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THE MONETARY TIMES, TRADE REVIEW AND INSURANCE CHRONICLE.





An irreverent correspondent suggests that the are light was first thought of when Noah put a window in his boat.

THE firm of Carrier, Laine & Co., of Levis, have begun the manufacture of steam fire-in. gines. A public test of one of their make was made at Levis last week.

THE Insurance Commissioner of Massachusetts declares that the cautious man, whose object is, by insurance upon his life, to secure a certain inheritance for his family, is not likely to put his trust in assessment assurance.

MB. M. S. CAMPBELL, private banker at Watford, desires us to say that he has not, as was stated, made an assignment. We have already given in last week's issue, a full statement of the action taken by creditors, which was very creditable to Mr. Campbell.

MANY Scotch ironmasters have announced at Glasgow that they intend to limit production unless the landlords agree to reduce royalties and the railway companies establish lower rates. It is said that the business is carried on at a loss. and that this cannot be wholly made good at the expense of wages.

THAT Ottawa is growing pretty fast may be inferred from the figures given as the assessment of rent and personal property and income for 1885, which amounts to \$11,545,730, an increase of \$440,705 over 1884. The present population is 30,791, an increase of 3,146 during the past year.

WE observe that Mr. Geo. K. Morton, lately manager of the Molson's Bank agency in St. Thomas, has opened an office in that city for the transaction of banking, brokerage, insurance, and loaning on mortgage. This gentleman makes the unusual declaration that he will accept no deposits, considering them "dangerous."

ABOUT twenty years ago, says the ÆTNA, this company commenced issuing endowments, and the experience has been that some have been paid as death claims : more have been paid to the insured themselves ; while a still larger number are enjoying with their families the consciousness that if they live, or if they die, they have a certain and sure provision.

IN Winnipeg, R. Dewar, contractor, has suspended payment. The cause assigned is losses in building the city hall, etc. It is thought that his general creditors will be poorly paid. A liquor firm, Rigney & Haverly, who did a large business in the same city, are involved. The former who attended to the finances of the firm, is reported to have left the country.

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ROB. M. HUME, cattle dealer, Watford, has assigned, and it is thought that creditors will not be more than half paid. ---- At Zarich, Ont., J. H. Roeding, shoe dealer, has given a chattel mortgage to a London leather firm a fortnight ago. This has already been foreclosed, and the stock sold. Little or nothing will, it is feared, be left for other creditors.

LAST year a number of the most prominent citizens and firms of Cincinnati contributed a sufficient sum to insure all the members of the fire department against accident in the Equitable Accident Insurance Company of that city. A number of serious accidents have occurred to members of the department, and they have received their weekly indemnities. The latest beneficiary is the widow of the lamented Chief Bunker, who acknowledges the receipt of \$1,000.

MISMANAGEMENT seems to have been the cause of trouble in the lithograph firm of Grant, Barfoot & Co., in this city. Sometime ago they added considerable new machinery to their es. tablishment, and in April 1883 a new partner was admitted, who was to take the office man- if this is granted they shall be fully paid.-

agement, which had been to some extent neglected. But the sequel has not demonstrated any improvement in the firm's affairs. They have assigned, with liabilities of \$13,000 and nominal assets more than double this sum.

One of the princes of good cheer in Norwich. who is not perfectly familiar with all the abbreviations and initials used by society people, received from a friend the other day an invitation to a reception, in the corner of which were the letter R. S. V. P. (reply, if you please). "H-m-m," he said to himself as he meditatively repeated the initials, " R-S-V-P. I know what C.O.D. means, but I'll be blamed if I know what R.S.V.P. means." "Why," said a friend who observed his perplexity, "that means Rum Served Very Plentifully." "I'll go !" said the other, decidedly. -Norwich Bulletin.

THE hat and cap trade seems to be overdone in London. There are evidently too many houses in that line for the business of the place. Such appears to have been the experience of Messrs. Wm. Lind & Co., London. At a stocktaking sometime ago, they found that they had been doing business at a loss; however, they resolved to continue hoping that the fall trade would be much better and that they could retrieve their loss ; but in this they have been dispointed and have made an assignment for the general benefit. The estate is understood to show a surplus.

RICHARD TREMAIN, who has been secretarytreasurer of the Halifax Fire Insurance Company for many years, has been absent from the city for some weeks without leave. An examination of the books shows he has made away with a portion of the funds of the company, extended over several years. The directors say the amount taken will not affect the credit or dividends of the company. Tremain is about seventy years of age. The deficiency, it is pretty well ascertained, will not exceed \$4.000. and the company is protected by a policy of that amount in the Guarantee Co.

WE take the following item from the Montreal Witness of Tuesday last : "Wooden houses are getting to be very precious in Montreal. Since 1851 none have been allowed to be built, but we have no law against repairs. How carefully the huiks are preserved as a basis for repairs ! A house on the corner of St. Antoine and Ste. Genevieve streets, recently burned, is being repaired. One half of the shingle roof is first replaced and then, we presume, the other half will soon follow. There might, perhaps, be some legal limit set to the repairing process that would somewhat reduce the value of the decaved remnants of wooden houses."

THE discovery of natural gas in the earth in Western Pennsylvania is a singular feature of recent discovery. Hundreds of companies are being formed, says the Philadelphia Record, to develop leased properties : "The search for natural gas deposits is now prosecuted with as much energy as the original quest for petroleum." The gas is used for making iron, producing steam, for cooking, heating, and lighting purposes, and is thus made to take the place of coal and more costly fuel. As there is a large area of gas-producing territory, extending southwestward and north-eastward from the oil fields, there is no reason to doubt that the supply will be maintained for many years.

AT McGregor, Ont., A. E. Bisson, general storekeeper, has assigned.----Colin Luxton. hardware dealer, in Ridgetown, it is feared has been neglecting his business and thus getting behind in his payments. He now asks his creditors, after several suits have been brought, to give him an extension of time, and promises

Quite an extensive door and sash manufacturer. W. F. Fawcett, is in trouble in Strathroy, and has assigned. At one time he was believed to be in a pretty good position, but lately has been losing ground, and it is thought that the stoppage of his brother's private banks has been the immediate cause of his failure.---Alex. Williams, general storekeeper, Sutton, has failed for the second time. In July, 1883, he compromised by getting a reduction of thirty per cent. on all of his debts. Now he has assigned.

THE Londonderry iron works have contracted. according to the Guardian, to take 100 tons iron ore per day from Bridgeville, Picton, paying a royalty of 20 cents per ton.

THE Quebec Chronicle learns that Mr. Balfour, who has for several years held the position of Inspector in the Union Bank of Lower Canada has been appointed cashier of the branch of that bank at Winnipeg.

WE regret to note the reported embarrassment of Mr. Alex. Mitchell, long and favorably known in the grain trade at Montreal. His troubles are due to the general dullness in grain circles. and his liabilities are comparatively light.

Up to October 10th, the shipments of coal from the port of Pictou, N.S., thus far this season, amounted to 146,099 tons. They were apportioned as follows : From the Halifax Co., 51,946 tons; Intercolonial Co., 49,587 tons; Acadia Co., 23,406 tons; Vale Co., 21,160 tons.

IF the co-operative scheme is to be called insurance at all, it is merely temporary insurance on credit, such is the view of Elizur Wright. "Just as sure as the down-hill road of life grows steeper and steeper and the demands on the living members become correspondingly heavier and heavier, this credit will prove a a failure."

WE ventured the statament, a few weeks ago, that the Bell Telephone Company would likely prosecute its intended rivals. We now learn that that company has given notice to the public, that the parties now proposing to sell or lease telephones in Canada are infringing its patents, and that it is intended to sue for dam. ages all parties using such telephones, as well as those who may offer them for sale.

The first direct importation of molasses and sugar into Miramichi was being discharged this week from the barquentine Vigitant at Chatham and Newcastle. It came from Barbadoes and consists of 337 puns., 51 hhds. and 51 bbls. molasses, and 14 tierces and 120 bbls. sugar. Miramichi parties will take over one-half of the cargo, and the remainder will go to Bathurst where the Vigilant was built and is principally owned.

SMITH BROS. & Co., of Montreal, a concern of recent origin, who started the manufacture of "Shakers' Blood Syrup," have failed, and one of the partners is reported missing. Their liabilities are stated at over \$10,000. The "Shaker" community had recently issued an action against the firm to restrain it from using their name &c., in connection with such preparations made in Montreal.

LETTERS patent incorporating "L'Union des Abattoirs de Montreal " have been granted by the Quebec Provincial Government. The capital stock is fixed at \$50,000 in shares of \$25 each, and the shares are held among the principal butchers of Montreal. The "Imprimerie Generale" has also been incorporated with a capital of \$100,000, to carry on a general printing and publishing business at Montreal. Messrs L. A. Senecal, W. E. Blumhart, E. C. Wurtele, J. C. Dansereau, and F. X. Archambault, are the principal parties interested.

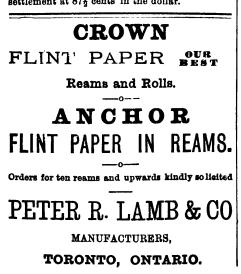
THE Canada Life Assurance Company, whose name has become a household word throughout the Dominion, has paid out in the two years last past, over \$560,000 to the representatives of its policy-holders. It issued 2,178 new policies in the year ended with April last.

THE Montreal Stock Exchange has unanimously adopted a resolution of condolence with his family upon the death of Mr. William O'Brien, so long and well known in connection with the Grand Trunk Railway in that city, and of late years a member of the Exchange.

A. PILON, who at one time did a rushing dry goods business in the eastern suburbs of Montreal, but who, a short time ago, removed to Quebec, where he started in the same line, has failed and assigned.——R. Morgan, a leading music dealer of the ancient capital, has also failed, an event which does not create much surprise, for he has long been considered financially weak. His liabilities are mainly due in England and the West.

In its article of Friday last, entitled "Smashups in Toronto," the Shareholder proceeds first to make the misstatement that Barber Bros., the paper makers, have failed, and next, to make gratuitous suppositions as to the cause of the disaster. Would it surprise our contemporary to learn that the firm which has failed is not Wm. Barber & Bros., of Georgetown paper mills, but Barber Bros., general dealers and woollen manufacturers, at Streetsville. As the Shareholder's motto is "nothing in malice" we must attribute its error to lack of information. It is always well to have one's facts right before proceeding to make deduction's from them, far less to moralize upon them and their supposed causes or consequences.

Among recent minor business changes and failures in the province of Quebec, are the following: A. V. Dostaler, a general dealer of St. Narcisse, has assigned to Kent & Turcotte, of Montreal.----Edward Bastien, of Montreal, a printer in a small way, has assigned to the same parties, as also has J. C. Gaudry, a Montreal grocer. ---- F. Molinari, grocer, Montreal, already reported failed, is offering 15 cents on the dollar.----Mrs. J. Paris, carrying on a general business at Parisville, is seeking a composition at the rate of 50 cents in the dollar.--- Geo. Tremblay, of St. Alphonse de Chicoutimi, has assigned, owing small liabilities principally to Quebec houses .---- L. G. Jalbert, hotel-keeper, of Berthierville, has also failed .---- Auguste Gingras, a trader at Metabechouan, on the North Shore below Quebec, has assigned .--H. B. Prenties, of Chelsea, a merchant of some years' standing, is in trouble and offering his creditors twenty cents on the dollar of li bilities. In Montreal, J. B. Brun, crockery dealer has made an offer of 30 cents on the dollar, and N. Larivee, a dry goods dealer, has effected a settlement at 871 cents in the dollar.



In the lower Provinces, business is reported dull. Messrs Pritchard & Son, iron merchants. St. John N. B., have made an assignment. It is supposed that the liabilities will reach fully \$40.000, and unsecured creditors will not obtain a very large proportion of their claims.——In Halifax, Wm. Ackhurst, commission merchant, is endeavoring to get his creditors to make a reduction of 60 per cent. on his liabilities. It is thought that his estate will not pay more than 30 per cent. if well managed. The liabilities of A. P. Connolp, of Halifax, stationer, who assigned last week, are said to be about equal to the assets, viz., \$3,000.

-According to returns received by the Boston Post from the leading Clearing Houses in the United States, the aggregate clearings last week were \$767,000,097, against \$740,757,352 the week previous, and \$1,208,165,030 for the corresponding week in 1883. Although a slight gain is shown, as compared with the previous week, yet the exhibit is unfavorable when compared with the corresponding week of last year. The losses are quite evenly distributed, nearly every prominent city showing a decided loss.

---The Merchants Bank of Canada has declared a dividend for the current half year, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum.

-The last Canada Gazette contains notice of the appointment of Messrs. Cooper and Matthews, of Montreal, to be liquidators for the Colonial Building and Investment Association in that city.

-The Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company has applied for an extension for two years to commence work.





