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### Mercantile Summary.

- The article on the Life Insurance question in another page, copied from the International Review, is from the able pen of Charlton H. Lewis, Secretary of the Chamber of Life Insurance, New York.

- Mr. C. O. Perrault has resigned his position as manager of the Stadacona Insurance Company in this city. Mr. Perrault has been appointed manager to the National Printing and Publishing Company, lately organized here.

- Mr. Thomas Craig of this city has resigned his position as resident secretary and manager of the Scottish Commercial Insurance Company, his duties in connection with the Montreal Loan and Mortgage Society already occupying the greater part of his time.

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- All the sidewalks in St. Boniface, Manitoba, were clear of snow on the 10th inst.

- The yield of maple sugar in the Eastern Townships this spring is unprecedented.

-The United States Reporting and Collecting Association has appointed Mesers. Gundlack & Co., of this city, general agents for the Dominion, as may be seen by referring to another page.

- A recent account from Winnipeg says that one hardwave firm in that city sold over one hundred breaking ploughs this Spring, and could have sold one hundred and fifty more if they had had them. There is not one left in the city.

- Connolly & Latulippe, of St. Roch's, Quebec, is the name of a new firm in the drygoods line. They open to-morrow. Both members of the firm were formerly employees with F. Carrier of that city.

- New York pays \$30,000 nightly for amusements. Counting matinee receipts, this makes the round sum of \$200,000 a week. Montreal pays about \$300 a night. Quality has something to do with the difference.

- We learn that the writ of attachment by the Brockville & Ottawa Railway Company against Hon. A. B. Foster has been discontinued. We are informed also that Alderman T. E. Foster will probably be able to weather the lineacial difficulties lately referred to.

- A recent investigation into the affairs of S. S. (L. J.) Campbell, leather manufacturer, who failed last year and then absconded, revealed that when he went to England, before his insolvency, he took with him \$40,000, which he invested there in his wife's name.

- Rafts of square timber were recently sold at Lock Haven, Pa., at prices ranging from 8 cents to 12 cents per foot; much of it, however, was of poor quality. It is thought prime timbers will go as high as 16 cents per foot this scason.

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- Colonel S. S. Taylor, of Cairo, Ill., has carried in his valise for many years, when travelling, a rope ladder and a thick pair of gloves. At the burning of the Southern Hotel at St. Louis, where he was a guest, the ladder and gloves saved bis life.

- Philadelphia is reported to have 8,000 houses untenanted, or occupied by families who, unable longer to pay rent, are permitted to remain in them, on condition they protect the premises from the ravages to which unoccupied buildings are liable.

- Although Great Britain is covered with a perfect net-work of railways, bills were introduced during the last session of parliament for the expenditure of \$126,500,000 in railway building, \$99,000,000 on existing lines and \$27,500,000 in new projects.

- In answer to intending settlers the Winnipeg paper says there is in Manitoba a superabundance of bookkeepers and that class, also of printers. Farming is the only interest which cannot be overdone. There are good openings for both small and large capitalists.

-- It is stated that subsequent to the withdrawal of the writ of the Brockville and Ottawa Railway against Hon. A. B. Foster, another writ for a larger amount was taken out by the same parties, and served by an official assignce of Sweetsburg.

- A Winnipeg paper says :- A survey of Bow river, made last fall for the purpose of determining its adaptability for navigation, showed that the principal obstruction was a rapid about one thousand feet long, situated six miles below Fort Calgarry, a Mounted Police Station.

- The Federal Bank has declared a dividend of 35 per cent, for the current half year. The Dominion Bank has declared a dividend of 4 ner cent.

- The steamship Valetta, of the Montreal and Acadia Steamship Company, sailed yesterday for St. John's, Newfoundland, with a general cargo, being the first departure from port this season.

-A large force of workmen is now engaged in fitting out the vessels of the Northwestern Transportation Company's line, at Sarnia, for the summer campaign. The first boat is expected to leave for the upper lakes the first week in May.

- Some workmen employed in digging a well in the village of Gravenhurst recently discovered some very fine specimens of gold in nuggets. One of the proprietors of the well is about to sink another shaft. Offers of two thousand dollars have been made for village lots in the vicinity of the well.

- The steamer Frigorifique has left Havre for Rio Plata, to bring meat back to France. If the affair proves a success, other vessels will be employed. It is believed that the French mail steam vessels plying to New York are to have refrigerators put in them for carrying meat on the return voyage.

- About 3,000 factory cheese, more or less skims, sold at Little Falls last Monday for 10c. to 13c., a few full milk getting 4c. to 4c. better. 200 farm cheese sold at 8c. to 12c., a fair price being 101c. Butter is still depressed, and the demand is limited. Over 100 firkins were sold at from 17c. to 19c., a small quantity of extra reaching 20c.

- The New York Life Insurance Company will not withdraw its business from Canada, notwithstanding the passage of the Insurance

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Bill in Ottawa. Mr. Burke, the resident manager, has leased elegant and convenient premises in the new buildings on St. François Xavier street, opposite the old post-office building.

— The reduction of the half-yearly dividend by the Bank of Toronto from 6 to 4 per cent, has not appreciably affected quotations of that stock in Toronto. The general feeling is that it is the result merely of a prudent policy on the part of the directors to compensate for losses during the period of depression through which the country is passing.

— We learn that operations are about to begin for opening up a mine of argentiferous galena and antimony, in the vicinity of Buckingham. Prospecting for plumbago phosphates and galena is being carried on on a large scale this season, and already land on the Gatineau river, which has hitherto been considered worthless, has been sold at high figures.

— A letter was received by the St. John Chief of Police, from the Chief of Police at Hamilton, stating that the man Jolly was sentenced to Kingston penitentiary for three years for forging a check in November, 1873, and was to have been tried on another charge of forgery after his release, but was let go before his prosecutors were aware of it.

- The Kingston City Council has amended the market by-law so as to insure full measure in a bag of potatoes, and compelling the seller to weigh them when asked so to do; also compelling vendors of strawberries to sell by the quart or its proper multiples, instead of by the box or sham quart with the bottoms half way up the sides. Leading Wholesale Trade of Montreal

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- Coal has been discovered in the township of Richmond, about ten miles from Napance. Specimens were brought into town and examined by competent judges, who pronounce it equal to the best Lackawana. The vein, so far as examined, is about twenty feet thick. There are indications of petroleum in the neighborhood also.
- A tunnel through the Pyrenees will place France and Spain in railroad communication by the 1st of January, 1878. The work has been several years in progress, and will save twelve hours of tedious diligence riding between Perpignan and Barcelona. Next year travellers will be able to travel by rail from Paris to Malaga, almost without changing traves.
- Stocks of grain in store at Toronto the 23rd instant amounted to 10,891 barrels of flour and 386,511 bushels grain, against 21,254 barrels flour and 1,030,731 bushels grain at same time last year. Barley, which all winter was largely in excess of that of any previous year, has now sunk to 81,891 bushels, against 87,625 bushels at same date last year. A decrease of 24,000 bushels of barley is shown during the past week.
- Some dreamers, descendants probably of Goldsmith's "Whang the Miller," have recently been indulging in the exciting and amusing pleasure of digging for hidden treasures in the dead hours of the night, near the village of Gibson, N.B., with the usual success. The hole they made evidences an amount of hard work which would have been more profitably employed otherwise.

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- New York State Superintendent Smyth's report on the American Popular Life insurance Company charges that the assets sworn to December 31st last were \$588,000, while the actual assets are \$288,000. The sworn liabilities were \$344,000, and the actual \$544,000. It is reported that the officers of the Company will be criminally prosecuted. The graded plan does not appear to have worked well after all. Next1
- During a recent visit of the inspectors, very few of the weights in Port Colborne were found correct. Some were over weight and some were light. One set of brass weights was found too heavy from the smallest to the largest. This has been a source of loss to the owner, but a gain to his customers. Another set was over weight, and the pound weight was fully a quarter of an ounce too heavy.
- There is said to be great distress among the silk workers of Lyons, in France, and the municipal authorities, in addition to appropriating \$40,000 for their aid, have organized a series of festivals in their behalf. At last accounts, sales of silk did not reach in an entire week those of a single day in the month of July, when the trade is generally at its dullest. The raw material is high, exports are light, and the future peace of Europe uncertain. These are the causes of the depression.
- The amount paid the Windsor Hotel contractors so far is \$311,207.84, leaving \$245,027.40 still due. The expenditure ontside of contractors has been \$33,853.89; balance due on real estate, \$93,510.00; paid on the real estate,

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A meeting of the freeholders of Orangeville, called on Saturday by the Mayor to hear and consider a proposition from the Credit Valley Railway Company, represented by the President, Mr. George Laidlaw, resulted favorably to the enterprise. Orangeville in addition to its bonus agrees to purchase \$30,000 of the first mortgage bonds of the Credit Valley Railway with \$30,000 of the debentures of Orangeville, both bonds and debentures to be in the hands of the Trustees of the Municipal Trust account until an engine arrives direct in Orangeville from the City of Toronto.

— A meeting of the representatives of American Life Insurance Companies doing business in Canada was held in this city, on Wednesday, in reference to the act recently passed at Ottawa. It is stated, as a result of the meeting, that a number of the managers here will proceed to the head offices, so that a general interchange of views may take place before an action arising out of recent legislation is taken. We doubt the wisdom of the recent threats indulged in by one or two Montreal managers respecting the withdrawal of their companies from Canada.

- The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Guelph, Ont., was celebrated last Monday on a Leading Wholesale Trade of Montreal

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scale of great magnificence. Hon Justice Galt, son of the founder of Guelph, accompanied by his two sons, were guests of the corporation, besides a number of the first and second year's settlers. The main feature of the celebration was a procession, headed by the Field Battery, and followed by the Mayor and guests of the Corporation in carriages, the Town Council, Board of Education, St. George's, St. Patrick's, St. Andrew's and Caledonian Societies, to the number of about 2,000. The first male child born in Guelph carried the royal standard. Several trades were represented.

- Legal proceedings have been taken against Dr. Alexander, City Manager of the Atna Life Insurance Company, for perjury. It appears that he lately took suit for the company, to recover the amount of a short-date note given him for the premium on a life policy by a merchant of this city. Judgment was obtained in the case, but it is alleged, that without waiting for fifteen days to issue the writ of execution, as is legally provided for, the writ was issued immediately, Dr. Alexander alleging that the maker of the note was secreting and making away with his goods. Three depositions have been laid, one by the merchant, his clerk and another party. The doctor has recently paid considerable attention to the vending of patent trusses. They may be serviceable in the present case of rupture also.

— The heirs of the late Mr. Charles Moore, of Toronto, wholesale grocer, brought an action in the Assize Court against the Connecticut Mutual Life Assurance Company, of Hartford, Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto

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to recover \$25,000 on a life policy. The defendants contended that the questions which deceased answered in the negative, on making his application, as to whether he had been afflicted by dyspepsia, local disease or personal injury, and as to the length of time since he had been attended by a physician, were answered wrongly, and resisted payment on those grounds. In evidence it came out that Mr. Moore's death was caused by an injury to the head, received by striking it against a bolt in his warehouse, said injury being within an inch or two of a depression of the skull of old standing caused by a full from his cutter which had never affected his general health. The case was decided in favor of the plaintiffs to the amount of \$3,642. An appeal is probable.

- A New York paper, commenting on the opinions of other journals as to the good effect of a European war on American business prospects, looks beyond the immediate to the ultimate results, and says: "But, good sir, there is another side to this question. War means more cost to the consumers for bread and meat to eat at home, bands to be returned to the United States for payment, a higher interest on gold, less income on foreign imports, war speculations and productions, which oftener end in disaster than proceed to profit. War undoubtedly means business, but unfortunately it is not the right kind of business. It may break the commercial stagnation which hangs like a pall over the land and almost over the world. It will substitute soldiers in Russia, Turkey, and elsewhere for growers of wheat and producers

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of other grains. There will be a great slaughter of men and horses, towns burned, cities devastated, and all the beauties and glories and consequences of war, but it can hardly be that our national prosperity will depend upon such an aggregation of evils as war. Look on the war picture of inflation, speculation and false expectations even at home, and against it offset the little present gain against the present and ultimate cost, and the balance, even in national profits, will not be much upon our side."

-The estate of Joseph James & Co., roofers, recently insolvent, will turn out very poorly for general creditors; a statement prepared by the assignce, shows liabilities of \$18,671, of which \$8,600 are secured, and the assets will probably not much more than cover this latter amount. We believe it is the intention to contest the security held by one of the creditors.

Remi Champagne, a merchant of St. Philippe whose record for the past eighteen months has been one of suits and judgments, has finally succumbed to the long continued pressure, and a writ of attachment has been issued.

- The firm of W. M. Holbrook & Co., general merchants, of Helena, who have been in unsettled shape for some years, have been put into insolvency. They, at one time, did an excellent business and were in good shape, but over investment in land and buildings necessitated an extension in 1873, which has not been entirely settled, we believe, up to the present

- F. D. Shallow, grocer, of St. Johns, was one of the sufferers by St. Johns fire, and compromised at the time at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar; this arrangement, however, he is unable to complete, and his estate has been put into the hands of the assignee for the district.
- -P. & F. Donnelly, lumber merchants of Montreal, failed in February 1870, upon a writ of attachment issued by the Metropolitan Bank for \$7,754; they subsequently compromised liabilities of about \$80,000 at twenty cents in

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Silver Medals, Provincial Exhibitions, 1868, 170-173.

the dollar, payable in 6, 12 and 18 months They are apparently unable to meet the second payment of this settlement, and a writ of attachment issued the other day.

