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Sooiety's Offices, Fichmond street, on and lifter Wednesday, the 3rd day of January next.

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Landon, Dec. 12, 1877.

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#### Mercantile Summary.

THE quantity of grain at Portland for shipment to Europe is steadily increasing. On the 27th ult. there were two ships loading, besides the weekly steamer, and 350 cars in the yard waiting discharge into the elevator. In addition to this there were grain-laden cars at various points westward to Island Pond, awaiting to get yard room at Portland.

"Hamilton, Ontario, United States," is the way some of our English friends address their letters for our neighboring ambitious city. Another old countryman put on his envelope " Hamilton, America," and the missive wandered for six months back and forth amongst the forty-nine places in the States named after their great statesman, until at a venture it was sent to Canada, and found its proper destination.

THE total value of exports from the port of Shediac, N. B., to Great Britain and the West Indies during 1877, was \$204,896. The arrivals, i. e. British and foreign trade, were 51 vessels of 23,400 tons, and of coasting trade 485 vessels and steamers, tonnage 144,267 tons, about forty per cent. of which were steamers from P. E. Island, Quebec, and Montreal. The sailing vessels in ballast numbered 85, and with cargoes 110.

Two significant items from Quebec appear in the telegrams on Wednesday. The first announces that the deficit of the Quebec City Treasurer is now ascertained to be \$54,456; and the other chronicles the presentation to the Legislature of a petition, signed by the President of the Board of Trade and 2000 citizens, asking for the abolition of the city council and the appointment of three administrators to replace them.

THE Globe Mutual Life Insurance Company, with headquarters in New York City, some time ago brought a suit against the Sun Mutual Life Company, of Montreal, for \$100,000 damages for libel; the latter company having made damaging statements about the other. Application was made by the Sun to have the Globe give security for costs, being absentees, but Judge Dorion, however, does not consider the Globe Mutual as absentees since they have an office in Montreal.

A JOINT stock company is proposed to be formed to operate a woollen factory in Kentville, Nova Scotia. The capital sought is \$25,000, and it is stated that 400 shares of \$25 each have been already subscribed for in that village.

THE wholesale grocery firm of Messrs. Kingan & Kinloch, one of the oldest in Montreal, has been dissolved by the retirement of one of the partners. Messrs. W. Kinloch and W. B. Lindsay continue under the old style.

A BREAK in the direct ocean cable has been located about sixty miles from Barrington. The steamer Minia has been ordered to the spot to raise the cable and repair the break.

THE various debts of the County of Frontenac are to be consolidated, their aggregate amount is something over \$260,000. The possibility of free tolls on roads and markets is being discussed by the County Council.

THE first railway shipment of phosphate of lime, in which mineral a large export trade is likely to be done, was made over the Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Road to Montreal on Friday last. It was mined at Lake McGregor on the Upper Ottawa, and some of the blocks weigh a ton each.

In the celebrated insolvency case of Mr. Henry Dinning, ship-builder, of Quebec, which has been before the law courts since July last, on various points, the election of assignee and inspectors having been set asside. Mr. Wurtele, the Interim Assignee has been replaced in possession of the estate and instructed to call a new meeting to name an assignee and inspectors. It appears that the otherwise vexations delay occasioned by these law proceedings is likely to prove of great benefit to the unsecured creditors for seven ships, forming the great bulk of the estate and which were mortgaged to the largest creditors, have by their earnings since the attachment, realized for the estate, upwards of twenty-eight thousand dollars. At the time of the insolvency, Mr. Dinning offered fifteen cents on the dollar, and endeavored to carry through a composition for that sum, and obtained a number of signatures. among the first, that of the creditor in question, who now sees that the estate is bettered by \$28,ooo and that it would only require a few more six months freights of these seven ships completely to liquidate the amount for which they are mortgaged when then would again become the property of the insolvent clear of all debts. Creditors at the next meeting may not regret that the composition was not carried at that time; as they may find that a much better offer is now possible and perhaps congratulate themselves for once upon the intricacies of the much abused insolvent law, under which a delay has taken place so advantageous to their interests.

Jos. BICKERSTAFF, grocer, Toronto, has sold his grocery business to Messrs. Patton & Bell. The former of whom was engaged in the wholesale tea trade, but appears to consider that the retail affords him better prospects of success.

Messrs. B. Levin & Co., Montreal, furriers, have dissolved. The firm will hereafter be known as Silverman, Bolter & Co. Messrs. Douglas, Kirk & Co., grocers, have

dissolved. Mr. Lockerby, late of Kingan & Kinloch, joins Mr. Kirk, under the style of Kirk, Lockerby & Co.

The Windsor Hotel, of Montreal, was opened last Monday, a large portion of the rooms are occupied by permanent boarders at paying figures. A grand time is looked for, when His Excellency Earl Dufferin takes up his residence here next month.

We notice the assignment of the young house of Dobbin, Lamont & Co., of Montreal, who were wholesale dealers in millinery goods. This firm commenced business in 1876, purchasing the bankrupt stock of Marler & Co., which they obtained on favorable terms, but are compelled to stop. Their liabilities are roughly estimated at about \$35,000, nearly all in England. They show a surplus of about \$9,000, but with a stock so composed, of ladies' trimmings, fancy materials, etc., that it is more than likely this surplus will disappear.

The earnings of the Midland Railway for the week ending 21st, ult., show an increase of \$1,688, compared with last year; those of the Toronto & Nipissing for the same week, a decrease of \$861. The Toronto Grey & Bruce shows an increase of \$266, for the week ended 26th.

THE assignee at St. Stephen, N. B., of Mr. George F. Pinder, jeweller, &c., in that town, gives notice of a meeting to-day, to consider a deed of composition and discharge, executed by a number of creditors of the estate, whereby the insolvent agrees to pay, within thirty days from date of deed, one cent in the Dollar. We are curious to know what favorable features in this trader's case, or what peculiar virtue possessed by this poor, lonely, hundredth of a dollar offered, can induce creditors thus to settle. Has Mr. Pinder a desire to figure to future statis ticians as the Tom Thumb or Commodore Nutt among compromising insolvents, or are the people on the St. Croix border desirous of exhibiting the champion smallest dividend? Why not give him a discharge, without the farce of a dividend at all, if he were an honest unfortunate; or else hold out for something more decently approaching the fifty per cent. requirements of the Act.