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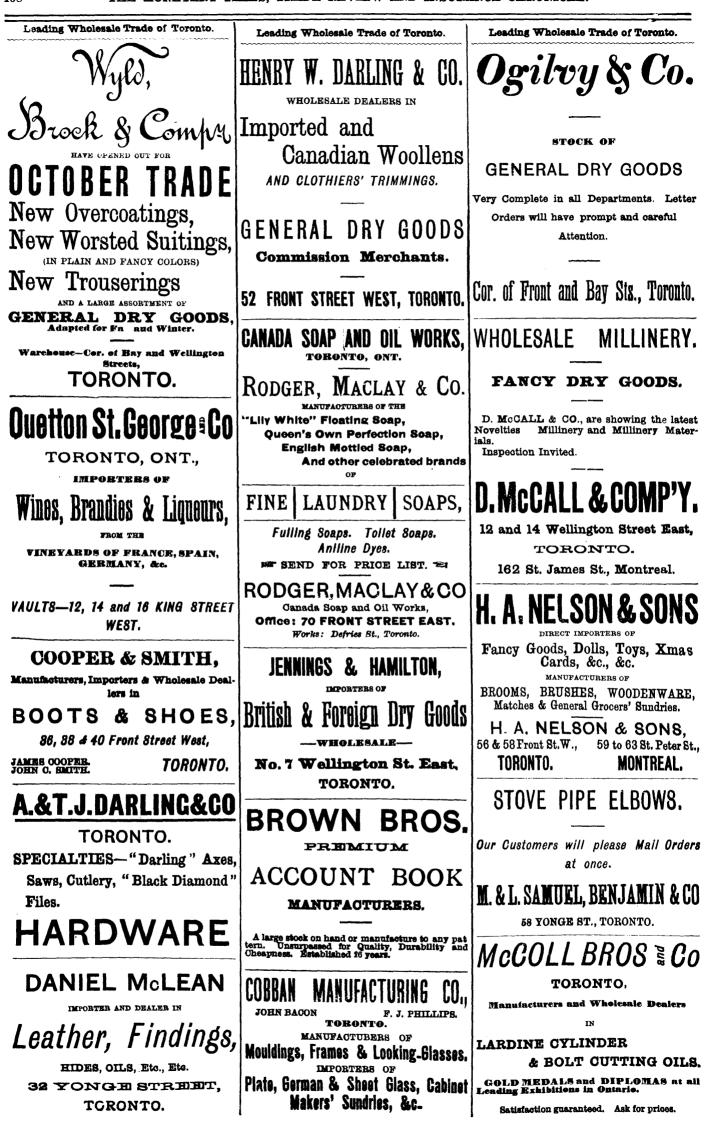
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# THE HUDSON'S BAY ROUTE

The importance to the North West of cheap freights of grain to Europe, could not easily be overrated. The desire to establish the Hudson Bay route to Europe is born of a desire to reduce to the lowest point, the rates of freight from the North West to the final markets for grain ; and on the practicability of that route hangs more than it is possible to conceive at present. But it is necessary to proceed in all commercial undertakings with the prudence and caution which form a large element in commercial success. It is useless to build a railway to Hudson's Bay till we know that the Bay and Straifs of Hudson are open a sufficient length of time each year, to make it possible to carry on a connected traffic with the road on a scale that will give some guarantee of profit. The question of the navigability of Hudson Strait, long enough each year to enable a vessel to make repeated voyages to Europe by this route, can be settled satisfactorily only by observation ; and the voyage of the Neptune has distributed the corps of observation at points where they will be able to render an essential service to the country.

From the voyage of the Neptune itself, we get a preliminary essay, which it was not supposed would count for anything, but which is found to possess as much importance as could perhaps be expected from any isolated trip. If what the Neptune encountered in the Strait of Hudson were an average specimen of this navigation, we should be obliged to despair of its ever being of any value for commercial purposes as an average, we are not justified in regarding it; it was probably exceptionally bad. But even this is not a point on which to dogmatize; at present, the safest thing to do is to regard the experience of the Neptune as isolated, and one from which no general conclusion can be drawn. But if we take the most favorable view, if we regard the present season as among the worst which are liable to be experienced in this navigation, then we have a specimen, not of an average season, but of the worst kind of season liable to occur.

In the strait, icebergs and field ice, fogs, blinding snow storms and gales were encountered. Four ice-grasped vessels were seen at one point ; the Neptune herself was

injured, and intelligence was received of a schooner nipped in the ice a few weeks before. Dangerous reefs were found to exist in the Strait. Sometimes the masses of ice extended as far as the eye could reach, and some of it was forty-five feet thick. The theory that no icebergs were ever met in the Strait, was opposed to recorded facts, as it is contradicted by the experience of the Neptune. There is nothing to prevent ice coming down Fox Channel from a point far up in the Arctic circle. August is probably the best month in the year for the navigation of the Strait ; and it was in August that the Neptune passed through into the Hudson's Bay. At a still later period there was an unusual number of icebergs in the Atlantic in the neighborhood of Newfoundland ; but most of these probably came from Baffin's Bay. Their moving late in the season down from Baffin's Bay would be no reason why field ice and icebergs should be later than usual in coming through Hudson Strait. The detachment of icebergs is not a thing so dependent on the meteorological conditions of any month in the year, that if the number of them be large in Baffin's Bay in July, they will be mare than usually numerous in Hudson Strait in August. The fact that more icebergs than usual were seen near Newfoundland in the early days of September is no proof that ice was found in exceptionally large quantities in Hudson Strait in August.

But if we take the summer of 1884 as a specimen of the worst seasons for navigation in Hudson's Strait, we should have no means of determining how often such seasons are liable to occur. The periodicity of the seasons there probably obeys the same law as it does here; and if the cycle be completed every few years, as is probable, a bad season must recur at such near intervals as render dependence on this navigation for commercial purposes a perilous thing.

The experience of one voyage, made in in August, counts for more than a voyage any other month ; because by that time, the theory is, the ice has generally moved away. The observation of the state of the Strait in winter will be interesting, but for the purposes of navigation it will have no value. If both Straits and Bay of Hudson were open in winter, navigation would be impossible, since no vessel could penetrate the fringe of ice which clings to the shores of the Bay for a distance of some miles. What we want to know is the condition of the Strait during the months in which there is a possibility of navigation. To complete that season the observations would have to be carried on till August next; and then we should only have the narrow experience of the months which comprise a single season. This would not be enough to found any general conclusion upon; though there would be an advantage in having the observation to complete a season made up of parts of two different years, for in that way something of the climatic changes, which go to form a cycle of seasons, might be observed. The present duty is to await the accumulation of facts which are to determine the navigability for commercial purposes of the Bay and Strait; all that can at present be said is that the outlook is not encouraging.

# THE BREAD TAX.

The Ontario millers, at a recent meeting in Toronto, resolved "That in view of the tariff not sufficiently protecting the milling industry, the Government be memorialized to raise the duty on flour to \$1 per barrel." The millers will probably all or nearly all sign the petition asking for the increase ; but that would not be a sufficient reason why it should be granted. If the Canadian milling interest is at present discriminated against, if the duty on wheat is relatively higher than the duty on flour-and this American millers seem to admit-they have a just ground of complaint. But the remedy should be applied in the right place and be of the right kind. The only reason given by the millers for desiring to have the duty on flour doubled is that they want more protection. Unfortunately the plea is one which the Minister of Finance has on some occasions admitted to be valid, and the fact of his having done so he may find somewhat embarrassing. But there is one loop-hole of escape. It is only in the case of new industries that the allegation of insufficient protection, by interested parties, has been deemed a sufficient ground for increasing the duties, and milling is not a new industry ; it is, in fact, one of the oldest.

But it cannot be said that there is no danger of the prayer of the petition being granted. Why has there not been a re-adjustment of the duties on wheat and flour? Why has the complaint been left in the mouth of the millers that these duties operate to their disadvantage and in favor of the American miller? Why are they enabled to point to a large number of mills in enforced idleness, and millions of capital invested in them unproductive ? Is it because the farmer has been induced to believe that he has an interest in the maintenance of the present duty on wheat, and that any abatement of it would be to his injury? If this be so, and if the Minister of Finance finds that he cannot decrease the wheat duty without losing political support, among the farmers, the present demand for an increase in the flour duty is not without peril. The millers are not numerous, like the farmers, and they count comparatively few votes; if they had been as numerous as the farmers, their complaint that the relative proportions of the two duties work injuriously to them, would have been listened to before now. If that adjustment had been made, this new demand for an increase of the duty on flour, would not have been heard.

The bread tax is the counterpoise of the coal tax. Nova Scotia insists on the maintenance of the coal tax; the bread tax is supposed to be in the interest of Ontario and the North Wes?. In such cases, log-rolling becomes the order of the day. But if these taxes go together they had better depart together. The Halifax Chronicle very properly opposes the proposal of the millers to increase the duty on flour. It would add greatly to the satisfaction of all who are opposed to the bread and coal taxes, not on political, but on economical grounds, if the Nova Scotia press, which shows becoming vigor in its attacks on the bread tax, would at the same time, extend its condemnation to the equally obnoxious and indefensible coal tax.

# BANKING REVIEW.

The figures of the September bank statement will be found in condensed form below, and are compared with those for the previous month :

LIABILITIES.					
0	Sep., 1884.	Aug., 1884.			
Capital authorized Capital paid up	\$71,896,666 61,530,520	\$71,896,666	5		
Reserved Funds	18,479,129	61,506,454 18,379,129	<b>;</b>		
Notes in Circulation	31,456,024	29,137,301	-		
Dominion & Provin- cial Gov't deposits	6,068,106	6 963 66	,		
Deposits held to se- cure Government	0,000,100	6,863,662	,		
contracts and for	<b>F10</b> 000	-			
Insurance Co's Public deposits on	516,300	507,892	\$		
demand Public deposits after	41,577,063	41,063,178	}		
notice Bank loans or de-	50,839,948	51,442,462	}		
posits from other banks secured	701,266	961,768	2		
Bank loans or de- posits from other	,200	001,100	'		
banks unsecured Due other banks in	1,044,231	1,218,118	ļ		
Canada Due other banks in	1,371,379	1,113,776	;		
Foreign Countries Due other banks in	7 <b>3,</b> C11	100,881			
Great Britain Other liabilities	806,104 106,187	931,806 207,794			
Total liabilities					
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	ASSETS.				
Specie Dominion notes	7,616,463 11,428,826	<b>\$</b> 7,673,109 11,016,905			
Notes and cheques of other banks Due from other b'nks	5,778,216	<b>4,296,</b> 506	'		
in Canada Due from other b'nks	2,615,936	2,526,743			
in for'gn countries Due from other b'nks	<b>12,9</b> 05,101	13,048,750	1		
in Great Britain	8,531,863	8,129,825			
Immediately avail- able assets	<b>\$ 43,868,4</b> 05	<b>\$</b> 41,691,838			
Dominion governm't debent. or stock	993,229	933,229			
Public sec'rit's other than Canadian	1,523,870	1,513,503			
Loans to Dominion & Prov. Gov	1,315,447	2,124,957			
Loans on stocks, bonds or deben.	12,119,736	12,104,817			
<b>Loans to municipal</b> corporations	1,707,694	1,556,486			
Loans to other cor- porations	15,242,525	15,801,909			
Loans to or deposits made in other					
banks secured Loans to or deposits	1,019,072	1,365,545			
made in other banks unsecured	810,272	350,896	l		
Discounts current Overdue paper unse-	125,760,956	126,441,687			
cured Other overdue debts	2,846,169	2,521,672			
unsecured Notes and debts	160,904	131,073			
overdue secured Real estate	2,782,101 1,168,655	<b>2,844</b> ,517			
Mortgages on real estate sold	805,886	1,172,454			
Bank premises Other assets	8,142,979	793,299 8,184,244			
-	2,059,052	2,442,195			
Average amount of	<b>\$216,826,964</b>	216,984,320			
specie held during the month	7,717,276	7,508,169			
Av. Dom. notes do Loans to Directors	11,384,531	10,794,777			
or their firms	8,016,742	7,651,712	1		

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An increase in circulation is to be noted such as is customary at this season of the year for the movement of the harvest ; the advance over August is somewhat over two millions. The circulation is not so great, however, as it was a year ago, at which time

active condition of affairs than now exists even with all our ample yield of grain. But prices were vastly better then, and the farmers were not feeling poor. There is almost no change in public deposits ; whatever lessening is shown in those held by the banks upon notice, is nearly made up by an increase in those on demand, which is, however. not so desirable a shape in which to have them. We observe, by the way, that the deposits of the people in Government Postal Savings' Banks last month were considerably in excess of the withdrawals. The aggregate amount remaining was \$13,-684,000.

The immediately available assets of our chartered banks have been increased from \$41,691,000 to \$43,868,000 during the month, against an increased total liability of only half a million. The increase is not in what is owing from the United States, but mainly in the increased amounts due from the other banks here and in Great Britain. Specie stands about the same and Dominion Notes show an increase. Loans of other kinds are mostly stationary in amount, but current discounts show a decline. It is worthy of note that the present aggregate of discounts, \$125,000,000, is materially reduced from the \$144,000,000 of September 1883, or the \$141,000,000 of the same date in 1882. Those were heavy sums, and contrasted markedly with \$121,000,000 and \$112,000,000, the amounts discounted in 1881 and 1880 respectively. Overdue debts are creeping up in amount, and the proportion of them secured is not improved. Business as a rule is quiet, and has been so for weeks. The country dealers say that cold weather is required to give a start to woollen goods, and that not until the frost comes will the average farmer consent to buy much dry goods seeing that low prices of grain make him afraid of sudden poverty where he expected to have wealth. A very similar condition exists across the lines. In that country, we are told, the distributive trade in every department has continued dull and unsatisfactory, the export movement is without improvement notwithstanding that both wheat and cotton are lower, with supplies coming in more freely, the industrial situation still reflects a burden of over-supply, and speculation, whether in stocks or merchandize, is limited and lifeless. Overproduction has afflicted us Overproduction is giving serious here. trouble in the States. Even the steps taken to curtail have not sufficed. For example we find that while the production of anthracite coal for the nine months ending September 30 was 1,048,153 tons less than during the corresponding period in 1883, the companies now find their surplus stocks so heavy that it has been decided to "shut down" three weeks between now and the 1st of January. The American cotton mills find that "shutting down" must again be resorted to, and next week a majority of the spindles in and about Fall River will remain silent. Still, adoption of such measures, however severely they may be felt by operatives at present, will eventually restore the lost equilibrium and result in permanent benefits. In a word, says the New York Shipping List, "we are making haste slowly,

condition of affairs. The evils of two years of rampant speculation and inflation cannot be overcome in a few months. The process of recuperation is necessarily slow, between the ebb and flood tide there is always what nautical men term slack water, the current does not flow perceptibly in either direction and yet the tide is really rising. It would seem as though we had arrived at 'slack water.'"