Another .- It is reported that a deficiency of \$300,000 has been found in the funds of the Life Association of America, headquarters in St. Louis, and that the Company will not be permitted to do any new business in the Eastern States until the impairment is made good.

- An interesting point has arisen out of the case of Mr. G. L. Rolland, boot and shoe manufacturer, vs. The Citizens Insurance Company, lately in progress in the first division of the Superior Court. Mr. Rolland sues for \$6,000, the amount claimed for damage done by a fire which destroyed goods in his premises in March, 1868; some nine years having clapsed before the taking of the suit. Mr. Rolland's insurance policy covered the goods in Nos. 317 and 319 St. Paul street, but after the policy was issued an opening was made between 317 and 315, and goods were brought into the latter building These also were destroyed, and the dispute arises out of a claim for the payment of those in this quarter of the establishment. The company rejects any liability for the loss in 315. The counsel for Mr. Rolland set up that the goods were insured, and it was a matter of no consequence whether they were in a store extending two fronts or in one extending three fronts. This is somewhat similar to the case of Wyld es. The Liverpool and London and Globe.

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MONTREAL, APRIL 27, 1877.

### THE BANK STATEMENTS.

The Bank statements for March do not present any feature of special interest. There is a reduction to the extent of \$2,242,529 in the aggregate liabilities, as compared with February, under the various heads, viz., circulation, Dominion and Provincial Governments deposits, and deposits from the public. There is a reduction of nearly a million in the notes discounted, and of \$1,520,600 in the aggregate assets. It may perhaps be interesting to our readers to make a comparative statement of the liabilities and assets of the Banks in Ontario and Quebec in the month of March, 1875 and 1877.

### Liabilities.

	March, 1875. 1	larch, 1877.
Capital paid up	\$59,766,784	\$62,261,792
Circulation	21,499,899	18,390,672
Government Deposits	14,943,725	9,624,214
Public Deposits of demand Public Deposits of	1 28,984,483	32,142,524
notice	27,286,022 n	27,809,026
Canada		1,354,861
Due other Banks no in Canada Sundries	. 11,958,888	3,120,125 89,668
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### Assets.

	March, 1875. 4	March, 1877.
Specie	\$6,448,057	\$6,553,993
Dominion Notes	7,793,480	8,251,738
Notes and Cheques of other Banks Due from other Banks	4,179,397	3,951,551
in Canada	4,034,183	3,114,407
Due from other Banks not in Canada	7,042,036	6,239,432
Available Assets	\$29,497,153	\$28,111,121
Government Stocks	936,591	1,405,440
Loans to Government	42,085	103,009
Loans to Corpora-		
tions	11,258,582	12,767,102
Discounts		121,386,802
Real Estate	565,405	979,283
Bank Premiums		3,104,728
Other Assets	1,357,866	1,532,843

\$177,743,520 \$169,390,328

It will be seen from the above statements that the aggregate liabilities of the banks are much less than they were two years ago, the reduction being chiefly under the heads circulation, government deposits, and foreign bank indebtedness. The capital and the public deposits show an increase. The reduction in the assets is chiefly under the head of notes discounted, which have been reduced about ten millions of dollars. The advances on the collateral security of bank stocks, which are comprised in the loans to corporations, are about a million less than in 1875. It is evident that the banks have been pursuing a cautious policy during the last two years.

### PUBLIC OPINION.

BANK DIVIDENDS.

A writer, using the nom de plume of "Scrutator," discusses in the columns of an evening contemporary the conduct of the directors of the Bank of Montreal in declaring a dividend of 6 per cent. for the half year, alleging that such dividend had not been earned, and that it was improper to trench on the contingent fund. The publication of such a letter has naturally attracted public attention, but we are greatly mistaken if the verdict of the public will be in accordance with "Scrutator's" views. It will occur to the shareholders, as it has done to us, that "Scrutator" must have had some object in writing a letter, the intention of which must have been to damage the stock of the Bank of Montreal. Shareholders generally are anxious to obtain as large dividends as possible, and are never favorable to large rests or contingent funds. In order to protect the public, in whose interest "Scrutator" professes to write, the Legislature has wisely provided that no greater dividend than 8 per cent. shall be paid until the rest shall amount to 20 per cent. of the capital of the bank. That margin has long since been \$105,962,081 \$92,531,099 more than doubled in the case of the

Bank of Montreal, and if the directors were of opinion that it was wise to divide even more of the accumulated profits than they are charged with having done, the public could have no just ground of complaint. It might be inferred from "Scrutator's" letter by those unacquainted with facts that the late dividend had been partially paid out of the rest. It may, therefore, be proper to observe that there is a considerable contingent fund irrespective of the rest, which is properly applicable to the payment of dividends. If it were never to be so applied it might as well be carried at once to the rest. The amount of dividend is clearly a question for the shareholders. If they should be of opinion that in every year where there is an excess of earnings over the ordinary dividend such excess should be retained as a rest, but in every year in which the earnings fall short the dividend should be reduced, it would, no doubt, be proper for the directors to give effect to their wishes. We doubt very much whether many of the shareholders would be favorable to such a policy. When we were reading "Scrutator's" letter we expected to find it signed by a "Sharoholder." Who else could have an interest in discussing the question? Finding the signature "Scrutator," we began to ponder on the subject, and the result of our reflection was that " A Bear " would would have been the much more correct nom de plume. We found on enquiry that our surmises were correct, and that the authorship of the letter has been avowed by a broker. We have not prosecuted our enquiries so far as to ascortain whether the said broker is "short" of Bank of Montreal stock, but we are inclined to suspect strongly that he or some of his immediate friends must have been speculating for a fall in anticipation of a reduced dividend. The writer refers to the "argument used in defence of this policy," which is a virtual admission that he is in possession of what took place at the Board meeting, at which the dividend was discussed. It has leaked out that the directors were not unanimous in their opinion that the dividend should be 6 per cent. We should be sorry to think that any director had an interest in bearing the stock, but the letter of "Scrutator" is, we must own, calculated to arouse suspicion Of one thing the writer or the person who inspired him may be assured, and that is that sound public opinion will on this occasion be with the directors, and against those who would make the policy of a great public institution subservient to their own private interests.

- The Bank of Toronto has declared a dividend for the half year of 4 per cent.

### THE BRANDY MYSTERY.

We cannot refrain from expressing our regrets at the reports which have been circulated against the old and well established firm of W. F. Lewis & Co., in relation to an export of brandy. We have had the most undoubted evidence of the innocence of the firm in this matter, and, instead of there being any room for imputation, on the contrary we can assure our readers, that the whole of the evidence goes to show instructions of the most circumspect character, tending to stimulate confidence rather than in any way shake it.

### HANDWORK AND BRAINWORK.

That labor in one form or other is one of the strongest of man's necessities, will, we suppose, be acknowledged by all. If it can be made to bring into exercise those faculties within us which are the strongest, it then becomes a pleasure to ourselves and a benefit to others. No kind of work which is not of service to others can gain us any permanent reward, either in the shape of pleasure or profit. To feel that we are doing work for which we have no special adaptation, and that we are neither benefitting others nor ourselves by it, but are merely filling a place which could be better filled by a better man, makes toil irksome and far from pleasant; while, on the other hand, "the labor we delight in physics pain."

Perhaps the strongest instance of misdirected labor we could bring forward is one which can be seen at almost any city or country fair, where, carefully concealed in a canvas tent from the gaze of the non-paying public, an educated pig roots about among letters of the alphabet so as to spell a word. The interesting animal is evidently out of its element. Its appearance and conformation strike us as extremely incongruous with the pursuit or attainment of any depth of erudition, though in its own sphere its natural adaptation to rooting fills us with such admiration that we feel it must be doing the one by means of the other. Doubts of that showman oppress us, and a settled melancholy pervades our being, as we lose respect for the animal, and the conviction settles upon us that it has unwittingly lent itself to a fraud. And so, in a lesser degree, when a man lends himself to work for which he has not the natural capabilities, but which he accomplishes only by straining powers which could be better exercised on something else, he also lends himself, though quite unwittingly, to a fraud.

We desire, however, to treat of the merits of handwork or brainwork only as

regards its relation to a new country like our own. England has been often christened and criticised as "a nation of shopkeepers," and Canada at present seems willing and anxious to tread in her footsteps. While merchants and storekeepers may be said with justice to combine the two kinds of labor; the handwork is of a slight and trivial nature, and the brainwork is that on which success principally depends. The physical organ which, in this occupation, the brain uses its force to set in motion to bring about the results contemplated is that "unruly" but useful member, the tongue. As that can be equally brought into exercise by the mechanic, the farmer, the factory-hand, the sailor, or the fisherman, its advantages in that respect are not very apparent. The faculty chiefly wanted for success in business, whether in a wholesale or retail trade, is certainly one which belongs exclusively to the brain powers. It is administrative ability; or, to put it more plainly, the art of controlling and directing others through superior knowledge of their wants and wishes and their sources of supply, and the power of directing and working harmoniously, but effectively, with or by means of, agents and subordinates. No perseverance or economy, however strongly developed, without an admixture of this quality will achieve success, for it is a very small business indeed which a man can run alone, and even where he can, he must have administrative ability in order to capture and retain his customers. This faculty is not possessed by every man who goes into business, and the lack of the inherent power of acquiring it, even by sad experience, is the cause of many a failure.

Handieralts, on the contrary, such as we have mentioned are based upon the exercise of the physical powers with which all men are endowed to a greater or lesser degree. Any man of ordinary phisique, can, if he begins early, enough, learn to be a fair mechanic, carpenter, or builder, etc., though at the same time for some one of these particular trades, or some other, it may be that he is more eminently fitted, because into it he could throw also some of his brain power with effect, and not only work but invent and improve. So it is also with farming. Any ordinary set of thews and sinews are equal to the labor required, if early trained to it, though to some it presents a field of research and enquiry into the laws of nature and science which interests and exercises their mental powers also. Such men are peculiarly fitted for it. Now to the majority of men in a new country like this, full physical vigor is granted,

while only in the few is administrative ability inherent. In some it can be culvated; in others the soil is uncongenial. and no amount of forcing can bring it to the surface. Such are not intended for merchants, and do not find their truest happiness, or, which is the same thing, usefulness, in that employment; and inasmuch as it requires above one hundred men and families to enable one general storekeeper to make a respectable livelihood, and defray business expenses, the wisdom and beauty of the exceptional bestowment of such inborn powers is at once apparent. There was, at one time in their past history an excellent rule pervading society among the Jews which might well be adopted in all new countries, that of teaching every boy some manual occupation as a part of his education. Were we not afraid of trespassing on the voluminous and vexed question of "woman's rights," we might almost venture to suggest its wisdom as applied to girls also. But, at any rate, to boys it would be a blessing for which they would be thankful throughout their whole future life. It renders them almost independant of circumstances in any country, develops their physical powers, and makes them always useful members of society, while it does not in any way preventthem from using any special brain power or administrative ability they may find themselves to possess. And in a country like ours, comparatively undeveloped, there is no possible room for doubt that in physical labor of any kind, whether agricultural, mechanical or industrial, there cannot for many years to come be any lack of fairly remunerative employment. To such employments, if brain power be added, success is certain, and great usefulness to the community will be the result. It is easy to overcrowd our ranks with lawyers, doctors, editors, merchants and storekeepers, nay even with clergymen, but not so easy to overcrowd our territory with powerful or deft-handed and physically well-developed men who, from the training which the learning of a trade affords, are ready to turn their hand to any kind of physical labor. If those who are the heads of families will remember this in time, a certain career of prosperity and advancement lies before this Dominion, with its almost unlimited resources and vast tracts of virgin territory open to the man who can use his hands as well as his brains. The one kind of employment is as noble as the other where usefulness to the community is the test of merit and honor; and no other standard than that of use is a reliable

### CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIA-TION.

It is satisfactory to learn by the report of the Confederation Life Association that public confidence is so largely extended to Canadian companies. We live in a time when great caution is necessary in selecting companies in which persons with fixed incomes can make provision for their wives and families. While admitting that in many instances the combination of the Fire and Life business has been found satisfactory, we have no doubt that the safer mode is for each branch of insurance business to be carried on The Confederation Life separately. is bound by its charter to grant to participating policy holders 90 per cent. of the profits, a larger share than companies usually give, so that it may almost be said that it combines the advantages of mutual companies with those which afford the security of a fixed capital. The statements are clear and easily understood, and the cash account seems to afford the fullest information. It is most satisfactory to learn as we do from the abstract of statements of Insurance companies furnished by the Government Superintendent of Insurance companies that the Canadian companies show an increase of 165 new policies and \$61,287 in premiums in 1876 over 1875, while the American companies show a decrease of \$35 in the number of new policies and \$114,223 in the premiums. The number of American companies is 13, and of Canadian 7. The bulk of the Canadian Life business seems to be done by the Canada, Confederation, and Sun. We have no doubt that in a very few years the Canadian companies will have also surpassed the American companies.

