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-Rathoals men will watch with interest to see whether the Canadian Pacilic and Grand Trunk railways gain anything from entering the new American Passenger Association, to which they have objected to adhere for so long.
-Tire Governor-General of the colony of Victoria, Australia, has struck against a reduction of salary from $\$ 50,000$ to $\$ 20,000$. The colonists declare they will have no difliculty in fllling the vacancy, and they anticipate no trouble of a riotous nature.
-Tue Grand Trunk Railway is making a general reduction of the number of its employees all along the line. No general rule has been observed, men being dismissed in every department wherever possible. The poor traflic is alleged as the reason for this, and it is likely that when trade improves the men will be taken on again.
-'Tue Bell Brewery, at Portage la Prairie, was burned on Saturday and is a total loss. The brewery was an isolated building, north of the Canadian Paciflc Railway and was not being worked just now, tire being kept on in the office only. The building and stock were valued at $\$ 10,000$; insured for $\$ 6,300$, of which $\$ 2,000$ is in the Eastern, and $\$ 2,000$ in the National ol Ireland.
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-'Pusprice of printing cloths at Fall River lell to $21 / 2$ cents on the 5 thi ultimo. This is the lowest pointever tonched in the history of the trade.
- lo is ealeulated that the sugar produced in Fiji, Queensland, and New Sonth Waldes, at the present rate of increase, will supply the whole demand of the Australian colonies by 1806.
-'Iur City Clerk of Hamilton has drawn upa statement show. ing that the total assessment of the city is now $\$ 25,155,020$, as against $\$ 24,(601$, ,2 $)$ last year, an increase of $\$ 403,300$.

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-'Tut opium market remains weak and depressed, owing to an almost total absence of domand and a pressuro in some quarters to dispose of holdings. There are sellers at $\$ 2.221 / 2$ in New

York but no buyer has appeared who was willing to pay that for mure than a jobbing lot.
-Hanfax No. 3 mackerel have advanced $\$ 1$ per barrel in New York, and a similar rise has taken place in the price of small Irish uackerel. A liberal quantity of each has been turned out in jobbing quantities during the past two or three weeks.
-Caurass from Constantinople advise a more active market for opium, with speculators bnying, and the sterling price 8 s (dd. This information has served to steady the situation here, though no improvement in the demand is reported by any of the trade.
-A Manrrou despatch says the Hudson Bay Company's store and the Stewart Hotel, the two finest buildings of the kind in Southern Manitoba, and the County Clerk's office, have been destroyed by fire.
-Tran Supreme Court of Michigan has decided that the individual promise of one member of a tirm to release an accommodation indorser on a note due the firm, and to pay it out of funds in his hands, which had been furnished by the maker, is no defense to an action on the note.

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#### Abstract

-THe net proflts of the Bank of Nova Scotia during the year just past amounted to $\$ 171, \% 1$ or over 11 per cent. upon the paid up capital. The bank was able to transier $\$ 100,000$ to its rest accuunt and bring its total reserves up to $\$ 1,300,000$ or nearly 87 per cent. of the paid-up capital of $\$ 1,500,000$. -Ir is not difficult to account for the distress in Nebraska and Suuth Dakota when it is remembered that the yield of corn in the former state last year was but $13,000,000$ bushels against $157,-$ 000,000 bushels for 1893. In South Dakota the crop for 1893 amounted to $20,500,000$ bushels, and last year it fell off to but 1,500,000. -Tre creditors of John Munn \& Co. of Newfoundland, have accepted a compromise of forty cents in the dollar. Every encouragement will be afforded the firm to continue in business. It was decided to send the drm's four steamers to the seal fishery. -Tue decision of the Privy Council in favor of the Molsons Bank, puts an end to the suit brought against the bank by Mr. Alex. Molson for the return of 640 shares together with the back dividends. Mr. Molson claimed that the shares were "substituted" and hence that their transler was illegal. -Tue loss by the sinking of the Chicorain Lake Michigan, exclusive of the cargo, amounted to $\$ 160,000$, and the cargo of thirty-eight carloads of flour was valued at $\$ 20,000$. There was no insurance on either the vessel or cargo, as marine underwriters do not take risks at this season of the year. -A compromise at 50 cents in the dollar has been secured by Godfroi Tremblay, general dealer, Aucienne Lorette, Que.-Geo.


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-Tre epidemic of grip lias been a benefit to the drug trade, though perhaps not to the same extent as during some other visitations of the Russian plague. Antipyretics and febrifuges feel the demand most, but there are other conditions beside the grip epidemic, that are influencing a better trado in the general list of drugs and medicinal chemicals.
-Tirere is evidently no scarcity of now gold for the returns from all the mines in the Witwaterstrand show that the production of gold amounted to $2,024,159$ ounces last yoar, an increase of considerably more than one-third in a year, for tho output in 1893 was less than a million and a half ounces. In 1890 it was less than half a million ounces.
-The following insolvent stocks were sold by auction in 'Toronto this week:-Fy[e \& Co., Barric, drygoods, $\$ 10,800 ; \mathrm{J} . \mathrm{W}$, Dale, Mitchell, drygoods, \$5,800 : Brown, Wate \& Co., Smith's Falls, $\$ 10 ; 300$; Maynard Bros., Orillia, tailors, $\$ 4,400 ;$ D. Lavery, Kirkfield, general store. \$3,300; Bowes \& Co., Kingston, drygoods $\$ 2,500$.
-Prom Battleford, N.W.T., comes the news that the beaver in the north are travelling southward in great numbers, and branching off their main line of travel are re-stocking the streams and lakes north of the Saskatchewan in which they were extirpated by dieease three yearsago. The Indian hunters will not disturb them this season, to give them a chance to settle down.

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－－Consifir doctors are warned against an insmance fraud call－ ingr himself C．A．Cook，C，A．Mamn，Oliver Olney or F．C．Drew． llis method is to call upon a doctor，ropresent himself as travell－ ing agent of the Mutual Reserve Fund Lifo Association，state that he wishes to engage him as an examining surgeon for the association，and on the strength of this issue to him a bogus policy，collect the first premium，and depart．
－Owns to a recent heavy loss by fire the firm of R．L．Gray $\therefore$ Co．，man＇rr＇s ladies＇underwear，Toronto，is compelled to ofter 60， $1 / 2$ cents in the dollar．R．U．Gray is said to be the only part－ ner and has been in businces about 30 years．The insurance of \＄$*$（ 0,000 fell considerably below the loss sustained．Uis liabilities will reach about $\$ 53,000$ ．
－T＇ue report current that the White Star Steamship Company is nogotiating with the Cunard Jine for a working arrange－ ment with a view of competing with the liners touching at South－ ampton，is denied at the headquarters of the lormer company． The report probably originates in the nogotiations of the Domin－ ion Steamship Company for the purchase of the Beaver Line， which has just settled with its creditors at 7 s 6d in the pound．
－＇The Larana＂Weokly Report＂sayg：＂The spell of cold weather has had a marked offect upon the canc，hastening its maturity，on which account it is anticipated that the period during

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which it is fit to be ground will be considerably shorter；the juice is also more difficult to handle，aud the yield in the sugar－ house smaller than if the plant had been developed under normal conditions．Some already prognosticate that the production this year will accordingly result shorter than the previous one．
－l＇me overiand shipments of fruit from California duriag the year ending December 31，1894，included 88，782 tons ripe，48，503 tons canned， 44,534 tons dried，and 41,107 tons raisins．The in－ erease for 1894 over 1893 is nearly 50,000 tons．The total is the laugest in the history of the trade．In round numbers，the ship－ ments for 1804 show an increaso of 23,500 tons canned goods r， 700 tons dried lruit， 9,200 tons ripe fruit and 8,900 tons raisins．
－Ormicial reports place last ycar＇s vintage in Franceat 1，015，－ 3 is， 000 gallons，or only $286,442,000$ gallons less than that of 1893 ， which was exceptionally large．Last year＇s crop produced 228, ， 000,000 gallons in excess of the average quantity made during the past decade．During 1893 the island of Corsica produced $7, \$ 00,000$ gallons and the province of Algeria $04,692,000$ gallons in addition to that made in continental France．The approximate value of the entire crop is placed at $8185,800,000$ ，or an average of about 16 cents a gallon．
－Recent London public sales of fur skins showed the follow－ ing changes compared with the previous sale in October：Hud－ son＇s Buy Company－Beaver declined 15 per cent．；Musquash de－ clined 1 per ceut．C．M．Sampson \＆Co．－Marten advanced 15 per cent．；Russian sable advanced 20 per cent；white fox advanced 100 per cent．；jap fox advanced 20 per cent．：grizzly bear advanced 10 per cent．；black bear declined 10 per cent．；brown bear de－ clined 10 per cent．；beaver samo as October；lynx same as October：

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-Ayong the business difficulties in Ontario during the past week are: W. R. Watson, grocer, Woodstock, who has given the assignee possession after an experience of some 2 years, began with little means and less practical knowledge.-A compromise at 50 cents in the dollar, $1 / 2$ cash and the balance spread over 0 months, has been secured by W. S. Johmston \& Co., printers, Toronto. Their liabilities are $\$ 5,700$. They have been in business since 93 , Johnston being previously alone. The recent burning of the Osgoodby building where they were situated was the immediate canse of their trouble.-Tristram Chislett, originally a school teacher, started in the mercantile line at Ravenna some years ago, subsequently moving to Flesherton Station, opening there in the spring of '93. His limited means prevented his pulling through a dull season and ho has assigned. -The Lillis Cigar Co., Hamilton, is under the temporary care of the assignee. J. S. Lillis, the original owner, lailed in ' 88 after which time a joint stock company was formed with Lillis as managor. The capital stock was $\$ 3,000$. Sume fault is attributed to the manage-ment.-J. W. Dale, drygoods, Mitchell, has assigned. Le started 8 years ago with little capital of his own, and though pushing and economical, he was unable to meet his payments. Liabilitios about $\$ 8,000$; assets about $\$ 0,700$. The assigmment of Arthur Robertson, grocer, Newmarket, has caused some local surprise, as he was thouglat to be doing well. Ho was formerly of Robertson Bros. who dissolved in the fall of '30.-An extension of time is being sought by Hillyard \& Co., shoes, Ottatwa. Thoy began in their present location only last spring coming from Prescott where they were in business since Oct. '02, Competition, as it now exists in the older towns and cities in boots and shoes,
scarcely admits of new stores being started.-Buell Wilcox, fancy goods, Owen Sound, has given way to the assignee. He was burned out several years ago, subsequently lailing, and having effected a settlement, resumed. His resources have been limited, however, and his assignment now is the termination of a struggle. S. J. Knowles, a Stirling jeweller of some years' standing, has assigned owing about $\$ \$ 00$. Stricter attention to business would, doubtless, have resulted better.
-A sensation was caused in departmental circles in Ottawa by the arrest on Wednesday evening lastof Mr. Thos. J. Wat ters, Acting Commissioner of Customs on six distinct charges of emblezzling money, the property of Ifer Majesty. The money in question are the salaties of customs oflicials stationed in the United States, which are refunded monthly to his department by the railways and which it is clamed he has failed to place to the credit of the Receiver-General as he should have done. The amount involved is some $\$ 400$ or $\$ 000$. Mr. Waters was arranged before Justice O'Gara and remanded lor eight days He claims to have a complete answer to the charges.
-The result of the low price of leather as compared with lides is becoming manifest. The failure is reported of C. Hild man, tanner, Baden, Ont., with the above given as the reason. He was formerly of Tildman Bros, who began in's1 and dissolved in the fall of ' 93 . His business was not of large proportions.Joseph. Sarocque, baker, Glen Robertson, Ont., has assigned. He was originally a carpenter, but concluded about 6 years ago that he could measure loaves to better advantage.-T. L. Carson, vet. surgeon, St. Thomas, Ont., has given the assignee possession.

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## UNTTED STATES FINANCISS.

The steady depletion of the United States Treasury gold reserve is again causing anxiety in American financial circles. Last week the withdrawals of gold amounted to $\$ 13,965,000$, and although this is doubtless move ham wis finally exnorted, owing to the necessity of
sorting out the heary coin which alone can be profitably shipped at the present rate of exchange, the remainder is practically lost to the Treasury since it remains in the coffers of the banks to await another bond issue. At this rate the gold reserve will melt rapidly away, and unless some permanent means of replenishing it, such as the issue of a foreign gold loan, be taken, the temporary expedient of another domestic loan must be adopted with the usual result that the banks will pour in gold for the purchase of bouds and proceed to withdraw it again, as they require it; leaving the 'Ireasury no better off than before.