It may be instructive to place the principal totals of the Bank Statement of last month side by side with these of September 1883, so that last year may be compared, as well as last month :

Ser	ot. 1884. Sept.	1883.
		570,057
Circulation 31		145.845
Public' deposits 91	,917,011 98,9	86.171
Total liabilities 134	,059,615 145,4	449,469
Specie 7	616,463 7.0	081,603
		347.785
Current discounts 125		171,448
	,789,174 4,1	154.426
Total assets 216	,826,964 228,4	10,357
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The failure of a large book and stationery house during the present month, reveals a startling amount of accommodation paper afloat between this house and its customers. Scores of retail booksellers and fancy goods dealers are involved by this unsafe method of raising the wind, and at least one has actually failed in consequence of the obligations thus incurred. Those who give and those who accept accommodation paper, are guilty, in a majority of cases, of deception, express or implied. If, when they offer it to a banker, they do not lie to him outright, they nevertheless often mislead him, for the banker cannot always know what is accommodation and what not.

# MORE CORPORATION ARITHMETIC AND ETHICS.

A correspondent, whose recollection of Thermopyle has made him peculiarly belligerent, has undertaken a defence of Lord Claude Hamilton, which we fear does some unintentional injustice to his lordship. Lord Hamilton charged the Canadian Pacific Railway Company with diverting to the acquisition of a competing line to the Grand Trunk public money granted for the construction of the Canadian Pacific proper. This is a serious charge, and any one making it was bound either to offer proof in its support or, failing that, to withdraw it. To our remark that this charge had not been made good, Leonidas replies that "his lordship had sailed for England and therefore could not have replied." Here a strange liberty is taken with the facts. Lord Hamilton excused himself for not replying by turning the question of fact into a lesson in etiquette. He said he did not think that etiquette required him to reply. Leonidas implies that Lord Hamilton might have offered evidence of the truth of his charge, if he had remained in Canada; thus conveying the idea that he has a probable intention of replying, which Leonidas might have known from Lord Hamilton's statement did not exist. The obligation which commercial honor put his Lordship under, and which he declined to meet, Leonidas tries to make good. How does he do it ? In stating the resources of it reached \$33,145,000, indicating a more but none the less surely towards a sounder the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, he

leaves out all the capital. What would be thought of an accountant who pretending to give the resources of a bank or a building society, should leave out the whole capital ? And yet this is precisely what Leonidas has done, and done for the purpose of founding long-drawn arguments upon. The foundation having crumbled away the whole structure falls. We are told that when the Grand Trunk built a competing line against the Great Western, it did not set the example which the Canadian Pacific has followed. The Great Western, however, complained as bitterly of the opposition as the Grand Trunk now complains, and the two companies as a consequence of that opposition continued at enmity nearly the whole time from the construction of the Grand Trunk from Toronto to Sarnia to the time of the amalgation. The puff of Mr. Hickson, with which Leonidas winds up, taken in connection with his berating the Canadian Pacific Railway, shows the true animus of the writer. Having no interest in abusing one set of railway magnates and belauding another set, we must decline to go into their respective merits, when the occasion does not call for a criticism of management or an analysis of character.

# MECHANICAL POWER IN AGRI-CULTURE.

In years gone by the use of motive power on farms was thought to be a very unimportant matter. It was considered to be quite unnecessary for any purpose beyond threshing out grain. To-day the matter wears an entirely new aspect and the farmer is often called upon to debate the question to what extent he shall use mechanical power for doing the work of the farm. The steady rise in the value of labor during the last generation, and especially during the last decade, has forced the agriculturist to face the question with all the earnestness which so hard a reality demands. From horse power the farmer has stepped to steam, and in many cases to water, where it is more economical, while in not a few instances the energy of the electric current has been enlisted in the service of agricultural work. Just as generations ago small manufacturers in towns learned to do many things by machine which they had formerly done by hand, and to operate machines by water or steam power rather than by hand; and in proportion as these factories increased and developed into larger and more complete mechanism each pursuing its own specialised department of work, so also must agriculture be organised to do its work cheaper and more efficiently than hitherto. One frequently hears the story that farming does not pay; and how, it may be asked, can it be made to do so under a system which contemplates a greater outlay of capital ? Farm work is already undergoing a process of reorganization, and is therefore in a transition state. As knowledge of fundamental principles strikes deeper, a better appreciation of right rotations will follow; and as experience determines what crops shall be grown a more mixed system of farming will result. Agriculture will become more intense.

As most farmers of standing use from one

estimate of one horse power for each forty acres is surely modest enough for practical purposes. In practice many farmers use as much as one horse power for every twenty acres, and find it very economical. It must be added that these are men who have learned the value of organization and have so arranged their business as to increase the capacity of their acres twenty to fifty per cent., while the amount of manual labor employed, as in some cases, remained stationary, and in others was increased only to a small extent. On every farm there is, besides threshing, a great variety of work to be done, such as hoisting, wood cutting, feed cutting and grinding, separating milk and churning, pulping and slicing roots. Besides these there is much work of a purely domestic character which might be done by mechanical means and thus the drudgery of the farm house be lightened. Bread making, sausage making, and the family sewing, could all be done by the steam motor. All this requires much organization, and can only be done efficiently by those who have an adaption for mechanical work. The more domestic operations may need to be removed to the dairy so as to be connected up to the main shafting, distributing the power. How all the work will be so organized as to be capable of such control, is a question to be settled by the farmer himself. Some have already solved the problem ; it is only a matter of arithmetic and experience for others to do likewise.

On many farms there are more horses than are really needed for the work to be done, especially is this the case in winter. Now boilers and steam engines can be bought at very modera e prices varying according to size from \$250 to \$500 for a combined boiler and engine occupying but a few square feet and capable of giving out from three to ten horse power of energy. For about a cost of \$60 per horse, a man may have an engine of from five to six horse power and do from four to ten hours work every day. Every one who has thirty cows would separate his milk, churn every day or on alternate days, and work the butter. Fresh feed must be ground, cut, and roots sliced ; and wood must be had for the house, water must be pumped to supply the wants of the house and the cattle. It will be asked who will attend to all this work and what will it cost to operate an engine running so many hours? As the fuel consumption of these small engines seldom exceeds eight pounds of coal per horse power per hour we may assume the cost at \$5 per ton for coal or a quarter cent per pound. Some of the work done would require only about one and a half to two horse power, but the fuel consumption for a circular saw would reach four or five. Assuming the engine to be worked at four horse power on the eight pounds of coal basis it would require about 32 pounds of coal at a cost of 8 cents per hour or forty cents for half a day. If run all day it would cost less than five dollars a week. Most farmers would use wood, which we may take at \$3.00 a ton on the farm although less would be nearer the mark. Assuming a consumption of 15 lbs. of wood per hour per horse power, we shall have to provide energy to do purely mechanical work, will

cannot be fed, housed, and attended for less than \$2.00 per week, and their presence on the farm is often a burden inasmuch as there is not work for more than half of them in winter.

It is quite possible to conceive a condition of organization in which the farm work could be so completely arranged and controlled as to render useful employment for both horses and men a certainty during winter. To succeed in the conduct of a business on such lines implies a high degree of intelligence and a mastery of details. Wherever we meet with conspicuous successes these qualities invariably underlie them. Farming is becoming more and more a process of complex manufacturing operations, whose rewards are highest to those who plan best and execute with the greatest efficiency.

It may be that the coming decade will see many installations of electrical motors for farm work as well as for city manufactures, generating two hundred or more horse-power in some central station and distributing it over an area of two or three miles for the service of some seven or eight thousand acres. Wherever the electrical system of mechanical power is adopted there will of necessity follow further reorganizations of farm labor, which will reduce its employment to the narrowest limits. The farm hand of the future will probably be as much a skilled laborer as the artizan and mechanic of the city.

The enormous increase in the mechanical power used in the United States since 1870 is amazing. Forty-five percent. in ten years means a great deal, and indicates a high expenditure of energy, but on further examination we notice something still more surprising and significant. While the number of water-wheels increased 8 60 per cent. the increase of power was 8.4; steam engines showed an increase of 40.54, while the increase of power was not less than 79 per cent. It will be more readily understood if it be stated that in 1880 there were in use seven machines for every five in 1870, but the power of these was increased to 900 horses for every 500 employed in 1870. These facts afford a pretty good indication of what may take place during the present decade. In 1880 the dynamo electric machine was but a novelty and no large scheme of electric power transmission had been worked out. Now, however, the case is different. Since 1881 we have had continuous electric exhibitions in Paris, London, Vienna and Philadelphia. At each of these various appliances have been shown for locomotive purposes, besides the several important installations for commercial uses. Then, in the larger cities, regularly appointed stations are being opened for the supply of power to users from house to house in the same way and over the same wires as current for light is distributed. It is quite possible that the first large installation of electrical plant for power may be made out west, where people are not scared of novelty, nor afraid to face the possibility of a failure. The economical results however will be great. Not drudgery, not even intelligent toil from early morning till late at night, unless it can use cheap to two hundred acres of their land, an 60 lbs. of fuel at 9 cents per hour. Horses avail us in the future. Every year sees

changes of organization rendering waste the subject of heavy fine, while economies of power yield an ever increasing capital for a base of future improvement.

# FREE LAND SUBSIDIES TO BRANCH RAILWAYS.

Though the public have already been made aware of the fact that the land subsidies previously given to certain of the projected branch railways in the North-West have recently been converted by Order in-Council into free grants (subject however, to the approval of parliament), we are not aware that the details of this important concession, which was advocated in the MONETARY TIMES, have yet appeared. It will be seen by the following synopsis that stringent conditions are imposed, which, while they may not ensure the raising of the capital required, are calculated to make the respective companies use every exertion to benefit by the opportunity which the liberality of the Government, with the fully expressed approval of the Opposition leaders, has seen fit to afford them.

#### MANITOBA AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

1. Subject to approval of parliament, a free grant of 6,400 acres per mile, will be made for the line constructed and put in operation between Portage la Frairie and the crossing of the South Branch of the Saskatchewan River, twenty miles from Prince Albert. Total distance, 430 miles.

2. The Company is to reimburse the Gov ernment the cost of surveying the land and incidental expenses, a charge of ten cents per acre being designated to cover such items.

3. The total area of this free grant will thus amount to 2,752,000 acres.

4. The Minister of the Interior to be the judge in the event of a dispute arising as to the bona fides of any settler who may be found to have squatted on land so granted to the Company. The settler is to have the right to retain the land so occupied, but its area is not to exceed 320 acres, and he will have to pay the Company therefor at a rate not to exceed \$2.50 per acre in any case, payable as follows:—one quarter in cash, and the remainder by three equal annual instalments, bearing interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum.

5. In addition to the eighty miles now said to be in operation (*i. e.* between Portage la Prairie and Minnedosa) not less than one hundred miles of the projected road are to be fully completed, equipped, and in running order by the first of October in each successive year until the whole line is completed.

6. The grant is subject to cancellation if the road is not built within the time, and according to the conditions of agreement, in which case the Company will have c nveyed to it 6,400 acres per mile of such portion of the road as it may have fully completed, provided it pays the before-mentioned charge of ten cents per acre and accepts such conveyance in full of all claims against the Government.

7. The standard of construction is to be the same as that fixed for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

8. To facilitate financial arrangements the Government has agreed, as an alternative arrangement, to convey to the company at once the acreage already earned on the eighty miles now built and in operation, if the Company wishes, upon its depositing with the Government the proceeds of its bonds to the amonnt of \$2.00 per acre. This deposit is to be repaid to the Company as the extension of the road is proceeded with.

THE MANITOBA AND SOUTH-WESTERN COLONI-ZATION RAILWAY.

1. Subject to approval by parliament, the Company is to receive a free grant of 6,400 acres per mile for a distance of 152 miles, viz: from Winnipeg to Whitewater Lake. Total area, 972,800 acres. 2. Same as that of the Man. & N. W.

Railway. 3. The lands granted are to be lands fairly

fit for settlement. 4. Same as that of the Man. & N. W.

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5. The railway must be completed, adequately equipped, and running from Winnipeg to Whitewater Lake not later than the 1st Oct., 1885, failing which the Company's claim under any and all Orders-in-Council relating to them and to the railway, including the present Order-in-Council, will be absolutely null and void.

6. The standard of construction is to be the same as that fixed for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

7. Same provision as made in paragraph No. 8 relating to the M. & N. W. Railway, except that "52" miles is inserted in place of "80."