### OUR MERCANTILE EMISSARIES.

Is Montreal to retain and enlarge the trade she is doing? is a question which naturally comes to the surface when our importers, merchants, and manufacturers are suffering from depression of trade and hard times. The dyspeptic citizen, worried with his burden of care and anxiety, and meeting to-day fresh difficulties after conquering those of yesterday, does sometimes, after bolting his frugal meal with that unseemly haste so common on this side of the Atlantic and so detrimental to his digestive organs, feel inclined to take gloomy views of the future both for himself and the city of his birth or adoption. But he who is blessed with a sound mind in a sound body-that greatest of all blessings-and whose experience has brought forth that endurance and hopeful

long suffering best known and described as "pluck," looks on at his own position in the struggle with a calm and steadfast mind and sees small cause for discouragement. Our trade is old established, and wide and far-reaching in its range. New and rapidly growing commercial centres are certainly making prodigious efforts to cut us off and intercent the flow of trade in our direction. Still there is no cause for dismay. The like has been attempted before in other countries, and men and their cities have only out forth new powers and prospered, not only in spite of it, but by it. "If the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain." Montreal, though not so fanatical as Mahomet, is at least quite as practical, and if the mountain of trade will not obey her magnetic attractions, there is a wealth of magnetism in that mountain of trade which will draw Montreal to it. Fifteen years ago commercial travellers were a thing almost unknown, but when the occasion came the men were not awanting. Now Montreal sends out these emissaries far and near, and from Halifax to Windsor the Montreal commercial traveller is omnipresent, bringing the large assortment and well-assorted stocks of our merchants conveniently near to every storekeeper of good standing. While preserving control of the trade within the range which naturally seeks our market as the most convenient, we do not neglect to compete for a share of the trade in every section of the Dominion which our natural position at the head of ocean navigation and the accumulated wealth of our merchants afford us opportunity for doing. And though the much abused "drummer" may be on the one hand, by his customer, considered a troublesome insect, and on the other, by his employer, an expensive one, he is not thereby dismayed, for he knows that he is a necessity, and fills a position eminently useful to both. On his first appearance, while he was a novelty, and the race "was not to the swift nor the battle to the strong," but the mere fact of his existence and presence was sufficient to ensure a trade, he was not, because he did not re. quire to be, the high-class man he now is. The successful commercial traveller of to-day is steady, industrious, well trained in his special department of business, and, as he can no longer depend for success on incidental and not always justifiable aids of a personal nature, or which appeal to the lowest traits of character in his customers, is possessed of no small share of genuine business ability. He now generally talks "straight business." As a valuable part of business machinery he obtains his monetary value, and by the

experience and knowledge he gains in his occupation often finds himself, when opportunity offers, fitted to take the lead in business himself and attain a high position. Commercial travellers are not going to die out either here or in other trade centres. They are an institution that will last because useful. It may be that buyers may find it irksome to have to listen to the eloquence of five or six a day. and invent ingenious methods of getting rid of them without trespassing the bounds of politeness, but yet few of these five or six will leave him, even when they do so devoid of that desire of the traveller's heart, an order, without having both given and received valuable information. Suppose that all commercial travellers could, by some occult process of legerdemain, be made to stay at home for three months; the country trader would feel painfully lonesome, and when impelled, by the withdrawal of this means of supply and information, he visited the markets, would make so many mistakes and pay so sweetly for his goods as to make him extend the hand of welcome to all commercial men for the rest of his business career; while employers would find themselves so devoid both of information as to customers' wants and standing, and their trade so dwarfed and shrunk, as to make them eager for his services again. Old established houses who do not wish to extend their connections may be taken as exceptions to this view of the case. We speak of trade in the aggregate, and the maintenance of the trade of a commercial centre. By means of travellers for their fellow merchants keeping the market of their city constantly before the customers, such houses are enabled to maintain their trade for a time.

What the system of commercial travelling wants is, not total extinction, but systematizing, and a greater identity of interest between the traveller and his employer. If commissions are paid in lieu of or in addition to salary, they should be made dependent not on the amount of sales but on the profits realized out of the trade done. Thus trustworthy men gifted with prudence and good judgment would shine in their true colors, and reap their due reward.

Nor need Montreal blush to own that it has now to seek by such methods to retain its trade. The commercial metropolis of every progressive country at the present day has thus to meet and conquer competition. While we thus carry our markets to other cities, towns and villages, they also carry theirs to us, and sometimes curtail our trade with our own fellow citizens. It is in vain for us to

complain of this, or to mourn that our citizens occasionally obtain goods cheaper or more suitable from outsiders than within our own city. There are no vested rights in trade, and the world is to the worthiest. A "fair field and no favor" will not harm any one; and we have confidence enough in the ability, perseverance and good judgment of our citizens to believe that we will not be distanced in the race in the future any more than in the past, and that the same causes which have produced our growth and prosperity are still within us in as great a measure as ever.

### THE GLOBE MUTUAL.

The general summary of the business and standing of the Globe Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, on another page, although promptly issued by the Company in January last, has been delayed publication in our columns through the absence of Mr. Wells, the General Manager. The statement embraces the entire business of the Company from its commencement, and will no doubt prove gratifying to its policy-holders, the company deeming this general statement necessary in view of the perturbed state of the public mind respecting the business of life insurance generally. It will be learned with satisfaction that although in the United States the income of the company for the year has shown a slight reduction as compared with 1875, owing to the unusual necessitous demand for cash surrender values on policies as well as to the maturing of endowments, the disbursements also have been correspondingly reduced. We need not refer to the ligures; they speak for themselves.

A commendable feature in the recent affairs of the company is that for some time past it has been discounting its endowments falling due during the year, and one which has proved a blessing in the many cases where the necessities of the policy-holder compelled him to have recourse to such a reserve. The charge brought against several New York companies respecting extraordinary salary expenditure does not apply to the Globe Mutual, as the president and secretary of the company receive but \$2,500 a year each, which, with a very small percentage on income, amounts to \$8,000 and \$7,000 a year respectively. The careful investments of the company in Government and State stocks and bonds as readily convertible securities, as well as its investment in mortgages and real estate at a very low proportion of appraisement, are worthy of notice. We make the following extract from a recent circular:

In arriving at the surplus, the trustees have eliminated from the Company's assets every item that could be considered of questionable value, and in order to leave no doubt regarding the perfect solidity of its assets and surplus, they have made a departure from the custom of assuming the highest market value, and with a sound conservatism, reduced the values of rea estate, accound rents, agents' accounts, and other items, by the sum of \$170,000. The computation to place this large amount of contingent values in the list of assets, and thereby show a surplus of \$700,000 instead of \$523,000, as also a comparative increase of the gross assets, can be well appreciated by those interested, when at a time of distrust like the present, the desire of all companies is to place themselves before the public in a manner that will leave their stability and popularity beyond question, and we trust that the action of the trustees in not showing a questionable surplus, will be appreciated by our policy-holders, as proving the desire of the company's officers to pursue a conservative policy in the management of its affairs.

That the business of the company in Canada is satisfactory is evident from the report of the Superintendent of Insurance referred to in a late number. An examination of the company's affairs is now being made by the Insurance Commissioner of the State of New York. In the meantime policy-holders can rest assured that the result must be of the most satisfactory character as regards the business and financial strength of the company.

### THE SUN MUTUAL LIFE.

To form an accurate idea of the benefits to be derived from a policy in a sound Life Assurance company, it must be look. ed upon as a deposit in a savings bank yielding interest, and interest upon interest, and where the interest is denosited without loss of time. The annual reports of our life assurance companies, among other things, afford an index to the wisdom with which these accumulating deposits are being invested so as to give the greatest possible security to the depositor that the amount purchased by him and payable after a certain period to himself, or after death to his executors or heirs, is held constantly in view by the company to whom he entrusts this sacred fund. In this respect the report of the Sun Mutual in another page shows a gratifying state of affairs, as proved by an examination of the figures given. It will be observed that the investments of the company at their present market value would yield a premium of \$5,450, although in the estimates they are entered at their net cost. The assets of the company for the year amount to \$285,945, an increase of \$47,445 as compared with 1875, to which might reasonably be added the sum of \$5,450 noted above. The premiums for 1875 in the Life Department were \$61,304, presumably all collected; those for 1876 were \$95,738, showing an increase for the year of \$34,-

404, a gratifying exhibit when we consider the exceptional character of the period through which the country is passing, and reflecting no little credit on the general management. The suspicions which the really sound as well as frail American companies have recently suffered from, as shown in the great number of lapsed and surrender policies, have doubtless contributed in no little degree to the increased business of all other companies during the trying times of the past year, and it is only natural to claim for the Sun Mutual a gratifying share in such a patriotic movement. We defer further comment. An occasion is likely to present itself for more detailed analysis, as we understand there is to be an unfriendly criticism of the statement on the part of a rival institution.

# THE LIFE INSURANCE QUESTION. WHAT IS WRONG IN LIFE INSURANCE?

It is commonly said that a crisis has come in the business of Life Insurance. Some of the corporations which have transacted it are in bankruptcy, and their managers are believed to have been guilty of embezzlement and perjury. These facts are enough to justify, or rather to demand, the severest public indignation against the guilty men, with every precaution which can be devised against such conduct on the part of others holding like trusts. But public sentiment, if the noisiest declaimers express it truly, takes another direction, and goes much further. We are daily assured that the system as a whole is proved a failure; that all or most of the companies engaged in it are unsafe; that the business is conducted by methods which are unjust and oppressive to the public; that its accumulations are badly invested, and can never be reduced to cash; and that some immediate sweeping preventive must be found for an impending disaster. The public mind is excited on the subject to an unprecedented extent; and journalists and legislators have for many weeks given it a disproportionate degree of attention. The recent failures of companies, and the disgraceful exposures which followed, are certainly the occasion of this excitement; but these cannot be regarded as its chief cause. They are not adequate of themselves to produce any such effect. When they are compared, in magnitude and importance, with the business of Life Insurance in the aggregate, their insignificance is apparent. This business, as represented by the companies having agencies in the State of New York, holds invested fund to the amount of more than four hundred millions of dollars; pays in losses and claims to survivers every year at least thirty millions of dollars, and collects annually a surplus income of about the same amount. The entire ascertained loss to policy-holders by the failure of Life Insurance companies doing business in New York, during the last generation, has not been so much as the surplus income of the existing companies for three months. If there is any other branch of human enterprise, in manufactures, commerce, or finance, which has been

carried on so long, and on so large a scale, with so small a proportion of losses, its statistics are unknown. Further, of the appraised wealth of the country, as it stood four years ago, that part which is invested in land and buildings, in railroads, in stocks of goods, has shrunk, as statisticians assure us, in the aggregate hardly less than forty per cent.; while that which is invested in Life Insurance has increased not less than twenty per cent. Indeed, a comprehensive survey of this branch of business, in its relations to other branches, would justify the claim that it has been, on the whole, the most complete success in the commercial world. The science on which it was founded has been vindicated by a vast experience; so that its leading principles and conclusions can never again be disputed. The practical results obtained have been, in a word, the collection, mainly from the surplus earnings of the community and in each man's days of prosperity of a great number of contributions; out of which, with their accumulations, two hundred millions of dollars have been distributed to families, mostly in the time of their deepest want, and twice that sum has been stored up towards the payment of ten times as much to other families upon whom a similar need will full hereafter. The sum thus laid aside is invested more securely than any other equal part of the wealth of the community. It is, indeed, so invested that the nation must itself fall into permanent decay before its value can be seriously impaired. In contrast with these results the failures which have occurred are comparatively triffing. Many cases of individual hardship demand our sympathy, and the wrongs that have been done must be redressed as far as possible, and punished as severely as possible. But these failures are not to be mistaken for more than they are: occasional and minor exceptions in the history of a magnificent success.

Where, then, shall we find the causes of the wide distrust and apprehension with which Life Insurance is regarded? The success it has achieved is strictly limited by its own proper work. Life Insurance has been a success for the men who have insured their lives, and have kent them insured; for those who have bought their insurance and paid for it. These are not the men from whom complaints are heard. But it has proved a disappointment to many thou sands of others, who have sought in it that which it cannot give, and, failing to find it, regard themselves as deceived and defrauded. The same companies whose record, in their proper business, furnishes the splendid results above cited, have been losing members of late years at the rate of ninety thousand per year by " lapse and surrender," and it is hardly too much to say, that nearly all of these retiring members have gone out under at least a vague sense that they were in some way wronged in the transaction. This vast body of ex-members, men who have contracted for insurance, paid some money on their contracts, but failed to complete them, and have thus lost all or a great part of the sums invested in them, have become a principal power in the formation of public opinion on the subject. It is their dissatisfaction, gradually spread through the popular mind, which has prepared the way for an out-

burst of hostile feeling against the communes; and the recent failures have been but the occasion for its general expression. Had no such occasion arisen, this feeling must still have been an increasing obstacle to the business, which can never again find its proper place in the esteem and confidence of the public until the obstacle is removed; until the relations of the companies to retiring members are better understood on both sides, and are adjusted on terms acceptable to both.

### (To be continued.)

THE STADACONA.—This company deserves credit for the manner in which it has met the heavy losses sustained last year by unexpected and exceptional disasters. It has been able to do so without requiring to trespass on the call of 5 per cent. authorized by the directors and shareholders on 6th February last.

The results of last year's business are, of course, unsatisfactory to the shareholders. The Stadacona aims at graduating rates in proportion to risks. This principle is open to objection, but, if carried on with firmness and good judgment, is a wise one, and the large connection already gained by the company may probably thus best be made of value. This company offers the public every security that could be required, and its late unpleasant experiences, and the promptness with which losses were met, have gained it much of their sympathy and support.