The freight traffic on the Great Western Railway during the past few weeks has been unusually heavy. Recently over one thousand cars passed over the line within twenty-four hours, and the number of special trains passing London is stated to be unsurpassed in the history of the road. The ferries upon Detroit river have been plied to their greatest capacity to keep pace. On the Canada Southern Railway the pressure has also been great. Their ferry transported, at Amherstburg, in the week ending Jan. 20th, 1856 cars bound east, and 2026 cars bound west, of the former, 1702 were loaded freight and cattle cars. The boat made 35 passages every 24 hours.

The Intelligencer states that the Bank of Commerce being about to open a branch in Belleville, have appointed Mr. Robert Thomson, Manager of the Merchants' Bank, as their agent.

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cations for the position, and is deservedly popular in business circles.

The Dairymen's Convention of Eastern Ontario is to be held at Belleville on the 21st of February and two following days. Some American gentlemen are expected.

THE suspension of the boot and shoe manufacturing house of Donovan, Williams & Shannon, Montreal, is a piece of unpleasant news. The house was doing a large trade throughout the Dominion, and, from the fresh capital contributed by Mr. Shannon when he joined the firm last spring, were generally supposed to be in a flourishing condition. It transpires, however, that they have lost \$57,000 in bad debts in two years, which has wiped out their capital. Their business the past year has besides been reduced in extent some thirty per cent. At a meeting of their creditors held on Tuesday last their statement showed liabilities, \$71,149.93 against assets of \$74,419.82. A committee of three was appointed to investigate their affairs and report at a subsequent meeting. It is believed that creditors will realize about seventy-five cents in the dollar.

In reply to our enquiries as to the commodities most likely to be exported successfully from Canada to Australia, Mr. James Brown, of Montreal, writes us as follows: "I am certain trade can be done with Australia in many articles from Canada, and among others I will mention the following which, I know, have been ordered since my return from New South Wales: Slates, split peas, oatmeal, fish, herrings, lobsters, salmon, clothes pegs, axe and hammer handles, brooms, cheese, dried apples, carriage and wagon springs, carriage bolts, carriage materials of all sorts, spokes, hubs, rims, shafts, chairs, agricultural implements of all sorts, buggies, wagons, lorries-rather a motley and mixed lot of goods to be sure. In addition to above I have shipped organs, stoves and general hardware, pot ash, etc., etc., on previous orders. I have no doubt that in time, a good trade will be done, but we must have patience and not expect too much at once."

THE Guelph Lumber Company and other lumberers are pushing operations briskly at Parry Sound. Seven million feet of logs have been taken out thus far by two camps.

VALUABLE deposits of nickel ore are said to have been located in the Orford Woods in the County of Bagot, Que. Mr. R. G. Leckie will apply for incorporation of the Orford Nickel Co. The Sherbrooke Nickel Co., is also applying for an act. We may be able presently to make our own german silver, and to enjoy also nickel small-change.

OF three business men of Barrie, who have lately left that place rather unexpectedly, the Advance says that Strong, the builder, is a man of integrity, who has still some property left and will return to settle his affairs; that Mr. W. Britt, late proprietor of a hotel, although meantime embarrassed, will return from England and make matters straight. But the third, A. H. McMann, who kept a bowling alley, is considered a bird of passage and "a first class dead beat, who has left all those he owes without any prospect of their being paid."

#### COMMERCIAL DISTRESS.

To the Editor of the "Monetary Times."

SIR,—When failures and compromises are the order of the day, the question naturally arises, whence this prolonged commercial distress? I venture to express an opinion that to the undue multiplication of Banks, brought about by legislation, copied somewhat from the American system, the evil may be traced.

If, instead of a bank being allowed to go into operation with a paid up capital of \$100,000, the amount had been one million dollars, the country would not have been flooded with these institutions. The very fact of our two largest banks—the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of British North America, having for years employed a large portion of their funds in foreign markets clearly proves that sufficient business of a satisfactory nature, did not present at home, and that the increase in the number of our banking institutions was not needed.

And what has been the result? Business of every description overdone; a class introduced to credit totally unworthy of it; young men withdrawn from productive pursuits; and a crop of disasters such as the country has never before experienced. That the evil will ultimately cure itself cannot be doubted; for sooner or later a reduction in the number of our banking institu tions--whether forced or otherwise-must take place. In the mean time it would be well for our Legislators to adopt such measures as would prevent a still further increase in the Yours obliged. number.

" HALIGONIAN."

#### MERCHANTS' BANK VS. BOSTWICK.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times :

SIR: In your last issue you notice the trial of an action at the present assizes—"Merchants' Bank versus Bostwick"—in which you make some remarks censuring my action in the matter, which I consider requires an explanation.

Owing to a piece of deception, the facts were not brought out on the trial. Mr. Geo. Bostwick, a few days before the hearing, voluntarily told me the suit would not come to trial, as he would confess judgment.

Relying upon his word, I was not prepared to give full effect to my evidence, neither did I dream he would make such sweeping denials (his evidence coming after mine). In February and April, 1873, six months before giving his mortgage, when the amount of the notes was the same as at the time of the mortgage, the firm paid him \$1000 cash, in consideration of his endorsements; and since giving the mortgage have paid for him some \$1,700. These are facts which the books of the firm show in black and white; although upon the amount of paper as stated, his liability was really only to the amount of \$25,000, and that subject to deductions if any -for which he was well paid. I was upon the paper, as well as the firm, before him, which prevented him from losing more.

My reverses in business have been heavy and severe, losing all I possessed, leaving me nothing but my name, which I have an undoubted right to sustain. Yours truly,

Amos Bostwick.