# THE NORTH-WEST COAL AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The general conditions governing the free grant to Sir Alex. Galt's company are similar to those attaching to the grants above mentioned. The original allotment of 3,840 acres per mile at \$1.00 per acre (plus cost of survey) has been reduced to 1,920 acres per mile free of cost, but subject to a charge of ten cents per acre to meet the expense of survey etc. The route of this road will be from Medicine Hat station, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific, to the company's coal mine situate on the Belly River—distance, about 107 miles. This portion it is proposed to complete during the ensuing season. Mr. Donald Grant, of St. Paul, who has received the contract, having already arrived in Winnipeg to prepare his outfit. It is contemplated, however, to eventually extend the road to Fort McLeod, some twenty miles further.

-A cablegram reads as if Sir Charles Tupper had succeeded in getting a treaty with Spain, in the interest of Cánada; and it is added that he has received the assurance of Earls Granville and Derby that England is prepared to make the exchange of ratifications. This treaty, it may be assumed, from what was previously known, has reference chiefly to trade between Canada and the Spanish colonies of Cuba and Porto Rico. Any treaty of this kind would lessen the temptation which Jamaica or any other West India colony might have to join the Canadian Confederation. Cuba and Porto Rico are just now in luck, for besides the Tupper Treaty and one said to have been concluded with the United States -though the statement needs confirmationthe Spanish government has issued a decree under which the sugar of Cuba and Porto was as under : Rico will enter the mother country free and a drawback be allowed on what is exported to other countries. Jamacia and other parts of the British West Indies will henceforth consider their own condition worse than before, when seen in contrast with the advantages which Cuba is on the point of enjoying. Meanwhile Mr. Solomon is pushing the proposal for the annexation of Jamaica to Canada, and Lord Derby has once more volunteered the information that England Sir John Macdonald has no objection. being in England, under medical treatment, will probably be asked what Canada thinks of the proposed annexation of Jamaica.

-The Congressional Commission enquiring into the trade of Central and South America is anxious to know why the United States buys so much from these countries and sells so little to them. If it would compare the prices of British and American manufactures, it would probably get the answer it requires. It is being told every other reason than the real one. Ocean freights to Montevideo are said to be twenty per cent. in favor of England ; and if this be so, it is not the final answer, but only indicates the necessity for the further enquiry why it is that American ships cost so much more than English ships. If the English get any preference by allowing longer credit, as they are said to do, that may be due to the trade being in the hands of richer houses that can afford to wait longer for their returns. But the capital difficulty is the relative cheapness of the goods, and until this can be overcome, the course of the trade cannot be much altered unless by artificial contrivances and restraints, the value of which must be very problematical.

-For the first time in the history of American iron industry, an American company -The Saskatchewan Iron and Steel Company-has secured a large contract, for 10,000 tons of steel rails, the Canada Pacific being the purchaser, against English competition. The price is \$28.50 a ton, delivered on the line, presumably where they are wanted for use. With some inconsiderable exceptions, this is the first sale of American steel rails for exportation. Whether this is a sacrifice sale made for the purpose of unloading, or whether the price will cover the cost, is more than any one not in the secrets of the manufacturer can say. If American manufacturers can sell steel rails at this price and make a living profit, or even avoid loss, the time has come when they will be able to offer real opposition to English iron masters. But whether this be so or not, the public is not permitted to know.

## SHIPMENTS BY THE ST. LAWRENCE ROUTE.

The movement of breadstuffs to Montreal during the year 1884 thus far, is in extent very little behind that of 1883 to the corresponding date. Taking the period from 1st January to 15th October, we find that the aggregate quantity of all grains, flour, oatmeal and cornmeal (flour and meal reduced to bushels) received at that port was 14,743,034 bushels this year as compared with 15,118,459 in the nine and a half months of 1883. The quantity of each grain was as under :

	TOTAL RE	CEIPTS.	
	91	months 1884.	91 months 1883.
Wheat.	bushels	4,159,200	5,489,050
Corn.	•• ••••••	3,555,701	4.307.126
Pesse,	** ••••••	1,322,493	1,039,198
Oats,	**	730,664	377,369
Barley,		92,640	141.626
Rye.	"	119,091	197,115
Flour,	barrels	892,950	663,440
Oat or Cornmes	u "	59,690	49,952
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In the shipments from Montreal during the period in question the advantage remains with 1883 to the extent of nearly two million bushels, for the quantity of grain, flour and meal sent eastward was then equal to 13,268,340 against

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11,478,078 bushels thus far this year. We append the particulars :

	TOTAL	SHIPMENTS.	
		91 months 1884-	91 months 1883.
Wheat,	bushels	8,105,503	4,868,108
Corn.	"	3,265,008	3,706,846
Pease.	**	1,118,529	947,719
Oats,	"		141,303
Barley,	"		96,033
Rye.	"	100 110	137,576
Flour,	barrels	649,838	602,395
Oat an Cornme		69,217	65,756

Receipts of dairy produce at Montreal by rail, Lachine canal and river, have been far larger this year than last, the shipments too, were greater, but not to the same degree. The quantity of cheese received was 804,692 boxes, and shipped, 947,772 boxes, where last year there was 406,140 boxes received and 780,-432 shipped. Shipments of other provisions for the nine months and a half have been as follows :--

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Butter, kegs	88,761	88,834
Cheese, boxes		780,432
Pork, brls	12,934	25,480
Lard, brls	22,203	64,417
Beef, brls. and tierces	1,190	4,342
Tallow, brls	8,699	1,834
Meats (bacon, etc.), pkgs	56,163	78,201

# BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPORTS.

The value of merchandise shipped from the port of Victoris, British Columbia, for the quarter ended with September is \$1,010,763. The description of goods are, in order of value: Products of the mine, \$297,985; fishery products, \$233,938; animals and their produce, \$213.038. The recapitulation is : Produce of the mines.....\$ 297,985 Produce of the fisheries ..... 233,938 Produce of the forest ..... 1.599 Animals and their produce..... 213.038 Manufactures ..... 473

Miscellaneous .....

Total\$	764,723
To this amount must be added for salmon shipped to Canadian points And coal shipped from Nanaimo in	<b>8</b> 8,000

August and September..... 158,000

Grand total for the quarter......\$1,010,763 Wood exports consisted of 621,489 feet of planks and boards. Manufactures: doors, &c. Miscellaneous: Indian curios. Details of the other headings, gold, salmon and furs being the principal, are:

Gold in dust and bars\$223,785				
Coal, 21,200 t ns				
Total\$297,285				
THE FISHEBIES.				
Salmon, canned, 1,849,440 lbs         189,155           Salmon, pickled, 489 barrels         3,945           Fish oil, 6,332 gallons				
Salmon, pickled, 489 barrels				
Fish oil, 6,332 gallons 2,199				
Marine furs				
Total				
ANIMALS.				
Horses, No. 1				

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Furs, undressed	199,299
Hides, etc	13,101
Meat, fresh, 6,335 lbs	558

-The Olyde shipbuilding report for September, shows that there have been launched 25 vessels of 37,012 tons, which is 5,500 tons over the corresponding month last year; but taking the three-quarters of a year, a decline of 60,000 to 70,000 tons is shown, compared with 1883. At the English ports the figures show a similar falling off.

#### DRY GOODS NOTES.

According to a Sherbrooke letter, the print works at Magog, Que. are turning out 30,000 yards of print a day. The company's paid-up capital, however, is inadequate to the demands on the mill, and more stock may be issued.

Manchester advices of October 17th report the market for cotton cloth quiet and rather easier, while yarn is steady at the decline. Quotations are: 39 inch, 60 reed, gold end shirtings, 37<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> yds. 8 lbs. 4 oz., 6s. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. to 7s.; 26 inch, 66 reed, printer, 29 yards, 4 lbs. 2 oz., 3s. 3d. to 3s. 6d.; No. 40 mule-twist, fair 'second 'quality, 9d. to 9 1-16d.

Here is a bit of good news for people who are fond of handsome lace. The art of making Venetian point lives again! Queen Margherita of Italy, aided by several great ladies, hes just established a regular school of lacemakers. When proficient in their art, the makers are sent into the islands and lagoons of Venice to teach the mysteries of the bobbin, needles and patterns. There are already 4,000 pupils in the school and they can execute thirty-four kinds of Venice point! By the color alone can a connoisseur distinguish this new lace from the old.

The duliness in the cotton market of the United States does not appear to be abating. During the past four or five weeks the relative positions of supply and demand have brought out another feature detrimental to the interest of operators for a rise. On the one hand, says the Bulletin, the new cotton has been picked. prepared and shipped with great rapidity, and under constant pressure to realize, the financial condition of many planters rendering that policy almost an absolute necessity; and this supply. encountering a contracting instead of an expanding outlet, created a depressing force of no inconsiderable magnitude. "The modified demand was clearly attributable to an awakening of spinners to the fact that from making a simple surplus of goods they had run into excessive overproduction, and a shutting down was the only remedy. Decision was followed by more or less extensive action, both at home and abroad, and short time is still largely adhered to at the mills."

While costumes of mixed materials are as much in vogue as ever, some of our good couturieres are attempting to introduce toilets entirely made of one fabric and one color; this simplicity is grateful to the eyes in the midst of so many varied tints. Many draperies of autumn costumes are joined to the front of the overskirts with a band of ribbon, others with a fan-plaiting, and others still crossed like a braid.

The extensive and well known New Brunswick Cotton Mills, established some twenty-four years ago by Wm. Parks & Son, and which were closed down for a time, owing to accumulation of stock. were re-opened last week. A St. John Telegraph reporter, describing his visit to the mill, says he entered the dye-house which was in full working order; the carding room was next visited. then the throstle spinning room, and afterwards the mule room. In all these a large number of operatives were at work getting the yarn ready for the looms. A large trade is done by this mill in beam warps for wcollen mills, which has long been a speciality of theirs; and in this department a number of orders are already in. Ball knitting cotton, carpet warps, and warps for the Quebec trade exclusively were also being made up.

A quiet tone pervaded the woollen market in New York on Monday and Tuesday last. Mens' wear woollens were neglected and in other lines there was but a light re-order demand. Dress goods were quiet, in jobbers' hands. All-wool plaids well sold up and the most popular styles under control of orders to extent of seasons' production. In cotton goods, brown sheetings and drills were mostly quiet, and bleached goods continued sluggish, with a light re-order demand for cotton flannels, corset jeans and colored cottons. White goods ruled quiet, but liberal orders for certain descriptions are held by agents. Monday's market closed dull, the afternoon having been devoted to political matters by many merchants, and their employes, who marched in procession to the Business Men's Mass Meeting held in Wall st.

A cotton manufacturer, Mr. Parks of St. John, pointed out, at a meeting of his stockholders the other day, that a great change had taken place in the position of the cotton trade since the break a year ago. Then cottons were held largely in first, second and even third hands, and it was next to impossible to tell how much stock of any particular line was unsold. One of the most notable of the changes the trade has undergone is that goods are now held almost exclusively by manufacturers, the quantity of cotton in second and third hands being only equal to present demands. While this system has its advantages, enabling the manufacturer to know the exact state of demand and supply, more capital is required to carry on the business, as more or less stock has to be continuously held which, under the former method, was realized upon by the manufacturer as quickly as it was made.

HAMILTON BOARD OF TRADE.-The quarterly meeting of this body was held at its rooms last week, Mr. F. H. Macpherson in the chair. The St. Catharines and Niagara Central Railroad had asked the assistance of the board in securing a suitable street from the Corporation of Hamilton for the purpose of running a branch into the city. It stated that two routes had been surveyed from the Niagara River to St. Catharines, "one from Queenstown and the other from Clifton, through Thorold and Merriton. The latter, we think, will be adopted, as Merritton and Thorold propose to assist in building the road up the mountain." \* \* From Burlington Beach we run a spur into Hamilton, and cross the Beach to the east of the N. & N. W., through the town of Burlington, keeping to the south of the G. W. division of the G. T. R., taking in all the villages to the town of Oakville; thence to Cooksville, where we connect with the C. V. R. into Toronto, ٠ We have an agreement with the Canada Southern Railway Company giving us a right to use their Niagara branch from Queenstown to the Cantilever Bridge ; also to the old town of Niagara." Mr. James Walker thought the scheme of crossing the Beach an impracticable one. Mr. Leggat believed it would not be well to encourage the building of a third line to Toronto, leaving out of the question the impracticability of building another bridge to the canal. The chairman considered that the only way for the company was to obtain running powers over the H. & N. W. Railway. He did not think the building of the road would be of any practical advantage to the people of Hamilton.

Recent correspondence between the Grand Trunk Railway authorities and the council concorned the running of trains at cheap fares from Hamilton, good from Saturday till Monday, inclusive. A reply informed the Board that such a reduction had been in force for a lorg time back, and that the people of Hamilton were on respect.

Messrs, H. S. Steven, R. T. Steele and Geo. G. Bristol were unanimously elected members.

A communication had been received from Toronto with respect to the bankruptcy laws and a brief discussion thereon ensued. The following resolution was moved by Mr. W. F. Findlay, seconded by Mr. James Stewart, and carried, " That the previous action of this Board as to the necessity of an act for the equitable distribution of insolvent debtors' estates is hereby confirmed, and that the following be a committee to act in conjunction with similar committees from other Boards of Trade in urging the Dominion Government to have such an Act passed at the next session of Parliament. namely : Messre. Alexander Turner, M. Leggat, J. J. Mason, W. F. Findlay, John Knox, and T. H. Macpherson.