Unfortunately, no foreign loan can possibly be issued without the consent of Congress, and that body has shown no desire to proceed in the matter. American pride is opposed to the idea of parading their needs oftically before the world. They have so long pointed to their continnous surpluses, and bonsted of their superiority to the financial difliculties with which older countries are necessarily familiar, that to acknowledge that their national debt has increased by $\$ 117,000,000$ during the year, and that the monthly expenditure of the country is $\$ 10,000,000$ larger than its receipts, would be gall and wormwood to them. So long as they can stave off public acknowledgement of their position by domestic bond issues which mean simply an artificial trausferral of a portion of the gold held by the banks to the Treasury followed by its inevitable return to its natural chamels, they think, apparently for the same retson that leads an ostrich to believe itself: concealed when its head is buried in the sand, that foreign financiers are unaware what that position really is. And so firmly do they cling to this idea that for Congress to adopt any measure looking for reliet from abroad would cause such national irritation as must certainly imperil its popularity.

Yet the question mast be faced sooner or later ; for at present the country is certainly not paying its way. The wholesale withdrawals of whiskey from bond in order to avoid payment of the extra tax swelled the receipts for the first three months of the fiscal year so that the deficit was a littie less than a million for the quarter. But from that period on, the deficit in the revenue has been very marked, until the new sugar duty, which is expected to pour $\$ 3,000,000$ monthly into the 'Ireasury, commenced to make itself felt last month. The benefits of: the increase in the whiskey tax should also be felt before long, and it is at least possible that for the last five months of the fiscal year the sugar duty and the additional whiskey tax will yield an extra 55,000,000 per month and that the monthly deficit of $\$ 10$,000,000 which manifested itself from the first of October to the beginning of December may be cut down one-halt. But even the reduction of the deficit to $\$$ on,000,000 monthly is not certain. The spurt in the receipts which took place in the early part of the present month is not likely to be continuous, since it arose solely from the rush to take the accumulation of woollen goods out of: bond when the new tariff came into force and was entirely exceptional in its character. Outside, then, of the increased gains from the sugar and whiskey duties there is no reason to look lor any reduction in the existing monthly deficits between this and the end of next June, unless some decrsase in the present rate of expenditure be resolved on. This is hardly likely. The pension budget alone exceeded the entire customs

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revenue of last year, and it is not probable that it will fall lower for some time to come. An effort was certainly made to cut down the appropriations; but all that could be done was to shave $528,000,000$ off the departmental estimates, leaving a total of $\$ 492,230,685$ to be provided, including the postal service and the permanent appropriations. Even taking no account of the sinking fund, this means an anticipated deficit of $\$ 50$,000,000 on the year, and that the real deficit will be far greater has always been the experience of Treasury oflicials.
These are the facts which are cansing the uneasiness among holders of American securities abroad, who camnot understand the innction of Congress in the matter. and fear that under the pretext of providing for the gold reserve some movement for the rehabilitation of silver is masked. Hence the return of American securities, and, hence their conversion into gold coin by foreign holders. It is with a view to allaying these fears that the President has sent to Congress a recommendation that the Secretary of the Irreasury be empowered to issue a gold loan for an amount not exceeding $\$ 500$,000,000 in 3 per cent. fifty year bonds, interest payable in gold. But that anything will be done by a Congress openly hostile to the present administration, and containing a number of free silver and other eurrency faddists; ; is hardly likely, and as foreign security holders are perfectly well aware of the fact, it is little wonder that they are liquidating their holdings in order to anticipate any decline in their value, or that Hey distrust a financial system whose inherent defects are so apparent.

## CANADIAN AND U. S. BANKS.

Mr. Mathew Marshall, the well-known writer on financial subjects, makes the following comparison between American banks and our own. "Canada" he says, "with a population of $5,000,000$, has but 39 banks, or loss than one to every 125,000 inhalitants, while the United States, with a populaticn of 65, 000,000 has over 8,000 banks, or one to about every 8,000 inhabitants. Of the Canadian banks, however, 16 have in the aggregate 337 branches, and of the remainder 22 have 123 branches, making tho total number of banking offices in the Dominion 499, or one to every 10,000 inhabitants. While, too, the capital and surplus of our 8,000 banks is $\$ 1,700,000$,000 , or an average of a little over $\$ 200,000$ each, the 39 Canadian banks have an aggregate capital and surplus of nearly$\$ 80,000,000$, or an arerage of over $\$ 2,250,000$ orich."

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The list prepared for this issuc treats of a few representative towns in NovaScotia. It is a pleasing duty to note the steady enterprise of the places mentioned and to find so large a number of pioneer merchants or their sons, who have remained at the helm throughout the stretch of years intervening since Confederation. Still more gratifying is the knowledge that most of the survivors have steadily anded to their financial worth. In reviewing the growth of population and business enterprise in these localities account must, be taken of the matural gradual lapse of such industries as lumbering, mining, etc., where capital and population are liable to be transferred to newer fields:-

| menderater, N.s. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Populatio | 1863 | $\begin{aligned} & 1884 \\ & 1,000 \end{aligned}$ | 1894 8,500 |
| Buainess houser. | 32 | 54 | 65 |
| Capital invested | \$176,000 | \$118,000 | 490,500 |

Among the businoss houses of Bridgewater in 1868 still continuing, are: E. D. Davison \& Sons, L't'd. lumber, etc.; Robt. Dawson \& Sons, general merchants: Thos. T. Keefler, general merchant; J. L. Onner, genoral merchant; W. E. Veinotid Co., carriages. In addition the following have been in business since 1884 ; H. C. Barnaby, grocer, etc. ; G. H. Burkelli, \& Co., goneral store; Miss E. C. Hebl, millinery ; J. E. Hills, genoral merchant; R. A. Logan \& Co., drygoods, etc., H. A. Munro, grocer; B. H. Porter, drugs; James T. Powers \& Co., hardware, ete.; Thos. B. Simonson, general morchant; A. I. Wile, carding mills, etc. ; and Robt. Winters, general storo.

| Ammenst, s.s. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1898 | 1884 | 1894 |
| Population. |  | 2,000 | 3,78 |
| Business houses. | 40 | 77 | 11 |
| Capital invested. | \$218,000 | \$301,000 | \$054.00 |

Among the lines of businass in Amherst in 1868 still abreast of the times are: D. F. Quigley \& Co., shoe m'f'grs.; Dougliss \& Co., hardwaro. etc. ; Dumlop Bros. \& Co., general merchants; Rufus Embroo, goneral merchant; Jas, S. Hickman, general merchant; J, \& J. R. Lamy, wholesale liquors; lamos Moffitt, general morchant; Wm. M. Road, saddlor; Robb Bngineoring Co., founders, etc. ; and Robt. Sharp, saddler. In addition to theso the following have been in businoss sinco 1884: G. G. Bird, stationery; Black Bros., grocers; Trmes Brown, drygoods; C. R. Casey \& Son, tamers ote. ; C. S. Chapman \& Son, boots and shoos; Chapman Bros. dry soods, ote. ; Christie Bros. © Co., caskets etc.; Donglas \& Co.; hardware ; E. Rmbree, grocor ; Etter \& Pugsley, drygoods, ote.; C. E. Freeman, organs, ote.; R. C. Fuller \& Co., drugs ; W. C. Harper, grocer; Wm. Hohes, earriages ; Moran \& Bent, greneral merchants: 13. W. Rolston \& Con, grocers ; Messrs. Rhodes, Curry \& Co., contractors, atc. ; and J. T. Smith, lumber and eoal.

|  | mammourth. sis. | 1884 | 1804 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population. |  | 1,358 | 4,990 |
| Businoss honses. | 33) | 70 | 9 j |
| Capital invested. | \$238,000 | \$275,000 | \$is20,000 |

Among tho Dattmonth firms which have continued unintorruptedly sinco Confederation are : John Donovan, grocer, otc.; Paul Farrell, grocor ; H. B. Gontles, baker; N. Russell © Co., stoves, otc.; Luthor Storns if Son, drygoods ; and Edw. il. Walker, grocer. In addition the following have been in businoss since 1884: A. M. Bock, tailor; Isaac Boll, drygoods; I. L. Bettinson, grocor ; John Green, jeweller ; Mlex. Lloy, grocer ; J. B. Macloan, grocor ; J. R. Orman, grocer, etc.; Johu Ritchio ©Co., tins; J. Simmonds © Co., hardware, ate; Wm. MeV. Smith, harnoss; Starr Man'f'g Co., skates, etc.; W. H. Stevons, drugs; , I. W. Thefls, drygools; and Toln Wisdom \& Son, drygoods, ote.

|  | Anthonim, x. s. 1868 | 1884 | 1804 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population. |  | 1,500 | 3,000 |
| Business houses. | 43 | 41 | 73 |
| Capital invested. | .\$225,000 | \$374,000 | \$583,000 |

The business houses of Antigonish in 1868 still continuing, are: V. Chisholm, saddler ; A. M. Cunningham, drygoods; W. E. Cunningham, general merchant ; W. R. Cunningham, boots and shoes ; A. Kirk \& Co., drygoods ete.; Christopher McDonald, flour, etc.; A. J. McDonald, grocer, otc.; D. McGillivray, general merchant ; and C.B. Whidden is Son, llour and groceries. The following have also been in business since 1884: L. C. Archibald, cheose, etc.; Daniel Chisholm, general merchant; J. D. Copeland, drugs ; J. R. Helyer, jeweller; McGurdy \& Co., general merchants; Allen McDonald, general merchant ; Miss I. R. McIlreith \& Co., fancy goods, etc.; John McMillan if Co., general merchants ; and Somers \& Co., general merchants.
lunenberg, n.s.

|  | 1868 | 1884 | 1804 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population. |  | 3,500 | 4,000 |
| Business houses. | 29 | 59 | 100 |
| Capital invested. | \$83,000 | \$357,000 | \$790,000 |

Among those of the Junenburg merchants of 1868 whoare still prosperous are: J. H. Backman, grocer ; Jas. Eisenhaur \& Co., general merchants ; Finck \& Co., drygoods ; Hewit \& Adạms, sailmakers ; Jas. J. McLachlan, goneral merchant; Jas. J. Rudolph, drygoods; and Wm. N. Zwieker; general merchant. Those in business since 1884, in addition to the above, are: Benjamin Anderson, fish, etc.; Anderson, Lewis $\&$ Co., general dealors ; Bailley Bros., bakers ; J. A. Burns; shoes ; O. A. Cossman , grocer, etc.; J. A. Hirtle \& Co., tailors C. E. Kaulbach, ships, etc.; G. W. Nass, grocer ; E. L. Nash, drugs ; Frank Powers, ;toves, etc.; Jas. Risse, tanner ; S. A. Rounsafell, drugs ; J. J. Rudolph \& Co., hardware, etc.; and C. L. Silver, shoes.

|  | asmapolis, n.s. <br> 1868 | 1884 | 1894 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population. |  | 800 | 2,000 |
| Business houses | 20 | 30 | 56 |
| Capital invested. | \$68,000 | \$101,000 | \$309;000 |

Among the merelants of Annapolis at the time of Confederation who are still found at the helm, are: Mr. Corbett,wholesale grocer; etc.; Geo. Runcinan \& Son, general merchants. In addition the following have been in business since 1884 : A. B, Cumningham, (estate of) drugs ; J. E. Crowe, stoves; C. B. Dargie, carriages ; R. L. Hardwick, jeweller ; W. Necormack © Son, general merchants; (yeo. McLaughlin, drygoods; Jas. Norrow, grocer ; R. Malcolin, grocer ; Pickels \& Mills, general merchants ; A. H. Riordan, grocer, elc.; and W. J. Shannon, drygoods.

