will pass over the question as to their longevity with the remark that mutual companies have done more for Canada than proprietary ones; the demoralization of rates, which you speak of, is what I object to.

I will give you two instances in this town, one a brick hotel, gravel roof, with two stores on first floor, taken by an English company at \$90, whilst a mutual, to my personal knowledge, charges \$1 on the stocks in one of the stores there-under. Another, a frame hotel outside the hydrant range, taken by a Montreal and Canadian proprietary company at \$1.50, whilst on the same class of building, inside of the hydrant range, a mutual gets \$2.40 and will take no less. As to farm risks, any of the Canadian stock companies will take them, as well as isolated dwellings in towns, for same rates as the mutuals.

Truly yours, INSURANCE AGENT. Port Hope, Ont., 5th Sept., 1877.

Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.—Paincourt, Ont., Sept. 1st.-Several barns at Big Point and elsewhere in Dover have been struck by lightning yesterday. That of Mr. Thibaudeau was set on fire by the fluid and destroyed with sheds and grain.

Browns Wharf, Ottawa, 1st.-The cordwood piles at this place took fire this morning and fanned by a stiff breeze, seven or eight hundred cords were consumed. It was owned by Mr. McGauvran, excepting about 100 cords owned by Mr. Rodden.

Oshawa, 3rd.—A frame dwelling owned by Patrick Lyons, was destroyed by fire to day loss \$900, no insurance.

Belleville, 3rd.—A dwelling occupied by Philip Clark, was burned last night, loss \$500. and some horses roasted alive.

Hibbert, 1st. The barn of W. H. Grey in this township, was struck by lightning yesterday and burned, with grain contents, loss \$900. Insured for \$400.

The Saw Mill belonging to J. W. King at Port Phillip, Cumberland Co., was burned recently. An insurance for \$3000 was effected upon it a few months ago.

Meaford, Aug. 25th.—J. Bell's house and barn were burned, with grain contents.

Stratford, 25th Aug.—Miss Cunningham's

Cottage was burned; loss about \$500.

Fairview.-John Green's barn and implements were burned. Insured in Perth Mutual for \$600.

Londesborough, Londesborough, Aug. 30th.—Brunsdon's blacksmith shop, agricultural implements and carriage show room and stables were burned. Estimated loss about \$4,000; insured in the Canada Fire and Marine for \$1,200 and the Provincial for \$1,000; N. Bulgers, stable burnt, loss \$75; H. Wallace & Co., stable and carriage shed, also burnt; loss \$350.

Perth, Aug. 30th.—A fire was discovered in the railway lumberyard. It is generally believed that it was the work of an incendiary. The following is a statement of losses; Wm. Richie, \$9,000; J. J. Playfair, \$6,000; Wm. Doran, \$7,000; W. Caldwell, \$2,400; Wm. Lees, \$3,500; Wm. Hern, \$2,500; Jno. Chafter fery, \$500; Jas. Allan, \$500; Thos. Wilson, \$450. The only insurance upon the burnt property was \$3,000 by Wm. Doran.
Douglas, (Garafraxa) Ont., 16th.—The ma-

chine shop of David Brown was burned to the ground last week, with machinery and implements partly completed. Loss \$2,000 to 3,000. Insurance \$1,000. The people now agitate the purchase of a fire pump or engine.

Hibbert, Aug., 26 .- Daniel Connor's barn and out-buildings were struck by lightning and burned Connors himself was killed and a companion named Cafferty stunned by the lightning. Property insured in Perth Mutual for \$600.

Montreal, Aug. 24.—Alexander Gilmour's bakery was burned. Loss about \$1.200. Insured for \$800.

Newburgh, Aug., 16.—The barn and sheds of William Neugell were burned by lightning. The buildings were well filled with hay and grain. Insured in the Grange Insurance Company for \$450. Total loss about \$1,000.

Aylmer, Aug., 16.-Mr. Clinton Van Patter,s barn was struck by lightning and was totally destroyed with contents, 500 bushels of wheat, a large quantity of hay and cats and farming implements. Loss \$1,500; no insurance.

Montreal, Aug., 20.—A fire broke out in Mullins fruit store and damaged it to the extent of \$100. Insured in the N. B. & Mercantile for \$600.

Kingston, Aug., 16 .- Chown & Cunningham's tenament house was burned. Insured for \$500.
March Corners, Carleton Co., 26th.—A fire destroyed the sheds and stables of Mr. Mc-Murtany, loss \$400, no insurance.
Ottawa, 28th.—A block of wooden tenements

on St. Andrew St. owned by Mr. Landrien was gutted by fire. Owner's loss \$2000, small in-

Spencerville Aug. 28th.—The house of James Mason about a mile from this village, was

burned last night. Insured.
Port Philip, N.S., 31st.—The steam sawmill of John A. King was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night last. Loss, \$6,600; insurance, \$1,000.

Brockville, 1st.-J. S. Morrison's old frame carding mill at the town limits, was burned last night; the machinery had been mostly removed. Insured for \$200 in Citizens'. There was no water to be had by the steamer.

Ottawa, 2nd.—Bate & Co.'s stables near the Canal Basin were gutted on Sunday morning,

Halifax, Sept. 1.—The barn of Mr. Thomas A. Brown and the north end of James O'Donahoe's house, were destroyed by fire to-day. Contents of barn mainly saved. The supply of water was so weak that the fire was long in succumbing.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

2.45 o'clock, Sept. 1, 1877.

Stocks.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transact'ns in Week	Buyers.	Sellers.
Montreal	15f 3 992 84	1581 1004 841	543 220 34	1562 100 832 85	157 1003 841 90
Molsons	106± 155 52± 67±	108 155 522 68	46 150 158	107 1532 51 672	108 157 52 673 1184
Commerce	75	76	523 35	118 6⅓ 97	21 76
Union	117 87 3 146;	118 88 146 <u>1</u>	1192 96 150	65 115½ 85 146	1161 872 147
City Pass	108	811 108	25	18	81 <u>3</u>
Riche, ieu & Ont. Nav.	734	77	662	721	734

FAILURES IN ENGLAND.