RE-UNION OF INSURANCE MEN .-- Mr. James Valentine, the chief manager of the Northern Assurance Company, of Aberdeen and London. now on a business tour in this country, visited Toronto on Saturday last with Mr. Jas. W Taylor, of Mesers. Taylor Bros., of Montreal, the general agents of the company in Canada. Mr. Valentine invited all the general agents of the companies having their head offices in Toronto, with their local agents here, and the Secretary of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association to dine with him at the Rossin House. The following gentlemen were present : Messre. J. J. Kenny, Western Ass. Co.; S. C. Duncan-Clark and Wm. Blight, Lancashire Ins. Co.; F. A. Ball. London & Lancashire ; Alexander Dixon, Norwich Union ; Hugh Scott, Queen City ; R. Wickens, Commercial Union; S. F. Magurn, City of London ; Thos. R. Wood, Æina ; Wm. Henderson, Hartford ; L. C. Camp, Phenix of Brooklyn; S. P. Wood, British America; R. McLean and E. P. Pearson. Mr. Mitchell, of the Commercial Union, and Mr. Pyke, of the Mr. Taylor Quebec, were unavoidably absent. proposed the health of Mr. Valentine in most complimentary terms. That gentleman, in response, thanked Mr. Taylo for the kind words spoken by him and the others present for the warm manner in which they had received him. He expressed great pleasure in meeting the Insurance brotherhood in this the Queen City of the West. He was glad to see so many signs of the progress of Toronto, and the intelligence and enterprise of the Canadian people wherever he had been. There was doubtless a great future before the country. The Canadian Pacific Railway would very soon span the continent and bring India and China nearer, and with their immense capabilities of trade better within our reach. Mr. Kenny, Mr. Silas Wood, and Mr. Scott replied for Canadian Companies. Mr. Thos. R. Wood, and Mr. Henderson for American Companies. Mr. Magurn, Mr. Duncan Clark and Mr. Dixon for British Companies. Mr. McLean for the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, and Mr. E. P. Pearson for the local agents. A very happy time was spent, all of the gentlemen present expressing strong faith in the permanency of the association formed a year ago, which promised to be of so much service to the companies and security to the public in the great interest of Fire Insurance.

-It is not too much to say that very many of the misunderstandings which arise between merchants and a large proportion of the suits at law which vex the business community, arise from a lack of definiteness in giving or receiving orders.

an equal footing with Torontonians in this of goods, or an advertisement may be all right it has done, must have used the Government in some cases, but there often arises some difficulty that causes bad feelings between the parties which could have been avoided by proceeding in a business-like way. When a man builds a house he makes careful written specifications as to what he wants, and then if there is anything wrong in the work he has something by which to correct it. It the parties to transactions would but take pains to have a definite bargain made, the details thoroughly understood and a memorandum of them set down in writing, much trouble, delay and expense would be avoided. Hezy bargains, as a contemporary says, may do for politicians, but for legitimate business transactions they are sadly out of place.

> -The timber market is extremely quiet at Quebec. There are very few vescels in port, and no demand for shipment this autumn; the markets in Great Britain being exceedingly dull. The Chronicle of the 18th inst., says: "A few choice rafts have been sold for next year's shipment, but for small timber or common or ordinary rafts there is no demand. For Waney White Pine there is we understand a better inquiry than for square, and the few lots remaining in market are he d at highest rates. A choice raft of Ottawa square, abcut 64 feet, with some Waney, and probably the best equare in market, is reported sold at 29 cents." Deals remain much as they have been all summer, Pine scarce and difficult to procure, while the low figures offered for spruce will hardly induce manufacturers to send their men into the woods.

> The North-Western Lumberman of 18th instant, pays the following compliment to Canadian lumber manufacturers : "We learn that Mr. J. K. Ward, of Montreal, sold a lot of deals at \$128 for firsts, \$80 for seconds and \$40 for thirds. These are probably the highest prices obtained in Canada for deals this season; and such figures were possible because the timber was first-class and properly manufactured. The leading Canadian saw mill men seem to understand the importance of turning out perfect stock. So proud are some of them of their work that they stamp every board that is sent to market. They use the best of machinery aad demand carefuliness on the part of their employees. The fact is nowhere understood better than in Canada that such a method раув."

# Correspondence.

### THE GRAND TRUNK AND THE CANADA PACIFIC.

#### To the Editor of the Monetary Times :

SIB,-Will you grant me space in your valuable journal to say a few words, briefly, in reply to the following extracts from your editorial in last week's issue, under the heading "Corpora-tion Arithmetic and Ethics." "Lord Hamilton has not attempted to offer proof of his averment that the Canadian Government had allowed the Pacific Railway Company to use the money granted by the public to build the main Pacific line, in establishing a competing line in the older provinces."

When you wrote this paragraph you were pro-bably not aware that his lordship had sailed for England, and therefore could not have replied You further state that : "Volunteers have ven-

tured where his lordship feared to go; one of them, in order to make out his case, has ventured upon an experiment in the black art, now much practised, of cooking accounts. By the much practised, of cooking accounts. By the trick of not entering into the account the \$25,000,000 which the Pacific Company has received on account of stock, he tries to show

approp iation for purposes outside the construc-tion of the Pacific proper."

I presume this paragraph has reference to my reply to the following extract from your issue of the 3rd instant, which appeared in the Globe of the 13th instant.

e 13th instant. "Lord Hamilton should have been very rtain of his facts, before he made the cortain of his facts, before he made the statement attributed to him by a reporter, that it is iniquitous for the Dominion Government to allow the Canadian Paci-fic Railway to use the money granted to build the main Pacific line in establishing a competing line in the older provinces. The statement has received repeated denials accompanied by figures, &c."

I called at your office and handed you a reply to this paragraph in time for your issue of the 10th inst., which you promised to publish—but were unable to print that week for want of space -hence its appearance in the Globe-in substance as follows :-

" The statement referred to may have received repeated denials accompanied by figures, but that will not alter the fact nor satisfy the public until every transaction has been venti-lated, and every dollar of the public money so used has been correctly verified, and thoroughly explained, It is admitted that the amount which the C. P. have received or will receive from the government in cash is \$55,000,000, and for land sales \$10,000,000 making together \$65,000,000. Deduct from this the estimated cost of the road from Callender to the Pacific as submitted to parliament and contracted for, \$38,000,000, leaving \$27,000,000 to be ac-counted for, in addition to the amount received for C. P. R. stock which does not appear."

As regards Mr. Stephen, did he not state in one of his letters that he had given to Canada a competing line ? If so, where in the face of those figures did the money come from to secure his connections with Ontario and Quebec, if not from the surplus of \$27,-000,000 taken from the public exchequer.

"I submit that the Grand Trunk Company as the largest rate payer in the Dominion, may justly complain that it is compelled as a tax-payer to contribute to the support of a company, backed as it has been by the Government, to perpetuate a policy of antagonism and competition against the Grand Trunk, which if not speedly restricted may lead to financial disaster to both companies, and what I very much fear can now only be averted by the cultivation of more friendly relations in the shape of a traffic or other agree ment for the conveyance of traffic from all competitive points at non-competitive and fairly remunerative rates. That the initiation of such a policy will meet with popular favor no apprehension need be felt. It is not the political but the business aspect which I have indeavoured to present ; and I am sure that in giving expression to my views on this ques-tion, I not only express public sentiment, but the fact, when I state that it is wrong for the Dominion Government to lay itself open to the charge of allowing the Canadian Pacific Ry. to use one cent of the very large amount "of public funds-granted ostensibly for the "purpose of building the main Pacific line-to "establish a competing line in the Eastern Pro-"vinces. While it may be perfectly right to "have granted such a privilege to a joint stock " company as in the case of the connections " alluded to, so long as they remained indepen-" dent of the C. P., and further I feel convinced "no one would expect either company to con-"vey freight or passengers at such competitive "rates as would barely pay the costs of transportation, and thereby leave nothing for the unfortunate stock and bondholders, who have invested upwards of \$200,000,000 in the Grand Trunk and its connections, without the guar-antae of a single dollar. While the Canadian "antee of a single dollar. While the Canadian "Government has secured the payment of principal and interest on every cent to individual investors in the Canadian Pacific Railway.

I must remind you that no explanation has yet been given as to the disposition of the surplus of \$27,000,000 or the \$25,000.000 alleged by you as having been received on account of stock. When this information has been furnished, when every doubtful transaction has been ventilated and every dollar of the public money so used, has been correctly verified, and thoroughly explained, it will then appear, and not till then, how far Lord Hamilton is correct in his aver-ment "that the Canadian Government had allowed the Pacific Railway Company to use the A mere verbal order for a job of work, or a bill that the company, in order to accomplish what money granted by the public to build the main Pacific line in establishing a competing line in the older provinces."

You further state : "If it be a crime in the You further state: "If it be a orime in the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to secure a competing line from Ottawa to the western boundaries of Onterio, it may at least plead that it followed the precedent set by the Grand Trunk Company which was then receiving pe-euniary aid from the Government of Canada when it built a competing line against the Great Western from Toronto to Sarnia."

This is a fallacy which admits of no compari-son as between the Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway, for the reason that both the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways and their connections were largely constructed, equipped, and renewed by the introduction and expenditure of more than \$200,000,000 of British capital. Whereas, the Canadian Pacific has ch-tained every dollar it has expended up to this time through the public exchaquer of the Dominion, with the exception of a nominal capital of doubtful millions subscribed by a syndicate of some 20 individuals who have possibly never paid tenth part their subscriptions ; besides, the one Grand Trunk and Great Western were never, Grand Trunk and Great Western were never, strictly speaking, competing lives between To-ronto and Sarnia, their terminal connections being so widely apart. The pecuniary sid to which you refer has been amply secured by the bonds of the company held in common with other creditors of the Grand Trunk, which the Government have done so much in connection with the Canadian Pacific to depreciate. Again you state: "Among friends of the

Again, you state : "Among friends of the Grand Trunk who conspire to injure the credit of Canada, and whose white mail responds to words of command, etc., are men who are profiting by subsidies to the Grand Trunk which they know will never be repaid."

This is an inuendo requiring further explana tion which you will perhaps be good enough to furnish. I am sure, however, you are not in furnish. I am sure, however, you are not in sympathy with the recent perconal attacks made in connection with Lord Hamilton, upon Gen-oral Mansger Hickson and the Grand Trunk officers generally, which can hardly be properly appreciated without a knowledge of the true characthr of their author and the real motives by which he is actuated; in fact I have no doubt you will readily confirm the oninion generally you will readily confirm the opinion generally expressed, that Mr. Hickson is one of the ablest railway managers on this continent, and that his staff, from the highest to the lowest, are working in perfect harmony and accord, to the entire satisfiction of the public, and for the best interests of the Company. LEONIDAS.

Toronto, October 23rd, 1884.

#### NORTH WESTERN MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY OF DETROIT.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR,-The above-named concern is another of the co-operative frauds which is quickly approaching to its final dissolution. It appears to have been conceived for the purpose of providing a handsome living to a coterie of adven-turers. Its inception dates some five or six years back, and according to the prospectus issued, was growing in daily favor by the insur-ing public, attracting large numbers from the regular line companies by giving them cheap insurance with an ample security. But we find the insurance department of

Michiga: has deemed it necessary to suspend the company's license, the inference being the association is no longer entitled to public confidence.

One of the assignable reasons for the Comassessments falling off from \$123,437.91 in 1882, to \$81,648.81 in 1883, a difference in one year of \$41,789.10.

The honesty of the association may be judged from the fact, that after its licence was taken Collecting from all those who were unfortunate enough to be in ignorance of its true standing.

enough to be in ignorance of its true standing. One member, a Mr. Rolfson, residing near Leamington, Ont., who had paid the association nearly \$300, wrote to the secretary inquiring if it were true that their licence was withdrawn. In reply this bird of prey writes him, "It is true that a license had been refused," but he goes on to say, "we think wrongfully." The public are not much interested in what this secretary thinks about it, or what he would like people to believe. Evidently the Commissioner had no faith in him, his association or directors, among faith in him, his association or directors, among whom is one D. G. Preston, styled as president,

and who ought to be ashamed to be associated with such a concern, but we understand it has proved a fat thing for its promoters.

This model secretary and his associates are not contented with their already acquired spoils, but they wish to retrap their victims by informing them that : "The association considers the contract still

binding, but considering all the circumstances of the endowment class, it is best for the hold-ers of such policies to make a change, by re-insuring in their new life company, which now affords more insurance than the old association."

The term 'association' they must consider played out, so they hope by substituting it by the term 'life company,' to make the deception less apparent.

In the month of August last, Mr. Rolfson again wrote the association asking them for information as to the assets they advertised to be possessed of on the 31st of December, 1883, viz. the sum of \$69,773.47. In reply he is informed that in consequence of his policy hav-ing lapsed by non payment of assessments, he is not entitled to any indemnity. They had pre-viously admitted that they were no longer con-sidered responsible by the Insurance Department of Michigan and because a member has displayed sufficient common sense to refuse to continue paying, he is thus debarred from participating in a full share of the surplus. But he is offered, as a special dispensation of grace, \$15 out of nearly \$300; or if he will enter the spider's parlor just once more, he shall be liberally dealt with.

It is needless to say he is going to try and secure this small token of their liberality, and will not forget the fable of the singed cat. P. C. D.