## THE VICE-REGAL ENTERTAINMENIS.

One of the most brilliant social seasons ever witnessed in a Canadian city has just come to a close in Montreal by the departure of the Vice-Regal household for their home in Ottawa. Their Excellencies while among us put forth no slight endeavors to render the various entertainments which they provided worthy of the noble houses from which they sprung, and though the labor and vigilance attendant upon it all, in a new sphere and under novel conditions and surroundings, were more than any outsider sould readily apprehend, it was secmingly and actually a labor of love, and performed and borne throughout with an unvarying good feeling and a courteous hospitality that looked for and found its reward in the very perfection of success which was attained. Those only of our wealthy families who oceasionally entertain a few hundred guests of an evening can probably form some
conception of what it is to entertain almost as many thousands. At all events, Their Excellencies, the Eard and Countess of Aberdeen, succeeded admirably, and at the same time endeared themselves to the people of Montreal to a degree that can find no adequate expression in mere words. It may savor of selfishness to hope that they have established a precedent, a hope especially indulged by many of the thousands of the lesser tradesmen and work-people, who in a season of unwonted business depression, cannot fail to have benefited greatly by the money so freely expended during Their Excellencies' sojourn in the city. The ready tact and the kindly sympathy, noticeable in all they plauned and executed in the universal desire to please and do good,are highly characteristic; and in thus speaking, it is difficult to say which of the two noble persons bears away tho larger share of the good wishes and gratitude of our citizens,-His Lordship himself, with his ready and gracions manner, grafted on the sense of justice and the moderation which he inherits, or his noble Lady, the Countess, who has uever failed to charm everyone who has had the distinguished pleasure of meeting and conversing with her. A heart that beats in ready sympathy with all who suffer, in whatever station of life, and is ever engaged in stadying others' good, directed by an innate good sense and womanly tact all her own, is that of Ishbel, Comntess of Aberdeen. As a literary friend expressed it, "All her acts are queens." It were, perhaps, invidious to particularize any of the various entertainments to which our citizens were invited during the season, where all passed off so agreeably, and where even the children were not forgotten, but there is a miversal desire to praise the State Concert. It was such as young and old could thoroughly appreciate, and Their Excellencies conveyed no slight compliment to the taste of our people in the choice of programme and performers. It is not often that wealthy governors are vouchsafed even to Her Majesty's chief colonies, and seldom that the wealth is expended with so tree a hand and with such ease, graciousness and such unqualified success.

## THE BOARD OF TRADE ANNUAL MEETING.

Ihe annual meeting of the Board of Irade held on Tuesday last was largely attended, nearly every seat in the Exchange Hall being occupied. While the various mercantile interests were fairly represented, there was a general feeling that the grain trade controlled a full share of attention. The influence of the Corn Exchange Association was felt throughout, but this is doubtless owing in some degree to the apathy of other, affiliated associations and interests in the city. The members of the Corn Exchange have, nearly all of them, their interests more closely allied to the Board of Trade building than those whose business is mostly conducted within their own offices and warehouses in different parts of the city.
Much discussion arose over the attitude of certain grain dealers who shipped wheat from Port Arthur last season in American vessels and stored it in Buffalo, evidently intending to continue the shipment east and beyond the sea. The price of wheat had meantime arisen to a degree warranting the marketing of this large quantity of grain in Canada, butit was discovered
that the coasting regulations rigidly enforced on both sides of the great lakes interfered with its return, except on payment of the duty on American wheat shipped to Canada. It was claimed that the article is now A mierican grain, although still remaining in bond. It was felt by the authorities that the throwing of this grain upon the Camadian market at the time would depress the price of grain here, and thus entail an injury upon the farming community-to the extent of several cents a bushel-and in this view of the question there was little dissent among the members.

The usefulness of the Port Warden was also discussed, and satisfactory explanations given as to the maintenance of their duties for some time past throngh the action of the Council of the Board of Trade. There has been every desire to interfere as little as possible with the entry and departure of vessels of all kinds by the St. Lawrence route. It was felt also that much service had been rendered as a consequence to the marine insurance interests concerned. Many other subjects dealt with have already been treated at length in these columns; some of them may call for further reference later on. The officers and council for the new year are as follow:
Mr. Jas. A. Cantlie, president; Mr. John 'Iorrance, first vice-president ; Mr. John McKergow, second vicepresident, and Mr. C. F. Smith, treasurer, were elected by acclamation. Members of council-Messrs. Geo. Childs, W. H. Meredith, Geo. Hague, David Robertson, G. F. C. Smith, John 'L. McBride, Wm. Nivin, David Macfarlane, Wm. McNally, Jas. E. Rendell, Arch. Nicoll and Henry Miles. Members of board of arbitra-tion-Messrs. Robert Archer, John Baird, E. B. Greenshields, F. W. Fenshaw, Higgar Judge, John B. McLea Hugh McLeman, W. W. Ogilvie, Jas. Slessor, H. A. Budden, Chas. Chaput and Jas. P. Cleghorn.

## THE SITUATION.

The situation in the United States has not improved owing to increased distrust among the great monetary and manufacturing houses of Great Britain in the near future of the great republic. The rapid exportation of the gold realized from the recent sale of U.S. bonds, the want of confidence in the stability of republican forms of government owing to the sudden political changes of the last fortnight in France, and the widespread, heary losses sustained by British exporters during last year, are all tending to create something akin to aversion in the minds of investors for almost every kind of U. S. securities. English holders have consequently been quietly though steadily unloading. This will account in no slight degree for the constant drain of gold from the United States-already pointed out in these columns some months ago, as the opinions of so able a man as Sir William Van Horne. Even where dividends are being paid, the money is not re-invested but withdrawn in gold.
The silver question still hangs over our neighbors with lowering appearances, and the views of such men as Senator Cockrell of Missouri who said the other day that " the gold reserve could not be exhausted too soon to suit him," do not tend to inspire confidence in the future. To aggravate the situation comes South Africa with its new found treasures and enterprises. The eyes of investors all over the United Kingdom are now
turned to the Dark Continent, or rather that large southern portion of it under British sway and upon which the government set its stamp in the honors recently conferred upon Sir Cecil Rhodes. An extensive continent is being there rapidly opened up to settlement, and one can hardly pick up an Jnglish newspaper that does not contain some allusion to the wealth and progress of the new field and its possibilities in the near future.
British manufacturers have for some time past been making unusual discounts for cash to buyers in the United States, and this can hardly be said to arise from any unwonted scarcity of funds. Moncy is cheap in all monetary centres, and is likely to continue so as long as the feeling of uncertainty concerning business and currency affairs in the United States remains unaltered. Jlhe situation in Canada continues quiet, although most wholesale houses report an improved feeling among customers. There is a steady though somewhat lessened denand for goods, but the chicf activity is in speculative stocks in respect of which a word of caution may not prove untimely.

## LAS'I YEARS CASUALTIBS.

A retrospect of the canses of business failures during 1894, as shown by the returns of the commercial agencies, may prove of interest, especially if comparison be made with the previons year. Separating the failures under the eleven principal predisposing causes we find they compare as follows:-

1894

| Спинея | No. | ler ct. | bil | No. | Perct. | Lalubilitipe |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| competency. | 197 | 10.4 | 1,785,020 | 182 | 10.2 | 87 |
| Inexperience | 4 | 2.3 | 051,395 | 24 | 1.4 | 307,353 |
| Want of Capital. | 1,273 | (88.5) | 10,107,205 | 1,234 | 00.4 | 10,103,821 |
| Unwise credits. | 14 | 0.7 | 127,023 | 17 | 1.0 | 244,240 |
| Pailure of others | 43 | 2.3 | 5,113,105 | 11 | 0.6 | 133,289 |
| Extravagance. | 3 | 0.2 | 38,200 | 9 | 0.5 | 234.800 |
| Neglect. | 47 | 2.5 | 219,066 | 49 | 2.6 | 437,836 |
| Competitio | 9 | 0.5 | 1.11,814 | 10 | 0.6 | 54,054 |
| Disastor | 148 | 8.1 | 4,541,804 | 98 | 5.5 | 1,182,188 |
| Speculatio | 17 | 0.9 | 535,215 | $2{ }^{7}$ | 1.5 | 608,850 |
| Fraud. | 60 | 3.5 | 802,589 | 117 | 6.0 | 751,848 |

'Ihis classification shows that the condition of trade in Canada in 1894 changed but little in its characteristies from that of its predecessor. In each instance the percentage of failures arising trom lack of capital, experience, and competence, amounted to 8.1 per cent. of the total, and as these causes do not arise from any adverse condition of trade, but would lead to disuster even in the most prosperous years, we may fairly draw the inference that trade conditions in Canada during 1804 were by no means as adverse as certain writers would have us believe. Indeed the figures show this all the way through, for although the number of failures due to the insolvency of others rose from 11 with liabilities of $\$ 133,289$ in 1803 to 43 with linbilities of $\$ 0 .-$ 113,165 in 1894, this was due entirely to the crash in Newtoundland, and but little affected Camadian trade proper. Ithe depression across the border, however, made itself seriously folt, more especially in the western section of this country, raising the number of failures due to the commercial crisis from 98 with liabilities of $\$ 1,182,188$ to 148 with liabilities of $\$ 4,541,854$.

- Otherwise the figures of the year are distinctly favorable. Unwise crediting was responsible for only 14 failures and $\$ 127,000$ last year, while in 1893 it led to 17 finilures with $\$ 24,240$ in liabilities. Traudulent
failures declined nearly one-half in number, although they were responsible for liabilitics of $\$ 802,580$, and the failures from neglect, speculation and extravagauce were both fewer and less important. Altogether, then, the trade of 1894 seems to lave been healthier than that of 1.893 , since the bulk of the failures arose from causes entirely undependent of the fluctuation of prices.
The fact that only $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the failures of the year are ascribable to neglect of business pays a very high compliment to the character of our Canadian merchants. When we remember that under this heading come those who neglect their stores from drunkenness, gambling, horse-racing and other forms of dissipation, we may fairly conclude that the average merchant of this Dominion is a sober, God-fearing, lawabiding citizen, and that the one who does not come up to this standard forms a very striking exception to the general rule.

Of course these statistics only cover actual insolvencies. They represent only those who were forced to give up the struggle and assign. They do not cover the comprouises, settlements, and extensions granted during the year, and hence they do not include the whole volume of commercial disaster. Unfortunately these latter it is impossible to tabulate owing to the varying conditions under which they are granted, and in addition to this. many of them (especially bankers' settlements) are kept strictly private, and he nce are not obtainable by the commercial press. No doubt their number was a large one. In an era of low prices and difficult sales it always is. But that it was not as large as was expected is generally admitted, and hence most of our financial institutions, looking back over the events of the past year, can congratulate themselves upon the fact that the retrospect of 1804 is by no means so unfavorable a one as at one time they had reason to apprehend.

## LAST YEAR'S FIRE LOSSES.

On page 185 will be found a statement of the net premium income and net losses during the past year of the principal fire insurance companies doing busine ss in the Dominion. Tho statoment is compiled from figures furnished by the companies themselves, and collected by our own reporters. That it is not yet complete is due to the fact that some of the companies, like the United Fire, Norwich Union, Quebec, and Westorn, have not yet received complete returns from their branches, while others, such as the Atlas, National of Ireland and London Assurance, refuse to give out their figures until the government returns are made up-doubtless for good reasons of their own. Still suflicient of the principal companios have rosponded to show that the year 1894 was a great improvement upon its predecessor so far as fire losses in Canada are concerned. In only a few instances is the ratio of loss larger for 1894 than for 1893 and in all the others it falls bolow the figures of its predecessors. Even with the addition of from 27 to 32 per cent. for expenditure, most of the companies show a fair margin of profit for the year, and it is curious to note that the three companies whose figures compare unfavorably with those of last year are American companies whose headquarters are in the United States. Both the Tuglish and Canadian companies exhibit a marked improvement; their percentage ratio ruming from 58 to 73 per cent. The companies exceeding this figure are the Manchaster whose percentage is 78.5 which is due to the fact that the losses on the Allion's risks are included, while the amount recoived for the reassurance of that company's risks is not included in the preminm income, and the Alliance whose heary percentage is caused by the curlailment of 25 per cent. of its business.