THE INSURANCE INVESTIGATION -The opposition of most of the prominent New York papers to the Graham bill before the Legislature of that State is the clearest evidence of the hostility of the large life insurance companies to the bill, as well as of the wisdom and expediency of the measure. This bill is destined to reorganize the Insurance Department, so as to give some value to the Superintendent's guarantee of a company's solvency, thus replacing false security by true security, and at the same time embodies the all-important non-forfeiture principle. Most of the great journals of the city are also opposed to the investigation now going on at Albany. The insurance ring is bitterly hostile to both the investigation and the bill, and finding it impossible, for the first time in many years, to accomplish much by lobbying at Albany, is using the New York press to further its ends. This is the real reason for the singular fury which the New York papers have manifested at the "impertinent," "cruel" and "inquisitorial" character of the investigation. The only New York paper which has bandled these insurance questions with independence and ability is the Times. In Chicago the Tribune, and in Montreal the Journal of Commerce have not been backward in their treatment of the subject. The course of these journals is an honorable exception to the above rule .- Boston Commercial Butletin.

The Connecticut Life Insurance Investigation.— The Legislature of Connecticut appointed a special Commission to investigate the insurance companies of that State. The Commission has begun its sessions at Hartford, but they will be secret, and none of the results will reach the public till the Legislature meet

and a report is made. It would be interesting to know how the Ætna Life is going to account for such an enormous sum of money as \$1,050,833.75 in cash on hand and in bank, on \$1st December last, as s'ewn by its published statement. Has any of this heavy sum been procured as a temporary loan from fat-salaried directors, to make a show in the statement? If not it should have been invested and helped to reduce the weight of the struggling policyholders.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE CASE. - The following decision has been rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States, showing that a company may have too much backbone. The Ætna Life Insurance Company vs. France and wife .- Error to the Circuit Court, for the East tern District of Pennsylvania. This was an action upon a policy of insurance upon the life of one Chewen for the benefit of his sister, Mrs. France. The defences were that Mrs. France had no insurable interest in her brother's life; that the insured mis-stated his age in his application, and that he had fasely answered as to an alleged rupture and other diseases with which the company asserted he had been afflicted. It is here urged that the policy was one of a wagering character upon the life of another without an insurable interest in the claimant, and is, therefore, void. The insured being indebted to Mrs. France in the sum of \$2,000, it is said if the policy is good at all it is not good beyond that amount. The Court charged that if there was discrepancy in the age alleged, that it would entitle the company only to deduction of the difference in premium to have been paid by a person of the actual age of the insured. This is assigned as error, and the company insisting that the misrepresentation, if shown, violated the policy.

- The Executive Committee of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and coal owners met on Tuesday, according to a recent despatch, and received the report of the delegates lately at Ottawa. After stating the points laid before the Committee of the Commons, the delegates say, whatever may be the result of the recent agitation, they are assured that the coal question and inter-Provincial trade have excited much attention throughout the Dominion, and the people of Ontario and Quebec now know they can be supplied with suitable coal from Nova Scotia; and it is for their interest to use it rather than a foreign article, which necessitates money being sent out of the country. The delegates conclude by calling attention to the fact of certain Nova Scotian representatives in the Commons being among the chief opponents of the asked-for duty on coal, notwithstanding the petitions of their constituents.

Large Fruit Purchase.—The N. Y. Shipping List reports an increased business in the leading kinds of foreign dried fruit, the salient features of the market having been a sweeping movement in Valencia raisins, comprising all in bond and nearly all in first hands, and pretty free purchases of prunes at hardening prices, promoted by apprehensions of a lessened prospective supply in the event of actual hostilities between Turkey and Russia. The chief feature in raisins is said to have been the sale of 24,000 hf. bxs. Valencia in bond, largely for shipment

to Canada, understood at 5½c., short price, the market closing firm at 6c. for the residue of the stock; and 2,000 do. at a private price. The lot of 24,000, we understand from local advices, was bought by a grocery firm on Yonge street in our own city.

The Newfoundland Herring Fishery.—Private letters received from Bay of Islands, Ntd., dated 25th ult., report the herring fishery very poor. The fishery was then over, and the catch at Bay of Islands will not exceed 10,000 barrels, 30,000 barrels short of the quantity required to load the vessels waiting for cargoes. At Bonne Bay only 300 barrels of berring bove been caught, and between 20 and 30 vessels are frozen in, most of them Nova Scotians, among them an American three-masted schooner with a capacity of 3,500 barrels.

Mining in Nova Scotta.—There was a decrease in the amount of nearly all minerals mined in Nova Scotia last year, as compared with the out-turn during three next preceding years. The product of coal particularly continues to fall off year by year, as also does that of gypsum, each showing a defict in 1876, as compared with 1873, of 33 per cent. Gold has somewhat increased; 12,000 ounces, valued in round figures at \$240,000, was taken from the quartz. Iron, too, shows a very considerable increase in 1876 over 1873. Lead in paying quantities was only discovered last year, and the nine tons exported were merely taken out to test the value of the discovery. Copper mining, also, is yet in its infancy, while the export of manganese has almost censed. The value of gypsum exported was \$83,000, and of freestone \$36,000. A good deal of prospecting theing carrieisd on all over Nova Scotia proper and Cape Breton. The value of the mining areas of Nova Scotia alone amounts to a fabulous sum.

THE WAR.—A New York paper has the following sensible remarks:—" It is to be hoped that the expectations held out by some of our papers here as to the probable effects of the war in 'reviving business' will be taken with a great deal of allowance. There is no good a great deal of allowance. There is no good reason for supposing that the Russian ability to raise grain during the war will be seriously diminished, or that the struggle will last long enough to exert much influence on the market for other supplies. Turkey has probably bought all the aims and munitions she will ever use, and Russia appears to be fully equipped also. Then it must be remembered that operations will be carried on in semi-barbarous agricultural countries in which war will bring no sus-pension of manufacturing industry, or derangement of the machinery of credit or exchange, and in which it is sure, on the contrary, to di-minish what demand there was for the conveniences and comforts of life. It would, of course, make more difference to us if Austria, or Germany, or England were drawn in, but it is not likely they will be, and if they are, their wants can only give a brief and unhealthy stimulus to a few branches of business here, which would be sure to be followed by a reaction. In short, there is nothing which does so much to revive industry as peace and security, and not at home only but everywhere. The Turk and Russian caunot be so good customers when cutting each other's throats as when labouring in the field and factory. It is not safe, therefore, to look for any real benefit from the war, beyond, perhaps, a temporary improvement in the grain and provision trade. That it is going to make a fine market for this year's harvest is possible, but to court on this je looking to fire about for but to count on this is looking too far ahead for practical purposes.

Recent telegraphic advices give crop prospects from eighty-six points in Ohio. Of these eight report a rair crop; forty-nine good; twenty-nine unusually good. From seventy-one points in Indiana, six report prospects fair; thirty-seven good; twenty-eight unusually good. From sixty-four points in Kentucky,

twenty report prospects fair; thirty-four good; seven unusually good; two failure, or partial failures; one none sown. From ninety-one points in Illinois, mostly middle and southern portions of the State, seven report prospects fair; lifty-five good; twenty-one unusually good; one failure, and seven no wheat sown.

### THE SUN MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The adjourned annual meeting of this Company was held at the head office in Montreal on the 18th inst.

There were present Messrs, T. J. Claxton, M. H. Gault, A. W. Ogdvie, A. F. Gault, H. Mulholland, T. M. Bryson, James Hutton, W. S. O Brien, C. Alexander, A. Shannon, Andrew Robertson, M. McKenzie, W. Reid, J. Craig, James Stevenson, J. M. C. Delesderniers, R. Macaulay, and several other gentlemen.

In the absence of Mr. T. Workman, M. P., the

In the absence of Mr. T. Workman, M. P., the President—who telegraphed from Ottawa that he could not come down in time—the Vice-President, T. J. Claxton, Esq., took the chair, and called on the Secretary to read the notices of annual meeting and of adjourned meeting, with the minutes.

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

The Chairmas then proceeded to read the following highly satisfactory annual report:—

The wonderful progress of this company during the past year, coupled with its excellent limited condition, enables the directors to meet the shareholders with the utmost satisfaction. The printed statements in your hands, and those lying on the table for your inspection, certainly afford ample reason for mutual congratulation.

The usual statements of receipts and disbursements, and of assets and liabilities, were printed and freely circulated some days ago among the sbarcholders, with the view of thereby affording full opportunity, in advance of the present meeting, to examine into the transactions and position of the company. Besides these there will be found on the table full detailed schedules of premium revenue, interest and expense, the sources and apportionment of surplus, for the past 5½ years; also a detailed list of the securities, with their several values, as held for the protection of our policyholders. The object of the directors is to give every possible publicity to its affairs, and you are cheerfully invited to a thorough personal inspection and examination of these documents.

The recent disastrous failures of so many American Life Companies, and the frauds exposed in some cases, while seriously alarming policyholders in foreign companies, have attracted the attention of the public to the duty of patronizing more largely our home companies. In this connection your directors feel that they can most heartily recommend the Sun Mutaal to the confidence of the country. Economy and security has ever been its motto. The results attained within the short period of five and a half years, in the face of the persistent audduring the last year—must unfair and unscrupations opposition from a few American life regents,—are certainly very gratifying. The large surplus shown (by the schedule hereto appended) to be available for distribution, is the best possible practical proof of success and prodent management.

prudent management.

Before passing to the details for the year, a few words may be permitted regarding the Insurance bill now before Parliament. The hope was widely entertained that, as promised in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the session, a measure would receive legislative sanction ensuring greater protection to Candians holding policies issued by foreign companies. But, should the bill become law in its present form, it will utterly fail to accomplish the proposed object. The country should know and understand its provisions are so framed that no policy in foreign companies, on the Mutual principle, will have any guaranteed Canadian socurity whatever in the event of the company becoming insolvent. The view sub-

mitted and urged by this company was that the distinction of native and foreign should be dropped, and all companies be made to give equal security to their policyholders. As the matter now stands, Canadiaus desirous of the highest guarantee must look to the home combanies.

The results of the year's work are as follows:—In the Life Department there were received 691 proposals for \$1,151,998,35. Of that sum, \$952,594,64, upon 573 lives, and yielding a yearly premium revenue of \$31,268,43, was put in force. The following exhibit will show the progressive character of the business in this connection:—

Amount of new business submit-

Amount of new business submit-

ted in 1876...... 1,151,998 35

In the Accident Department, besides several that were declined, and the contracts under Combined Life and Accident Policies, we issued 343 Policies, insuring \$702,600, and yielding \$3,780.40 in annual premiums. A marked preference has this year been shown for our Combined Life and Accident Policy. It is a very economical and convenient form, and embrues in a single policy all the advantages of separate Assurances. The Accident Insurance business of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada has been given to us for 1877.

Of the claims paid, \$8,000 was on deaths that had occurred rate in 1875, and became due in 1876. The actual mortality for the year was only \$6,000 on four lives, only about a quarter of one per cent, of the sum exposed to risk. The amazingly low death rate experienced by this Company is a remarkable feature, and, from a merely commercial point of view, is a high approval of the care bestowed in the selection of risks.

The Company having been now five and a half years in operation, we are required by charter to make a division of surplus. The same eminent actuary, Hon. Elizar Wright, was employed to value the risks under the existing policies. B fore doing that, a consultation was had as to the advisability of making our reserves on a four per cent, basis. Even at that low rate we should have had a surplus of over \$45,000; but with our facilities for obtaining first-class investments at a highly remunerative rate of interest, it was decided to adhere to 42 per cent, for the valuations.

As evincing the extreme caution exercised in the ascertainment of surplus available for distribution in the valuation of premiums, the entire loading has been left out, so as not to forestall the profits of future years; and of the instalments of premiums necessary to complete the Company's fiscal year, only the net mathematical premium has been taken. (Reference to the statements on the table will explain.) The investments of the Company, at their present market value, would yield the handsome premium of \$5,450; but, in the accompanying schedule, they are entered at their net cost, or ledger value, and the same severe test has been applied to all the assets. These precautionary measures were adopted solely with the view of affording the utmost possible protection to our assured, and of preserving intact the profit sources available for future years.

It will be satisfactory to you to know that the financial condition of the Company has kept pace with the progress in the new business. The following comparison with former years will illustrate that point:—

Assets as at 31st December, 1875.....\$218,498.83

The proprietary share of the surplus embles us to declare a bonus dividend of twe per cent.

per annum, to be added to the paid-up stock, for which scrip will be issued. That amount will leave—after providing for the dividend, payable in January—a net balance of \$2,000.09 at the credit of stockholders, to meet any unforeseen contingencies of mortality or otherwise. The profit of the Accident Branch has not been divided, but is left to create an independent fund for itself.

So soon as the calculations can be performed So soon is the ententions can be performed notices will be issued to the participating policyholders, showing the apportionment of profit. It will be available in payment of next premium, or in the reserve value added to the policy. The latter course we strongly recomplied. mend the assured to adopt. And it may be well to inform the holders of endowment policies that, in their case, the return will be (as nearly as can be) in the ratio of their contributions to surplus, an advantage that is not given by every Company.

The Directors who retire this year are Messrs. Claston, McLennan and M. H. Gault, who are all eligible for re-election. We regret that Mr. LeLennan declines to be re-elected, owing to engagements which preclude the possibility of his attendance at the Board.

T. JAMES CLANTON, Vice-President. M. H. GAULT, Managing Director.

Statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ending 31st December, 1876.