FIRE RECORD.—Guelph, 23rd,—Robert Parker's carriage shop was destroyed by fire. Loss on stock \$2,000. Insured for \$1,000 in the Wellington Mutual. Building valued at \$1,200 insured for \$800 in the same company.

Lyndoch, Ont., Jan. 26th.—The schoolhouse in this place was burned. ¡Loss about \$600; partly covered by insurance in the Isolated.

Joliette, Que., Jan. 25th.—A fire broke out in the Joliette foundry company's buildings. Most

of them are burnt with the furniture and ma-The buildings and stock were insured for \$2,000 in the Stadacona, the policy expiring to-day; \$2,000 in the Citizen and \$2,000 in the British America.

Grand Manan, 17th.—North Head Post Office with contents, including the Island mails, were burned.

Kingston, Jan, 20th. - A disastrous fire broke out on the premises of Messrs. Martin & Scorah, boot and shoe and consumed six stores, consisting of Martin's new block, Princess street, besides damaging, to a very large extent, the Albion Hotel belonging to Mr. Britton, Q. C.. and extending to the shops adjoining occupied by T. J. Donoghue & Co., grocers; Chown & Son, hardware; Mr. Beele, printing, &c.; Mr. W. C. Martin, locks and buffalo robes; Mr. T. Mills, furs, &c.; Parsons & Scorah, boots and shoes. The following insurance companies are interested but only for small amounts each—Queen, Lancashire, London & Liverpool, North British & Mercantile, Ætna, Imperial, Royal, Scottish Commercial, Western, National, Standard, Phœnix, Guardian.

Iroquois, 24th.—A dwelling house occupied by Adam Shaver, with its contents, was consumed by fire; the loss is covered by insurance.

Sullivan.-A barn belonging to Mr. Samuel Savage, 12th. Concession was totally destroyed by fire. Loss about \$800; insured for \$250.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 23rd.—John Dean's new three-story house on Brussels St. was destroyed by fire. Insured for \$800 in the Northern.

Boucherville, Jan. 23rd.—A barn, full of grain, straw and hay, belonging to Dr. Demers and A. Larive, near this village, has been destroyed by fire. Loss about \$700; no insurance. Sackville, Jan. 18.—Wm. Lawrence's dwell-

ing house was destroyed by fire. Loss 1,000.
Chesley, Jan. 22.—Samuel Savage's barn was completely destroyed by fire last night. Loss about \$800, insured for \$250.

Chatham, Jan. 21st.—The grocery store of Jas. Deggie, together with contents, was completely consumed by fire. Stock insured for \$5,000, and \$1,000 on buildings, divided between Commercial Union, Phoenix, Lancashire, and Imperial. Rodley and Patton's store adjoining was considerably damaged. Loss on stock about \$1000; insured in Commercial Union, Merchants and Mf'rs. and Scottish Imperial.

#### G. B. SMITH & HENDERSON. Wholesale Dry Goods, 43 Yonge St.

Wholesale Dry Goods, 43 Yonge St. at the open ig of their likth seas in in the Toronto business, wish to inform their patrons in particular and the balance of Ontario letail merchants in general, that the vapid increase of their rising bus ness (which is now an established lact) has not been brought about in the usual way by which it is now generally known so many wholesale houses of this countly have to their sorrow built up large sales, that is, by opening samply accounts or, which amounts to the same thing, giving large credit to weak men and 'k ting" with their notes—but it has been brought about by untiring efforts on the part of G. B. S. & H. in searching all the manufacturing centres of the world with the cash to pay wherever the best value was to be had, and their se ecting for customers only those merchants who have a reputation for paying promptly and cultivating a business with those who prove themselves to be as good as reputed.

It has become quite a common saying of late years that the retail trade of Canala is all rotten and that it is like taking a leap in the dark doing a credit business with them, but we have no hesitation in branding such a statement as a slander on the larger portion of the retail trade of this Province. People who shut their eyes and leap: gainst a rock, have no right to say there is no safe landing beside the rock, for we can show by our books that our lose so for the last five seasons, during the worst of times, have not been more than \$\frac{1}{2}\$ of one per cent, on the gross amount of our sales for those seasons, and during the year 137 our names have not appeared but three times on lists of creditors of insolvent estates, and these only for small amounts.

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THE FINANCES OF ONTARIO.

Ontario finance hobbles on in a gait peculiarly its own. First we had the accumulated savings of a somewhat aimless penuriousness, redeemed by the virtues of thrift and self-restraint. Then, on a calculation of how much political support the glittering pile might buy, came Surplus Distribution, which was however only partial. Next come a succession of deficits; and then once again a squaring of the accounts with a small balance on the right side. And now, for the fourth time, we are among the breakers of a new deficit.

We need not measure motives where results are not absolutely objectionable. No doubt the first idea of accumulating a series of surpluses was not wholly unconnected with the applause that it was expected to bring. Nor was the purchase of political support, by a scheme of enlarged expenditure, at the right time, left out of the calculation. But the benefits of distribution were, by a strange law of compensation, to pass to the other camp. Among other strange things came a government guarantee of interest on railway bonds, while there was still in the public coffers a large undistributed surplus, the fruit of previous parsimony.

But those financial meanderings have never left the path of safety, though they have not always been guided by prudence and reason. A succession of surpluses was a novelty in finance, which only one thing could excuse. Ontario was not put to the trouble of laying taxes out of which to get a revenue. She was born the heir to a subsidy of a fixed amount; and if she could not spend it all to advantage, saving was in a measure forced upon her. But this is hardly the true explanation. A different policy would easily have got rid of the money, and not to a disadvantage either. Other Provinces have learnt the art of spending, whether always with wisdom may be questioned. But a surplus once accumulated, two tendencies have dictated its fate. There was the dominant idea of making the

support; and the opposite tendency arising from the fear of censure for having unreasonably reduced the accumulated surplus. The latter tendency kept the former in check, and saved the surplus from total wreck.