## DIRECTORS WHO DO NOT DIRECT.

# Toronto, 22nd October, 1884.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times

SIR,-At the annual meeting of the Molson's Bank shareholders in Montreal, last week, Sir David McPherson, in seconding the report, is stated to have said that although one of the directors, he had not been able, for many reasons, to be a regular attendant at the meet-ings (meaning the board meetings), therefore it was more in the capacity of a sharsholder that he would express the satisfaction he felt at the result of the year's business.

We have here a director confessing his inability to give that attention to the bank's interests, which the shareholders at least expect he will give, and for which purpose he was, I presume, placed on the board. It would be difficult to say how much trouble has been brought about say now much trouble has been brought about by this very thing—the inability or neglect of bank directors to give proper attention to their duties as such. What have we witnessed this year, both in this country and in the United States. It is hard to conceive how, for instance, in the cases of some of our home banks, matters could have got into such a mess, if the directors had performed their duties; they must be guilty either of a ein of omission or commission. If we had more working directors and fewer figure-heads, it would be better for all concerned.

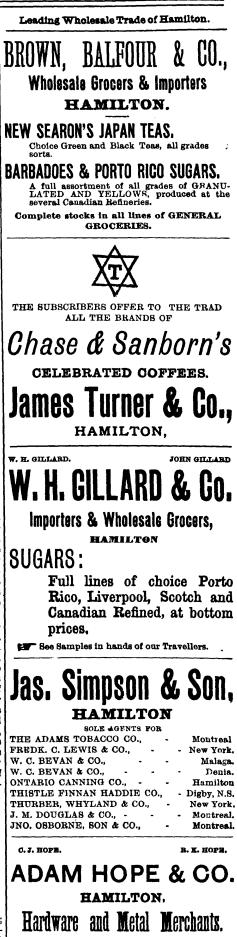
Yours, etc., BANKER.

#### Commercial.

#### AMERICAN MARKETS.

#### NEW YORK, Oct. 22nd, 1884.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22nd, 1884. Flour-Dull and unchanged. Wheat-Octo-



- JONES' Spades, Shovels, Forks and Draining Tools-a large stock of all their Brands. Jobbers get our Frice List. Equal to "Ames" in quality and cheaver
- cheaper. AXLES manufactured by Byers Bros. & Co., very superior quality and finish. CARENIACE SPRINGS complete stock of Gan-anoque Spring Co., second to none. HOOKS & HINGES, heavy and light, T hinges, Butts and Washers, Oowan & Britton, celebrated make.
- make. WRINGERS, Royal Canadian, by Cowan, best in
- WRINGERS, Royal Canadian, by Uowan, best in the market.
   SNATHES & CRADLES, Skinner & Co. make also Parmenter & Bullook and Goulette good, in stook; "Gananoque," we are 'glad to proclaim, still ranks high in its iron & Steel manufacture.
   SCYTHES, Grass and Grain, from the celebrated makers Hubbard, Blake & Co.

ber, 73% to 74% c; November, 74% to 75% c; December, 76% to 77% c; No. 2 spring, 74 to 74% c; Corn-Lower; cash, 45% to 46% c; October, 45 to 46% c; November, 43 to 44% c; year, 39% to 40% c. Oats-Nominally unchanged. Rye-Quiet, at 520. Barley-590. Pork -Steady; cash, \$15.75; year, \$11.80 to 11 85. Lard-Steady; cash, \$7.15 to 7.25; November, \$7.05 to 7.10. Bulk meats-Shoulders. \$6.35; short ribs, \$8 50; short clear, \$10.25. Freights unchanged.

# MONTREAL MARKETS.

#### MONTBEAL, Oct. 22nd, 1884.

Our general remarks of last week on the trade situation, will hold good in nearly every particular at date. In almost all lines trade is unseasonably slow and disappointing; in groceries alone is there a fair movement; in dry goods, hardware, drugs, leather, paints and oils, &c., orders are very light. We find a few who say they are getting better paid, but the bulk of the testimony is to the effect that remittances are not improved. The weather has continued mild and favorable to fall ploughing, &c., but a good sharp period of cold would doubtless be beneficial to trade, more particularly to dry goods. The banks continue to be amply supplied with funds, there being comparatively little demand : discount and loan rates are easy at former figures. The stock market is very dull as regards trading, but prices remain pretty firm. Bank of Montreal selling at 190; Merchants, 110; Commerce, 1161; Richelieu, 541; Toronto, 1731.

ASHES.—Receipts are moderate, but are freer than last month. The market is a shade easier than at last writing, transactions ranging from \$4.25 to \$4.35 for No. 1 pots; seconds \$3.80 to \$3.90, Pearls are quiet and nominally \$5.00

DEX Goods.—But little change is to be noted in this line since last week. Some houses report more business from the east and south-east, but western business continues very light, and there is no general or marked improvement to note. The same may be said of remittances, and some houses who reported better than average payments on the 4th, now complain as deeply as the rest of the trade. City payments are declared to be ahead of country ones.

DBUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business in these lines continues to be much quieter than it should be at this season, but a slightly better state of affairs as regards payments is occasionally reported. Bleaching powder is searce at the moment, but no dearer. Quinine is a shade w aker as also carbolic acid. Cream tartar is again stronger and we note an additional advance. We quote: Sal Soda \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; Bi-Carb. Soda, 2.50 to \$2 60; Soda Ash \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8.50 to \$10; Borax refined, 11 to 12 do.; Cream Tartar orystals, \$2 to \$40.; do ground \$60. to \$86; Tartaric Acid, 54 to 580. per lb.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.25 to \$3.00 according to lot; Alum \$1.75 to \$1.90; Coppera, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Ground Sulphur, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Flowere Sulphur, sublim per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.25; Roll Sulphur, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.75 to \$3.50; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to \$9.50; German Quinine, about \$1.15 to \$1.25; American do., \$1.25; Howard, \$1.25 to \$1.55; Opium. \$4.25 to \$4.50; Morphia, \$2.20 to \$2.80; Gum Arabic, sort, 28 to 836; White, 40 to 556; Carbolic acid, 55.

FLOUR.—The market rules dull and inactive. Receipts last week were 37,946 brls., and there were 45,157 brls. in store on Monday. We quote: Superior Extra, \$4.00 to 4.05; Extra Superfine, \$3.85 to 3.90; Fancy, \$3.75 to 3.80; Spring Extra \$3.75 to 3.80; Superfine, \$3.40 to 0.00; Strong Bakers (Canadian) \$4.50 to 4.85; American ditto., \$5.00 to \$5.50; Fine, \$3.10 to 3.15. Ever\_\_Enriber advices confirm the failure of

FIGH —Further advices confirm the failure of the Labrador herring fishery. Only one small schooner, with 600 brls., has arrived as yet, and \$6.50 is asked for best. Cape Bretons, \$5.25 to 5.75 for No. 1; dry cod, \$4 25 to 4.75; green do., \$5.25 to 5.50 for No. 1; \$4.25 to 4.75; green do., \$5.25 to 5.50 for No. 1; \$4.25 to 4.50 for No. 2; North Shore salmon, \$15, \$14. and \$18 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively; British Columbla do., \$13.00.

FURS.--Receipts of raw furs are not at all free | \$

as yet, still there are some fair lots to hand, and enquiries as to prices are numerous from the country. The demand for bear, otter and beaver is still good and we would advise holders to forward their pelts immediately, in order to benefit from the better prices obtainable now than later. European furs will remain at about same prices as last year. The annual sales of salted seal will take place in London next month when it is expected prices will be fully maintained, some large lots of lambkins have lately been received here. We quote for prime skins: Beaver, \$2.75; Bear. \$8.00 to \$10.00; do. cub, \$4.00 to \$1.20; Cross do. \$2.00 \$6.00; Marten, \$1.00 to \$1.20; Cross do. \$2.00 to \$3.00; Mink, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Muskrat, 8 to 10c. Otter, \$8.00 to \$10, Raccoon, 5c. average; Skunk, 40 to 60c.

GROCERIES.—Reports as to business in this line continue to be more favorable than in any other, and expressions as to amount of business doing, as a whole, are satisfactory. Payments, too, in this department are ahead of those in others. Sugars are up  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. making 6§c. the nominal refinery price for granulated. though this figure would probably be shaded for a round lot; yellows are advanced proportionally. From London advices have been received of an advance of 1s. a cwt. making a total advance of  $\frac{3}{2}$ c. from lowest point, and further advance is looked for. In New York granulated is quoted at 6§c. In molasses very little doing; holders are firm at  $32\frac{1}{2}c$ ; there is a good enquiry for syrups. New Valencia raisins are exceedingly scarce,  $7\frac{1}{2}c$ , would be paid for lots, but none are offering. Shipments to Canada to date are only one seventh of last year's figures. Currants are in demand at 6 to  $6\frac{3}{4}c$ ., and the quality of present supplies is good, they may be lower later on, but the quality may be affected by mixture with drain damaged fruit; new figs are in fair supply at 11 to 15c. as to quality. No Tarragona almonds to be had, fitas are held in lots at 14c., Sicily filberts scarce, Barcelona ditto about 9c Sardines firm at  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to 12c; lobsters \$5 85 to \$6.00 a case.

LEATHER.—Trade, on the whole is quiet. Fall enting is about over, and the demand for upper is shok at quotations. There is rather a better enquiry for pebble, which is scarce in cheap grades, owing doubtless to the recently inangurated shipment of this quality of leather to Britain, light splits are also scarce. We quote Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A. 25 to 28c., ditto, No. 2 B. A. 22 to 25c; No. 2 Ordinary Spanish, 24c. to 254c; No. 1 ditto 22c. to 23c; No. 1 China 23c. No. 2 21c. ditto Buffalo Sole No. 1, 21 to 22c. ditto No. 2, 194 to 21c. Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 274c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c; ditto ditto heavy, 83 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 38c. Splits, large, 23 to 30c.; ditto small, 16 to 24c. Calf-splits 29 to 38c. Calf-skins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; Imitation French Calfishins. 80 to 85c; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 50c; Harness, 24 to 33c; Buffed Cow, per ft., 14 to 16c. Enamelled Cow, 114 to 154c. Rough, 23. to 28c. Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HABDWARE.—In pig iron and metals there is no enlarged movement to be noted, and judging from the way in which consumers are talking, it is likely that they will order during the fall and coming winter just as their wants prompt them, without reference to season, freights, or reports upon the prospects of the market. Prices at home remain about the same as last reported, but warrants are slightly advanced at 41/9d. There is a little more demand for Canada and tin plates as the season advances, but prices are unaffected. Stocks of tin plates at Liverpool and the Welsh ports are much reduced from the first of the year, but this is fully offset by the number of new works recently put into operation, which will soon bring stocks up again, unless there is a much increased demand. Tin, which suffered a recent sudden decline in the London market, has made just as sudden an advance to a point £1 higher than before the decline. Advices just to hand report that at the quarterly meeting of ironmasters at Birmingham, on the 9th, it was decided to advance best brands of bar iron, also sheets, 5s. a ton. This will not affect local prices. New stocks of Russia iron are just to hand. We quote Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$18.50 to \$19.00; Langloan \$19 to \$19.50; Coltness, \$20 to \$21; Eg-

linton, \$17.00; Dalmellington \$17 to \$17.25; Calder \$18.50; Hematite \$20 to \$22.50, according to brand; Stemens, \$19.00 to \$19.-50; Bar Iron still \$1.70 to \$1.75; Canada Plates \$2.90 to \$3.00 as to lot and brand; Tin Piates Bradley Charcoal, \$5.85 to 6.00; Charcoal I C \$4.75 to \$4.90 as to brand; do. I.X \$6.25 to 6.50; Coke I C., \$4.25 to \$4.40, Galvanized Sheets, No. 28, 6 to 7c. according to brand; Tinned Sheets, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, 62 to 74c.; Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to \$2.30; Sheets, Boiler, Plate per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.45 to \$0.00; heads \$4.50; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead per 100 lbs.: — Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet; \$3.75 to \$4; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast Steel, 114 to 12c firm; Spring, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm; Tire, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm Sleigh Shoe, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Round Machinery Steel, 32 to \$4.0; Ingot Tin, 21 to 22c. Bar Tin, 24c.; Ingot Copper, 16c. Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Spelter, \$4.25 to \$5.50 Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

OILS AND PAINTS.—Linseed oil is again reported as advancing in Britain. Last week's prices still hold at the moment but are liable to advance any day, We quote, in meantime, 60 for raw and 63 for boiled. Turpentine took a little spurt lately in the south but is still 50 to 52c here. Fish oils remain about the same. Cod oil 55 to 574c, and we hear of a recent sale of 150 brls. steam refined seal for 60c. Oilye, \$1.00 to 1.05 for pure; castor,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  to 10c. Leads and colors continue at prices following: White Lead (genuine and first class brands only) \$6.25 to 6.75; No. 1 \$5.50 to 6.00; No. 2, \$5 to 5.50; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry White Lead 6 to  $6\frac{1}{2}c$ ; Red do. 5 to  $5\frac{1}{2}c$ . These prices for round lots. London Washed Whiting 50 to 60c.; Paris White \$1.25 to 1.50; Cookson's Venetian Red \$1.75 to 2.00; Yellow Ochre, \$1.50. Linseed oil is again advanced, and we quote 60 for raw, 63 for boiled; straw seal, 50 to 52c; pale 55 to  $57\frac{1}{2}c$ ; steam refined 60c; olive and castor unchanged. Trade in these lines continues in a very dull state and renewals are frequent.

quent. PROVISIONS.--Hog products are in light demand, only small lots moving. We quote: Western mess, \$19 to \$20; hams, 14 to 14½;; bacon, 13 to 14¢; Western lard, 10¾ to 11¢; Canadian, 10¼ to 10½; tallow, 7 to 8e. The butter market remains as before, fine grades being in good demand, but poorer qualities move more slowly. We quote: Choise creamery, 24 to 26¢; townships, 18¼ to 22¢; Morrisburg and equal, 16 to 21¢; Western 14 to 18¢; cheese, 9 to 10¢ for Angust, and 11 to 12¢ for fall makes; eggs in good demand at 20 to 21¢.