#### RECEIPTS.

To balance as at 31st De-	
	196,076 25
To premiums for year— Life	
To premiums for year—Accident	100,666.53
To interest received and accrued To sinking fund for debentures	18,088 20
	8315,033 93
LIABILITIES.	Property 1
Capital paid up \$50,000 00	
Life and accident emerged, but not due at the close	
of the year	
tion of premiums, &c 2,782 45	
Reserve at 45 per cent, on all life	
policies\$149,618 51	
Less on reinsu-	3 X 12
70 minces	31
Reserve on accident business 2,161 00	
위 시설 시계를 보고 있는 것이 모 <del>시</del> 를 <del>하는 것</del>	\$210,645 18

y chains paid—Life	55,299 51		
kubutukan manalah mela	265,944,64		
DISBURSEMENTS.			
By premiums written off	\$ 3,488 32 10,003 63		
By interest paid on stock and interest-bearing deposit	672 95 3,000 00		
By stamps for policies, &c., &c By surrenders paid	254 26 700 45		
rent, furl, taxes, &c., &c	4,761 78 2,398 50		
ling, law costs	18,012 67 4,387 03		
By re-assurance premiums Balance	\$49,089 29		
DRIBBICC	265,914 64		

\$315,033.93

#### ASSETS.

Cash in hand and in	1	
Bank	\$28,288 27	er in the second
Advance on policies	9,082 56	
Investments in real estate,		100
stocks and mortgages	* 1 ×	
(cost value)	196,563,79	
Office furniture	048.02	
In agents' and other hands	15,225.86	
Interest accrued	2,837 95	
Instalments of premiums		
necessary to complete		
fiscal year and secured		
on policies	13,297 59	
		265,944-64

Audited and certified to be correct.

P. S. ROSS, Auditor.

Montreal, 16th April, 1877.

Boston, February 27th, 1877.

This certifies that I have valued the Policies submitted to me by the San Multial Life Insurance Company of Montreal, as in force December 31st, 1876, and find their net value at that date, by the American Experience Table of Mortality, with interest at 4½ per cent., to be as follows :

No. of Policies..... Amount insured.......\$2,421,063.32 

### ELIZUR WRIGHT,

Consulting Actuary.

To the President and Directors of the SUN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE

Company:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report having made the Annual Audit of your books carefully, comparing the vouchers, postings and additions, and verifying the balances of Cash Book, Bank Book, teneral and Ag. ney Ledgers.

The general statement of receipts and dis-

bursements connected with the Insurance Statistics, and the statement of Liabilities and Assets, I have examined and certified as correct

I have much pleasure in stating that the system of book-keeping is scientifically good, and carried out in a careful, neat and thoroughly correct manner.

> I am, gentlemen, Yours respectfully, Punn S. Ross, Auditor.

Montreal, 17th April, 1877.

In submitting it he paid a well deserved com-pliment to the Managing Director, Mr. M. II. Gault, the Secretary and the Inspector. Some enquiries made by Mr. Robertson, eli-cited from the Chair the information that the

Sun Mutual had been inaugurated under such sun addition and over integrated under siten unexceptionably favorable circumstances that it would be difficult, if indeed possible, for another company to attain within the same short time so much business at so low a rate of expense. The claim set up for greater economy on the part of old Scotch Companies, was ably solid to be the claims at the statement by designing the replied to by the chairman, by showing that that result was obtained by fusing their large accumulated old business into one mass with their comparatively small amount of new busitheir comparatively small amount of new business, thus showing a general average of expense by no means in keeping with the actual expenditure on new business. He said it was a notorious fact that in this country the business of foreign companies was rapidly dying out, and the expense thereon proportionally increasing, while the Sun Mutual was in the ascendant, and bids fair to achieve the largest attainable results. attainable results.

The report was adopted unanimously. Mr. Bayson, in moving a vote of thanks to the President, Vice-President, Managing Director and Board of Directors for their able conduct of the accounts of the company for the past year, took occasion to compliment the management and officials for the enterprise and energy shown by them in the face of the great difficulties inci-

dent to a comparatively young company, more particularly by the opposition of the agents of rival foreign companies, and considered that very great economy had been practised by the

Mr. Mulnolland then moved a vote of thanks Mr. MULIOLIAND then moved a vote of thanks to the Secretary, Inspectors, Local Manager and office staff, for the great increase in the new business, and the successful manner in which the year's operations had been managed. In doing that he said that the compliment was well merited by all the gentlemen mentioned, and he had great pleasure in moving it. Mr. A. F. Gauta seconded it.

Mr. MACAULAY returned thanks for himself and his brother officers, assuring the meeting that their heart was in the work of promoting the best interests of the Sun Mutu d. The result best interests of the Sun Mutu d. The result of the year's operations was the more surprising in that it was largely if not chiefly effected by new hands, but few of the old workers being left. He mentioned in a kindly way his old friends, Messrs. Gilroy, Wheeler, Hammand and Ritchie. From them he hoped for large results this year. Mr. Hoskin, the Local Manager in Toronto, was highly spoken of as a faithful, zealous representative; he has already given a remarkably good account of his agency, and yet greater achievements are expected, from him greater achievements are expected from him. Both at Hamilton and Toronto there are thanorary Boards, whose influence is beneficially to Mr. D. lesderniers; the great success of the company was largely owing to his indefatigable exertions. The Secretary had much pleasure in co-operating with him. Some comparisons and citations were then made, showing the highly sound output statement. sound and satisfactory condition of the comoauv.

Mr. Delesberniers expressed himself much gratified at seeing the new premium means for the year so very much larger than it was in 1875. Quoting from the proof-sheets of the Government returns, the Sun's increase is there shown to be \$30,434, or nearly 50 per cent. greater than that of any other Ganadian company for the year. And as regards American or British companies, with but two or three exceptions, they had decreased very largely; as for insumes, the New York Life \$33,150, and the Phoenix, of Hartford, \$29,545. In both these instances the premium income for the year had diminished to the extent quoted. He was now Mr. Delesberniers expressed himself much diminished to the extent quoted. He was now sanguine that the Sun Mutual had made a good advance in the right direction, and hoped to see the current year's business run up to the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. For his part he was determined to do his share towards accomplishing that desirable result.

The MANAGING DIRECTOR said that if there is one subject more than another to which he had given especial attention it was that of economy. In every way in which it was possible to curtail expenditure he had closely followed it. There are corporations whose wasteful expenditure of the funds entriested to them was so manifest that it surprised him. It was not so with the Sun Mutual. He defied any one to point a com-pany that had been managed so frugally as the Sun Mutual.

Mr. ROBERTSON again spoke very encouragingly of the prospects of the company. He had advised his triends to take stock and also to insure in the Sun Mutual, and, should he require any further insurance, he would divide it between Scotch companies and the Sun.

A vote of thinks was proposed by Mr. Robertson to the medical examiners, local and general agents, for their skill and fidelity in furthering the general interests of the com-

pany, Mr. P. S Ross was appointed auditor for the current year.

The scrutineers reported the selection as prectors of Messrs. Claxton and Gault, and Mr. T. M. Bryson, in the place of Mr. McLennan, retired '

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman the

meeting dispersed.

At a subsequent meeting of directors, Mr.

Workman was re-elected President, and Mr.
Claxton, Vice-President.

Distributed thus :-

#### FIRE RECORD.

Montreal, April 15.-Fire in a small frame Montreat, April 10.—Fire in a small frame building, occupied by Mr. G. C. Vandal, chemist and druggist, No. 183 Bleury street. The damage to the stock in trade is believed to be considerable. Cause unknown.

Halifax, April 14 .- Williams & Leverman's

Hadfax, April 14.—writings a Leverman's plano factory, Carleton street, was burned. Loss about \$3,000; insurance \$1,000.
Quebec, April 16.—Martello tower, No. 1, on \$1. Lewis road, took fire. The roof was entirely consumed.

Cause of fire unknown. tirely consumed.

Toronto, April 16-Fire at 34 Richmond street destroyed the outbouse and stables. Loss,

S300; insurance, \$400.
St. John, N. B., April 16.—Fire broke out in Jas. McAvilu's house. Damage heavy; insu-

in Jas. McAvin's notes. Databage nearly instance on building, \$5,000; on furniture, \$500.

Amprior, April 17—Fire broke out in the residence of George Ball of this village, which was totally destroyed before the engine could be got to work. A portion of the furniture was

be got to work. A portion of the furniture was saved. Insurance on the building in the Isolated Risk for \$500; on the furniture \$400.

Joliete, April 18.—A fire broke out in the outbuildings of Messrs. Magnan & Mercier; damage about \$600; partly insured; the engine swed a great part of the town.

Lower Wukefield, N.B. April 17.—The dwelling house, barn and shed of Mr. B. Britten were barned. Loss about \$1,200; insured in the Martiline for \$600.

Maritime for \$600.

Watson Settlement, N.B., April 14.—The dwelling house, two barns and two sheds, with mearly all their contents, including a single wagon, farming utensils, quantity of hay, oats, potatoes, clover and grass seed, owned and occu-pied by James R. Smith, were des, royed by fire. Loss about \$2,000.

Loss about \$5,000.

Princeton, Out., April 18.—A fire broke out in Miss Smith's funcy store. The contents were almost totally destroyed. Damage to goods about \$2,000. Insured for \$1,200. The building was considerably damaged, but covered by insurance.

Fredericton, April 19.—The roof of the Edu-cation Ollice, Fredericton, N.B., was slightly damaged by fire on Thursday, caused by sparks from the chimney.

The losses by the late fire at Mr. James Shearer's planing mill Monteeal, are estimated at \$4,000 to \$5,000. Only a short time ago the building caught fire and \$050 damage was done. The Brigade deserves great credit for the waying which it worked, and in saving the building after the flames had full possession. The building and plant are insured as follows:-In the Royal Canadian for \$5,000; on building, \$1,500; engine and boiler, \$500; machinery and shafting, \$3,000; in the Offizens for \$3,000; building, \$1,000; engine and boiler, \$1,500; machinery and shafting, \$5,00. In the British America for \$2,000; on machinery, &c., \$1,500; building, \$500.

Westmeath, April 19 .- The residence of Patrick Lawless, on lot 4, in the 3rd concession township of Westmeath, was totally destroyed The farm hands had made a fire in the cook-stove previous to going out to feed the cattle, and on their return the building was in flames. The family were not yet up, and barely escaped in their night clothes. Their supply of flour for the summer and all their seed wheat, as well as \$296 in bank bills, were consumed. The estimated loss is from \$1,200 to \$1,500; a

Quebec, April 20.—Shortly after nine o'clock this morning the altar of the changl attached to the Hotel Dieu was found on fire, but it was extinguished without much damage. Immediately afterwards the French Church of Notre Dame de Victoire, in Lower town, took fire, and the altar with its appointments was burned. Forty hours devotion was in progress, and the church at the time was full of people. Somewhat of a panic ensued, but forunately no accident of a serious nature resulted. The fire originated from one of the candles on the altar. The damage is covered by insurance in the Quebec and Stadacona companies.

Aylmer, Ont., April 20 .- This morning as Mrs. George Kydd and Mrs. Hilicker were building a fire with coal oil, the contents of the can exploded, saturating their clothes and setting fire to the house, which was destroyed in a short The women were removed from the burning building, but not until they were so budly burned that they cannot survive. The was owned by James Brown; loss, \$1,000; insured for a small amount.

Montreal, April 20.—A small wooden house in St. Henri village, owned and occupied by a Mr. Livernois, was burned to the ground at 1 The fire is supposed to have been caused by the generation and explosion of gas in a coal oil lamp, which had been left alight when the family retired. The village brigade were promptin the property of the propert He is said to hold a policy on the build-

ing for a small amount.

East Williams, Ont., April 22.—Mr. James Good had his frame dwelling and part of its contents consumed. Loss, 1,000; insured in the London Mutual for \$400. Supposed to have originated by the wind blowing sparks from the chimney into the shingles.

Williamsville, Ont., April 21.—A fire occurred in the house of Wm. Jones, butcher. The dwelling and contents were completely destroyed. Loss about \$1,500; insured in the Canada Agricultural for \$1,000 on the house and furni-

Victoria, B. C .- The buildings and machi-

octoria, b. O.—The bindings and machinery employed in the barbor improvement work have been burned; loss heavy.

Ottawa, April 21 —Leslie's jewelry store took fire, but, the flames were extinguished before

any serious damage was done.

Cornwall, April 24. — About one o'clock
this morning a fire broke out in a shed, on the
property of Messrs. Flack & Vanarsdale, potters, which was almost immediately got under control by the fire brigades of the woollen and

cotton mills; the damage was slight.

Sherbrooke, April 24.—At seven o'clock this evening a fire was discovered in the upper storey of the paper mill. The alarm was sounded the nearest box, and both engines immediately disputched towards the spot. At 7.30 the fire was under control. The upper storey and roof were consumed, and the machinery The amount of loss is unslightly damaged.

known, but it will be light.

Kineardine, Out., April 25.—A fire broke out in Vanstone's planing mill, extending rapidly to an unoccupied warehouse and two frame dwellings owned by Wm Collins, and occupied by A. G. and W. G. Collins; in the rear a frame stable caught and communicated with two frame buildings in course of removal owned by Wm. McKibbin. The fire was stayed at these points, but it was feared once that the whole business portion of the town would go. Vanstone's total loss is \$12,000, insured in the canada Fire and Marine for \$2,000 and Water-loo Matual for \$1,500; Collins loss is \$1,500, insured in the Canada Fire and Marine for \$600; the furniture damaged by removal is fully covered by insurance; Mckibbin's loss is \$600, no insurance.

Montreal, April 21 .- At 3 p.m. a fire was discovered under a bed in the house of Joseph McFarlane, book-keeper, 17 Fournier street. The reels were summoned and put it out. Duninge trilling. Cause unknown.