There will come a time, it is certain, when, Crown lands and Crown timber failing, the subsidy will furnish an inadequate revenue. Against that inevitable day, it might have been well to make a provision; but the best way of doing it could not be to accumulate, year after year, a surplus of what is called, not always correctly, revenue. For it is impossible to get rid altogether of the idea that a surplus of this kind, is an abnormal thing; and it must always appear less sacred than the special fund, accumulated out of capital, for a specific purpose. The Crown Lands and Crown timber, being in the nature of capital, would have formed the necessary basis for such a permanent fund. I ven now, would it not be well to add up the net receipts from these sources and treat the existing surplus as the proceeds thereof, taking care to fund those which are to accrue in future? This would have the advantage of giving definite limits to the expenditure, on one hand, and to saving on the other.

Last year the receipts were \$2,454,077. and the expenditure \$2,368,315. But these receipts include the proceeds-by anticipation-of £149,000 Dominion bonds, in which the Province had invested. That amount has been borrowed at four per cent. on the security of the bonds, the intention being to sell them ex-dividend. Sir John Rose advised this course, which seems to have been reasonable. The necessity of encroaching on the capital arises for payments on account of Railway Subsidy Fund. Railway Aid Fund, Land subsidy, drainage, etc. During the current year, there will have to be a further encroachment on capital, for there will be an estimated deficit of \$91,000 in the revenue, expenditure being estimated at \$2,542,000 and revenue at \$2,451,000. The gulf will be made still wider by supplementary estimates yet to If the deficits once become come. permanent, it would only be a question of time when the whole surplus would disappear, and then the pressure of financial distress would really have come, from which the only relief would be direct taxation. But that calamity may, by prudent management, be averted. At the same time, prudent management cannot be dispensed with and this calamitous result not follow.

The contract for the labour of the prisoners in the Central Prison has come to a expenditure tell in the purchase of political | the Car Company. Expectation of what could | countries. When people read that in 1855,

be made out of the labour of these prisoners has been utterly disappointed. The contract was objected to on the ground that the labour had been sold far below its true value. But the company that bought it sunk a large amount of capital. Its affairs may have been ill-managed, but it shared the fate which has fallen on many other like enterprises carried on with free labour. The government has a faint and flickering hope of being able to make a new contract for this labour; and it has an alternative plan of setting up manufacturing on its own account. It is very undesirable that the labour of the prisoners should be unemployed, but it must be remembered that much free labour has been reduced to enforced idleness. The experiment of a government setting up manufactures, if we look merely at the economic aspect of the transaction has nothing to recommend it. Governments always conduct such enterprises at a disadvantage as compared with individuals. But there is the labour, and the question is whether it should be allowed to run to waste; whether habits of idleness and untrained industry, the mother of many crimes, shall be confirmed, to the injury of individuals whom we ought to try to reform, and to the ultimate danger of the community. It will be better to employ the prisoners, even if their labour should not for the time bring a profit. If either alternative is bad, it is no worse than that which confronts thousands of individuals, who are guilty of no crime, at this moment. In whatever way, the duty of the government to see that this labour is employed, is clear.

The expenditure on new lunatic asylums, which has for some years been going on. though considerable in amount, must not be taken for proof that the number of lunatics is increasing relatively to the population. Mr. Wood explained that never till now had there been provided sufficient accommodation for the insane; and when the present buildings are completed, they will have room for more than the bare needs of the moment-enough to allow of a considerable increase; a provision, in fact, not merely for the present, but to some extent for the future. There is now accommodation for 2,480 patients, and when the Kingston asylum is completed it will add 430 to the total number for which room has been provided. Lunacy may be on the increase. but these new buildings afford no proof that it is: they supply a want that had not been provided for in the past, and anticipate one which is yet in the future. Let us hope there is not much truth in the assumption which is generally made that disastrous end, owing to the non-success of lunacy is rapidly increasing in all civilized

there were confined in English lunatic asylums 26,000 people, and that in 1870 the number had risen to nearly 55,000, it is natural that they should feel some alarm on this score. But a patient investigation by a Parliamentary Commission, whose labors are not yet ended, proves that no certain conclusion can be drawn from these figures. The same state of things existed in England that existed here: the accommodation for lunatics was long inadequate, and the number of these unfortunates was not known. Still the evidence brought before the Commissioners does in their opinion indicate a slight increase in the number of insane persons in the United Kingdom. That is all, and it is as likely to be true here as there. Let us breathe more freely, in dispelling the distressing thought which the often-recurring items in the estimates for insane asylums naturally give rise to.

Objection was taken to the absence from the estimates of an item for the erection of new legislative buildings at Toronto. But it might be well to pause before making such an expenditure. There is springing an idea that this is a too-much governed country, and that some part of the immense apparatus of legislation might be advantageously dispensed with. Time only can show whether this idea is to germinate and come to maturity, or whether it will be nipped in the bud. On economic grounds the machinery may fairly be held to cost too much.

#### LOAN COMPANIES.

The end of the calendar year is also the close of the financial year to many of the various Loan Companies in Canada, and the time is approaching when such of them as are required to make returns to the Dominion and Provincial Governments. send in their annual statements. It is much to be regretted that all of the n are not compelled to do this, including the British companies, to which this exception does not apply. The rapid increase in the number of these companies, and the large aggregate of capital they control, is one of the most noticeable features of recent Canadian finance. erally safe character of their business, and the remarkable success of several of the oldest of them-of some of which Toronto may justly be proud—has produced its natural result in stimulating the formation of competing concerns, until it may fairly be questioned whether the field is not likely to become too crowded for profitable operation. If the result be to lower the rates of interest, and to supply cheap money for in- the short crop of 1876, having been unusual-

stimulating manufacturing industry, much benefit may be accomplished by their operation; and there is reason to believe that their tendency in these directions have already been sensibly felt. But it is exceedingly doubtful if lower rates can be attained by the multiplication of small companies. Each of these companies must have an office, and, to provide proper checks against misuse of the funds, a board of directors, a manager, and subordinate officers; and must also pay for advertising, stationery, travelling expenses, and commissions to agents. If, after these deductions from the interest received, a moderate dividend is left for the stockholders, it is evident that the rates charged to borrowers must be proportionately high, involving probably inadequate security and more than usual risk.