The report of the Comptroller in Bankruptcy for England during 1876 has just appeared. appears that during that year the number of cases administered was 9,249—an increase of 1,360 (or about seventeen per cent.) on the preceding year. Of this increase nearly the whole was in liquidations by arrangement, and compositions with creditors. This increase in the number of cases administered has been accompanied by a diminution both in the liabilities and the assets:

Yea	r. Liabilities.	Assets.
1875	£25,533,644	£7,332,779
1876	20,873,349	6,155,458

Decrease in 1876 £4,660,295 £1,167,321 The year 1875— the year of the Collies' failure-was an exceptionally heavy one. The year 1876 represents more closely the average state of affairs. The main features of the report last year re-appear this year. 554 estates were closed in 1876. On 82 of these, with liabilities of £107,092, no assets whatever were realized; on 192 more, with liabilities of £340,-437, the gross receipts were under £53, ooo which sum was entirely consumed in expenses. On 278, with liabilities of £877,-393, dividends were declared to the value of about 5s in the £. Two estates were closed by compositions being paid. Much the same state of things was shown in the report of 1875. By far the largest number of estates are wound up through liquidations by arrangement, or by compositions. In the class last named, that of compositions with creditors, there has again during the year been a great increase in number. combined with a decrease in the value of composition paid to the creditors. This process has gone on uninterruptedly from the year 1870. To quote from the report:—"The numbers, increasing steadily year by year, have grown from 1,616 in the year 1870, to 3,287 in the year 1876, and the increase has been entirely in the lower rates; the number of compositions over 10s in the f having decreased from 177, or 11 per cent., to 159 or 42 per cent., while the number at the lowest rate of all, viz., not exceeding 1s. and averaging a few pence in the £, has increased by annual increments from 76 to 739.,

THE DRUMMER DRAMA.

SCENE IN TORONTO WHOLESALE WAREHOUSE.

Proprietor-Now, Mr. Chatter, I mean business. Note what I say. Either paying you pays this house or not. If it don't pay, this house has decided not to continue paying you. Either you get orders for \$10,000 next circuit, or it is your final one for us.

Mr. Chatter-Really, sir, with business so dull, I don't see-

Proprietor-No, and we don't see-the way of keeping you on. You have your list and your samples. Start, be pushing; be energetic. Make 'em buy, sir. (Exit Mr. Chatter.)

SCENE IN COUNTRY STORE.

Proprietor—Really, Mr. Chatter, I have goods on hand I should sell, and should pay for, before bringing in more.
Mr. Chatter—But these are better.

Proprietor-No matter; can't take 'em. Mr. Chatter-(tries a desperate expedient)-

Now, how will you sell anything when the store opposite has all these at such and such a price? I've sold them \$1,000 worth (he hasn't been there.)

Proprietor-What?

Mr. Chatter-Fact. Come, now. Absolutely we will never press you.

Proprietor-Can't be beat by them. (Gives order for \$1,000 worth.)

SCENE IN THE STORE OPPOSITE.

Mr. Chatter-Come, first-class goods; their equal not in Canada, got 'em ourselves by merest chance. You can't do without them. Look here, I've sold the store opposite \$1000 worth. (Has, this time.)

Proprietor-Mustn't be beat. You're sure your fellows will renew if necessary?

Mr. Chatter-As often as you like. (Gets order for \$1,000 worth.)

Six months later, copy of letter received by both storekeepers:

Toronto, Jan. 1, 1878. Dear Sir,—We shall be glad of your immediate remittance of \$1,000 as per order kindly given to our traveller, Mr. Chatter. We beg to say that we can grant no renewals, as consignees are pressing us for payment. Hoping to be favoured with future orders, we remain yours,

SHARP & CUTE, Wholesale Dealers.

Which bankrupts one country store, and cripples the other. N. B.—If the first trick had failed, CHATTER had a dozen in reserve.-Grip.

-The Starr Manufacturing Company, of Halifax, has just brought to a successful completion the Elmsdale iron bridge, on the Intercolonial Railway, a single span of 150 feet, crossing the Elmsdale river. The old wooden crossing the Elmsdale river. The old wooden bridge was recently removed, and the trains crossed on the new bridge. The official test of the work was made by Mr. Alexander McNab, the work was made by MI. Alexander McIvab, C. E. Four locomotives, weighing respectively 61, 60, 56, and 53½ tons, were employed. The heaviest two were, for the first test, placed on the center of the span. Next the four engines and one tender-a weight of 250 tons-were placed on the bridge, covering it from abutment to abutment. Then two of the engines were run over the bridge, at a speed of 40 miles an hour. The greatest deflection in the test was less than one inch—an extremely satisfactory result. Finally the four engines were run across at the speed of 35 miles per hour. This is, we believe, the first work of the kind that has been attempted in Canada, and the Starr company is to be congratulated on its enterprise. - Railway World.

THE VICTORIA MUTUAL BUILDING SOCIETY, OF POINT ST. CHARLES.—The fourth yearly report as presented is a very full and comprehen-

sive statement of the affairs of the Society, and shows it to be in a satisfactory condition, reflecting credit on the management. Nearly all the officers were re-elected, and they now stand for the ensuing year as under: President, Mr. Mc-Wood, Vice-President, Mr. John Taylor, Secretory-Treasurer, Mr. S. C. Matthews; Trustees, Messrs. A. Stark, John Wayne, and W. Thomas; Directors, Messrs. J. Warp, and G. Payne, J. Stewart, D. Mayer, G. E. Shepstone, W. Boyd, C. S. Williams, P. McPhee, and Wm. Wayne; Auditors, Messrs. T. J. Bedford, J. Forrester and J. Surgeon; Notary Mr. Hugh Brodie; Valuator, Mr. A. C. Hutchinson; Bankers, the City and District Savings Bank. One feature of the report which is certainly commendable is the publication of each individual's account with the Society, thus showing the standing of its members.

MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA.—S:atement of traffic receipts for week ending 14th Aug. 1877, in comparison with same period last year: Passengers, \$1547 24; freight, \$3720.46; mails and express, \$228.32; Total, \$5496.02. Same week last year, \$5148.08; Increase, \$347.94; Total traffic to date, \$150,796.90. Do. .year previous, \$156,523.47. Decrease, \$5,726.57.

-Mrs. Towers, a young widow who came last year from England and has been keeping, a general store in Milverton, Ont, buying her goods from Mr. Corcoran and other Stratford and London merchants, went behind in payment and was arrested last month at the former place, charged with false pretences, fraud &c., and was committed for trial. She is also wanted in London, upon some other charges. When first arrested, and searched by the matron of the gaol, \$166 in money was found snugly secreted in her stays.

-The Port Hope Times is correct in its inference. We had not noticed the increase in traffic for the eight weeks, and now we are glad to know that the "Midland" is improving its condition. The total increase since May been about \$10,000. The Times says, " ing into consideration the absence of grain shipments, and general depression in business, this may be considered a very satisfactory result.

The chief competitor of the Midland is the Northern Railway, running through an older settled country, and connecting with Toronto, the principal city of Ontario, which has an annual average earning of about \$900,000 on 167 miles, whilst the Midland averages about \$300,000 on a present mileage of about 130 miles. The decrease of the Northern up to date is in round figures over \$72,000, or nearly 15 per cent., whereas the decrease on the Midland is less than 4 per cent.; and we question if any other railway in Canada has made as good a record in 1877."

CHICAGO AND PORT HURON.—The Chicago Inter-Ocean, of August 24th, says: As the announcement and advertisement heralded, the first passenger train from this city over the Chicago and Lake Huron and the Chicago and North-eastern roads left the Madison street depot early yesterday morning, 6.30 o'clock. Notwithstanding the early hour passenger seats were occupied, and there were two coaches of them together with baggage car and tender. The train went down the yard at very creditable speed, and per latest despatches arrived on time at Port Huron, connecting with the Grand Trunk. Last evening at 9.30 o'clock the first west-bound passenger train arrived in. Among the passengers were Mr. Bonner and other officials of the road. This trip also was per scheduled time—not the very fastest, to be sure, in the present state of the tracks, but good average time. It is no disgrace to own up that lightning trains are not warranted on this road for the present. The road, considering everything, is in good shape, as well as a decided addition to Chicago sailread facilities. dition to Chicago railroad facilities.

-DECIPHERING CHARRED PAPER.-Professor Chapman, of University College, in a communication to Messrs. Peiler Brothers, of St. John, gives the following information which others might find useful in the event of valuable papers being exposed for a long time to intense heat:-"When the charring has rendered the writing altogether invisible I have failed entirely to bring it out, but where the letters, although scarcely legible, are still apparent, I have found that in the case of ordinary ink the following plan has proved to a certain extent successful, provided the paper does not crumble under the treatment. The paper is first moistened by very dilute hydrochloric acid (the muriatic acid of the shops), and then, when nearly dry, it is again moistened with a solution of ferrocyanide of potassium—the 'yellow prussiate' of com-merce. This generally brings out the letters with a distinct blue colour. The paper must only be daubed (not smeared or brushed over) by a soft rag or piece of sponge, otherwise the letters will be smudged; and the acid solution must be very dilute. If this plan fails to render the writing legible I fear no other will succeed." In a P. S. he adds: "As the reagents mentioned above, 'muriatic acid' and yellow prussiate of potassium,' cost merely a few cents, you might try them first on a spare leaf or two—taking care to use the acid in a very dilute state. They are kept by all druggists. The yellow prussiate, I may perhaps mention, is poisonous." "P.S 2. I have just seen Prof. Croft. He is not able to suggest any other process, but advises the application of the re-agents (named in my letter) as follows: First saturate a half sheet of white blotting-paper with the dilute acid, and press this upon the charred leaf; then remove it carefully, and when the leaf is nearly dry press upon it another piece of blotting paper saturated with the solution of ' yellow prussiate.' "

-Wicks' refrigerator cars were pretty well tested during the latter part of August. One of the cars running regularly on the Grand Trunk R. R. was loaded with fresh beef at Toronto, and was shipped from there to Chicago over the Grand Trunk and Michigan Central Railways; and at Chicago it was reshipped to Boston without being opened, over the Michigan Central, Grand Trunk and Central Vermont Railways; making a distance of 1,700 miles, in seven days and fifteen hours. The car received on the way one and a half ton of ice at Chicago, and one ton at Montreal, and had remaining in it on arrival at Boston one and a half ton of ice. The beef arrived at its destination in excellent order.

-A meeting of about three hundred persons was lately held in Orangeville in the interest of the Credit Valley Railway. The object of the railway company was to procure \$30.000 in debentures of the town in exchange for an equal face value of bonds of the C. V. R. Co. After speeches for and against the proposal. a motion that the council be not requested to submit a by-law for the above purpose, was carried by two votes to one. The inhabitants of Fergus however, have decided, not without opposition, to issue Village debentures to the amount of \$15.000 bearing interest from 1st May 1880, which they will exchange for bonds of the C. V. R. Co., to same amount.

-Mr. Albert Grant's troubles do not appear to have ended. The Court of Appeal has confirmed the judgment of Vice Chancellor Bacon, who ordered the money received by him, Mr. James Carlton, and others, amounting to James Carlton, and others, amounting to £85, ooo, for promoting the formation of the colliery of Bagnall & Sons (Limited) to be returned to the company. The Court assessed the reasonable commission on the purchase of the works to be paid to the defendant at £9,000. Notice of appeal to the House of Lords was given.

-On the 1st September, there were in the port of St. John, N. B., 12 ships, 14 barks, 1 barkantine, 3 brigs, 3 brigantines and 54 schooners; the most of these last being laden with brick. The total tonnage, exclusive of schooners, was 27,437 tons.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

(From our own Correspondent.) Montreal, 4th Sept., 1877.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the improvement in business in this city, which has been observable for the past two weeks, continues, and everything looks as if we were going to have an active fall business. Shipping has been more active this last than the previous week, and the wharves have begun to show the busy appearance usual at this season of the year. The flour market is slightly higher this week, the stocks held in store here on the 1st instant are small as compared with those on the 15th ult. and at the same period of 1876, particulars of which will be found under that head.