### Commercial.

### MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS. MONTHEAL, 26th April, 1877.

Since our last report business has improved considerably, though still hardly up to the expectations entertained. Buyers from the vicinity are now visiting our markets in greater numbers and going in for fair parcels. Remittances also are slightly more favorable. The declaration of war in the East is sending a

more hopeful view of our future through all our commercial circles. Even if the excitement has already run prices of grain and produce above their probable true level, still a large part of that access is likely to be maintained. High prices for all our exports aids as at less cost to ourselves to wipe out our foreign indebtedness and also stimulates our home demand for goods. The future course of the Eastern war and its results are next to impossible to foresee, but temporarily at least some benefit to the Dominion must result. The Toronto trade sales of dry goods referred to last week, though, from all opinions we can gather, not remunerative in any degree, at-tracted many buyers and a large quantity of goods were disposed of. This means of forcing goods on traders is an unpleasant feature of the hard times and hardly one we can desire to see our Montreal merchants imitate, though it ought to have the effect of stirring up the Montreal trade to greater efforts to keep our market constantly before the trade by every possible legitimate means.

Ashes.—There have been large receipts for

the season, and prices have declined to \$4.12} to \$4.174, closing, however, rather stronger with sales at \$4.15 to \$4.20 to day. Slightly lower prices are looked for on opening of inland navigation when receipts will be ample for all requirements. Pearls—are entirely ne-glected. We cannot give any quotation, there is yet no demand for export. The receipts for the yet no demand for export. The receipts for the year have been 3063 brls. Pots and 101 brls. Pearls. The deliverics, 1878 brls Pots and 30 brs Pearl, and the stock in store at six o'clock on Thursday evening was 3890 brls Pots and 843 orls Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOPS.—There is rather more doing the present week especially in light spring and summer lines in which stocks are light. Prices are steady and without change. 

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Stocks are very light

of most leading lines, and buyers are auxiously waiting arrival of Spring ships, but although goods are freely offering to arrive, purchasers are holding off until goods are in port. The demand for local requirements and for country orders has been prefly active during the week, and business is as lively as could be expected. We have no change to note in prices.

Fish.-Accounts from the Herring Fishers in Newfoundland report the catch so far this sea-son extremely light. We quote nominally:— Herrings \$5.00 to 5.50; Draft Salt Codfish held No. 2, \$5.00 to \$5.50. Greenfish, lower; Draft No. 1, \$7; demand slow; anything scarcely doing.

FLOUR .- Owing to the declaration of war between Russia and Turkey there has been a further sudden advance in breadstuffs, and the sales to-day are from a dollar to a dollar and a half lugber than the figures quoted in our last issue. Spring Extra sold to-day at \$8.50. Extra \$8.75 and Superior, \$9.00 to \$9.25. Oatmenl \$6.25.

FURS AND SKINS.—We have no change to report. The market is weaker for all kinds of Skins, and may be subjected to a serious decline at any time, owing to the war cloud now so threatening in the Bast. We repeat quotations for this market:—Int., Spring, 18c.; Do., Fall, 10c. to 14c.; Do. Winter, 12c. to 16c; Coon, 25c. to 66c.; Fox, Red, 75c. to \$1.25; Fox, Gross, \$2,00 to 60c.; Fox, Red, 75c. to \$1.25; Fox, Gross, \$2,00 to \$3.00; Marten, Pale, 75c. to \$1.00; Mink, Western Canada, good colors, \$1.50 to \$2.00; Mink, Eastern Canada, prime large \$1.50 to \$2.00; Mink, Eastern Canada, prime large \$1.50 to \$2.00; Mink, Eastern Canada, prime small, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Otter, Dark, prime, \$5.00 to \$7.00; Fisher, Dark, prime, \$5.00 to \$7.00; Fisher, Dark, prime, \$5.00 to \$7.00; Lynx, \$1.25 to \$1.75; Beaver, Fall, clean pelt, per lb., \$1.50 to \$1.75; Beaver, large prime, \$8.00 to \$10.

Harmware —Shelf goods have been fairly in

HARDWARE. - Shelf goods have been fairly in demand, and in Heavy considerable quantities of cut mais are being shipped, as at present prices they cannot be brought from the United States except at a loss as compared with those purchased here. In running prices so close this spring makers determined to secure the trade and hoped that new material might be pur chased at cheaper rates for this seasons make, but in this they have been disappointed as the cost of mail material last season and this shows

very little difference.

LEATHER. - The leather market is rather ELECTRICAL—The feather marker is rather excited, but no actual advance in the price of leather has taken place as yet. Some of the manufacturers have been buying pretty freely the past few days in anticipations of an advance. Sole leather is very active in both New York and Boston markets, and an advance of 2c. per ib has been obtained for several large lots.

LIVE STOCK .- The arrivals at Point St. Charles during the just week reached twenty-nine carloads, viz., twenty loads of cattle, four loads of lags (two double and two single decked), three mixed carloads of cattle and logs and two mixed carloads of cattle and logs and two mixed carloads cattle and sheep. At the St. Gabriel market on Monday there were but seven carloads. Prices were some-what better than during the previous week, and the quality also showed considerable improvement. The better class sold at prices ranging from \$5 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs, live weight, the majority being at the latter figure. Several fire steers were sold at \$83 each, and we noticed a four year old heifer weighing about 1810 lbs., for which \$100 was bid and refused; bulls continue quite plentiful at \$5 to \$5.50 A bulls continue quite plentiful at \$5 to \$5.50 Å' number of logs were disposed of at prices between \$6.50; and \$6.65. Sheep scarce. We hear several thousand head of fine cattle are being fattened in Toronto and other places West, for shipment to Great Britain as soon as navigation opens. Only the heavier class of cattle are desirable for shipment as there is no difference in freight. Hides unchanged.

LUMBER.—There is little evidence of local improvement as yet in this department. But few

provement as yet in this department. But few buildings are being erected for the season. We

repeat previous quotations:	1000
Ash, I to 4 inches, per M \$16 00 to \$	320 00
Ash, timber, per M	25 00
Birch, I to 4 inches, per M 18 00 to	22 00
Basswood, a to 2 inches, per M. 15 00 to	20 00
Basswood, extra wide, per M., 20 00 to	25 00
	100:00
Cedar, round, lineal foot 00 06 to	00 09
Cedar, flat, lineal foot 00 04 to	00 05
Cedar, square, lineal foot 00 09 to	00.12
Elm, 1 to 4 inches, per M 18 00 to	25 00
Elm, timber, per M 20 00 to	.25 .00
Elm, Rock, 1 to 4 inches, per M. 30 00 to	40 00
Hemlock, 1 to 3 inches, per M. 08 00 to	10 00
Heinlock, 3x3, scautling, each, 00 07 to	00.08
Hemlock, 3x3, scantling, each, 00 07 to Hemlock, 3x4, scantling, each, 00 00 to	.00 10
Hemlock, timber, per M 12 50 10	14 00
Maple, hard, per M 20 00 to	30 00
Oak, 1 to 4 inches, per M 40,00 to	50,00
Pine, good clear, per M 25 00 to	35 00
Pine, common, clear, per M., 20 00 to	25 00
Pine, sound, 1 inch, planed 15 00 to	, 17, 60
Pine, sound flooring, planed 12 00 to Pine, roofing, planed, per M 11 00 to Pine, strips, 1 to 2 inch., per M. 09 00 to	15 00
Pine, roofing, planed, per M 11 00 to	12 00
Pine, strips, I to 2 inch., per M. 09 00 to	11 00
Pine, strips, planed, 1 to 2 inches, per M 11 00 to	100
inches, per M	13 00
Pine, common culls, per M 08 00 to	10 00
Pine, common 3 inch culls,	fre, a
per M 06 00 to	08 00
Pine, common 3 inch planed,	100
per M	09 00
Pine, timber, per M 15 00 to	19 00
Pine, shingles, per M 03 00 to	$03 \cdot 05$
Pine. 14 min, per M 01 10 to	01 25
Pine, 3x3 scantling, each 00 07110	00 08
Pine, 3x4 scantling, each 00 10 to	00 11
Pine, 1x2 furring, each 00 021to	00 03
Spruce, 1 to 2 inches, per M 08 00 to	10 00
Spruce, planed, I to 2 inches,	4, 4, 4
post M 10 00 to	
Spruce, 3 inch, per M 07 00 to	
Spruce, timber, per M 14 00 to	15 00

fore a further rise takes place, and considerable

quantities have changed hands at prices varying from 621c, to 671c, for Raw, and 65c, to 70c for boiled. Holders are firm now at outside figures. The market is almost bare of S.R. for bolled. Indicers are minimum figures. The market is almost bare of S. R. Seal Oil, but supplies are expected soon and the price is expected to be lower. Naval Stores—Turpenture is considerably lower in New York, but the price here will be pretty firm until arrivals by canal when it will recede somewhat.

—Rosins Tar and Pitch in firm demand without the price is wriges. Paints we in good demand alteration in prices. Paints are in good demand and prices are firm in spanpathy with Linseed Oil, and anticipated advanced in lead in conse-

quence of the outbreak of war.

Provisions.—Butter—There is little to note in this article. Old is dragging out slowly at bregular prices, while new is arriving more freely, and prices receding; best grades selling at 22c. to 23c, with prospects of a stendy decline from now out. Cheese.—The small stock of old in this market is going out in a jobbing way, extreme prices difficult to realize. No new Cheese on market as yet.

SALT.—Demand quiet, but prices firm. We quote factory filled salt at \$1.15 to \$1.30;

Course, 60c. to 65c.
Seeds.— Clover. Market firm; very little

Seeps.—Clover. Market firm; very little offering; selling in small lots at 16c, per pound. Timothy—Supply of Canadian seed very limited; prices firm at \$2.50 to \$2.60 per bush.

Toucco.—In manufactured plug, sales continue light. For domestic goods prices continue as last quoted. In the finer grades of imported Virginia, prices have advanced from 2c. to 5c. Leaf in the lower grades is quoted a shade lower; in finest Brights has advanced from 5c. to 7c. Cigars.—There is a fair demand in bath to 7c. Cigars.—There is a fair demand in both Domestic and Havanns. Dealers find that they have now to pay advanced prices for the latter.

have now to pay advanced prices for the latter. Wholesale Gnockey Mankert.—Sugars quite advanced; Yellow Refined held at 8½e. for very good up to 10½e, for choice. Ornindated, 11¢. to 11½e. Molasses and Syrups in sympathy with Sugars held for some advance, say 2e. to 3e: Teas.—Little change to report here as to prices. Stocks full with only moderate nemand. Rica higher in sympathy with Bread Stoffs 32 and con \$55 wear advanced. Stuffs, \$43 up to \$43 and even \$5 are quotations now. Coffees, Spiers and Chemicals are quiet. Fruis dull An improvement of about 10c, is noted in New York for Layers.

Wikes AND SPIRITS.—There is little new to report. We have heard however of several sales of low grade Sherries at very full figures, and as the market is now very har of these Wines we auticipate higher prices. DeKuyper Gin and leading Brandles are moving in small lots at our quotations, but as the new supplies are expected about middle of May, bayers are only purchasing for their immediate wants.

### TORONTO MARKETS.

Totonto, April 26.—War prices begin to predominate. Plour, firm. Sales—500 Spring Extra at \$8, now held at \$8.25; Extra held at \$8.75; Wheat, firm; No. 1 Spring held at \$2, with buyers at \$1.85. Barley, firm; No. 2 at 60c to 75c; No. 3 at 47c. Peas held at \$1. Oats, Canadian 49c. Corn, 62c.

### RAILWAY RETURNS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY .- Return of traffic for trand Prinks (Adiway, --Return of traffic for week ending April 14th, 1877, and the corresponding week, 1876, 1877, --Passengers, Mails and Express freight, \$58,178; Merchandise, \$127-444; Total, \$185,622, 1876, --Passengers, Mails and Express Freight, \$61,306; Merchandise, \$133,864; Total, \$195,170. Decrease, \$0,548.

MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA. - Port Hope, MIDIAND RAILWAY OF CANADA.—,
April 19th, 1877. Statement of traffic receipts
for week, from 7th to 14th April, 1877, in comregion with same period last year:—Passen for week, from 7th to 14th April, 1871, in comparison with same period last year: — Passengers, \$1,487.93; Freight, \$4,051.14; Mails and Express, \$258.32; Tolal, \$5,806.49. Same week last year, \$5,428.28. Increase, \$378.21. Total traffic to date, \$53,871.64; do., year previous, \$65,406.82. Decrease, \$11,535.18.

NORTHERN RAILWAY OF CANADA. - The traffic NORTHERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.—The traffic receipts for week ending 15th April, 1877.—Passengers, \$3,920.58; Freight, \$9,549.05; Mails and Sundries, \$151.10; Total receipts for current week, 1877, \$13,920.73. Corresponding week of 1876, \$12,666.07, Increase, \$1,254.06. Total traffic to date, 1877, \$161,241.55. Total traffic to date, 1876, \$186,174.32. Decrease, \$24,932.77.

#### EXPORTS.

Comparative statement of Exports of leading articles at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st January to 26th April, 1876 and 1877.

	 1876.	1877
Ashes	 1,247	1,985
Butter	 .,.	14,956
Barley	 •••	51,071
Bacon	 24,350	19,070
Corn	 •••	266,971
Cheese	 •••	35,628
Flour	 	3,699
Lard	 14,709	21,307
Onts	58,216	45,656
Pens	144,402	58,439
Pork	 2,452	·
Wheat	 477,826	133,306

#### REMARKS.

Ashes. - Exports for the week, 58 brls. Pot. Increase, 738 brls.

Butter. - Exports, -- brls. Decrease, 2,881

Barley. - Exports, 7,152 bush. Increase, 54,-071 bush.