## VIOISSITUDES IN THE FUR TRADE.

People who complain of the severity of our Canadian winters are not all, perhaps, aware that the unusually mild seasons we occasionally have-such an one as characterived the closing months of 189.1 -are not at all welcomed by our own people, especially the trading community. The furriers bad consequently a rather dull season to bogin the present winter, and it is not surprising that some of those who have been living more or less from hand to mouth are not able to meet their obligations. The senior partner of one of the smaller wholesale houses is now visiting London, Eng., for the purpose of asking an oxtension from his creditors there. It is to be hoped that the money loaned by an employee a few years ago has been nearly all returned in the shape of the salary agreed upon and that all parties may be able to puli through.
The circumstances in the case of another wholesale firm, or rather agent, wre not much more to boast of. Some 3 years ago, the firm of Firschal \& Meyer, London, Eng., appointed MIr. J. Youngheart to represent them in Montreal. The outset was not altogether disheartening to the principals, as they could not expect to estallish a business and make it pay the first year. At the end of the second year it was shown that the firm was about $\$ 20,000$ behind in their Canadian business. He then interviewed the principalsat headquarters and urged them to continue another year-that if they did, he should convert loss into a success. This they eventually agreed to, but with the result as shown at the close of 1894 that the firm is obliged to face a still greater total loss. One authorized ly the firm visited the New York agency in December, purposing, bofore returning home, to come to Montreal and oxamine into the business here, but on his arrival he discovered that Mr. Youngheart and the bookshad taken voyage for Eugland. Inadvartencies have meantime come to light, among them that certain accounts, as per statements, due by some houses here do not appear to have been properly posted, and that a larga quantity of pelts, supposed to be in stock, were held for advances. Action is now being taken in the courts here against Mr. Youngheart, et al, the first bsing for $\$ 2,000$, probably to recover some of the goods; but his friends hope he will be able to make satisfactory exp lanations

## THE POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION AT WINDSOR HALL.

"Anglo-Camadian" charges us with partisan bias in our comments upon the political demonstration held here on the 22 nd ultimo. He cites for our edification the practice of commercial papers in Britain during his "business experience of 42 years" there. "Anglo-Canadian" is probably acquainted with the London ELconomist, one of the leading commercial papers of the world. There is scarcely an issue of that journal which does not contain some reference to the political aflairs of the Empire, to a degree far beyond anything that has ever been undertaken in our columns. "Anglo-Canadian" will surely not deny that questions relating to the tariff are not within the scope of a commercial journal. Our correspondent is a dyed-in-the-wool Free 'Trader, but he is evidently not aware that in addition to duties on spinits, tobacco and wines, the Mothor Country collects an import-tax npon tea, coffee and cocoa. Canada has long since abolished the stamp-duty which still prevails in England, while in respect of tea, coffee and cocoa, Canada has recently set her another free-trade example.

We fear that our correspondent has mistaken one of the terms in his definition taken from a local paper. He means, we imagine, "Trade is Barter." The difference, however, is not material. We have no doubt that the tariff, as bearing upon pig-iron and rice, as well as in other respects frequently pointed out in these columns, is capable of much improvement; and we also agree with him that every encouragement
should be given to the agricultural interests of the country. A discussion on the subject of Protection versus Free Trade would, however, serve little purpose here. No one will contend that a revenue must not be raised; the question is how it may be done-with the least burden to the country. "Anglo-Canadian," while evidently not favoring protection to home industries, has no objection to a large mensure of it being extended to needy politicians; however, no one can question the cight of a party to pay the expenses of their leaders, on the principle we suppose that they who "preach de politie" should live thereby.

We must disclaim any such opinions as those credited us by our correspondent as to the influence of Protertion upon the interests of the buyer and seller. He is discharging his eloquence upon the head of the innocent, and it is not fair that anyone should endure such a flood even vicariously.

## A SHARP ADVANCE IN TTN.

For some time there has been a sharp contest between prominent operators in pig tin. The "bull" side had as its chief supporter's a syndicate headed by prominent firms on the Continent. The bear side was gencraled by a London operator who has conducted many a large deal in the metal. Up to within about three weeks ago the "boar" party had matters nearly all their own way. Supplies of tin came forward from producing points at a rate thatencouraged short selling, and the "bear" leader had many followers. The visible supply had increased from a normal of between 14,000 tons and 16,000 tons to 24,000 tons, and tho weight was looked upon as very likely to break the syndicate. In that there appears to have been an error of judgment. The records show that the "bears" forced prices down in New York from about 16.75e in September, 1894, to 18 c in the middle of this month, meanwhile making many profitable turns. Similar fluctuations and heavy selling took place in London. It would seem, however, that the "bears" were ultimately caught, without sufficient tin to cover contracts calling for deliveries ending last month. The syndicate had the contracts and most of the available tin. Two weeks ago they squeezed the London ond of the line and raised prices about $\mathfrak{£ 3}$ per ton above the lowest point. More recently their New York representatives took the local "bears" in hand and gave them a severe twist. Less than a month ago the "bears" were solling at 13c per pound and wagering that the price would drop to $12 \frac{\mathrm{E}}{} \mathrm{c}$ before March 1st. Last week some of thoir number paid 14 e per pound and over for tin on the spot, and 132 to 13.60c for lots' to be delivered this month. The appearances are that the "bull" syndicate have control of the greater portion of the heavy visible supply, and somo authorities express the opinion that, with a considerable short interost in contracts falling due in Pebruary and March, they will be masters of the situation for sixty days or more, unless the "bears" do some heavy covering in the meantime or gain footing through influencos unseen at present.

## AN INSURANCE DECISION.

A curinus fire insurance caso has just been decided in Paris. Miss Vuillaume, of that city, insured in the Eagle Insurance Co. a pair of pearl earrings, valued at 10,000 francs, for 4,500 francs. While dressing she laid the earrings on a table beside the curl-papers just taken out of her hair, and her maid threw papers and earrings into the fire together. The company disputed their liability on the ground (1) That the fire was voluntarily cansed. (2) That the contract of insurance did not cover the case in question because that fact was never provided against in the contract between the two parties.
The court decided on the first point that for an act to bo voluntary the author must have intended to perform it; that it is impossible to maintain that the fire was voluntary on the part of the lady's maid, since it was through negligence or inattention that she, among the useless papers which she

Whew into the fire, picked up two poarl oartings which were hidden in the papers. That it was therefore a case of a fire due to imprudence and not of a voluntary fire. On the second point as to the common intention of tho two parties the judgo held that if the special case of a valuable object falling or being thrown into the fire was not provided atrainst in the insurance policy, it is clear that in that conlract tho common intontion of the parties was that the insured shond be indemmified, and for the insurer to graaranteo indemnity againsti all damage by fire, whether from a parely accidental canse or from the imprudence of the insured or anyono aboul; her. 'lherofore Millo. Vuillaume was justified in chaming the amount of the insurance from the Pagle Co.

IUH JEMPBRANCE ANJ) GENERAL.
The ninth ammal report of the 'Temperanco and General Lifo Assuranco Co., a synopsis of which appears in anothor portion of this issue, exhibits a gratifying degree of progress upon the part of that staunch rompany. Although the businoss it does, is largely with total abstamers, who receive onethird larger profits then non-abstainers, it has evidentily made giant strides in the favor of the greneral public, for the report shows that from laviug an impairmont of capital of $\$ 23,926$ at the end of 1889 its linancial position las so improved that at the ond of 189.4 , it hat a surples of $\$ 80,739$ over all liabilities to its policy-holders. 'Iho number of its insured lives had increased from 1,776 at tho ond of 1889 to 4,519 , or 154,4 per cent. at the ond of 189 ; its insuranco in force from $\$ 1,040$, 972 to $\$ 5,877,!28$, or 93 per cont. ; and its gross assets, not inctuding its $\$(00,000$ of paid-up capital, from $\$ 54,587$ to $\$ 305$,rhit or 159.8 por centi. in tho sime time; while its liabilities to policy-holders only incroased from $\$ 78,514$ to $\$ 282,297$ or $25!5$ por cent. Nolionly this but tho able manarer, Mr. H. Sublerland, was able to report that, the company had neither arroass in interest nor real estate on hond. It had beon ablo to dectare a five por cont. dividend on its eapital, and could saty that not only had the payment of outstanding and deforred promiams boon more prompt and satisfactory than in any provious year bat that the amount of new insurance applied for was also in excess of the record. Ilhis says volumes for tho skill, onorgy and succoss of tho management, and proves What the vole of Whanks tenderod to it by the sharoholders was woll earucel and justly merited.

## 'IHE WNTRRTOO MUTUUL.

'The roport presontorl at the thirly-second annual meeting of the Watorloo Mutual bire Insurance Co. shows that during tho yoar just past the company has issued 9,383 policies and now has 90, ,i06; policios, for an aggregate amount of $\$ 20,699,-$ ath, upon its books. Tho net oarnings of the company were \$17.1,175, and tho losses paid, (less re-insurance) $\$ 108,283$, or a ratio of 6 g por cont. In this connection ib may be stated that the Watorloo Mutual inviluiably makes provision for at ro-insuranco reserve for its mutual' policies, while it is the custom of othor companios to show a reserve only for their eash systom business. The socurity for its policy-holders is thorefore much groator, and this fact has beon so thoroughly approcialed by its clionts that the premiums and assessments recoived from its mutaal policy-holders form noarly one-half of the premitum rovenue of the company.

So favomblo a showing naturally desorved recognition.at; tho hands of the shareholdors and it came in the form of the manimous ro-election of the live retiring directors, Messis. I. B. Bownht, Johm Allehin, Simon Snider, Alhan Bowman and J. L. Wideman, as woll as in a well morited vote of Whanks to Mr. U. M. 'laylor, the onergetic secretary of the company.