SALT.—Remains firm at advance but there is not much demand. Elevens cost 50c. ex wharf; 55c. ex store; Factory Filled \$1.20 to \$1.40; Higgins' Eureka \$2.40.

WOCL — Business in domestics is rather less active than it has been for the last few weeks, and there is not much doing in foreign. Stocks generally are light. We quote Canadian A. Supers, 26 to 28c.; B do., 22 to 24c.; Cape, 161 to 18c.; Australian, 19 to 28c. as to quality.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

# Toronto, Oct. 23rd, 1884.

Rarely, if ever, has such an inactive week been witnessed on the Stock Exchange. This is partly due to a disposition to await the effect of the declaration of dividends of some of the leading banks. Rumours have been freely circulated that the Bank of Montreal would pay abonus of one per cent. in addition to the usual dividend. and the price has been well maintained. The public, however, has become weary of reports emanating from interested quarters. After fractional fluctuations it closes unchanged for the week at 190 to 190<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c. Ontario and Merchants Banks have each improved 1. Toronto Bank is 1½ lower at 173 to 173½; Federal 1 down and Bank of Commerce has fallen \$ to 116, with sellers at 116<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> There are no other changes to note in the list of bank stocks. Miscellaneous and loan societies stocks have been very little dealt in, with the exception of Canada North-West Land, which has been comparatively active and lower, the latest quotation being 38/9 to 39 shillings per share.

Day Goods .- Travellers are at present out Day Goops.—Iravellers are at present out upon their 'sorting trip, and the weather, having been warm, they find country stocks are not yet broken in upon. Thus it is not easy to make sales, but a cold snap would stimulate trade in every direction. A hopeful and tolerably confi-dent feeling exists, however, that affairs will approximate the probability of the source of the sour uent reeing exists, however, that affairs will come around all right, which is not at in all com-patible with cautious buying. In this market, tailors' trimmings are moving freely, so too, are mantle cloths. There is a marked scarcity of velveteens, which are quite the mode, especially of colored. The market is also pretty well closued out of the scarce and and the scarce well ververeens, which are quite the induct, especially of colored. The market is also pretty well cleaned out of dress goods, and some houses are sorting up from American [oities with plaids and checks. Domestic cottons still rule low : here and there are indications of an improvement, the result of the continued non-produc-tion of some of the mills. Payments are moderately good.

DBUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A fairly good trade is being done and we hear of no complaints as to remittances. Our list does not present any changes in quotations, prices being generally steady.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The tendency seems to be towards lower prices, the demand being fairly good. Extra sold within the week at \$3.55 and a special brand of superior, made from red winter wheat at \$3.60. A car of spring extra changed hands at \$3.50 and 250 bris. of very choice superior at about \$3.90. Bran has fold as low as \$10 this week.

low as \$10 this week. GRAIN.—Prices of wheat are, if anything, weaker than a week ago; No. 1 spring is not bringing more than 80 to 81c. and No. 2 78 to 79c. More barley has been coming during the last few days; quotations seem to be a shade firmer; No. 1, 70 to 71c.; No. 2, 66 to 67c.; No. 3 extra is 59c. and No. 3, 54 to 55c. Oats; are cheaper by about a cent say 30c. Peas are sell-ing 59 to 60c. Rye 60c. The following are the STOCKS IN STORE.

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		Oct. 20,	Ost. 13,	Oct. 22,
		1884.	1884.	1883.
Fall wheat,	bush	. 37,758	35,192	18,463
Spring whe			43,301	18,718
Oats		. 1,362	1,462	
Barley	۰۰ .	.201,796	118,878	122,572
Peas	".	. 9,289	5,963	567
Rye	۰۰.	. 1,082	430	635
Corn	" .	• • • • •	282	••••

Total Grain .... 299,260 210,508 160,990

GROCERIES .- This branch of business shares in the general quietness in trade circles. The in the general quietness in trade circles. The season's turn over will, it is fully expected, show a marked decrease as compared with former years. Sugars appear to be a little better in tone, mainly on the strength of advices from abroad. We are told that refiners in Canada have advanced prices about  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent, our list will about represent present values. Currants, owing to increased receipts, are a little cheaper. Teas present no new features and other lines are quiet. Remitt improved much. Remittances do not seem to have

HARDWARE AND METALS .- We have no changes of any importance to make in prices this week ; values throughout the list being maintained at former standard. Quotations for tin plates con-tinue nominal, the demand being light in con-sequence of the attention now being paid by tinsmiths to the stove branch of the business. tinsmiths to the stove branch of the business. They are working principally on Canadian plates which are firm at unchanged figures. Ingot tin, which has been very weak for the past few days, has recovered and advices, by cable, just to hand, indicate an advance of £4 per ton. There is a good anguiry for galvanized iron princihand, indicate an advance of £4 per ton. There is a good enquiry for galvanized iron, princi-pally for 28 gnage. Window glass is firm and certain sizes, mainly  $12 \times 24$ , are at the moment scarce. The condition of the lead market in England is reported to be much better, which fact has made holders here firmer in their views and they are not particularly anxious to sell. Copper is unchanged ; domestic ingot, however, keeps this article in such a state as to prevent immortations being sold at anything like a profit. importations being sold at anything like a profit. Remittances cannot be termed good although some houses report a marked improvement in this respect over the past week or so.

this respect over the past week or so. HIDES AND SKINS.—Trade is much about the same as when we last wrote. Receipts have in-oreased somewhat but the demand readily ab-sorbs all coming in. Prices are steady and show no change. Steers,  $8\frac{1}{2}c$ ; cows,  $7\frac{1}{2}c$ ; cured and inspected, 9c; calfskins, green, 11 to 13c; ditto, oured, 13 to 15c; sheepskins and lamb-skins both command same figure, *i.e.*, 70c; pelts are nominal; rough tallow, 4c; rendered,  $6\frac{3}{4}$ to 74c. to 710.

PETROLEUM.—An advance of half a cent has taken place in Canadian oils, which are now quoted at 18½c for single barrels of Canadian Machinery for Sale. and 18c for quantities; carbon safety, 20<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Americans as last quoted.

PROVISIONS .--- Receipts of dressed hogs have PROVISIONS.—Receipts of dressed hogs have been somewhat heavier and a decline in values has resulted ; \$6.50 to \$6.75 is now the range. Bacon is in fair demand, sales of L C are reported at 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c. Hams still con-tinue to move freely at our figures. Choice butter is wanted at full prices, but inferior is neglected. There is a firmer feeling in eggs, 19c. to 20c. would now be paid. Cheese steady and sells af last week's figures. Dried apples are offering more freely and are changing hands in a small way at 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 8c.

Wool .- The demand from the factories continues fairly good and prices are well maintained. Fleece still quotes at 16 to 19c. for ordinary combings, and the range for southdown is un-changed from 20 to 23c. Pulled combing is worth 17 to 18c. and supers would bring 21c. to 23c. Extra is no higher, 25 to 28c. is the ruling price.

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The ÆTNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY has recently made a deposit with the Finance Minister at Otta-wa, of **5200,000 More**, bringing its total Government Deposit in Canada up to the above magnificent sum, all in first-class Government Bonds. This is about four times the deposit of any other Company.

#### BUSINESS $\mathbf{OF}$ 1883.

The following figures are taken from the Government Blue Books, and show the handsome growth regular Life Incurance is making in Canada.

COMPANY.	1883 New Insurance.	Premiums of 1883.	Premium Increase over 1881.	Working Expenses per \$100.	Deposit at Ottawa.
Ætun Life, Hartford	\$2,258,875	\$575.994	\$172,397	\$10.34	\$725,000
Canada Life	3,609,250	799,824	131,713	13.27	54,000
Confederation		309,377	94,639	21.83	75,467
Equitable, N.Y	1,945,000	302,404	82,039	14.85	165,000
Life Association, Hamilton	433.016	47.622	10,315	44.41	95,540
London & Lancashire	1.056.144	116,481	37,731	23.50	109 822
North American	1.347.088	90.941	56,588	33.77	50,000
Oatario Mutual		180 593	20.070	25.24	91,780
Standard, of Edinboro'	956.031	259,296	64.572	13.98	153,900
Sun, of Montreal	1,505,433	174.035	25.471	28.30	50,400
Travellers, Hartford	555 110	117.880	22.975	16.26	140.5:0
Union Mutual, Portland	709,250	113,449	18,645	25.20	170,000

STATEMENT OF BANKS acting under charter, for the month ending 30th September, 1884, according to the

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Bank du Peuple	19,900;	133,632	
Bk. JacquesCartier	11,120	25,27	
Bank Ville-Marie	14,003	2:,813	
Bk de Hochelaga	36,321	33,291	
Ex. Bk. of Canada.			
Molsons Bank	307,193	644,713	
Merchants Bank	406,644	581,161	
Bank Nationale	120,952	232 153	
Quebec Bank	81,377	312,896	
Union Bk of L. C	44,500	162,452	
Bank de St. Jean	4 648	9,193	
B. de St. Hyacinthe	12,716	28,554	
Eastern Tp. Bank.	111,616	91,799	
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Total Ont. & Que	6,658,378	10,095,786	
NOVA SCOTIA.			
Bk of Nova Scotia	316,920		
Merchants Bk. Hal.	174,004		
People's Bk of Hal.	23,004	126,213	
Union Bk of Hal'x	19,169	42,262	
Halifax Bank'g Co.	30,328		
Bank of Yarmouth	25,709		L
Exchange Bk Yar.	9,781	11 960	
Pictou Bank	14,014		
Com. Bk. Windsor.	11,744	12,449	1
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# Returns furnished by the Banks to the AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

made by	Loans from or deposits made by other banks in Canada unsecured.	Due to other banks in Canada.	Due to agen- cies of bank or to other banks or agencies in foreign countries.	cies of bank	Liabilities not included under fore- going heads.	Total liabilities.	Director liabilitie
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Other current loans, discounts and advances to the public.	Notes, &c., overdue and not specially secured.	Other over- due debts not speci- ally secur'd.	Overdue debts secured.	Real Estate (other than the Bank Pre- mises.)	Mort- gage on Real Estate sold by the Bank.	Bank Pre- mises.	Other Assets not includ'd before.	Total Assets.	Average amount of specie held during the month.	Average amount of Domin- ion Notes held during month.
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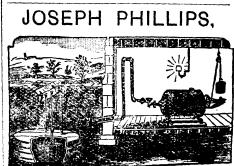
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price, and the producer holds the balance in stock, until such time as it is wanted. \* \* \* Thanks to a little sharp weather, the demand for stove soal has brisked up, and ship-ments are backward, but other sizes have also to be made, and these are offered at very favorable prices. It is understood that an agree-ment has been come to for a further suspension of, say one week in November, and two weeks in December.

A repetition of previous reports of the soft coal interest would hold good for to-day. It is in the same depressed condition which has environed it for so many months. We hear of environed it for so many months. We hear of cheap coal and plenty of it, at every turn, whether East or West. Steam coal is being produced at such low prices that we distance the world on this, if nothing else.

At Buffalo the uncertainty of prices and the lack of cash has caused orders in the entire trade to assume smaller figures. Freights are lower than last season (and will not average so high for the entire year), and this naturally causes a greater distribution of Anthracite, and a more distant one, which will result in good for the future. Bituminous at this market still ranges at very low figures, and nothing short of a pooling arrangement can bring about higher returns for the producer and the carrier. Pittsburgh advices say there is much less de-mand for coal than usual at this time of year.

and the scarcity of contracts is felt, so that for any transient trade there is a very lively competition.