Bacon,-Exports, 577 boxes. Decrease, 5,-280 boxes. Corn. - Exports, 34,736 bush. Increase, 240,-

576 bush Cheese, -Exports, 193 boxes. Increase, 11,-431 boxes

Flour.-Exports, -- bris. Increase, 187 Lard. - Exports, 1150 brls. Increase, 6,598

Oats.-Exports, - bush. Decrease, 12,560 bush.

Peus.-Exports, 2,400 bush. Decrease, 85,963 hush. Pork .- Exports, -- bris. Increase, 1,786

brls. Wheat,-Exports, -- bush. Decrease 344,-520 bush.

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### IMPORTS.

	April, 1876 at 1876.	1877.
Ashes	3,339	3,173
Butter	10,932	9,915
Barley		41,500
Bacon		16
Corn	4,800	10,800
Cheese	4,405	1,277
Flour		155,627
Lard	6,001	14,492
Oats		34,950
Peas		5,100
Pork		6,407
Wheat	368,622	10,300

#### REMARKS.

Ashes.—Receipts for the week, 211 brls. Pot, brls. Pearl. Decrease, 156 brls.

Butter.—Receipts, 1077 brls. Decrease, 1,007

brls.
Barley.—Receipts, 1200 bush. Decrease, 18,-

561 bush.

Bacon.—Receipts, Shoxes. Increase, 16 boxes.

Corn.—Receipts, 6,000 bush. Increase, 6,000 bush.

Cheese.—Receipts, 10 boxes. Decrease, 3,128

Flour.—Receipts, 18,246 brls. Increase, 19,129 brls.

Lard.—Receipts, 2,000 brls. Increase, 8,491

brls.
Outs.—Receipts, 2,100 bush. Increase, 8,500 bush.

Peas.—Receipts, 600 bush. Decrease, 148,681 bush.
Pork.—Receipts, 2,516 brls. Increase, 3,001

bris.
Wheat.— Receipts, 7,690 bush. Decrease, 358,322 bush.

#### Insurance.

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GENERAL SUMMARY.

1876 Receipts, 1876	S	11,558,254 1,000,665	06
Total receipts to January	1,	512,558,919	12
Death Claims paid\$3,156,895	49		
Endowments paid 98,961 Surrender Values	66		
paid 1,094,791	16		2
Dividends paid 902,721	13		4

Total paid assur'd\$5,253,369 44 Taxes, Re-insurance, and all other dis-

Gross receipts to January 1,

bursements......\$3,172,454 13

\$8,425,823 57

Gross Assets, December 31, 1876.\$4,502,368 90 Surplus to Policy-Holders....... \$523,652 69

JAS. M. FREEMAN, Secretary.

J. D. WELLS, General Manager for Canada.

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Carsley's Column.

### UNDER OATH.

The Senior Member of a large importing Firm stated some time ago under oath as follows:

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Nearly all the large and disgraceful failures that have lately taken place are by firms who subscribe to the support of these agencies. It is all nonsense for people to pretend that they subscribe for reliable information. Persons who will allow a lot of American Mercantile Agency men to pry into their affairs or who will answer them any questions whatever relating to his business are, in our opinion, pretty weak-kneed, and are made of anything but stirling metal,

# Coats' or Clarks' 300 yard spools

53 Cents per Dozen,

Quoted 58 Cts. last week in mistake.

See new Price List next week.

S. CARSLEY,

393 and 395 NOTRE DAME STREET, MONTREAL.

# THE FEDERAL BANK OF CANADA.

Dividend No. 5.

NUTICE is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of the Bank has this day been declared for the current half-year, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after FRIDAY, the FIRST day of JUNE next. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 31st May, both days inclusive.

Transfer Books will be closed from the four to the 31st May, both days inclusive.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Sharcholders for the Election of Directors will be held at the Banking House in this City, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of JUNE next. Chair to be taken at Twelve o'clock Noon.

By order of the Board.
H. S. STRATHY, Cashier.
The Federal Bank of Canada,
Toronto, 24th April, 1877.

Toronto Advertisements.

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PRIZE
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either in
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the United States, for Ale and Brown Stoat.

### STOCKS AND BONDS,

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NAME OF COMPANY.	No. Shures.	Last Dividend, per year.	Share par value.	Amount paid per Share.	Last Sale. per Share.	Cauada quotations per et.
British America Fire & Marine	10,000	5-6mos.	\$50	S50	S61	121 122
Canada Life	2,500	5	400	50	85	170
Citizens, Fire, Life, Quarantee & Acc't.	11.890		100	10	10	100
Confederation Life	5.000	8-12 mos.	100	10	101	107
Sun Mutual Life	5.000	3-12 mos.	100	10	10]	102
Isolated Risk, Fire	5,000		100	10	10	100
Provincial Fire and Marine	6.500	4-6 mos.	60	75	50	50
Quebec Fire	2.500		400	130	120	1201
Oncen City Fire	2,000	10	50 l	10	10	100 105
Western Assurance	5.100	71 6 mos.	40	20	30	149
Royal Canadian Insurance	60,000	.,,,,,,	100	īŏ		90 901
Accident Insurance Co. of Canada	2500	S per ct	100	20	20	100
Canada Guarantee Co	2335	Sper ct.	60	20	201	1924
Canada Agricultural Fire paid up			100	100		
10 per ct, paid up	10.000		100	10		
Merchants' Marino Insurance Co	5,000	S per ct.	100	20	10	90
National Insurance, Fire	20,000		100	Ĩů.		
Stadagona Insurance Co., Fire and Life			100	îŏ		
Ottawa Agricultural	10.000		100	iŏ	10	100
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Briton Life Association	(0,000	5	2	1	1	
British & Foreign Marine	50,000	50	20	1 4	143	••••
Commercial Union Fire Life & Marine		124	50	5	20}	
Edinburgh Life	5.000	10	100	15	40	••••
Guardian Fire and Lite	20,000	30	100	60	72	
Imperial Fire	12,000	£6 p. sh.	100	25	340	
Lancashire Fire and Life	121,000	40	20	2.	81	
Life Association of Scotland	10,0,0	26	40	63	32	
London Assurance Corporation	35,852	48	25	12}	674	
London & Lancashire Lite	10,000	10	10	11	1 ls	****
Livern'i & London & Globe Fire & Life		40	20	2	15	
Northern Fire & Life	30,000	40	100	5	41	
North British & Mercantile Fire & Life	40,000	78	50	61	483	
Phoenix Fire	6,722	18	****		250	
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Scottish Commercial Fire & Life	125,000	121	10	1	3 3	
Scottish Imperial Fire and Life	1 60,000	6	10	} 1	1 11	
Scottish Provincial Fire & Life	20,000	20	50	3	111	1
Standard Life	10.000	581	60	13	761	

The liability on all Bank Stocks is limited to double the Amount of the Subscribed Capital. On all other Stocks the liabilities of shareholders is strictly limited to the amount of Subscribed Capital.

# CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION.

Head Office—Temple Chambers, Toronto.

PRESIDENT-HON. W. P. HOWLAND, C.B.

VICE-PRESIDENTS-HON. WM. MCMASTER.

WM. ELLIOT, Esq.

The recent failure of Two Life Insurance Cos. in the State of New York.

And the attention which the leading press of the United States and Canada have given to the subject of Life Insurance, have very naturally caused policy holders and intending insurers much anxiety as to the safety of the provision sought to be made, and led them to ask the question, "What will render Life Insurance Companies safe beyond all doubt?"

The question is proper and all-important. The following will be a good answer:

- 1st. By adopting a Table of Mortality, which has been proved by experience to be correct and consequently safe.
- 2nd. By using a rate of interest sufficiently low to be certain of attainment during the many years covered by an insurance contract, and to compensate for any loss by bad investments or otherwise.
- 3rd. By ANNUAL VALUATIONS instead of only every FIVE or SEVEN years, and Annual Balance Sheets.
- 4th. This to be done under thorough governmental supervision by Statutory enactment, and an Insurance Superintendent.

The Confederation Life Association is the only Canadian Company that has furnished to the public these three conditions of safety, while the Board of Directors, by Memorial presented to the Minister of Finance, and by personal representation, sought to bring about the fourth.

J. K. MACDONALD, Managing Director,

Insurance.

# North British & Moreantile

Fire and Life Insurance Company,

RSTABLISHED 1809.

 Subscribed Capital.
 £2,000,000 Stg.

 Paid-up Capital.
 - - - - £250,000 Stg.

 Revenue for 1874.
 - - - 1,283,772 "

 Accumulated Funds.
 - - 3,544,732 "

INSURANCES AGAINST FIRE

ACCEPTED AT THE ORDINARY RATES OF PREMIUM.

### IN THE LIFE DEPARTMENT

Moderate Rates of Premium, and special schemes adapted to meet the various contingencies connected with this department. The next DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS will

The next DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS will take place on 31st December, 1880. All policies on the Participating Scale, effected on or before 31st December, 1876, will, in terms of the Rules of the Company, rank in that Division for Five Years' Bonus.

MACDOUGALL & DAVIDSON, General Agents.

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72 St. François Xavier St., Montreal.

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# BANK OF MONTREAL.

# NOTICE

Is hereby given that a DIVIDEND of

# SIX PER CENT.

upon the Paid up Capital Stock of this Institution has been declared for the current Half-year, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House in this City on and after

# FRIDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

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The ANNUAL GENERAL MEET-ING of the Sharcholders will be held at the Bank on MONDAY, the 4th day of JUNE next.

The Chair to be taken at ONE o'clock.

R. B. ANGUS, General Manager,

Montreal, 20th April 1877,

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GREAT REDUCTION IN CHARGES.

The Proprietors of this well-known First-class flotel have reduced their rates as below, according to location of Rooms: 60 Rooms with Board....\$1.50 per day.

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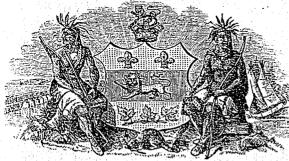
A limited number of SINGLE and FAMILY BOARDERS taken for the winter months at reasonable rates.

BROWNE & PERLEY,

Proprietors.

# THE STADACONA FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY





 Capital
 \$2,300,000

 Paid-up Capital
 220,000

 Fire Premium Revenue, 1875
 183,000

 Fire Premium Revenue, 1876
 201,000

 Losses paid
 248,000

 Government Deposit
 117,000

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The exceptional heavy Losses sustained by this Company during the past year have been promptly liquidated, and notwithstanding the general business depression leading to a reduction in lines carried, the Premium Revenue for 1876 has been increased by \$18,000.

The "STADACONA" as herotofore, will sustain its reputation for PROMPT PAYMENTS. A share of public patronage is solicited.

### MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.—THURSDAY, APRIL 26th, 1877.

Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesalo Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesalo Retail.
Boots and Shoes:  Men's Thick Boots.  Call Boots, pegged.  Kip Brogaus.  Spilt do  Buff Congress  Wom's Pebbled & Buffbals  Spilt do  Prunella do  Gong.  do Buskins.  Misses Pebbled & Buff Bals  Spilt do  Tong.  Tong.  Buff Congress  Onlides pebbled & Buffbals  Spilt do  Prunella do  Drugs  Buff do  Prunella do  Buff do  Prunella do  Drugs  Buff Buls  Buffbals  Bu	1 20 1 75 0 90 1 75 0 60 1 75 0 50 1 05 0 75 1 75 0 50 1 00 1 75 1 00 1 00 1 20 1 75 1 00 1 00 1 20 0 55 0 75 0 50 0 60 0 55 0 75 0 50 0 67 0 50 0 67 0 25 0 75 0 10 0 25 0 75 0 10 0 10 0 12 0 21 0 12 0 21 0 12 0 11 0 12 0 11 0 12 0 11 0 13 0 13 0 14 0 15 0 16 0 17 0 17 0 18 0 18 0 19 0 10 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 11 0 10 0 0 0	Japan, fine to finest Japan Nagasaki Y. Hyson common to good " fine to finest Gunpd, fair to med " Good to fine " fine to finest." Imperial, med " Cholee to finest Twankay, com. to good " medium " fine to finest." Cologe to common " medium " fine to finest." Fine to choice " medium " Fine to choice " COFFEES, green. Mochaper lb. Java, old Govt " Marcaibo " Cape " Gryon " SUGAR, (Tes. & Bris.) Porto Rico " Soo. Refined " Soo. Refined " Soo. Refined " SYRUP'S. Amber 60 daysper gal	0 27 0 30 0 22 0 23 0 22 0 123 0 22 0 24 0 27 0 29 0 11 0 11 0 00 0 00 0 09 1 0 09 0 09 1 0 09 0 09 1 0 10 0 09 1 0 10 0 09 1 0 10 0 09 1 0 10 0 11 0 11 0 11 0 11	Fruit. Loose Muscatel. per box. Luyers in boxes, Sultanas per lb. Seedless. " Valentia (New) " Currants, " Figs. " Almonds, shelled, in boxes " H. S. Almonds. " S. S. " Walnuts. " Filterts. " Brazils, new " Spices. Cassia per lb. Gloves. " Nutmegs " Jamaica Ginger, Unbl. Jamaica Ginger	0 061 0 061 81 0 09 61 0 71	2\(\) inch to 2\(\) inch.  Shingle.  Lath  Pat. Chisel Pointed.  Galvanized Iron:  Best, No. 24.  26.  Horse Nails:  Patent Ham'd sizes.  Iron.  Pig. Gartshorrie.  No. 1.  glinton, No. 1.  Bar—Scotch pr 100 lbs.  Rofined.  Swedes.  Cannda Plates:  Hatops—Coopers.  Cannda Plates:  Hatoon  Arrow.  Swansen.  Marshield  Penn.  Iron Wire (4 m'ths):  No. 6, per bundle.  Tin Plate (4 inths):  Coke.  IC Coke.  IC Coke.  IC Charcoal  IX.  Anchors, per lb  Hides, per 100 lbs.  Green Salted, for No.  Garcen Salted, for No.	3 80 100 ks 4 60) 25 cts. extra 0 7 1 0 8 0 8 0 8 0 8 1 0 8 0 8 0 9 1 0 20 25p off 21 00 22 00 20 00 21 00 21 00 22 00 19 00 20 00 1 90 2 8 3 4 75 5 50 2 60 2 75 50 4 00 4 20 3 75 4 00 4 00 4 20 3 75 4 00 2 40 2 50 2 70 2 50 3 70 3 50 3 70 3 50 3 70 3 50 3 70 4 00 2 70 2 50 6 00 5 50 6 00 5 50 7 00 7 25 9 00 9 25 11 00 11 25 6 00 6 25 0 07 0 09
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# W. BELL & CO.,

GUELPH, ONTARIO,

# Centennial Medal Organs

Silver Medal at Ontario Provincial Exhibition for 1871.