We have had very changeable weather, and one of the most severe storms of thunder and lightning which has been experienced here for years; it has certainly cooled the air, the temperature has run to the opposite extreme, and yesterday and to-day were real Fall days, cold enough for a little fire in the stove.

ASHES .- Pots-The ashes market has ruled weak. Receipts have been comparatively small and business has been confined within narrow limits, prices realized being rather under our closing quotations of this day week. Firsts have been selling from \$4.00 to 4.07\frac{1}{2}, at which the market closes; Seconds \$3.35; Thirds \$2.65; Pearls have been in moderate demand at \$4.50 to 4.60; the principal sales however have been at our inside quotations; nothing doing in inferiors. The stocks at present in store are: Pots 2000 brls.; Pearls 800 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—We have no change to make in quotations. Manufacturers are kept pretty busy making up stock to fill orders on hand and preparing for the advent of buyers about the middle of the month.

CATTLE.—During the past week the arrivals of Cattle have been larger than any previous week of the season, the greater part, however, were for shipment to Britain. Prices varied according to quality, from \$4.00 to 4.75. Some very inferior bringing considerably less. Hogs were in abundance, but in poor demand, sales recorded were at \$5.75 per 100 lbs.; Sheep and Lambs were plentiful and sold from \$3.25 to

DRY GOODS.—This branch of trade has been quite active, orders have come in freely from travellers, buyers have been in the city in fair numbers, and sales will foot up considerably over those of some seasons past. Large numbers of buyers are looked for by the cheap trips from the West, where a large business is likely to be done, and they will find stocks here well assorted. Clothing is meeting with a good demand. We hear of no complaints about remittances.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Although the market has been dull and quiet there is more firmness exhibited by holders, probably on account of an advance in ocean freights. We quote Bi Carb \$3.25 to 3.50; Soda Ash \$1.75 to 2.00: Borax, \$12 to \$16; Cream Tartar CrysSoda 3.12\frac{1}{2} to \$3.50; Alum, \$2.00; Copperas \$1.00 to 1.25 Sulphur 3.25 to \$3.50; Brimstone \$2.50 to 2.75; Epsom Salts \$1 75 to 2.00; Sal Soda \$1.12\dgray to 1.25; Salpetre \$8.50. to 9.00.

FISH.—The new catch comes slowly to hand and what new has been sold has come from Quebec. We have no change to notice in price this week viz., Dry Cod \$4.50 to 4.75; salmon \$12, 11, 10, for No. 1. 2. 3. respectively.

FREIGHTS.—The demand for tonnage is good, and higher rates than last week are now obtained. Engagements for heavy grain to Glasgow and Liverpool by steamers and iron clippers have been made at 5/6 to 6/- for immediate shipment, and for forward shipment engagements have been made to those parts at 7/6. ashes 27/6 to 30/, butter and cheese 45/.

Fu s.—All the spring catch has now been marketed and until the catch begins to come there will be nothing doing. In the meantime

any quotations would be nominal.

FLOUR .- The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst., were 29,636 brls; against 41.998 brls on the 15th ult., and 60.481 brls on the 1st September 1876. Receipts during the past week were 12.-612 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 407,962 brls. showing a decrease of 136,218 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1876. Shipments during the week, 15,317 brls. Total shipments from 1st January to date, 311.521 brls; the market during the week has been somewhat steadier and holders have shown more disposition to part with their stock; at the close the market was decidedly stronger with more enquiry for spring extra. We quote the market to-day steady with active demand at the following quotations. Superior extra \$6.40 to 6.50; Extra superfine \$6.20 to 6.30; Fancy \$6.00 to 6.10; Strong baker's flour \$6.00 to 6.25; Spring extra \$5.85 to 5.90; Superfine \$5.40 to 5.55; Fine \$5.00 to 5.10; Middlings \$4.70 to \$4.80; Pollards \$4.00 to 4.50.; Oatmeal\$4.90 to 5.10; Cornmeal \$2.90 to 3.00.

GRAIN.-Wheat.-The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st. inst. were 60,317 bushels against 24,318 bushels on the 15th ult., and 438,884 bushels on the 1st September 1876. Receipts during the past week 202,199 bushels. Total receipts from 1st of January to date 1,412,800 bushels, being a decrease of 3,350,056 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1876. Ship-ments during the week 41,699 bushels. Total shipments from 1st January to date 718,776 bushels, being a decrease of 2.769,364 bushels on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1876. There is nothing of any consequence transpiring in this grain. U. C. spring is quoted at \$1.25, and winter \$1.30 to \$1.35 nominal. Maize is steady at 55 to 56c; Peas 88 to goc per 66 lbs; Oats 35 to 36c; Barley 60 to 65c. The transactions in every kind of grain are unimportant and hardly sufficient to establish quotations.

GROCERIES .- Teas .- Although the market for Japans has been dull there has been rather more demand during the previous week, but chiefly for low priced grades say from 20 to 25c; medium grades have been only in moderate request at 35 to 40c; finer grades $42\frac{1}{2}$ to 50c; but these prices are not at all satisfectory to importers. There is a little doing in black but prices are nominal at 30 to 65c. Green are very little enquired for. Coffee.—There have been some fair sales of Rio, during the past week at 221 to 24c. Java in small parcels brings from 27 to 30c; Jamaica 24c; Sugar.—There bas been a fair demand for sugar and holders on account of the reported advance in England are holding out for higher prices than those obtainable last week the following are the quotations now asked by holders in this market, Scotch 9 to 91c; granulated 97 to 101c; dry crushed is barely so firm at 101 to tals 25 to 27c; do Ground 28 to 30c; Caustic 102c; nothing doing in raw sugars, a lot of Barbadoes has been offered at 9c. without finding a buyer. Molasses there has been some few sales but only in small quantities prices are well maintained but without immediate prospect of an advance. Barbadoes 50c; Filtered molasses 35 to 37 2c. The market for syrups is quiet at 45to6oc; according to sample. Rice, the demand continues good and prices are advancing, holders asking from \$3,25 to 3,50. Spices are without any quotable change but black pepper is weaker. Fruit, the state of matters in this branch of the trade does not seem to improve, and to induce sales of Layer Raisins very low prices have to be accepted, considerable quanties having been sold from \$1.10 to 1.25, and even less has been accepted for a round lot. Valencias, 3\frac{3}{2} to 4\frac{1}{2}c; Sultanas, 5\frac{3}{2} to 7\frac{1}{2}c, but almost unsaleable; Currants, 5\frac{3}{2}c, but almost unsaleable; Currants, 5\f 6c; Figs, 6 to 8c; Almonds, 113 to 15c; Filberts, 6½ to 7c for Turkish, and 8 to 9½c for Sicily; Walnuts, 4 to 10½c.