GRAND गRUNK RALCWAY COMPANY.
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Dncreuse $1895, \$ 1,712$.
-As accident to machinery has somewhat delayed this issue. -Mr. S. Humd, of McIntyre, Son © Co., sails from New York to-day on a business trip to Europe.
-An offer of 30 cents in the dollar cash, has been made to the ereditors of Jules Madon, shoes, this city.-J. B. Devot, contractor, this city, has assigned owing $\$ 1,300$.
-Chiff Ardiair of the Toronto Tiro Brigade has succumbed to the injuries received in the fire of the Gth ultimo. The Chief's injuries were known to be serious, but his illness was not supposed to be critical until a few days ago.
-Tirs Alectric Matel Co., started at Louiseville, Que., last September and were doing well until their factory and plant was completely destroyed in December. This crippled them entirely and they have assigned owing $\$ 2,200$.
-Compromises with their creditors are being sought by Cyprien Dumouchel, hotel-keeper of this city, and Wm. Sloan, joweller of Milton, Ont. Both have been already referred to in these columns.
-A desidtcir from Ealifax says : P. M. Jenkins came here about a year ago and began as a commission merchant under the firm name of P. M. Jenkins \& Co. He got considerable produce from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Now he is reported as leaving numerous creditors in Halifax, besides a large number of drafts received by banks from country dealers and islanders unpaid. The bailiff searched his premises only to discover that nearly everything there had been spirited away.
-Thm annual statements of the American fire insurance companies, with but comparatively few exceptions, show profits as a result of their operations in 1894. It is evident that the underwriters have now arrived at the point where they are showing carned profits upon the increased rates, the first of which com menced to go into effect in 1893 . Owing to the reinsurance reserve requireuents the gains are only now commencing to show.
Errata,-One would suppose that men, whose wages have not been reduced in these times of lessened incomes and labor-saving matchinery, would endeavor to perform more careful work than is occasionally shown by the typographical errors that deface the columns of our newspapers. It is not often that readers meet with such a blunder as that on page 136, the 4th liue left hand column, in our issue of the 25th. The word, we need hardly say, should read "interdopendence."
-Tine recent soandals in the Bank of England have led to private communications among English bunkers with a view of promoting a bill to amend the charter of the bank, which will give the Goverment Director full control of that institution. Sir John Tabbock, Sir Samuel Montagu, and other equally well-known aud induential men will be present at a general meeting of bank representatives to be held shortly with the object of discussing the situation.
-An ondeavor to obtain a settlement with their creditors is being made by L. \& E. Hart, general merchants, Guysboro, N.s. The statement prepared shows liabilities of $\$ 20,000$, and assets $\$ 11,000$. The present firm succeeded to the business of Wm. Hart who failed in '85. 'They were doing a large business but lost considerable in fish during the past three seasons. They offer 40 cents in the dollar payable in 2 years.-Gough $\mathbb{E}$ Moore, plumbers, St. Johns, Nfld., have applied for an insolvency declaration. Thoy have been in business 5 years, but the prevailing depression overpowered their resources.
-lime insurance companies interested in the recent fire at the Mechanic's lustitute were the 13ritish America, $\$ 5,000$; Caledonian, $\$ 2,500$; Commercial Union, $\$ 7,500$; Guardian, $\$ 7,500$; limperial, $\$ \overline{\$}, 000$; Liverpool, London and Globe, $\$ \overline{1}, 000$; London Assurance, $\$ 5,000$; North British and Mercantile, $\$ 5,000$; Northcrn, $\$ 10,000$; Plownix of Jondon, $\$ 1 \overline{0}, 000$; United Fire, $\$ 7,500$. The total loss will not exceed $\$ 10,000$
-Itabilitres of $\$ 47,000$ are shown against the estate of James Robertson, drygoods, St. Thomas, Ont., who has assigned. The assets foot up $\$ 53,000$. He began originally as a partner in the tirm of Simpson, R obertson \& Simpson, many years ago, withdrawing in Oct. '85 and starting alone. He was then computed to be worth $\$ 12,000$ to $\$ 15,000$. Ambition seemed to be uppermost for he started a branch in Simeoe 2 years ago which did not prove successful. At a meeting of creditors last March he obtained an extension covering 15 months in as many payments, from the most, but settled with a lew at 70 cents in the dollar.
-The drygoods business of Durno \& Co., Acton, Ont., is held by the assigneo. Mirs. Durno is the only partner, her husband managing. He began in July '93, and assigned last Feby.-W. M. Wooden, lumbor, Burford, Ont., has assigned. A small affiir,
-Wm. Precious, grocer; St. Thomas, Ont., owes about $\$ 1,800$ and has assigned.-A. Seaforth, Ont., dentist, G. F. Belden, has given way to the assignee.-W. Forster, a Toronto grocer, has assigued.
-An offer of 25 cents in the dollar, cash, has been made by Fitzpatrick \& Phillips, tailors, Gaunoque, Ont., previously re ferred to. Jhey owe $\$ 4,800 .-\mathrm{A} . \mathrm{I}$. Burke, real estate, Hamilton, Ont., has become involved after 7 years dealing, and has assigned.-John Johnston began selling shoes at St. Mary's, Ont. in the spring of ' 00 on limited resources, and now assigns with light liabilities. -An offer of 25 cents in the dollar, cash, or 50 cents on time, has been submitted to the creditors of Sinclair is Co., grocers, Toronto. James Sinclair who is the owner, seems to have lost in outside specilations. His brother Alex. managed the business having as experience a former business of his own in the Northwest which ended in failure.
-R. M. Delrepentiginy, grocer of this city, has assigned with liabilities of $\$ 6,000$. He was formerly of Gerin and Repentigny and siarted for himself only last spring. His stand was a poor one and his expenses were heavier than the business wouid stand.-L. P. Lavoie, grocer of this city, is offering 25 cents in the dollar cash on liabilities of $\$ 3,400$.-Villeneuve \& Co., dry goods merchants of Quebec, "fliected a settlement last August with their creditors at 70 cents in the dollar, spread over a year. They have not been able to carry this out and have assigned. Liabilities, $\$ 32,152$; assets, $\$ 24,470$. The following are the Montreal creditors: S. Greenshields, Son \& Co., $\$ 3,231 ;$ J. G. McKenzie \& Co.., $\$ 1,443$; Gault Bros. \& Co., $\$ 1,310$; Glover $\mathbb{E}$ Brais, $\$ 844$; Thomas May \& Co., $\$ 47 \pi$; C. X. Tranchemontagne, \$236; Colin McArthur \& Co., \$344; McLean Waldrow \& Co., $\$ 17 \%$. The meeting of creditors will be held on February 8 next. -Audrew Nesbet, grocer, N.S., was a farmer from 1893 to 1887 when he started in business again. He had some means and was supposed to be making both eads meet until he suddenly made un assignment.
-Among the failures in Ontario during the week are:-J. Fenner, shoes, Renfrew, assigned. He has been in business for some years as a customs shoemaker on a small scale. -Smith \& Stutt, drygoods, Seaforth, have assigned with liabilities of $\$ 10$,000 and assets showing a nominal surplus of $\$ 2,000$. They succeeded the late Robt. Jauneson about a year ago. The cause of failure seems to be that Stutt was not as attentive as he might have been, and that Smith was not able to run as large a business as they attempted alone.-M. Miller had little means when he started hotel at Webbwood about seven years ago. He did well for a time until he branched out into the lumber business as well. Thes he began to go behind until the pressure of creditors forced him to assign.-lifinch \& Co., drygood merchants of Napanee, have assigned with liabilities of $\$ 60,000$ and assets of $\$ 3 \overline{0}, 000$ is in real estate. Ogden Hinch, who had the main mavagement and was looked upon as the principal partner in the firm has been unsuccessful once or twice before when on his own account and the same ill-fortune seems to have attended his efforts in this case. He is an excellent salesman, but the expenses were heavy, the firm was carrying a very large stock, much of its assets were locked up in real estate and the result was that the firm was unable to withstand the pressure of their creditors.-T. A. Wood, grocer, of Brockville, has assigned He was formerly of the firm of Wood $\&$ Carter who dissolved last spring. Wood continued alone, but without success.-T. G. Foster \& Co., and Foster and Pender, dealers in carpets and eabinetmakers' supplies, in Toronto, have assigned. The two lirms were really one and the same concern, Foster and Pender handling the carpets, and T. G. Foster \& Co. the cabinet makers' supplies. The firm was tolerably successful in this latter line but their opening in the retail carpet trade also. seems to have been a mistake. In the latter portion of 1893 they were foreed to ask an extension from some of their European creditors and last fall again gat some indulgence. But it only postponed the evil day for a while, as we have now to chronicle their assigument.
-Romert Duclos, drygoods merchant of this city, has assigned after 21 years' experience. He suspended in 1886 when he settled at $621 / 2$ cents in the dollar. Since then he did fairly well until last fall when he oltained anextension of 18 months from his creditors. This does not appear to have been suflicient reliel to him and hence his present failure. Liabilities will be large- $A$. Duperrovzel, restaurant-keeper of this city, has assigned. He failed first in $188 \overline{\text { and }}$ and then did business in his wife's name until 1893, when he resumed again in his own. Liabilities
about $\$ 3,000$.-Theophile Carodean, grocer and harness dealer at St. George de Beauce, is offering 20 cents in the dollar on liabilities of $\$ 1,300$.-Wugene Raymond, hotel-keeper, of Grande Riviere is offering 00 cents in the dollar partly secured.
-A severe confagration swept away the business portion of Coaticooke on Wednesday last dolug damage to the extent of $\$ 75,000$ or $\$ 80,000$. The companies interested are : Atna, $\$ 4,000$ British America \$2,500, Caledonian \$2,500, Commercial Union, $\$ 1,900$, Guardian $\$ 2,000$, London $\mathbb{S}$ Lancashire $\$ 2,800$, North British \& Mercantile $\$ 1,000$, Northern $\$ 1,000$, Phonix 5,000, Royal $\$ 3,250$, Sun $\$ 1,000$, Western $\$ 2,000$.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Salron, Montreal.-The "sweating" practices you allude to do not deserve such a name. We shall be glad to have the figures paid in the cases you mention.

Investor, Quebec.-The rumor was quite groundless. The deceased gentlemen held no C.P.R. stock at the time; but any reason will suit the columns of the Londou financial paper you doubtless refer to.

Stocknolver, Three Rivers.-The annual meeting has been held. The report will doubtless be ready for distribution shortly.

Tnusts, Toronto.-The company is well managed, and will likely continue to pay the usual bonus.

Inquiner, St. John's, Que.-'The writ you refer to is probably the first of a series. It had been expected for some time.

Merchant, St. Thomas; Ont.-The stock is high enough. The well-known process of unloading is making fatr headway in the second company, largely in the east.
-Tere Merchants Bank of ITalifax appear to have found 1804 a prosperous year. The bank's statement shows that the net earnings amounted to $\$ 158,685$, or nearly $141 / 2$ per cent. of the paid-up capital, and after paying the usual dividend of 7 per cent. to the fortunate shareholders, the bank has been able to carry $\$ 80,000$ to the reserve fund and bring that important bulwark up to $\$ 680,000$, or nearly 62 per cent. of the capital, besides carrying forward a balance of $\$ 18,443$ to the credit of profit and loss.
-Fomty cents in the dollar, is being offered by Munn \& Co., general merchants, St. Johns, Nfld. Terms are 20c in July ; 10 in Dec.; and 10 in Dec. '90.-I. Parker, hardware, same city, has applied to be declared insolvent. We has been established many years.-Taylor, Finlay \& Co., same city, offering to compromise at 50 cents in the dollar. They began in the summer of 'g3.
-Riodle Bros., general dealers, Pipestone, Man, have assigned. They began business in the spring of "03 coming from St. Mary's where they had been farming. A moderate capital proved insufficient against lack of business knowledge, and they obtained in extension last March covering 10 months. They sulfered by tire some 4 months ago.-.J. A. Rogers $\&$ Co., hats, Wimipeg, have assigned. The business was started by James H. Rogers in ' 83 as a bratuch of his Torouto loonse, with his son J. A. in charge. He turned the Winnipeg store over to his son in ' 80 , which ended in an assigument in ' 98 . Mrs. Rogers subsequently bought the stock and continued as above, but was burned out on the 24 th ult., which terminated in the present assignment.-T. B. Holmes, general dealer, Comax, B.C., is seeking an extension. He began 9 or 10 years ago, and prospered until recently.-Marshall McCrae \& Co., wholesale stationers, Vancouver, B.C., have assigned. The business was started by Mr. Marshall about 4 years ago, who subsequently admitted N.cCrac. The latter retired, the present partuers being Robt. and Alex. Marshall. Overstocking 2 years ago seems to have added a debt which could not be wiped off.
-D. R. Hodas, supplies, 'Twillingate, Nfld., has applied for an insolvency declaration.-L. \& E. Jart. general store and fish, Guysboro, N.S., assigned. Already referred to,-Geo. Richards, livery. Dartmouth, N.S., assigned.
-J. T. Smimir \& Co., lancy goods, this city, assigned owing about $\$ 1,000$, Mrs. J. T Smith is the owner. Started in the spring of ' 03 on small capital.--I. De G. Thouin, grocer, this city, previously reported, is offering 20 cents in the dollar, half cash and half in 30 days.-J. B. Divot, mason and contractor, this city, has assigned owing about $\$ 1,000$.

FUR SKINS AND A MORAL,
"War lieht nicht Wein, Well und Geyang Der belbe eln Naw sein Lebenlang;

Und Naren sind wir uicht.
Thus wrote the sturdy old Reformer, as may be seen, " writ large," at a celebrated hostelry among the "Pernesc Oberlands but hatd he lived in these times he might, perhaps, have added to the list of temptations that beset great men what the Burd of Ayr in late days termed "the Diel's picture beuks." "Montreal, London, Leipsig and Moscow" is the legend on a prominent sign that attracts the notice of the passer by on St. Peter street in this city. The firm who carries this pretentious flag has had a checkered career in trying to do business in Camada. If their enterprising manager is to be credited, they started out three vears age with the object of teaching the old and reliable Louses here in Montreal how to do business. At the end of the second year their halance sheet showed a deficit of $\$ 20,000$. They then thought their experience of the Canadian trade de. manded that they shonld retire from the field, but their energetic manage urged the wisdom of the ofla advice-"WTry, try again," and that success would in time crown their efforts. In an evil hour they listened to him. Rumours reached them dately that everyhing was not right. They accordingly senta man out to take stoek and audit the books. 'Jhe vahable stock of furs is found to be under advances to money-lenders, and accounts are discovered to be collecterland no entries made in the cash-book. Their mamger is on the ohter side of the water, and they are now wimling up the romains of ance active business. Free liviag and cards are reported to be at the hotom of this disaster. When the business first startet, the manager came to his phace of business from up town in the street-cars. This season monoy was so plentilul that he bought a carriage, had a catchnatnand was driven in high fashion to and from busi, noss. De wats the most prominent member of a olub on Cithcart Street. All this cost money. There is an end to all prodigelity, and in this case the end proves the rale, bringing disastor both to master and servant. The probable cost of another jear's trial would be about $\$ 10,000$.- The moral goes without saying.