The profits of a loan company are supposed to be derived from the following sources: 1st. The interest upon its capital lent out; 2nd. The interest upon its reserve fund also lent; 3rd. The profit on its borrowed capital, being the difference between what it pays and what it lends at. Taking as an example the position of one of our leading companies, the proportionate figures would be about as follows:

Let us suppose its capital to be \$100,000, invested at say 8 per cent., which is probably a low rate even after making an allowance for losses, = \$8,000; reserve fund \$36,000, invested at say 8 per cent. = \$2,880; profit on borrowed capital, \$150,000, at say 2½ per cent. = \$3,750; total gross profits, \$14,630; from which deduct for cost of management say 3 per cent. on \$286,000 = \$2,145; net profits = \$12,495,or say 12½ per cent. on the capital stock. These figures, as to cost of management, may be regarded as difficult of adoption during the earlier period of a company's existence. But it should be the aim of such institutions to approximate them.

Now it is evident that a company which has no reserve fund, and cannot profitably exercise its borrowing powers, must be reduced to the interest upon its capital as the sole source of profit, out of which its losses. expenses and dividends have to be met. Even at the present high rates of interest, dividends will, under such circumstances, be small; and if, as seems probable, these rates must be reduced, even this small dividend must be diminished.

During the past year a large amount of additional capital, amounting to several millions, has sought this particular field of investment; but the demand, resulting from

lent out-whether well or ill invested remains to be tested. Doubtless in not a few instances it will be found that lending is much more easy than collecting, or than even getting the interest paid. At all events, prudence will suggest that sanguine anticipations of profit be cautiously entertained; and that before dividends are declared, ample reserve and contingent funds be formed as a provision against future deficits.

DIVISION COURTS .- A convention of bailiffs, representing the principal portions of Ontario, assembled in this city this week, for the purpose of securing certain amendments to the Division Court Act, viz .-- An extension of jurisdiction from \$100 to \$200; personal services not to be required on any sum less than \$40; and that a garnishee suit be carried on in the division where the chief creditor lives. Committees appointed to wait upon the Premier reported that he had promised to give the promised amendments his careful consideration. At the close of the convention, an association was formed for the purpose of carrying out the objects set forth above. While the bailiffs are anxious to obtain amendments to the Act, there is a strong feeling in many places that it would be better to abolish Division Courts entirely, and a bill to this effect will shortly be brought before the legislature of Ontario. It is claimed by the supporters of this bill, that the general experience in collecting accounts in this court has been very unsatisfactory. In one of the courts, in an aggregate business of \$13,000, the cost of collection, including stamps, was ten per cent of the total sum claimed, and the amount realized about \$2000. No doubt there are some strong reasons why the jurisdiction of this court should be either amended or abolished. For instance a debtor may, a reasonable time after judgment is obtained against him, be ordered to pay a certain sum into court weekly or monthly if the debt is not cancelled. Failing to pay any part of the debt, the Judge may then imprison him for contempt of court. This step deprives him of the power to pay anything. While all this is transpiring there may be judgments against him in the County Court, and the procedure described seems very unfair to the parties having prior claims in that court. To abolish Division Courts, whatever view we may take of such a proceeding, would make the credits granted for small amounts entirely debts of honour, and, it is claimed would greatly limit if not wholly prevent the foolish and indiscriminate creasing the productions of the soil and for ly great, nearly the whole of it has been amounts. It would be necessary of course credits given by retail merchants in small

to except small unpaid balances of large accounts between traders. Such a step would certainly tend to give a quietus to the present abuse of credit.

-The rumors from Washington about the Fishery Award do not hang well together. The Governor-General of Canada, who, with Sir Edward Thornton, had an interview with the President and Mr. Evarts, is represented as saying that "owing to England being loaded down with her Eastern troubles, he was especially anxious to secure friendly assurances from this country of raising no question over reciprocity matters"; and that President Hayes and Mr. Evarts promised to do what they could in the direction desired. The language attributed to the Earl of Dufferin is not the language of diplomacy, or such as any one in his position would use under the circumstances, and we are therefore justified in treating it as fictitious. If, as represented, Ben. Butler advocated the seizing of the fishing grounds last summer, nobody supposes this advice, which was intended to tickle the ears of fishermen, is going to be taken. It is too sensational and preposterous to create any alarm, Washington telegrams represent it as having done, on this side of the line.

- \ Bill for the reduction of the tariff, on an average of about twenty per cent., has been introduced into the United States Congress, though the reduction does not extend to articles of luxury including wines, brandies, cigars, etc. Wherever practicable the specific form of duty, which is convenient for collection but of unequal pressure, is followed. Free articles are not specified. When the boast is made that the proposed number of taxable articles is reduced to five hundred, we get an idea of the immense ground covered by the existing tariff. That the cost of collection can be reduced more than one-half-from \$7,250,ooo to less than \$3,000,000—it is hard to believe.

RE WALLS.—The application of Messrs. Thomas Walls & Son, to the York County Court, for a confirmation of their discharge under the composition deed, came on for hearing before His Honor Judge McKenzie on Monday last. The application was opposed by three of the English creditors. The principal objection taken was that the deed did not provide a composition for the separate creditors of Thomas Walls, the senior member of the firm. The parties alleged to be such separate creditors were the Huddersfield Banking Company of Huddersfield England, and the Stadacona Fire Insurance Co. The Banking Co., appears to have had a large claim against the firm, and in

August last got, as security therefor, a mortgage on the private residence of Thomas Walls. This mortgage contained the usual covenant by the mortgagor to pay the amount, and this covenant it was contended on behalf of the opposing creditors, constituted a separate liability for which a composition should have been provided. To this it was answered that the indebtedness for which the mortgage was given was a firm liability; that it is secured and not a claim against the estate either as a firm or otherwise, and further that the company have not fyled and do not intend to fyle any claim against the estate, without which they would not under any circumstances be entitled to a composition.