HIDES AND PELTS are without change; demand much about the same as last week. We quote No. 1 Hides \$8; No. 2 do, \$7; No. 3, \$6. Sheep and Lambskins, 60 to 70c.

HARDWARE.-Business is active and quite up to last year in amount. In Shelf Goods the demand is brisk at fair prices. Heavy Goods are in better demand, but at very small margins of profit. Pig Iron is being more sought after, and the chances are, with freights on the upward move, that before long any coming here or in yard will be considerably reduced at fair prices. In other lines no change since week be yond a steady demand. We quote: Pig Iron, Eglinton and Clyde, \$18.00 to 18.50. American \$20.00 to 21.00; Summerlee, \$18.50 to 19.00; Gartsherrie \$19.25 to 19.50; Hematite, \$24 to 26.00; Bars per 100 lbs. Scotch and Staffordshire \$1.85 to 1.90; best do. \$2.10 to 2.15; Swedes and Norway, \$4.75 to 5.00; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.00 to 6.50. Canada I lates per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$3.50 to 3.60; Garth and Penn, \$3.60 to 3.75; Hatton, \$3.40 to 3.50; Tin Plates—per box, ordinary brands—Charcoal I.C., \$6.50 to 6.75; ditto, IX, \$8.50 to 8.75; ditto DC, \$5.50 to 5.75; Coke IC, \$5.50 to 5.75; Tinned sheets, Charcoal best, No, 26, 12 to 13c; Galvanized Sheets 8 to 81c.; Hoops and Bands per 100lb. \$2.45 to 2.50; Sheets best brands \$2.75 to 2.80; Boiler Plate, ordinary brands, \$2.75 to 3.00; do. best brands, \$3.00 to 3.25; Russia sheet-iron per lb., 10 to 11c; Cut Nails, 2 d lath 4.50; 2½ to 4 shingle \$3.80; 5 d to 10 \$3.30; 12 d and larger \$3.00; 100 kegs lots 5 per cent. discount; cut nails patent chisel pointed 25c extra; Pressed Spikes, \$4 to 5; shot ditto \$7.00 to 7.25; Lead—Pig \$5.50 to 5.75; sheet ditto \$5.75 to \$6.00; Bar ditto \$6.00 to 6.25; Steel cast, 121 to 13c; Spring, ditto \$4.00 to 4.25; sleigh shoe steel \$3.25 to 3.50; Tire ditto \$3.75 to 4.00; Ingot Tin 18c to 19½c; Ingot Copper, 19 to 20c; Horse Shoes, \$4.50 to 4.75; Proved coil Chain, 3 inch, \$5.00 to 5.25; Anchors, 6 to 6\fc; Anvils, 10 to 11c; Wire per bdl. of 63 lbs., No. 6, \$1.95 to 2.00.

LEATHER.—The market is steady and moderately active. Spanish and alaughter sole met with fair inquiry and prices are firm for good stock: Upper selling in small lots at last weeks quotations; Splits are scarce and firm; Harness is firmer in tone with small stock; Buff and Pebble sell freely but prices are hardly satisfactory. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 23 to 25c; do. No. 2, 211 to 22c; No. 1 Ordinary 22 to 23c; No. 2 ditto 21 to 22c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 21 to 221; do. No. 2, 19 to 200; Hemlock slaughter 26 to 27c, waxed upper light and medium 30 to 37c; do. heavy 32 to 34c; grained upper 34 to 37c; splits large 26 to 31c; do. small 20 to 25c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs., 55
70c; do 18 to 26 do. 50 to 65c; Sheepskin 70c; do 18 to 26 do. 50 to 65c; Sheepskin better figures for flour. Stocks in store, 2,590 Linings 25 to 35c; Harness 23 to 30c; Buffed bbls. against 3,007 bbls. last week, and 2,230 Cow 14 to 16c; Enamelled Cow 17 to 18c.; bbls. on like date last year. In superior extra

Patent Cow 16 to 18c; Pebbled Cow 13 to 151c; Rough 22 to 26c.

OILS.-There has been an active demand during the week for Petroleum; the advance in this article has been the result of the higher rates of freight now charged; car lots sell at 151c. and smaller parcels from 16 to 17 kc: Cod oil is rather difficult to move just now but quotations keep steady at 47½ to 50c; Seal is in moderate request at quotations, pale 50 to 521c; straw 74½c; straw refined 55 to 57½c; Lin eed is in steady demand but unchanged in value since our last.

PROVISIONS .- Butter .- Receipts during the past week 3045 pkgs.; shipments 1749 pkgs.; market has ruled quiet and inactive at 17 to 21C., really choice Butter is scarce and would command full prices. Cheese.—Receipts 29,875 boxes; shipments 13,733 boxes; market quiet but firm; prices recorded are 10\frac{3}{4} to 11\frac{1}{4}c. Pork -Receipts 140 brls.; shipments 670 brls.; the demand keeps moderate; Mess pork sells at \$16.25 to 16.50; Thin Mess \$15.25 to 15.50; Lard keeps steady at 10½ to 11½ for Tubs and Pails. Tallow in barrels, rendered, 9c.; ditto in the rough 5c.