## CLINTANS. TIERBDRRT'.

In July last two gentemen, one of taking appenrance, the other not quite so prepossessing, put up at the Windsor Hotel in this eity, and were soon alterwards heard making inquiries whon the insolventestate of Boisscan Freres, which stock they geemed anxious to purchase at (aje cents in the dollar. Pailing in this, they confessed to a remresentative of a leading wholesale house that thoy were about to start a drygoods business in 'Loronto. 'They both hailed from Detroit. The man of prepossessing appearmuce was a dentist and grave the mame of C. S. Merbert; the wher, mamed Wyuess, had some time before bought out the Wryouds interesi in Detroit. Herbert sometime atterwards called on the firm of S . Greenshiclds, Son \& Co., and arranged for the purchase of frods, amounting to $\$ 10,000$ or $\$ 12,000$, agreoing to pay $\$ 6,000$ cash, the balance to be paid at the rate of $\$ 000$ per week. By this means he established a reference which he used to udvantage with other houses. He kept faith throughout, with the Messers. Grecnshields, who hitye obtained 90 cents on the dollar tor the amount of his transactions with them. like the lidy in the phay, Herbert protested to much-about cash payments-and therefore, notwithstanding his promptitude with them, tho Mossts. Greenshields had a liugering suspicion What ill would not prove right in the long run. The suspicions in that furter and in other phaces in town have been verified. It was lemmed a few days argo that Merbert had secretly sold his ontire stock to W . Garland of Toronto for 40 cents in the dollar, and skipped across the lino with the preceeds. As to what Mr. Garlamits foolings in the mater may be, we will not venture to olfer an opinion. 'The wholesale houses have evidently taken a lesson from the banks in similar cases, and it is already reported that leerbert was arrested crossing the line. He owes Alexander \& Anderson about $\$ 1,000$; Dingman © Lorrimer, about $\$ 000, \mathrm{~S}$. Greenshields Son \& Co., this city, $\$ 1,000$ umpaid lalance, Thibaudemu Bros. \& Co., $\$ 7,000 ;$ McIntyre Son $太 C o ., \$ 800 ;$ Jas. Johnston © Co., $\$ 300$; Nicholas Rooney, $\$ 1.000$, E. A. Small \& Co., a batance of under $\$ 1,000$, logarty \& Bro. did not fill an order for $\$ 1,000$ worth of shoes failing payment as agreed upon. A number of firms in Torouto are also ereditors. A report is current that Horbert is in Buffalo.

## Mectinges, Bepponts, ete,

## IIIE TEMPERANCE AND GENHRAI JIFE ASSURANCE

 COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.The Company's ninth Anmual Financial Statement submitted at the Annual Meeting held at the head office of the Company on the 23rd, ulto., is a gratifying exhibit of its condition and growth.
It first presents the revenue account, which sets forth in detail the receipts and dishursements for the year 1894. This is followed by a balance sheet showing in similar detail all the items of assets and liabilities as at the same date.
Racerpes:-The principal items of income are premiums amounting to $\$ 129,199.34$, after dedncting $\$ 1,35 \overline{5} .54$ paid for reinsurance, and interest, $\$ 13,4^{7} 7.72$ being an increase over the previous year of $\$ 12,505, \%$ in premiums and $\$ 3,315.14$ in interest or in all an increase of $\$ 16,020.84$ over the previons ycar's income.
Disbunsenents:-The items of controllable expenditure have been keep as low as the nost careful economy, consistent with progressive management, could keep them, as will appear from a careful examination of the statement. Wo may state how ever that our maio outlay is for field work, in securing new, and looking after old insurances to see that they are kept in force, and that in no single item have these expenses been increased in degree. The volume is greater only because the volume of business secured and cared for is sreater. Our death losses have again been very low, amounting to but $\$ 25,009$ in the argregate, which includes $\$ 3,000$ received tor reinsurance. This is a loss rate to the Company of only 3.8 per 1,000 of the average number of lives at risk, and $\$ 4.02$ per $\$ 1,000$ of the average amount of insurance in force. While our mortality has been very low in the General Section, it has been abnormally low in the Temperance Section. Our very low death rate, from year to year, is, no doubt, mainly attributable to the very superior class of risks attracted to our Company in both its sections, and the very careful scrutiny that is constantly made of all applications for insurance before acceptance.
Brielly stated our cash income for the year was $\$ 142,675.00$, while out net death losses, payments for surrendered policies and expenditures for all other purposes amounted to $\$ 86,881.92$, leaving us the very handsome sum of $\$ 50,703.14$ from current cash income for permanent investment.
Assers:-Our balance sheet shows as clean a lot of assets as any Company could possibly have, and special attention is called to the fact that there is not one of the items entering into our list of debentures, valued at $\$ 218,913$. 78 , as they are in this statement and as they were in our report to the Government, but might farly have been rated at a considerable higher value on-the-81st ult., as shown by the ruling prices of such securities. That our mortgages amounting to $\$ 02,800$ were all right is shown by the fact that there was not a single dollar of interest in arrears on any one of them, in fact we did not have a single dollar's worth of real estate on our hands, or a single dollar of interest overdue and in arrears. The item "advances to agents," we believe to be every dollar of it good. The corresponding item which was considerably larger last year, was so good that we only found it necessary to write off $\$ 25.60$ on this account during the year, while some of those who had the largest amount of advances had either wiped them out entirely or materially reduced them. Advances were made to other men on materially reduced them. Advances were made to other men on
what was deemed ample security, and the aggregate of this item is being reduced without loss to the Company.

The item of loans ou policies has been considerably increased, to our satisfaction, and to the satisfaction and convenience of our policyholders. No asset can be safer, and by following our practice insurances are kept up that could not otherwise be maintained.
'The item of outstandiug and deferred premiums is just what it seems to be, and is treated strictly in accordance with the requirements of the Insurance Department. It increases in amount in this Company, from year to year, as it must increase in every Company that does a progressive business.
It is impossible to tell in advance, before the days of grace luave expired, which preminms will be payed, or which will not, and it is therefore perfectly fair to enter the premiums, which it is anticipated will be paid as an asset, allowing a proper margin for collection, and charging the Company with the lialility, which will attach permanently on parment of such premiums.
In valuing all policies the Govermment assumes the payment of annual premiums, and should they be paid hall yearly, or otherwise than yearly white the Company is held, so far as its reserves are concerued, for the yearly liability, it is but right that it should have credit for the promiums which must be paid to keep its policies in force, less a proper charge for collection, so that deferred preminms and outstanding premiums are alike regarded as perfectly good assets by all Governments, and by all competent authorities.

In every case where an outstanding or deferred premium fails to be paid, the reserved liability charged against it ceases, so that no injustice is done.
Our assets at the end of the year amomnted to $\$ 300,566.71$, boing an increase of $\$ 07,144.38$ over what they were at the end of the previous year.
Thabmines :-Our liabilities which were mainly to our policyholders, on account of the reserves we hold to meet their policies when they become claims, amounted to $\$ 284,826.09$, being an increase of $\$ 47,467.03$ over' the previous year. It will be seen therefore that our assets have increased by nearly $\$ 20,000$ or 41,5
per cent, more than the increase in our liabilities, a very gratify ing feature of our business.
Nyw Bosiness :-We have not gone far afield, nor sought by the employment of high-salaried men, or the payment of exhorbitant commissions to swell our business abnormally. We have conflned ourselves almost exclusively to the Province of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces in seeking for our business, and we have depended upon the staff of agents, who have been so true to the Company's interests in the past, to secure our business at its proper value, without offering bonuses or other special rewards to stimulate effort. This is shown by the fact that for securing our increased business and taking care of our old business, with an increased income of $\$ 16,020.84$, our expenditure for commissions, salaries and other expenses of oflicials and agents, was only $\$ 3,530.89$ in excess of that of the previous year. This was very moderate as compared with the usual outlay for such services.

When the extent of territory we cover, and the age of ou Company are considered, it will be realized that few other Com panies, if any, have been so successful in establishing themselves in the most desirable of all fields for the procurement of life risks (from the fact that mortality is so much lower than it is elsewhere) and in securing a better class of business, or a better distribution of its risks
The advantage of this course may be briefly expressed as follows: We secure suflcient business of the very highest character at less expense, and with more thorough supervision of all its details, than we could in a wider field, or in any other field.
Although we have confined ourselves to these limits, which afford the best business obtainable anywhere, and to most economical methods, we have been able to report a con stantly increasing new business from year to year, as well as a steadily increasing aggregate business in force, with a similar increase in our annual income. The figures for the past six years have been as lollows:

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| 188 | 987 | \$1,404,000 | 1, | \$3,04 |  |
| 1890 | 1108 | 1,510,000 | 2,275 | 3,484,00 | 81,033.06 |
| 801 | 1476 | 1,783,000 | 2,810 | 4,008,2 | 95,609.32 |
| 02 | 1928 | 1,814,700 | 3,250 | 4,543,17 | 116,581.09 |
| 1893 | 1080 | 2,020,000 | 3.892 | 5,200,620 | 126,0̄54.22 |
| 80 | 181 | 2,100,000 | 4,519 | 5,877,958 | 142,075.06 |

(084 of the applicutions received last year for $\$ 1880$ ros were approved and policies issued.
At the close of the year we had 4,703 policies in force on 4,518 lives, for $\$ \overline{5}, 87 \pi, 958.51$, being an increase of 645 policies, 62 lives, and $\$(08,338.50$ of insurance over the previous year.
The classification of riske was as follows.
In the Temperance Section there were 3,650 policies for $\$ 4,200,879$. 51 , being an increase of 401 policies for $\$ 468,000.50$ during the year.
In the General Section there were 1,143 policies for $\$ 1,681$ 070 , being an increase of 104 policies for $\$ 139,009$ during the year.
Sumplus:-Following the instructions contained in the reso lution passed by you at our last Annual Mecting, the Manage has made a careful investigation of the position of the various policies in force, and plans of insurance used by the Company, and has found that at no time in the history of the Company. have the death claims paid under either Section of the Company's business encroached upon the rights of the other section.

Your Board as already stated, find a surplus on hand over all liabilities, including capital account, of $\$ 20,739.72$. This they recommend to be appropriated as follows:-
1.-That the sum of $\$ 6, \% 26.44$ be alloted to all Policies entitled thereto which have paid five annal premiums according to the schedule submitted by the Manager, and we recommend that its distributions shall be made so as to reduce the premiums on the policies on the ordinary life and limited pay life phaus to which it has been alloted, as they fall due during the nex five yeurs, or paid in cash with the face of policies in case of death, and ìn a like manner in case of endownent policies, except that when endowments mature within that period the balance of allotted surplus remaining unpaid to each shall be paid with such endowments
2. - Your Directors would also recommend that a dividend of 5 per cent. be paid upon the paid up stock of the guaranters of the Company.
3.--That the remainder of the said sum of $\$ 20,789.72$, remain in general surplus account.

It. has been found that the morality experience of the Company has been such as to entitle those insured in the Temperance Section to profits one-third higher than could fairly be allotted to similar policies in the General Section.

In this connection we wish to say that the Companies which have returned the largest amount of surplus, or paid the largest profits to their policyholders in the past, have derived their surplus or profits mainly from having had a lower mortality than was provided for in compliance with the law, or according to the theoretical tables on which the business is founded.

The other sources of profits, such as large interest earnings and savings in expenses, have chauged adversely to the making of profits from what they were ten or twenty years ago, but the reduction in mortality, which is the main source of profits or surplus, can be improved by careful selection of lives from the most favored localities, and proper classification of the same.

For these reasons we believe that, continuing on the lines we have been following, we must and will be able to give such returns to our policyholders as will afford them the highest satisfaction.
So far this year, not only has the payment of our 'outstanding and deferred premiums been more prompt and satisfactory than in any previous year, but the amount of new insurance applied for has also been in excess of any previous year's record.

We have pleasure in referring arain to the loyalty and efficiency of all the members of our oflice and fleld staff. They have our fullest confidence and deserve our highest commendation.
Independent audits have been regularly made by the Company's Auditor, and by the Auditing Committee of the Board, whose certificates are attached to the Financial Statement, and are warrants for its correctness, and for the correctness of our accounts.
By Section 9 of our Act of Incorporation, all the Directors retire, but are eligible for re-election

Geonae W. Ross
President.
condition december 31st, 1894.
4,798 policies in force on 4,519 lives for .......... Assets at present value $\qquad$
$\$ 0,877.958 .51$ 365,566.71 Liabilities

284,826.90
Surplus to policy-holders, not including $\$ 4,000$ un-
called guarantee capital
80,739.72
The following gentlemen were elected Directors: Hon. G. W. Ross, L.L.D., Hon. S. H. Blake, Q.C., R. McLean, Esq. P. H. Burton, Esq., Thomas Caswell, Esq. , barrister; Willian Watterworth, Esq., George F. Wilkes, Esq., W. II. Bowlby, Q.C. L.I.D., J. Lyons Bircrar, Esq., W. Nattress, M.D., Joseph A Fi.he, M. D., Joseph Wimiams, Esq., A. J. Wilkes, Q.C., L.L.B J. A. Robertson, M.D., H. M. Pellatt, Esq.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors the former officers were unanimously re-elected.