As to the Insurance Co., it appears that Mr. Walls became a shareholder in the Company before taking his son into partnership. The Company fyled a claim against his private estate for calls, but refused to execute the deed or to accept composition notes. To remove this objection, a friend of Mr. Walls stepped in and took a transfer of the stock and paid up the calls in full. By this means it was contended that the Company ceased to be a creditor and had no further ranking on the estate.

The learned judge, after hearing all the evidence, expressed grave doubts as to the validity of the deed, but decided to confirm it and leave the opposing creditors to carry the matter to the Court of Appeal if they saw fit. As the whole law affecting compositions is made the subject of much discussion at present, it will be interesting to watch what the final decision in this matter will be, if it is fought out.

-Farmers are, as a class, probably the most, selfish people in the community. This may be attributed to the fact that whatever means they possess has usually been acquired by dint of honest industry. They desire to give as little and get as much for a dollar as any other class. and are anxious to do everything within themselves. They would be their own merchants. middlemen and insurers, and are about the last people to take personal risk, when they are aware that it is a risk. Yet they form themselves into small communities, entirely too small to make a general average and do their own insurance business. Before us is a report of one of those small concerns which issued sixty-six policies in 1877, and up to that time had been comparatively fortunate for a series of years. But this last year it had sustained a loss of \$1,976 by the burning of a single house and barn. In order to meet this a heavy assessment was made on its premium notes which caused some grumblings. From these, \$1,751 was collected, which, with a balance on hand from the previous year, was sufficient to pay the loss. But had four such losses occurred, the policy-holders would have concluded it about time to insure in some larger company, where the losses were, if more frequent, the assessments would, at all events, be much less. During every decade a certain number of fires occur, and although

losses for a number of years, the law of average still holds good, and in time they must share the burden common to all.

—The Toronto Directory for 1878, published by Messrs. Might & Taylor. The contents of this directory appear, so far as we have been able to examine it, to be accurate, while it is certainly very conveniently arranged. The classification of the different businesses, offices, etc., will be found useful. The miscellaneous department contains, among other things; the Canadian tariff of customs; the different courts with their jurisdiction and names of their officers; the different institutions of the city, with their capital, the names of chief officers, etc., etc.

-The now well-known suit of Messrs. Wyld and Darling, vs. Liverpool, London, and Globe Insurance Company, was brought to recover from that Company the sum of \$2,450 for damages by fire in Hamilton, about six years ago. The defendants paid into the court \$500 as the measure of damage they acknowleded. This not being satisfactory, the case was made a sort of test, as another company was interested to a like extent, and was carried through all the courts. The Supreme Court, sitting in Ottawa, delivered judgment on the 28th ult., as it dismisses, with costs, the appeal of the insurance company from the court below. Judges Ritchie and Fournier were in favor of the appeal. The judgment is in favor of the respondents.

—The duties collected at the St. John, N. B. custom house during 1877, amounted to \$1,086,-551; against \$846,398, in 1876, and 849,362 in 1875. The increase was mostly collected from articles not enumerated in the statement, the principal items of increase named being sugars, teas, cigars, spirits and ales, cottons, linens, paper and cordage, also such articles as were rendered especially needful this year by the ravages of the great fire in June, viz., furniture-carpets, earthenware, clothing or wearing apparel, glassware. boots, shoes and leather, hats and caps, hardware, woollens, prints. stationery, cordage, iron and tin.

—A few days ago rumors came from New York of another war between the trunk railways. It is the old story of cutting rates. The same respectable authority represents the Grand Trunk and the Vermont Central as having been the first offenders. The extent of the "cutting" was set down as simply "ruinous." The story continued that the Boston and 'Albany road, a dependency of the New York Central, had retaliated, and was carrying, through its connections, first class freight from Boston to Chicago for 60 cents a 100 lbs. and fourth class about 20 cents; in other words, 35 cents in the first class and 25 in the second below the common or pool schedule.

events, be much less. During every decade a certain number of fires occur, and although those small companies may escape with but few greater is the tendency. The Government of

Ontario has been in the habit of exacting licenses from brewers; but now the Supreme Court, in the case of Severn against the Queen, has decided that it has no power to do so. If a similar decision had been given against a municipality it would run off to the Legislature and would be vested with the power it had before illegally exercised. But some constitutional limits to the taxing power of municipalities will have to be placed; and it is there that the real danger is coming.

WATERLOO COUNTY MUTUAL FIRE INS. Co.-We have received the annual report of this Company for 1877. From it we gather that the Company has had a much more prosperous year than last. The losses being considerably less than in 1876. The amount paid, we understand, included a considerable sum belonging to the previous year. The balance of assets in the village branches, after deducting \$17,308 for reinsurance, is \$22,598. The balance of assets in the farm branch, consisting largely of premium notes, is \$39,834. The Company has now in both branches 14,461 policies in force.

-A deputation of brewers has asked the Minister of Inland Revenue to lower the duty on malt, which was increased as much as 100 per cent. last session, and now represents the highest tax on beer that any country levies. He promises to take their complaint into consideration, and to remove certain vexatious regulations connected with the revenue. This is a move in the right direction.

-The regular annual meeting of the Adams Tobacco Company was held in Montreal on the 24th inst., when the following gentlemen were elected directors for the present year, Sir Hugh Allan, President; J. H. Botterell, Vice-President; Messrs. Andrew Allan, Hon. John Hamilton, A. Joseph, Jas. Coristine, J. W. Molson, Mr. J. L. Adams, was re-elected Managing Director, and Mr. G. G. Macpherson Sec. Treasurer. This company is at present applying to Parliament for power to borrow money on its property.