SALT is in plentiful supply with only a limited demand, and prices favor buyers; Coarse 521c.; Factory filled 95c to \$100; sales on the wharf ex ship at 90c.

Wool.-The quantity of wool coming in is very small and the prices are about the same as last week, 26 to 28c for pulled; business continues much the same as reported last week.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 6th Sept., 1877.

The stock market has been somewhat more active this week, and prices have been slowly advancing. Bank stocks sold after the meeting on Tuesday as follows: Ontario, 1011; Imperial, 106; Commerce, a round amount at 1181. At the board Dominion Telegraph brought 86; Imperial Building Society, 1071; Federal Bank, 1013; Township Debentures, 99. Nothing doing in Insurance; 115# offered for British America, and 140 refused for Western.

In the Montreal market the Molson's and Exchange bank stocks have been weaker, while Ontario and Montreal are stronger; other bank stocks steady; miscellaneous stocks weaker and dull.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- Orders from travellers have been coming in pretty well, and, except in some cases where requests to "date ahead" have not been complied with, have been generally promptly filled. A few country buyers now in the city are disposed to cut closely. Remittances for bills due 1st and 4th inst. were exceptionally poor, and promises to do better in October are general.

DRY Goods.-Stocks are well assorted and some of them large; considering the reduction in values during the year, it is probable that the present is a time of cheap goods. A fair number of buyers are in town, and some of our houses are quite busy. The payments 1st and 4th September were meagre, probably not over fifty per cent. of bills then due were met, renewals for 30 and 60 days being frequent and urgent.

FLOUR AND MEAL.-Flour.-The market is perceptibly firmer since our last report, as our quotations indicate, and sales have been made at the advance. The English and Western markets for wheat have advanced, which implies

there is a considerable range, from \$6.00 to 6 25, according to brand; 800 bbls. sold at \$6.00 f.o.c. on Monday. Of extra, a sale of 500 bbls. was made at \$5.75 on Tuesday; of fancy, sales at \$5.50, and spring wheat extra at \$5.40. For superfine \$5.00 is asked, but no transactions are reported. Oatmeal is in but little demand, and the market has declined to \$4.50 for lots on the track. Small lots are worth \$4.75 to \$5.00.

GRAIN.-The market for grains is higher, and transactions are reported at better prices, for the most part, than those of last week. See our quotations. Wheat-Fall, stocks in store 8,453 bush, against 10,525 bush, last week and 96,970 bush on corresponding date last year. Old wheat is scarce and may be considered about out of market; at the same time there is hardly enough new come forward to establish prices. The only car lot of new reported sold is one of No. 1 Fall at \$1.25, at which figure we have free buyers. The English market has advanced and Western prices also are higher. Spring, stocks in store 15,528 bush. against 18,480 bush. last week, and 237,823 bush. on like date of 1876. There are no sales of Spring to report here, none is yet in market; but \$1.22 would be paid for No. 1, and \$1.20 for No. 2. The decrease in stocks is accounted for by shipments to Montreal. Barley.—The season is scarcely opened, and it is difficult to give correct quotations. The only transactions have been on street markets, where 55 to 68c, according to quality, have been paid for farmer's loads. At present the stocks in store are 14,648 bush. against 12,648 bush. last week, and 12,258 bush. last year. This shows an increase of stocks from street receipts, none having reached the city yet by cars. Our quotations of 62 to 65c. for No. 1, and 55 to 60c for No. 2, must in the meantime be considered nominal. Peas-Stocks in store 15,426 bush., again t 14,033 bush. last week, and 320 bush. last year, same date. Nothing has been done in this grain during the week; he'ders are asking 73 to 75c, and buyers offer 3 to 5c. less. Oats.—Stocks in store, same as last week, 10,880 bush. The quantity on hand in Sept. 1876 was 6,380 bush. The market is quiet and steady at 33 to 35c.

GROCERIES,-A fair movement continues. staples are in steady request, and orders, tho' not large, are frequent. Remittances are backlarge, are frequent. Remittances are back-ward, and will be till the close of harvest. Values are not materially changed. Coffees are quiet and unchanged at our quotations; the demand is mainly for small parcels. Fish—Scaled herrings are quoted at 30 to 32c; Cod, of good quality, are not plentiful, and the price has advanced to \$5.25 to 5.50 for small lots. Fruit—The rise in Currants in Greece is the feature in fruits. August advices from Patras announced uncertain weather and fears of rain damage. Cables of 3rd inst. state further rain damage after cutting has been done, spoiling the chances of the most promising crop for years, and the market has advanced; sound quality was quoted at 22s. to 22s. 6d. Bordeaux, 22nd August, Prunes are reported late, and no price yet fixed. The low prices of the last two seasons will not, however, prevail. Molasses-The movement is but slight, clayed is a little lower, say 33 to 37c, though in Barbadoes molasses are looking up. Rice has advanced, and we now quote \$4.60 to 4.80, at which holders are firm. Most of the stock held is of good quality. Spic s-The only changes we note are Allspice, tallen to 11 to 12c, and black pepper also lower, say 101 to 12c. In Sugars, advices from Barbadoes state that stocks there are small; there is no grocery for sale. Prices here are steady, with a much firmer feeling at points of production. In New York and Boston prices have advanced fully ac from the lowest point touched on 24th ult. Raws are in very low supply here. No change to note in prices of Liquors.

HIDES AND SKINS .- Prices are unchanged, the demand continues good. Sheepskins have ruled at 65c., through the week. Lambs 60c; and Pelts the same figure. Calfskins do not come forward briskly.

LEATHER.—No remarks to make, beyond the belief that the present quiet condition must give place to marked activity in a few weeks time. There is no change in prices of moment, good harness continues to be in good request and prices are firm, upper is in good variety,

spanish sole steady.