## I'HE WATERLOO MU'IUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO

The 22 nd annual meeting of the policyholders of the Waterlo Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held in the Board room at the Head Office, on Saturday, January 10th. A fair number of policyholders were present
On motion the chair was taken by the president, Mr. Geo Randall, and Mr. C. M. Taylor acted as secretary.

The Directors' Report, the secretary's financial statement, and the Auditors' Report were then read as follows:-
dinectoins repont.
To the Members of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
Gentlemen,-Your Board of Directors beg to lay before you their report for the year ending 31st of December, 1894, being the company's 3 nad annual report.
From the detailed statements of your secretary, about to he read to you, we have prepared the following abstract of the leading tems of interest contained thercin.
We have issued during the past year 0,382 policies. The tota number of policies now in force is 20,300 . The aggregate amount insured under these policies is $\$ 20,690,341$. The total earnings of the company is $\$ 174,175.52$. The amount of losses paid, less reinsurance, is $\$ 108,282.58$.
The total assets of the company are $\$ 354,936.41$. If from this amount you deduct the re-insurance reserve of $\$ 83,809.10$ and the adjusted and unadjusted losses at the close of the year, computed at $\$ \overline{0}, 603$, you will have a balance of assets above liabilities or \$205,404,31.
By taking into consideration the excessive losses of the past two years, in which all the insumance companies have shared to a greater or less extent your board believo the present financial position of your company is a matter for congratulation by its nembers, and the insuring public generally
In referring to the detailed statements in your hands you will find that the premiums and assessments reccived from the Mutual policyholders, amounting as it does to $\$ 80,961.19$, is nearly one half the whole amount of the premium revenue of the company
We account for this, first, on the ground of an increased confi dence in and patronage of the Mutual System by business men generally as conducted by your company ; second, to the reduc tions in the cost of insurance, as compared with stock rates.
As all our Mutual policies are issued for three years, subject to a premium for the first year and an assessment in advance at the beginning of the second and third years, we have taken the actual experience of the company for the past three years, and find that during that period we received in premiums and assessments on our mutual policies the sun of $\$ 293,750$, these premium and as sessments having been based upon a calculation of 20 per cent off stock rates. The calculation is easily made and shows a reduction of $\$ 0.7,430$, as compared with three annual stock premiuns, and a sating to the policyholders of that amount.
In conclusion we beg to call your attention to the two main objecte of meeting, viz, the disposing of the several statements to be read to you, and the election of flve directors. The retiring directors are Messrs. I. E. Bowman, John Allchin; Simon Snider Allan Bowman and J. L. Wideman, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

On behalf of the board
Geo. Raxdall, president

## SprIng Trade 1895.

Dear Sirs,

# J. W. MACKEDIE \& CO. 

Spring Trade 1895.

Our representative will soon have the pleasure of calling on you with samples of spring and summer clothing for next season. As our old stock is well cleared out, almost everything he will have to show you will be new. All our lines have been very carefully selected with a view to meet the new and changed conditions of the trade, and prices of both Canadian and imported goods will be found lower than ever.

Our new Foreman-Designer has introduced several novelties you will appreciate, and you will find our reputation for turning out the best fltting, best finished and most stylish goods in the trade will be fully maintained.

An Inspection of our samples before placing your order is earnestly requested.
Montreal, Sept., 1894.
Yours faithfully,

## J. W. MACKEDIE \& CO.

financial. statements.
Balance on hand per statement 31st Dec. 1893.
$\$ 108,155.38$
mecmiprs.


Unpaid Losses ndjusted and unadjusted computed at.
Re-insumane reserve to provide for ail outstanding risks, cath and mutund system

## * $0,663.00$

83,809.10 \$ 89,472.10
Balame...
$83,809.10$
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80,472.10
$\overline{\$ 112,073.41}$

Amount assets as above brought down $\qquad$ \$112,073.41
remiun notes after deducting all payments therefrom .

Total Assets.
242,863.00
$\$ 354,936.41$
C. ML. Taylor, Secretary,

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President, Directors and Policyholders of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
Gentlemen.-We beg to report that we have carefully examined the books of account and vouchers of your company for the past year and that we find the same correct.

We submit herewith an abstract statement of the receipts and expenditures of the company for the past year a ud of its present assets and liabilities, as also a detailed statement of the securities for its investments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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The foregoing reports having been read and unanimously adopted, the meeting proceeded to appoint scrutineers for the reception of the ballots for the election of five directors. Messrs. J. M. Scully and Benjamin Devitt were unanimously re-appointed anditors for the ensuing year.

The scrutincers reported the unauimous re-election of Messrs. I. J. Bowman, M. P., John Allchin, Simon Snyder, Allan Bowman and John L. Wideman as directors for the ensuing three years.
At the close of the annoul meeting the directors met and elected Mr. George Randall, President, and Mr. John Shuh, vicepresident.
The following are the names of the gentlemen comprising the full Board of Directors: George Raudall, John Shuh, Chas. Hendry, I. E. Bowman, M.P., Simon Snyder, George Diebel, Wm. Suider of Waterloo; James Liviagston, M.P., Baden; Thomas Cowan, Allan JBowman, Galt; Thomas Gowdy, Guelph; John Allchin, New Hamburg; P. E. Shant/, Preston; I. D. Bowman, Berlin; John L. Wideman, St. Jacobs.

## Our inducements.

## A Good Article <br> $\therefore \quad$ At a Fair Price

Our Celebrated Brands
"Cable Extra,"
"Mungo,"
"El Padre," and
"'Varsity."
Are as btaple ae llour, sell readily and alwaye In demand. Millione of each brand aold annually; sales constantly tncroasing.

## S. DAVIS \& SONS,

The Curgest Cigne Mmumeturers In the Dominion.

MON'IREAL CLEARING HOUSE
Total for Week End-
ing Jins, 31, 1885.. Clearings. Balances. $\$ 10,620,344 \quad \$ 1,600,557$
Corresponding

| Corresponding |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Week of 18094.... | $8,730,144$ | $1,310,128$ |
| " $1993 .$. | $9,704,234$ | $1,300,210$ |
| " | $1892 .$. | $0,050,581$ |

## Financial.

## Thursday, Jan'y 31st, 1895.

The arrival of Assistant Secretary Curtis in New York to confer with the leading bankers there on the subject of taking measures to arrest the steady depletion of the gold reserve confirms the belief that the President, despairing of any relief from Congress, will authorise a new issue of $\$ 100,000,000$ in 4 per cent bonds during the course of next weok. In spite of the reduction of the premium on gold bullion by the Treasury to one tenth of one per cent, the contributions of the mints, and the reduction of the value of United States sold coin by the Bank oif England to Tifs

312 d per ounce, or a quarter of a cent in the $f$, the shipment of gold continues unchecked, until the gold reserve has fallen to $\$ 48,516,103$, and a bond issue becomes imperative. How it will be received remains yet to be seen. About one-half of the last issue has not yet been distributed, and this will complicate the situation; but if it be true that $\$ 25,000,000$ of the lot taken by the syndicate were for permanent investment the market may be more favorable than is now anticipated.
Money in New York is stiffening a little. On call it runs from 2 to $21 / 2$ per cent. Time money runs from $21 / 2$ to $31 / 2$ per cent on good Stock Exchange collateral, and commercial paper discounts at 3 to $81 / 2$ per cent for endorsed, and 4 to 0 per cent for single name paper. In London money on call is only $1 / 4$ per cent and discount in the open warket can be got at 5 per cent. In this market call money is 4 per cent and discount 6 to $61 / 2$ per cent. Bar silver in London 273 亿 d . Sterling exchange is firm, aud bankers are indifferent about drawing except at high rates, so that no cessation

FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA DURING 1894.


## RECAPITULATION.

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in the shipment of coin can be anticipated. Posted rates in New York were $4.881 / 2$ for sixties and $4.301 / 2$ for demand. Actual rates were $4.881 / 2$ for sixties, $4.891 / 2$ for demand, and $4.801 / 2$ to $3 / 7$ for cables. Commercials $4.88 \frac{1}{2}$ and documentaries $4.881 / 4$. Paris francs 5.155 for long and $5.143 \%$ for short. Locally the rates between banks were: Sixties 034 to $13-16$, demand 10 to 1016, cables 10.3-10, and New York funds If to 0 -id discount. Over the counter sixties were 10 to $101 / 8$, demand $101 / 4$ to 3 á, cables $101 / 2$, and New York funds $1-16$ to $1 / 3$ premian.
The stock market was in the hands of the speculators last week and they worked it for all they were worth. The three Strect Railway stocks were the ones used for the purpose, and out of the total of 33,600 shares sold, 25,600 were theirs. As usual in a purely speculative market the Iluctuations of the week were large. Prices were rum up to 187 for Street Railway old stock, $1843 / 4$ for new, and $801 / 4$ for Toronto S. R'y. Then the winners started in to liquidate and prices went down to $1811 / 2$, $1781 / 2$ and $783 / 4$ respectively. When liquid. ation ceased the market roso again, and tinally closed at 184,182 , and 773 , or practically the same figures as were ruling at the close of last week. There was a small investment demand for the banks. Industrial stocks were steady, and a feature of the week was the rise, for the first time in many years, of Richelieu stock to par.

The following are the transactions of the week as per Chas. Meredith \& Co., stock-brokers:-

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| Montreal | 99 | 221 | 220 | 2201/2 |
| Ontario. | 25 | 95 | 95 |  |
| Peoples | 100 | 1201/4 | 120 | 120 |
| Molsons | 100 | 170 | 107 |  |
| Merchants | 30 | 165 | 1641/2 | 61/4 |
| Quebec | 3 | 12794 | 1273 |  |
| Commerce......... miscrllanzous. | 27 | 138 | J38 | 13434 |
| Pacilic | 500 | 50 | 511/3 | 71 |
| Duluth Com' | 700 | 3/4 | 8 |  |
| Dul. Prel. | 250 | 8 | $71 / 2$ | 14 |
| Cable... | 1948 | 14414/4 | 140 | 135 |
| Telegrap | 67 | 1571/2 | 157 | 1441/2 |
| R.\&O | 857 | 100 | 87 | 841/4 |
| Street Railway. | 6749 | 187 | 1811/2 | 1071\% |
| New " " ... 1 | 11080 | 1844 | 179\% |  |
| Toronto St. Ry. . | 7785 | 9014 | 739 |  |
| Gas. ........... | 2400 | 1053/4 | 194 | 174 |
| Bell T'el | 187 | 15039 | 154 | 136 |
| Royal Electric | 409 | 1381/2 | 186 |  |
| Montreal Cotton. | 138 | 1191/2 | 117 | 109 |
| Colored | 50 | 50 | 48 |  |
| Dominion Cot... . | 30 | 03 | 08 |  |

## MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS

Thursday ovening, Jan. 31 st. 1805
The heavy snowstorm of Saturday and Sunday last, while aiding city trade by creating employment for many hundreds of laborers, had an opposite effect throughout country points by blocking tailie thereby seriously interforing with trade

Many orders which would have reached here were thus delayed. Drygoods merchants report favorably for the week, many discount sales which were offored bringing the desired result. Remittances for payments February 4th have already arrived in suflicient numbers to create a favorable feeling as to the coming week. Molasses are flrm at the recent advance Sugar is moving more freely at $3 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for best standard gramulated. Teas ary attracting considerable attention, offers for round lots being quite common, but sales of such are limited as the difference between buyers and sellers is not readily adjusted. The interest in hardware has centered in mails, which have fmally been adjusted in price by the soveral representatives. Leather has experienced a quiet week, shoe manufacturers buying sparingly. A solution of the money problem in the United States is generally desired, as the situation is gradually assuming a condition of more general importance.