-A reduction of the excise on whiskey, is now being clamored for in the United States Congress, and it is suggested that the duty which is now ninety cents per gallon shall be but fifty. It is a noticeable fact that it is the Southern and Western States which make the demand; New England and the Eastern States being opposed to any such change, because, as is suggested, the revenue thus lost would be made up, most likely, by some new impost on New England manufactures.

-The Stanley Matthews resolution on the silver question was adopted by the American Senate last week by 43 to 22 votes. Its tenor is that the principal and interest of the national bonds may be paid in silver dollars of 4121 grains each, coins are worth about ninety cents.

-The Quebec Government recently passed

square mile on the transfer timber limits, which are being worked. This is a left-handed way of helping a languishing industry over its hour

-The Merchants' Bank of Halifax has removed to its new building, which has been fitted with all the modern improvements and furnished in a style suitable to its requirements.

-The Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., has declared a dividend of three per cent for the past half year making a total of 51 for the year.

-The People's Bank of Halifax has declared a dividend of four per cent.

#### Meetings.

# WATERLOO COUNTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of this company was held in its offices at Waterloo on Thursday, the 24th inst. A good attendance of policy-holders was present. The president occupied the chair and read directors' report and the financial statements as follows:

#### Report.

Your directors beg to lay before you their report for the year ending the 31st of December,

There will be submitted for your consideration the several statements of your secretary showing in detail the transactions of the past year, and the position of the village and farm branches respectively at the close of the year.

From these statements we have drawn up the following synopsis, viz.:

That during the year just ended we have issued 5,388 policies, being about 800 less than last year; this is owing to the fact that the company has abandoned the cash system of insuring in the farm branch.

The total number of policies in force at the close of the year was 14,461, divided as follows: In the village branch 8,303 and in the farm branch 6,158.

The aggregate amount insured under these policies is \$14,242,084, of which \$7,223,290 is in the village branch and \$6,518,794 in the farm branch.

The total amount of the earnings of the two branches for the year, in premiums, assessments, &c., together with the cash on hand and the uncollected balances of the preceding year, is \$151,763.80, apportioned as follows between the two branches, viz.: In the village branch \$132,022.20 and in the farm branch \$19,741.60.

The amount paid for losses during the past year is \$83,465.71, divided between the two branches as follows: In the village \$69,231.47 and in the farm \$14,234.124.

The total assets of the village branch amount to \$253,937.88, being composed of cash in bank \$14,396.50; debentures of the town of Waterloo, \$7,126.71; premiums and assessments in course of collection, premium notes, less premiums and assessments paid thereon, \$210,090, and half interest in office building and office furniture, \$2,000.

The liabilities of this branch are as follows Claims payable but 1 ot due, \$12,840; unadjusted claims at the close of the year, \$490.75; amount required to reinsure all the outstanding risks on the cash system, \$17,308.58, and one resisted claim amounting to \$700—leaving a balance of assets to the credit of the village branch of \$222,598.55.

an Order-in-Council imposing a tax of \$4 a composed of cash in bank, \$351.97; assess-

ments in course of collection, \$1,695.46; half interest in office building and office furniture, \$2,000, and premium notes, less premiums and assessments paid thereon, \$39,834.

The liabilities of this branch are as follows: Claims payable but not due, \$600; unadjusted claims at the close of the year, \$309; amount required to reinsure all the outstanding risks on the cash system, \$6,009.16, and a resisted claim amounting to \$200—showing a balance of assets to the credit of the farm branch of \$36,963.27.

In reference to the foregoing resisted claims your directors feel that they have acted in the best interests of the company, and that the parties resisted will not be able to recover any portion of their claims.

The last three years having been very disastrous to many companies doing a general insurance business in Canada, it is a matter for congratulation to be able to report the financial condition of this company as being materially improved since the close of 1876.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the deposit required by the Provincial Legislature has been made to the Provincial Treasurer, and the neces-

sary license obtained.

In conclusion we beg to call your attention to the two principal objects of your meeting here to day, viz: Disposing of the reports and statements about to be read to you and the election of five directors. The retiring directors are J. W. Walden, President; Cyrus Bowers, Vice President; Samuel Shantz, George Randall and J. B. Armstrong.

All of these gentlemen were re-elected except J. B. Armstrong, who retired, and another gentleman was elected to fill the vacancy.

J. W. WALDEN. President.

#### Correspondence.

# ASSIGNEES' COMMISSIONS.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR,—Considerable difference of opinion seems to exist as to the meaning of section 43 of the Insolvent Act, governing the remuneration of assignees.

McMahon in his publication offers no explanation of the wording of the Act, apparently thinking the figures therein given sufficiently plain. On the other hand, Clarke in his book appends a note saying that assignees are, under the Act, permitted to charge 5 p. c, 2½ p. c, and 11 p. c, upon the sum realized by the estate i. e. when such sum exceed \$1.000 and \$4.000. The apparent meaning of the words and figures

is that on an estate amounting to say \$8.000 the remuneration shall be 5 p. c, on \$1000, = \$50 2½ p. c, on \$4000 = \$100, and 1½ p. c, on the residue, \$3000 = \$37.50, making in all \$137.50 According to Mr. Clark's interpretation the following would be the remuneration on the same estate, viz, 5 p. c, on \$1000 = \$50.5 p. c, and 21 p. c, on \$4000 = \$300, 5 p. c, 2½ p. c, and 1½ p.c, on \$3000 = \$263.50 or \$612.50 in all.

This latter seems to me a very absurd arrangment and must be contrary to the meaning of the Act. Yet I understand that some assignees in and about Toronto have made such a charge upon the estates in their hands. After all, it is not surprising that assignees should endeavour to draw some other meaning from the words of the Act, seeing that the natural reading of it limits the remuneration to a sum far below what any capable business man would accept as rereasonable compensation for such work as is entailed by the winding up of an ordinary in-solvent estate. The assignee of an estate in this city, being differently advised by different lawyers, has decided to take 5 p. c. for compen-The assets of the farm branch are \$43,881.43; upon an estate, net proceeds of which are about sation, considering that a reasonable charge

\$10,000. Will you kindly give me your opinion on the matter in your next issue.