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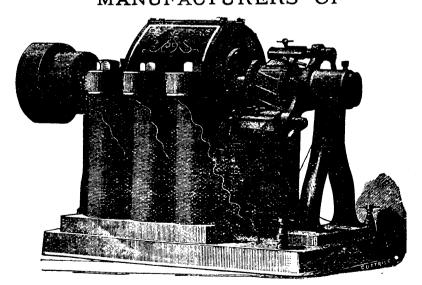
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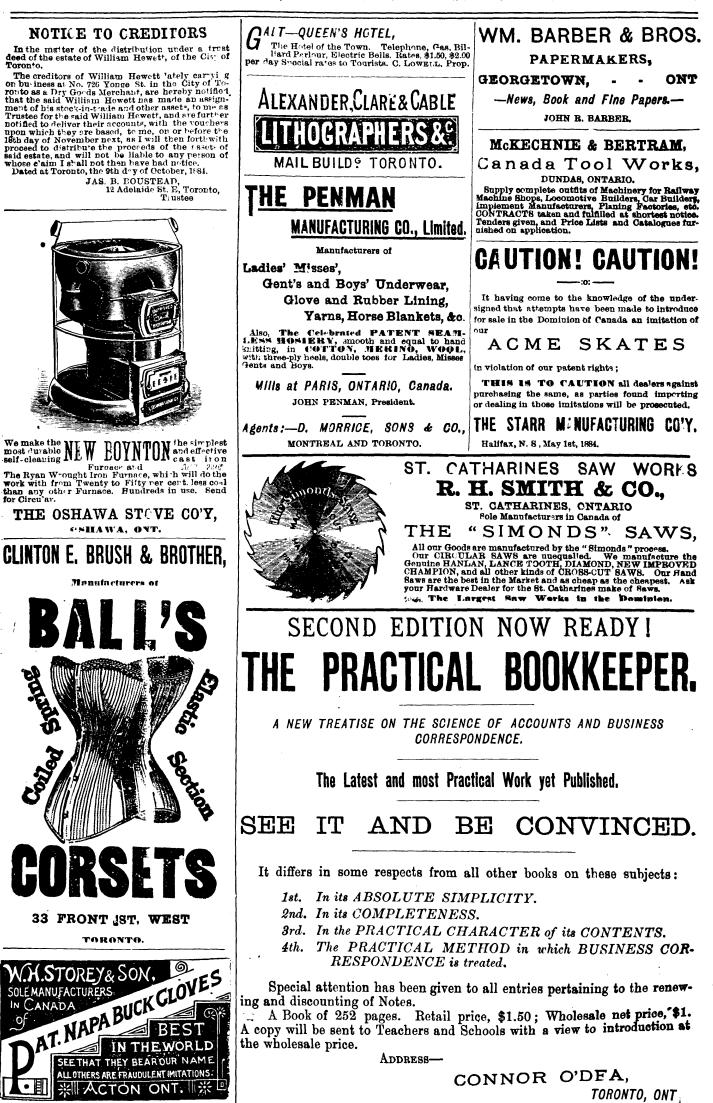
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Leading Barristers.						<u> </u>	CLOSING	PRICES.				
NDREWS, CARON, ANDREWS & PENTLAND,	BANKS.	Shares	Capital S'bscr'b d	Capital paid-up.	Rest.	Dividend last 6 Months.	Toronto, Oct. 23	CashValue per share.				
ADVOCATES, Corner of St. Peter and St. Paul Streets,	British North America Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$243 50	\$4 866,666 6,000,000			3 p.c.	110 1161 1161	267 30 58,12				
CTORIA CHAMBERS, QUEBEC. Solicitors for the Quebec Bank.	Central Bank		500,000 500,000	140,000 260,000		4	129	51.60				
ND. ANDREWS, Q.C. FRED. W. ANDREWS, Q.C. P. CARON, B.C.L., Q.C. C. A. PENTLAND.	Dominion Eastern Townships	50	1,500,000	1,500,000 1,449,067	375,000	4	184x.d. 110	92.00 55.00				
DEATTY, CHADWICK, BLACKSTOCK, & GALT.	Federal	20	2,966,800 500,000 1,000,000	2,952 680 500,000 984,770		3	493 501 1001 117	49.75 20.16 117 00				
å GALT,	Hamilton Imperial La Banque Du Peuple	100	1,500,000 2,000,000	1,500,000	650,000	4	129 131 42 44	129.00 21.00				
eatty, Chadwick, Blackstock & Neville,	La Banque Jacques Cartier La Banque Nationale	25	500,000 2,000,000	50(,000	140,000	35	85 59 60	21.25 59.00				
Barristers, Solicitors, &c. flocs-Bank of Toronto, corner Wellington and	London Maritime Merchants' Bank of Canada	100 100	1,000,000 321,900 5,798,267		40,000 5 1,250,000	31	109 109	109 00				
Durch streets. DELAMERE, BLACK, REESOR & ENGLISH	Merchants' Bank of Halifax Molsons Bank Montreal	100 50	1,000,000 2,000,000 12,000,000	2,000,00	)  200,000 )  600,000 ) 6,000,000	) 3 <u>4</u> ) 4	109 1104 107 109 163 185xd	109 00 53 50 366.00				
BARRISTERS, ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS,	New Brunswick Nova Scotia	100 100	1,000,000	1,114 30		) 4	132	132 00				
Erc. Örron-No. 17 Toronto Street, ossumers' Gas Company's Buildings) Tobouto.	Ontario Bank Ottawa People's Bank of Helifax	100	1,500,000 1,000,000 800,000	992,57	3 110,000	) 3	108	106.25 20.80				
T. D. DELAMERE, DAVIDSON BLACE, R. A. BRESOR.	People's Bank of N. B.	50 50	500,000	150,00 200,00	0 50,00		100	50.00				
B. TAYLOUB ENGLISH. S. G. MOGILL.	Quebec Bank	100   100	200,000	200,00	50,0	) 4	110	110.00				
<b>J</b> IBBONS, MONAB & MULKERN,	Standard Bank. Toronto Union Bank, Halifax	100	2,000,000	2,000,00	0 185,00 0 1 100,00 0 80,00	0 6	111 1734 1044	55.50 173.50 52.25				
BABRISTERS & ATTORNEYS,	Ville M rie	100	2,0.0,000	2,000,00	0	. 3	50 62 75	50.00 75.00				
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CHO. C. GIRBONS. GBO. M'NAB. P. MULKBRN. FRED. F. HARPER.	LOAN COMPANIES. Agricultural Savings & Loan Co British Can Loan & Invest Co						1184	59.25				
AACDONALD & TUPPER.	British Mortgage Loan Co Building & Loan Association		450,000	181,31	3 27,00	0 3	105 105	26.25				
Barristers, Attorneys, &c.	Canada Landed Credit Co CanadaPerm. Loan & Savings Co	. 50	) 1,500,000 ) 2,000,000	663,99 2,000,00	0 130 00 0 1,100,00	0 4	118 210	59.00 105.00				
MCARTHUR & DEXTER,	Canada Perm. L. & S Co-New Stoc Canadian ravings & Loan Co		700,000	650,41	0 120,00		.' ••••					
Barristers, Solicitors, &c. OFFICES:-HARGRAVE BLOCK,	Dominion Sav. & Inv. Society Farmers Loan & S. vings Company. Freehold Loan & Savings Company.		1,057,250	611,43	0 82,38	3 34						
MAIN STREET,	Hamilton Provident & Loan Soc Huron & Erie Loan & Savings Co	. 10	0 1,500,000 0 1 000,000	1,100 00 1,000,00	0 110,00 0 <b>334,0</b> 0	0 4 5						
WINNIPEG. B. MCARTHUR, Q.C. HUGH J. MACDONALD	Huron & Lambton Loan & Savs. Co. Imperial Loan & Investment Co		629,85	621.7	4 85,00	0 31	108	108.00				
STEWART TUPPER, H. J. DEXTER.	Landed Banking and Loan Co Land Security Co London & Can Loan & Agency Co	2	5	. 176,9	34 100,00	0 5		66.75				
MACLAREN, MACDONALD, MERRITT d SHEPLEY.	London Loan Co London & Ont. Inv. Co	10	0 659,70 0 2,000,00	0 464 6 0 400,0	45,56	5 4						
01121 221)	Manitoba Loan Company	10	0 1,250,00	0 312,0	31 94,00	0 4	1121	112.75				
BARBISTERS, SOI ICITORS, &c., Union Loan Buildings 28 and 30 Toronto Street	Montreal Building Arsociation Montreal Loan & Mortgage Co National Investment Co	10	0	l			1 0	85,00				
Toronto.	Ontario Industrial Loan & Inv. Co. Ontario Investment Association		306,90	0 230.7	96 27,0	00 4	1005 107					
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THOMSON & HENDERSON,	Real Estate Loan and Debenture C Royal Loan and Savings Co	0. 5 5	0 500,00 0 500,00	0 <b>346,</b> 2 0 390,0	13 5,0 00 36,5	00 3 4		••••				
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-	Montreal Telegraph Co.		0	<b>2,000</b> ,0			<b>90 40</b> 1093 110					
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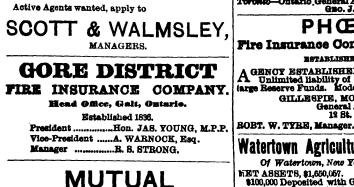
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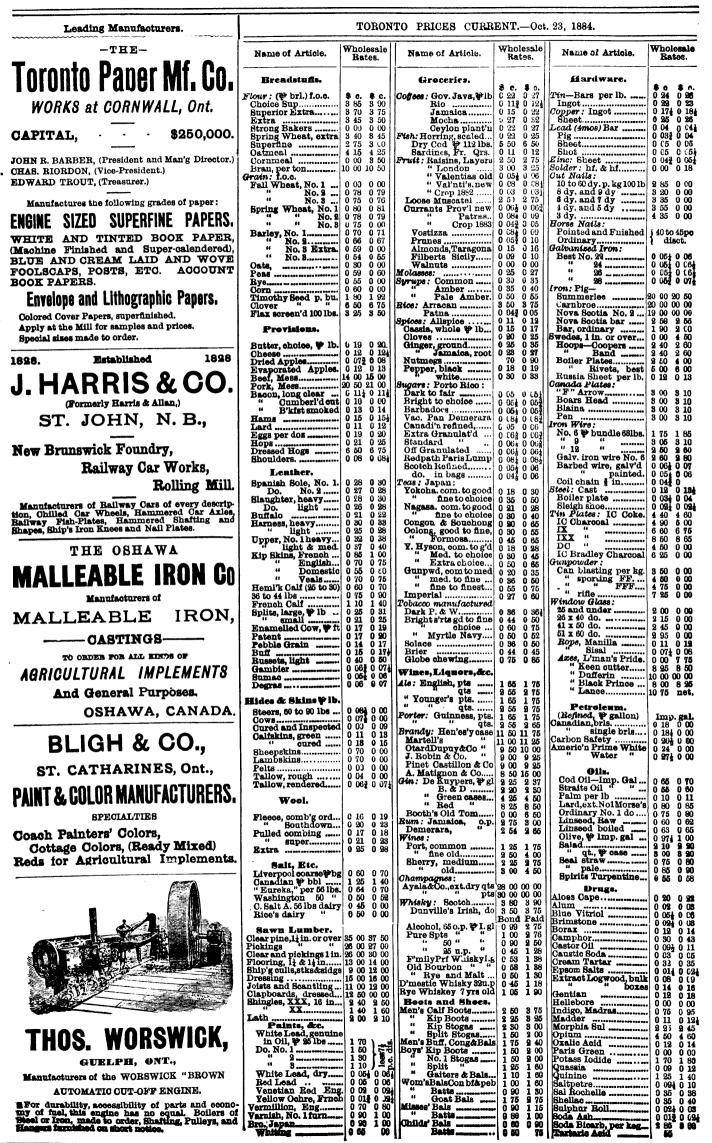
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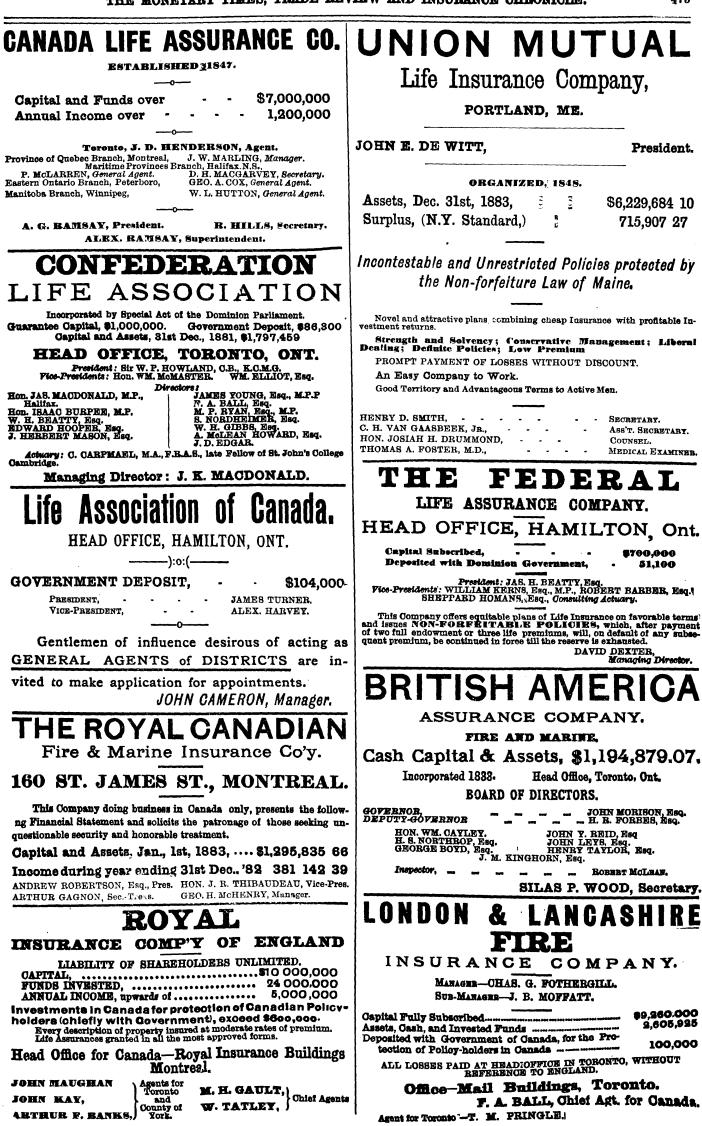
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