Butter.--'The market is improving in late fresh fall-made creamery, with a little more business passing in a jobbing way at 21 to 22 cents; but there is no outlet yet for early makes which are offering at from 10 c to 18c. Finest sweet dairy which is pleasing to buyers is also more Inquired for at from 17c to 19 c , but the supply of this quallty is small. Held dairies, and goods that are the least faulty or off "in flavor, are quite unsaleable no matter how cheaply offered. Holders of simmer made Western butter lind it impossible to

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market notwithatanding that it is being offered in some cases as low as 0 c to 10 c . Presh winter-mado rolls are coming in largely and offering in a jobbing way at from 13 e to 15 c as por qually.
Cont. And Woun.-.'lhese commodities aro in good demand owing to stoady cold weather. Dealers speak favorably of the trade for the season thus far, and from a collecting point of view, express themsolves as finding payments on the average, equal to those of prast seasons. Prices are unchanged. We quote, Stove per ton, $\$ 0.00 ;$ Chestnut, $\$ 0.00 ; \mathrm{Egg}, \$ 5.75$; Cape Bretom, (ox-ship), \$3.75; Pictou, do. \$4.25; Lower ports screen, (retail) $\$ 5.00$; Scoteh, do. \$6,00; Dry maple wood per cord, $\$ 6.50$; beech, $\$ 6.00$; birch, $\$ 0.00 ;$ mixed, $\$ \mathbf{\$ 0 . 0 0 ;}$ tumarac, $\$ \overline{0} .00$; slabs, $\$ 1.00$.

Dressed Togs.-Ithe market hats been more largely supplied duriug the week, and prices have ruled in favor of buyers. Car lots offer at $\$ 5.25$ to $\$ 5.30$, with jobbing sales at $\$ \overline{0} .50$.

Dhugs and Pantes.- Business shows an improvement for tho week, more orders from travollers being recoived. Values show littlo lluctuation, Gum Arabic, tragecanthe and glycorino continue firm. T'urpentino shows a slightly firmer feeling though not changed on this market.

Dry Goods.-Remittances show an in
provement. Country merchants are sending in money to take up paper falling due on the 4 th and it is hoped, from this, that notes will be better met on that day than is at present anticipated. Our city merchants have stimulated trade by special discount sales during last month and these have beon 'very fairly patronized showing that people have money to spend when thoy think they can get bargains. The suburban trade keeps up well, and travellers out on the roadare sending in very fair orders.
Duessed Pouldiy. - Chickens havo been in very small supply, and good fat stock has sold up to 9 to $01 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per lb. Mosts lots arriving are largely mixed with old fowls and have not sold over 7c. Ducks are also scarce and firmer at $81 / 2$ to 10 c per lb . Geese are wanted and bring from 6 to 7 clb . The market is well supplied with turkeys and only finest stock lrings full prices: 7 to $0 \mathrm{e} \quad \mathrm{lb}$. Game of all kinds is now largely out of the market owing to the near close of the season.
Eacs.-With a large falling off in supplies, a change to cold weather which has checked production for the time being, and in sympathy with all outside markets, the feeling here during the past week has been one of confidence. The market is now much more promising, with holders rofusing to accopt last weok's ruling prices, and holding for a shade higher figures, Sales of Montreal limed are at

13 to 14c, with Western ranging from 11 to 13 c as per quality. Feld fresh 14 to 15 c and fresh gathered 22 to 23 c . We notice 'arge shipments this week to the U.S. markets. Absolutely new laid, as supplied through private sources to some retailers, here have taken a drop from the ralters and are now 40 to 50 cents per dozen;
Fisu and Oils.-There is a better demand for green cod which is in light supply. As a consequence the market rules firm and has an upward tendency. Fresh fish meet with raady sale but are somewhat easier in price. Oils are dull and nominally unchanged.

Flour and Grain.-Not much business is doing this week in flour. English buyers find pricos too high for export but millers show no sign of concessious. Locally a fuir trade is doing at $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 3.90$ for spring wheat patents, $\$ 3.60$ to $\$ 3.75$ for winter wheats, $\$ 2.85$ to $\$ 3$ for straight roller and $\$ 3.75$ for Manitoba strong bakers. Feed is fairly active and thero is a good demand for Ontario bran. TVe quote brau at $\$ 15$ to $\$ 15.50$, shorts $\$ 17$ and mouillie $\$ 20$ to 22 . Oatmeal is slow and buyers are only taking sufficient to fill immediate requirements. The basis is $\$ 3.70$ for standard. The local grain market shows a slightly better feeling. For No 20 ats in carload lots $361 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to $36 \% \mathrm{c}$ is paid and offored lieely. Peas are tirm, but with very few offering. The other grains are unchanged. Cable advices to the Board of Trade were as follows:-Cargoes off coast, wheat and maize, nothing doing. Cargoes on passage and for shipment, wheat is quiet and casy maize quiet and steady; La Platte wheat sail londing, 21s; one cargo of wheat sold Jinglish country markets, quiet; French, firm. Liverpool spot wheat, flrm; demand poor: spot maize, quiet, demand poor. Mixed maize, $4 \mathrm{~s} 1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. London Minneapolis straight flour, 15 s . Liverpool futures wheat steady; $4 \mathrm{~s} 41 / 2$ January, 4 s 21/d February, is $6 d$ May; maize quiet; 4 s 12 d January, 3s $111 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$ March, is $111 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$ May. Wheat in Paris, 19.00 January and February; flour in Paris, 42.75 ; January, 48.25 .
Green Fuerts,-Ihere has been a better demand for apples during the past week, sales on local account and for shipment to interior points being much bette ${ }_{r}$ than for some time past. Florida frozen oranges, 3 cars of which arrived on this market during the week have boen selling at 00 c to $\$ 1.25$ per box, These are really worthless for eating, being used for flavoring and other purposes. Slightly frosted sell at $\$ 2.25$ to $\$ 2.50$ per box, Quotations are: Winter apples, car lots $\$ 2.25$ to $\$ 250$; retail $\$ 2.7 \%$ to $\$ 3$; Oranges Florida's free from frost 126 's $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 4,00 ; 150 ' s \quad \$ 4.00$ to $\$ 4.50 ; 176$ to 200 's $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 4.75$. Lemons, Messim's choice $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.75$; fancy $\$ 3.25$ to $\$ 3.50$; Malaga grapes per keg $\$ 6.00$ to $\$ 6.50$; heavy weights, $\$ 6.00$ to $\$ 7.00$; bauanas, finest full fruit, per bunch as to size, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3.00$ ripe coming by expross. Evaporated apples per 1b. $01 / 2$ to $71 / 2$ : Canadian onions, brls. $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 2.00$; Spanish onions, 90 c per crate; Nuts, filherts, 9 c ; almonds 13 to 14 c ; walnuts old, 10 to 13 c ; walnuts, new Naples $131 / 2$ to 14 c ; new Grenobles, $131 / 2$ to 14 c ; peamuts 8 to 9 c . Italian chestnuts 9 to 10 c ; sweet potatoes $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 4.00 \mathrm{lrl}$. Cape Cod cranberries $\$ 15$; do per bush. box $\$ 5.00$; pears, $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 4.00$. Basket pears, 25 to 85. California winter nelles, \$2 to $\$ 2,75$; Valencia oranges 420 size $\$ 4 \cdot 2 \overline{0}$, do 714 s $\$ 2.2 \overline{3}$. Pineapples fancy large 28 to $2 \overline{\mathrm{j}} \mathrm{c}$ each.

Grocentes.-The bad state of the country roads has had the effect of diminishing trade during the week. The snow storm, which has been genern, has left many highways practically impassable in in some sections, which has resulted in many orders being withheld which would have otherwise been put through. It will lesult in good sleighing, howerer,

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and lumber interests will be vastly benefitted, Values show no chauge from hast week. Sugars remain stationary with a better demand from interior points. Syrup is scarce and nominally unchanged. Holasses, Barbutlos, are held at 33c, thongli some so-called can be obtained at 30 c . Other goods are unchanged. Nummerous inquiries for tea from U.S. buyers show a strong disposition to purchase. An offer for atround lot from fa Chicago house to a firm in this city on Tuesday did not terminate; $1 / 4$ cent per $1 b$. difference preventing the deal. Many calls are heated from abroad for low grade goods, but dealers are indifferent to business at $11 e$ and preler keeping for sorting orders. Paymonts keep up firily well. Coflee is firmer owing to al clecrease in the American visible supply of 00,000 bags since the year opened. Present comparisons show a decrease of 20,000 bags as compared with a year ago.
Wimes.-Business continues good with arrivals steady and all available stock kept moving. Prices are unchanged from last week. Figures are given in prices current on another page. A pleasing feature of the situation on this market lies in the security attached to transactions since an understanding bas been arrived at by dealers.

Inon and Habdware.-The nail schedule has at last been arranged and the Lower Province represontatives have agreed to the uniform rate of $\$ 2.10$ for cut nails, and $\$ 2.20$ for nails branded steel as the base price, with the usual allowances for large lots. There is a cut also in the wire list owing to the amount of American wire coming in over the border. No. 1 annealed in oil is lowered to $\$ 2.50$ and No. 6 galvanized to $\$ 3$, while the trade discount has been increased to 25 per cent. The western buyers will reap the advantage: for prices for this province will be f.o.b. in Montreal while Western merchants will get their wire, catriage free. In pig iron a few lots of Summerlee are changing hands at $\$ 21$ per ton. Very little is doing in bar iron. Spring steel is slightly cheaper at $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.75$. Tin and terne plates unchanged at our quotations.

Leathei and Suows. - The leather market has been disappointing for the month as regards volume of sales. Shoe manufactures are receiving the usual number of orders, tut having secured considerable stock prior to the recent stiffening of the market, are working this off, and leather dealers find sales rather slim in consequence. Stocks are not accumulating, however and prices retain the same firm tendency as heretofore.
Woos.-The home market rules quiet and uneventful, sales being of small pronortions and averaging in price as previously recorded. United States purchasers principally on Eastern account: have been operating in the West, fully a million pounds having been taken at Toronto and Hamilton within the past few
weeks. The prices paid were somewhat higher than had previously prevailed. This amount deducted from the available supply materially reduces the bulk of the stock. At the Coudon, Hag., wool sales on the 30 inst. American competition was well to the front and buyers for the home trade also showed much eagerness to secure parcels, payiug stiff prices, while buyers from the continent, especially for France, purchased more Creely than heretofore. Mediam to grod greasy and scoured's were steady. Cross-breds sold largely to Yorkshire buyers, although they also met with a good foreign demand.

## TORONTO WHOLDSALE TRADE.

Toronto, Jun'y 31st, 189is (Revised by Telegraple).
This has been a quiet week in wholesalo departments. The heavy fall of snow has made country roads almost impassable, and railway traflic was also delayed considerably. Very few country merchants were in and travellers did next to nothing. There is no particular change in quotations, and payments are rather slow. Money is easy at 4 per cent on call and prime commercial paper discounted at 6 to $61 / 2$ per cant. Sterling exchange is firmer and stock irregular. Sales of Ontario at 94 , Dominion at $2731 / 2$, Standard at 162, Incandescant at $1101 / 2$, Western Assurance at $1511 / 4$, British A.m., at 1133/4, Gas at 105, Cable at 142, Telephone at 154, Toronto St. Railway at $773 / 4$, Canada Per. Loan at 111 , London and Canadian at 120.

Burter, \&c.-The market is dull and featureless. The best qualities of tub dairy job at 16 to 17 c , large rolls at 14 to 16 c and inferior at 11 to 12c. Creamery, 20 to 23c. Eggs steady, with sales of fresh at 17 to 18 , limed at 11 to $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, and new laid at 22 to 24 . Cheese steady at $101 / 2$ to 11 c in a jobbiug way.
Dressed Hogs.-Receipts smaller and prices firmer. Good to choice car lots sell at $\$ 5.10$ to $\$ 5.25$, while small lots of fresh rule at $\$ 5.40$ to $\$ 5.60$.
Flour and Grand:-Flour remains dull with the demand limited. Straight rollers are quoted at $\$ 2.60$ to $\$ 2.75$, according to quality, and Ontario patents, $\$ 2.80$ to $\$ 2.00$. Manitoba patents $\$ 3.80$ to $\$ 3.90$, and strong bakers $\$ 3.65$ to \$3.70. Wheat steady, with white selling at $5 \mathbf{5} 1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ west and at 58 c on Northern Spring nominal at 64c on the Midland. Manitoba hard is steady with sales at 78c west and 79c east. Barley quiet with choice grades firm at 45 to 460 , No. 2 at 43 to 44 c , and feed barley at 38 to 40 c . Oats firm selling at 28 c for mixed outside and at 20c for white. Peas sold at 5Bc west. Buckwheat unchanged, selling at 30c outside. Rye frm at 42c, outside. Bran is quoted at 12 , middle freights and at $\$ 14$ on track. Oatmeal firm at $\$ 3.60$ to $\$ 3.80$ for car lots.

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