Silver Medal at Centennial Exhibition for 1876.

GALT, ONT.

# QUEEN'S HOTEL,

A. H. PEATMAN, PROPRIETOR.

Free Omnibus to and from the Trains.

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### MASSIE, WEIR & BRYCE,

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To work by hand or foot Power.
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Free Omnibus to and from all trains for Guests.

Good Stabling and Livery in connection.

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### WHITESIDE'S PATENT SPRING Beds Mattresses and Bedding.

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MONTREAL.

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Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesale	Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.
Leather (at 6 m'ths:) In lots of less than 60 sides, 10 p.c. higher Spa'sh Sole, 1st quality, mid. wts., lb De. No. 2. Is unsher, heavy. Do. light. Zanzibar No. 1. Do. No. 2. Illarness, best l' No. 2. Upper heavy. Illarness, best l' No. 2. Upper heavy. Best l' No. 2. Upper heavy. Best l' No. 2. Upper heavy. Bight. Grained Upper. Red Upper.	\$ c. \$ c.  0 25 0 26  0 24 0 25  0 22 0 23  0 22 0 23  0 22 0 23  0 20 0 21  0 26 0 27  0 25 0 26  0 21 0 22  0 35 0 36  0 36 0 37  0 36 0 37  0 36 0 50  0 50 0 50	S. R. Pale Seal.  Pale Seal, ordinary. Lard Oil Linseed raw.  boiled. Olive machinery.  qt., per case.  pts.,  Lucoa, flake.  Spirits Turpentine.  Whale, refined.  Paints, &c.  White Lead, gen., 100 lb. kegs.  No. 1  White Lead, gennine, in Oil, per 25 lbs.  Do., No. 1  " 2.  " 3.  White Lead, dry Red Lead. Venetian Red, Eng'h. Yel, Ochre, French. Whiting.  Produce.  Grain: Golden Drop Wheat. Michigan White.  Treadwell Canada Fall No. 2. Chicago. Red Winter. Oats. L. C. Barley, per 48 lbs Peas. Produce.  Gortmeal.  Corn.	\$ c. \$ c.\ 0 65 0 70 0 60 0 66 0 75 1 1 80 0 2 66 0 66 0 70 0 75 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 80 0 1 1 1 76 1 80 0 1 1 1 76 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 80 0 1 1 1 76 1 80 0 1 1 1 76 1 80 0 1 1 1 76 1 80 0 1 1 76 1 80 0 1 1 1 76 1 80 0 1 1 1 76 1 80 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	India Mess bris Prime mess bris Mess Hops.  Salt. Liverpool, coarse Fine. Factory Filled.  Wines. Liquors, etc. Alc English, q Stout: Guinness q Montreal, q	\$ 0. \$ c. \$ 6. \$ 8 60 \$ 8 55 \$ 8 60 \$ 8 55 \$ 8 60 \$ 8 65 \$ 8 60 \$ 8 60 \$ 9 00 \$ 8 00 \$ 9 00 \$ 00 \$ 7 50 \$ 0 00 \$ 4 25 \$ 0 00 \$ 0 00 \$ 17 \$ 0 20 \$ 0 17 \$ 0 20 \$ 0 17 \$ 0 20 \$ 0 17 \$ 0 20 \$ 0 17 \$ 0 20 \$ 0 16 \$ 0 18 \$ 0 14 \$ 0 15 \$ 0 12 \$ 0 1	Bisquit, Dubouché & Co. gal  " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	\$ c. \$ c. \$ c. \$ c. \$ 230 2 40 7 60 7 50 0 11 00 0 60 11 00 0 60 12 30 0 25 50 17 50 0 50 17 50 18 10 0 0 50 18 10 0 0 10 12 10 0 15 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
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180 St. James Street, Montreal.

# Capital, \$1,000,000.

### ADVANTAGES OFFERED.

This Company makes a specialty of insuring Farm Property, Private Residences, and non-hazardous Property against loss by Fire or Lightning.

It pays all losses caused by lightning, whether fire ensues or not. It insures Live Stock against death by lightning, either in the Building or on the premises of the Assured.

### OFFICERS:

WILLIAM ANGUS, President. A. DESJARDINS, M.P., Vice-President. EDWARD H. GOFF, Managing Director. J. H. SMITH, Chief Inspector. WM. CAMPBELL, Secretary

N.B.—People desiring Insurance in this Company should be careful about giving their Risks to Agents of rival Companies, who claim the Company they represent to be the same as ours. We hear of a great deal of this kind of dishonesty being practiced on the public.

INSURES FARM PROPERTY AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES

ASSURERS IN THE

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ON OR BEFORE THE 30TH APRIL WILL SHARE IN

# FOUR YEARS' PROFITS

AT NEXT DIVISION IN 1880.

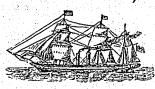
The Success of the company Continues to be highly satisfactory, the new business having increased from 1st May, 1876, to April 3, 1877, nearly 50 per cent. over last year, as per the following figures:

A. G. RAMSAY, Managing Director, HAMILTON.

Agent in Toronto, J. D. HENDERSON, Canada Life Buildings, 46 King Street West.
J. W. MARLING, General Agent for Lower Provinces, Hesslein's Building, Halifax.

R. POWNALL, General Agent for Province of Quebec, Canada Life Buildings, 182 St. James Street, Montreal. Oceanic Steamships.

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#### Winter Arrangements. 1877.

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	Tons.	
Sardinian	4100	Lt. J. E. Dutton, R.N.R.
Circassian	3400	Capt. J. Wylie
Polynesian		
Sarmatian	3600	Capt. A. D. Aird
Hibernian	3434	Lt. F. Archer, R.N.R. Capt. Trocks
Caspian	3200	Oapt. Trocks
Scandinavian .	3000	Capt. R. S. Watts
Prussian	3000	Capt. J. Ritchie
Austrian	2700	Capt. H. Wylie
Nestorian	2700	Capt. Barclay
Moraviau	2650	Capt. Graham
Peruvian	2600	Lt. W. H. Smith, R.N.K.
Manitoban	3 150	Capt. McDougall
Nova Scotian .	3200	Capt. Richardson
Canadian	2600	Capt. McLean
Corinthian	2400	Capt. Menzies
Acadian	1350	Capt. Cabel
Waldensian	2800	Capt. J. G. Stephen
Phœnician	2800	Capt. Scott
Newfoundland	1500	Capt. Mylins
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### FROM PORTLAND.

Caspian	 	 	 	28	April
Moraviar					May.

### FROM QUEREC.

Sardiniar	١	 		 	 	12 May
Peruvian			 	 		19 "
Polynesia						26 "
Sarmatia						2 June.
Circassia						9 "
Moravian						
			 11.17			

### RATES OF PASSAGE.

Cabin	 	\$80	and \$70

### According to accommodation.

Inte	rmediat	e			 \$40	00
Stee	erage fr	om Me	niren	l	 26	50

The Steamers of the Glasgow Line are intended to sail from the CLYDE to Portland at intervals during the season of Winter navigation.

An experienced Surgeon carried on each Ves-

An experienced Surgeon carried on each Vessel. Berths not secured until paid for.

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H. & A. ALLAN, Corner of Youville and Common Streets

### STOCKS AND BONDS.

SECURITIES.	Montreal. April 26th	Shrs.	RAILWAYS.	Pd.	Quota Lon. A	sing tions pril 7
Can. Government Debentures, 6 p. ct. 1877-80	102 106 104 105	100 100 100 110 100 100 100	Atlantic & St. Lowrence Shs.  Do. 6p. e, Ster. Mt. Rouls.  Do. do. 3rd Mort. 1891  Buffalo and Lake Huron.  Do. do. 5p. c. 1st Mort.  Do. do. 5p. c. 1st Mort.  Canada Southern 1st Mort.  Canada Southern 1st Mort, rp c.  Grand Teunk of Canada.	100 100 100 411 100 109 411	\$9 64 87	102
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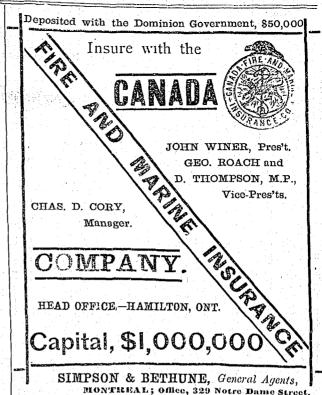
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Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$50	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	1,900,000	4pst.	119 1195
/ Consolidated Bank of Canada	100	4,000,000	3,477,950	230,000	3	89 90
Dominion Bank	50	970,250	970,250	270,000	1 4	129
Du Peuple	50	1.600.000	1,600,000	275,000	3	88 90
Eastern Townships	50	1,272,350	1,302,507	275,000	4	105)
Exchange Bank	100	1,000,000	1.000,000	75,000	4 3	90
Federa! Bank		800,000	800,000	40.000	3	101 102
I flamilton	100	1,000,000	590,160	9.496	4	97 98
U Imperial Bank	100	910,000	£32,000	25,000	4	106 107
Jacques Cartier	50	2,000,000	1,850,375	******	0 -	841 35
I Meenanies Dank	50	500,000	456,510	•••••		
Merchants' Bank of Canada	100	8,697 200	8,125,526	1,000,000	31	75 76
□ \ Metropolitan	100	1,000,000	697,400	*******	0	491 50
Molsons Bank	50	2,000,000	1,993,990	540,000	4	1071 110
Montreal	200	12,000,000	11,979,800	6,600,000	6	168} 169
Maritime	100	1,000,000	489,640	9,174	3	73
Nationale	50	2,000,000	2,000,000	400,000	31	300 305
m Ontario Bank	40	3,000,000	2,950,272	525,000	4	103 <sub>1</sub> 105
Quebec Bank	100	2,500.000	2,499,920	475,000	34	72 74
Standard	100	840,100	628,633	1.000,000	4	150 160
Toronto	100	2,000,000	1,989,986	200,000	3	73 80
Ville Marie	100	1,000,000	722,225	200,000		73 80
* British North America	£50	4.866.666	4,866,666	1.170.000	3	
uilding and Loan Association		750,000	750,000	66,000	43	1193
Canada Landed Credit Co		1,000,000	500,000	40,000	$\hat{4}^2$	131
Canada Perm. Loan and Savings Co		1,750,000	1,750,000	680,000	Ê	177
Dominion Savings Soc		2,100,000	1,,00,000	200,000	,	1231
Dominion Telegraph Co	50	600,000	600,000		3	891
Farmers' Loan and Savings Co		400,000	400,000	17,000	4	1111
Freehold Loan & Investment Co	100	500,000	000,000	140,000	5	1421
Hamilton Provident & Loan	100	950,000	686,749	63,000	[ 4	1181 121
Huron & Erie Say. & Loan Soc		1,000,000	963,461	204,000	5	133
Imperial Building and Savings Society.	. 50	600,000	600,000	25,000	4	111
Loudon & Can. Loan & Agency Co	. 50	2,000,000	200,000	20,000	5	133
Montreal Telegraph Co	.  40	2,000,000	2,000,000		31	1131 114
Montreal City Gas Co		2,000,000	1,860,000	•••••	5	150 1521
Montreal City Passenger Ry Co		600,000	600,000	••••	6	81 87
Montreal Building Association		600,000	*********	*** ****	4	80 85 1174 125
Montreal Loan & Mortgage S'y		500,000	525,000	75,000	0	1173 125 129
Ontario Savings & Inv. Soc	50	1,000,000	621,900	135.000	3	84 87
Provincial Permanent Building Soc	100	280,000	280,000	10,000	1 4	67 70
Richelieu & Ontario Nav. Co		1,500,000	1,500,000		6	135 1371
Toronto City Gas Co	50	400,000	400,000	35,000	6	1813
Union Permanent Building Soc	50	800,000	800,000	185,500	1 6	1411 142
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co.	50	1 000,000	1 000,000	1 100,000	1	,

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	Notes and Bills dis- counted and Current.	4,685,718 3,350,918 6,64,118 6,64,118 6,64,118 6,64,118 6,117,12 6,117,17 6,117 6,117 6,117 6,117 6,117 6,117 6,117 6,117 6,117 6	arn.
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ASSETS	Adva'ces secured by Bank Stock.	8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	HENRY
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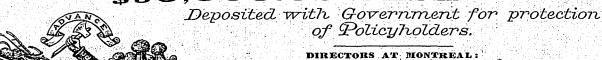
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