Provisions.—The week has witnessed the ordinary consumptive demand; some dealers asking a slight advance on bacon, which can hardly, we think, be expected, in view of heavy stocks already held and the proximate appearance of tresh pork. Mess pork remains without change; only small broken lots are moving, no car lots are reported. Bacon.—We quote as before, C. C. 7½ to 8c. Long clear 8½ to 9c. Hams continue firm, and the stock of them is decreasing. Lard is very quiet and somewhat weak. Cheese.—The market is strong, and for July make 11c has been paid, while for August and September 12c is asked; 650 boxes of August make were offered in Woodstock yesterday and 113c refused. September make was not put upon the market. Butter.—The only demand is from city grocers, and for really fine goods; holders anticipate that the present cool weather, being favorable for shipping, may create some movement, though English advices are still far from encouraging. Eggs are steady at 11 to 12c. Dried Apples are firmly held at 7 to 8c, but the movement is limited.

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HUGH SCOTT, Secy.

Toronto, Sept. 5, 1877.

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Agency,
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" Batts " Turned Cack p.do:	0 55 0 75	Pig-Gartsherrie, No.	00 00 00 00	Red Lead, dry Red Lead. Venetian Red, English. Yellow Ochre, French. Whiting Petroleum.	0 06 0 0
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Drugs.	0.78 0.00	Eglinton No. 1	0 00 0 00	Whiting	0 85 1 0
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C. L.	0 30 0 32	: Boiler Plates	2 75 3 50	No. 1, 10 brlsdo	0 15 0 00
Epsom Salts	0 02 0 03			5 brlsdo single brlsde	0 16 0 00
" boxes	0 14 0 16	Garth Arrow	3 70 3 85	Benzine	0 00 0 0
ndigo, Madras	0 90 95	1 _	0 00 0 00		
pium	6 25 6 50	Lead (at 4 months): Bar # 100 lbs	0.06151	Flour (per brl.): f.o.c Superior extra Extra Fancy Spring wheat, extra Superfine Oatmeal Cornmeal, small lots Grain: f.o.l.	0 00 0 00
ndigo, Madras	0 15 0 20	Bar W 100 lbs	0 06 0 061	Extra	5 75 0 00
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oda Ash	0 033 0 05	No. 6. 32 bundle	2 15 2 25	Superfine	5 40 0 00
oda Bicarb, per keg artaric Acid	3 75 4 00	"9, "	2 45 2 55	Corpment	5 50 0 00
Groceries.	45 0 40	Powder:	2 85 2 95	Grain: f.o.L	3 00 0 00
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offees: Java, & Ib. Singapore Ceylon Rio Mocha Sish: Herrings, Lab. old	0 26 0 28	Blasting, English	0 00 4 75	No. 2 No. 3	1 20 1 24
Rio	0 22 0 24	FF "loose.	3 50 3 75 5 00 0 00	Spring Wheat, No. 1 No. 2 Barley, No. 1	1 22 0 00
Mocha	0 35 0 00	Window Glass:		Oats No. 2	1 20 0 00
** Bcaled	3 5 0 00	25 inch	1 80 0 00		
lackerel, bris	9 00 10 00				
White Fish	2 90 3 00	41 x 50 do	2 30 0 00	Provisions	0 70 0 75
almon, salt water	15 50 16 00	Pressed Stres (amonths)			0 15 0 17
ry Cod, # 112 lbs ruit: Raisins, Layer, '76	5 00 5 50	Regular sizes, 100 Extra	4 50 5 50	Cheese Ordinary	0 14 0 15
ruit: Raisins, Layer,'76	1 50 1 75	Tin Plate (4 months:)	5 50 6 50	Pork, mess,	6 50 17 50
" Sultanas	0 08 0 09	IC Coke	5 50 6 00	Bacon, long clear	0 8 0 09
Ditto, old " Sultanas " Valentias, old " New do Currants, 1876	0 03 0 34	IC Coke IC Charcoal IX " IXX " DC "	8 50 7 00	ordinary Cheese Pork, mess. Bacon, long clear. Cumberland cut. Smoked. Hams, canvassed Lard Hops	0 08 0 00
Currants, 1876	0 061 0 061	IXX "	10 50 11 00	Hams, canvassed	0 11 0 12
				Eggs	0 10 0 12
" Golden " Ext. Golden	0 55 0 60	Green, No. I	0 00 0 07	Hops	0 16 0 00
" Amber	0 65 0 75	Cured and inspected	0 00 0 003	Liverpool coarse	0.75 0.80
ice	i i	Callekina, green	0.00 0.10		
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		Lam DSKins	0 60 0 00	Wines, Liquors, &c.	* 60 * 00
inger, ground	0 25 0 35	Leather, @ 4 months: Spanish Sole, istquality		Ale: English, pts	265 275
" Jamaica, root	0 21 0 27	all wgts Ib	0.26 0.28	Managinessy sergii	<u> 325 350</u>
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eas:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	English	0 70 0 90	green cases	4 25 4 50
Japan common to good.	0 27 0 47	Hemlock Calf (30 to 35 lbs.), per doz	0.70 0.00	Booth's Old Tom	
fine to choicest Colored, common to fine	0 40 0 4 1	Do. light	0 50 0 60 1		000 050 235 250
Congou & Souchong	0 27 0 77	French Calf Splits, large, # 1b	I 124 I 40	Demerara Whisky:	1 90 2 10
Volong, good to fine Y. Hyson, com. to good.		" small	0 18 0 20	GOODERHAM & OVODEN	
Medium to choice	0 40 0 1	Enamelled Cow, per ft	0 19 0 21	LUMS CASA (/nder s)	
EXITA CHOICE	0 60 0 11	Patent	0 14 0 18	21 A	T. D.
Gunpwd com. to med med. to fine	0 37 0 42	Butt	0 14 0 18		In Duty ond. Paid
" fine to finest.	0 62 0 82	Russetts, light	0 25 0 35	Alcohol, 65 o.p. W I. gall	0 61 2 18
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NAME.	108	Capital subscribed	Capital		Dividend	CLOSING	CLOSING PRICES		
NAME.	Shares.		paid-up.	Rest.	last 6 Months.	Toronto Sept. 6.	Montreal		
	[strlg.	8	8		₩ ct.				
British North America	£50	4,866,666	4,866,666	1.216.000	4				
Canadian Bank of Commerce	₩50	6,000,000	6,000,000	1,000,000	l X	118 1			
Consolidated		4,000,000	3,465,910			83 84			
Du Peuple	50	1,000,000	1,600,000	267,196		038 048			
Du Peuple	50	1,500,000	1,330,151						
Eastern Townships	100	1,000,000	1,000,000		1	•••••			
Exchange Bank	100	1,000,000	669,930		Ä	97 2 99			
Hamilton	100	010,000	862,402	50,000	i X	105 106			
Imperial	50	2,000,000	1,953,920			-038 YOUR			
Jacques Cartier		582 200	195,014						
Machanica' Bank	50	8,697,200		1,000,000		671 68			
Merchants' Bank of Canada	100	1,000,000	675,226			0/1 00			
Metropolitan	100	2,000,000	1,996,715		4	**********			
Molaca's Rank	50	12,000,000	11,998,400	5 500 000	6	157 157			
Montreal	200	1,000,000	627,170	,,,,,,,,,,,,	3	43/ 43/\$			
Maritime	100		2,000,000		34	•••••••			
Nationale	50	2,000,000				700			
Dominion Bank	50	1,000,000	970,250		4	122 [24			
Onsania Bank	40	3,000,000	2,996,180		4.	101 1014			
Ouches Bank	100	2,500,000	2,500,000						
	50	507,750		•••••	3	714 73			
Toronto	100	2,000,000	2,000,000		4	1534 156			
Union Bank	100	2,000,000	1,992,050		3	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			
Ville Marie	1	1,000,000							
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London & Can. Loan & Agency Co	50	3,000,000	300,000		5	130 133xd			
Canada Landed Credit Company	50	1,000,000	488,093		4 4	132 134			
Canada Loan and Savings Company	50	1,750,000	1,750,000		6	1724 173			
Ontario Savings & Invest. Society		1,000,000	672,500		5	1324			
Parmers' Loan and Savings Company	50	450,000	440,000	25,500	4	1111 1121			
Parmers' Loan and Savings Company	100	600,000	600,000		5	142			
Freehold Loan and Savings Company		950,000	686,749	63,000		1164			
The Hamilton Provident & Loan Soc.	50	1,000,000	963,461						
Huron & Erie Savings & Loan Society	40	2,000,000	2,000,000		34				
Mantenal Telegrann CO	4	1,440,000	1,400,000		5*				
Montreal City Gas Co	40	600,000	400,000		, ,				
Manager City Passenger Kallway Co.	1 30				4				
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t Building Society	1 30	662,500	366,200			1071			
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INSURANCE COMPANIES.

English.-(Quotations on the London Market, Aug. 14.

No. Shares.	Last Dividend.	NAME OF COMP'Y.	Shar par val	Amour paid.	Sale.	
20,000	5	Briton M.& G. Life		2	7-16	
50,000	20	C. Union F. L. & M	50	5	20	
5,000	10	Edinburgh Life	100	15	39	
20,000	5 yearly	Guardian	100	50	74	
12,000	£4 p.sh.	Imperial Fire	100	25	1,7	A
100,000	20	Lancashire F. & L	20	2	78	
10,000	11	Life Ass'n of Scot.	40	8	33 66	(
35,862	12	London Ass. Corp.	25	122		
10,000	5	Lon. & Lancash. L	10	ī¥	I	(
391,752	15	Liv.Lon.&G.F.&L	20	2	144	
20,000	20	Northern F. & L	100	5 00	38	1
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200,000	15	Queen Fire & Life	10	14		
100,000	40,	Royal Insurance	20	3	£19	
100,000	124	Scot'h.Commercial	10	I	11	1
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20,000	10	Scot. Prov. F. & L	50	3	761	
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5,000	12	Montreal Assura'ce	£50	£5		
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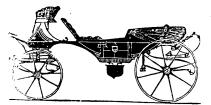
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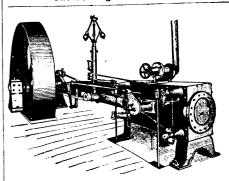
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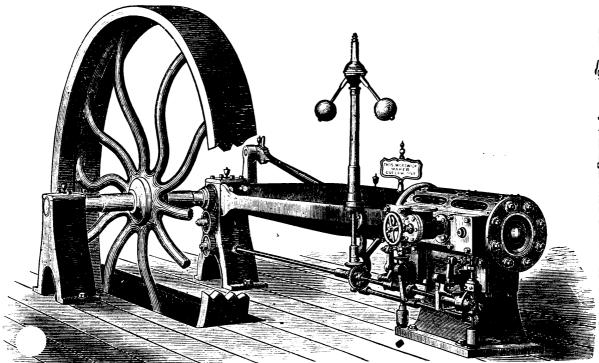
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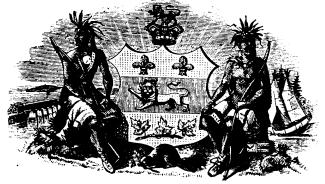
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\$51,081,179 66

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DISBURSED IN 1876.

To Policy-Holders: 2,461,030 52 956,481 81 Lapsed and surren'd policies

\$6,018,758 68 Expenses: Commission to Agents
Salaries of Officers, Clerks, and all others employed on \$462,836 55 82,431 11

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Taxes and profit and loss.. 373,211 79

Balance Net Assets, Dec. 31, 1876. \$40,020,146 47 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS.

723,400 00 1,847,310 00 Cost of other bonds
Cost of Bank Stock
Cost of Railroad Stock 435,000 00 80,205 00 26,000 00 Cash in Bank, at interest 7,306 54 Cash in Company's office
Balance due from agents, secured
Bills receivable 7,306 54 44,132 89

Net and ledger assets..... \$44,020,146 47 ADD: Interest accrued and due..... \$1,844,530 64 3,850 00

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34,613 26 2,192,859 86

Gross assets, Dec. 31, 1876 \$46,213,065 33 LIABILITIES:

Amount required to re-insure all outstanding policies, net assuming 4 per cent. interest \$\frac{40,775,730}{40,775,313}\$ 40

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