Halifax, January 14th 1878

ASSIGNEE.

-It is true that, although McMahon's book, and Edgar & Chrysler's, offer no comment upon the subject of enquiry, Clarke takes the ground you state, generally to the surprise of his readers. The language of the section is not the clearest, but we take its fair meaning to be to award \$187.50 commission, as you have first described it in your hypothetical estate.

#### Commercial.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

(From our own Correspondent.) MONTREAL, Jan. 29, 1878.

We cannot report any visible improvement in business this week, almost every branch being as dull as it can well be; this is largely owing to the state of the weather and want of good roads. The ice bridge formed again this week and crossing had begun, but on Sunday the crossing moved some distance down the river, and we are again waiting for a "cold snap" to fix it; we had a little snow this week, but it did little more than cover the ground.

Tea has been in good demand, prices have been in holders' favor. Sugars are quiet and weak. In dry goods little has yet been done, but travellers are now out. Raw furs, in consequence of the result of the sales in London, have a downward tendency, and we again lower some of our quotations. Ashes are a little lower. Breadstuffs are very quiet and prices favor buyers. Nothing doing in grains. Provisions are quiet but steady. Petroleum is firmer but not as yet quotably higher, tho' an advance is looked tor. Retail trade of the city continues

ASHES.—Pots—Sales this week have not been large, while receipts have been liberal, and the market has had a downward tendency, firsts sold from \$3.80 to 3 85; market closing weak at \$3.70 to 3.80; seconds, \$3.35; no thirds offering.

Pearls—Not a single sale has been reported this week, and quotations are nominal. The stocks at present in store are pots 2,244 bbls.; pearls, 655 bbls.

BOOTS AND SHORS .- There is no change of any consequence in quotations. Business during the week has been a little more animated by some demand for spring goods, which will likely increase as the season advances. We quote men's stoga boots, \$2 to 2.50; ditto kip boots, \$2.50 to 3; ditto French calf, \$3.25 to 4.25; do. buff congress, \$1.75 to 2; brogans, \$1 to 1.25; boys' spilt brogans, 90c to \$1; do. buff and pebbled congress, \$1.35 to 1.60; women's buff and pebbled balmorals, \$1.10 to 1.50; do. prunella balmorals, 75c to \$1.75; do. prunella congress, 60 to \$1.25; misses' buff and pebbled balmorals, 75c to \$1.40; children's do. 65 to \$1.

CATTLE.—The arrivals of stock this week have been comparatively small, but as a number of cattle have been held over; the supply is more than ample to meet the present demand; prices yesterday were in favor drovers, prices ranged from 2\frac{3}{2} to 4\frac{1}{2}c per lb. Dressed Hogs were in fair supply and sold at \$4.85 to 4.90 per

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Dullness is still the prevailing feature in this branch of trade, and

quotations are for the most part nominally asking 44 to 47c for Barbadoes, and 37 to 41c, unchanged. We quote: Bi Carb Soda, for Trinidad; syrups are unchanged. Rice, \$3.30 to 3.50 per 112 lb. keg; Soda Ash, \$4.37\frac{1}{2}\$ to 4.50 is obtained for good samples, but 11 to 13c per lb.; Cudbear, 11 to 15c per lb.; Arrow root, 15 to 50c per lb.; Borax, 10 to 11c per lb.; Cream Tartar Crystals, 25 to 6c per lb.; do. Ground, 291; Caustic Soda, \$3 to 3.121 per 100 lbs.; East India Senna, 121 to 15c per lb.; Sugar of Lead, 14 to 15c per lb.; Bleaching Powder, 11 to 18c per lb.; Madder, 8 to 10c per lb.; Alum, 2 to 2½ per lb.; Copperas, 1 to 1½c per lb.; Sulphur, 3½ to 3½ per lb.; Brimstone, 2½ per lb.; Epsom Salts, \$1.75 to 2 per 100 lbs.; Sal Soda, \$1.15 to 1.20 per 100 lbs.; Saltpetre, \$8.50 per 112 lb. keg; Blue Vitriol, 51 to

DRY GOODS.—Remittances which become due next month, and the uncertainty how they will be met, make wholesale dealers less anxious to press spring goods and more anxious to choose their customers. A number of travellers have started with spring samples and more will go this week. A few orders have come to hand. but it is evident that country dealers are as yet only ordering for immediate requirements. Next week we hope to be better able to say how trade will shape.

FISH.—The wholesale fish trade is at a complete stand still, and our quotations are nominal and unchanged, and likely to remain so until the Lenten demand sets in. Dry Cod, \$4.50; Green Cod, \$4.50 to 4.75; Labrador Herrings, \$5.25; Salmon, \$12; \$11 and 10 for No. 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

FREIGHTS.—The only engagements reported here by the steamships via Portland to Liverpool are for butter and cheese at 60/- per gross

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week 13,971 barrels; total receipts from 1st. January to date 34, 661 barrels, being an increase of 8698 brls; on the receipts for the corresponding period, of last year. Shipments during the week 1241 barrels; Total shipments from 1st, January to date, 7331 barrels. We have had another very dull week in the flour market, hardly a single transaction of any consequence transpiring.

Prices of small lots have generally ruled in buyers favor, at the close of the market to-day there were no signs of any improvement. We quote Superior extra, \$5.90 to 6; Extra, 5.70 \$5.75; Fancy, \$5.30 to 5.40; Strong bakers flour, \$5.10 to \$5.30; Spring extra, \$5.05 to 5.121; Super, \$4.90 to 5.00; Fine, to 4.45; Pollards, \$2.75 to 3.00; Middlings, \$3.60 to 3.75; Oatmeal, \$4.70 to 4.80.

GRAIN.-Wheat .- The market for wheat is at a complete stand still. In coarse grain there is very little demand and transactions are trifling. We quote them nominal as f llows. Maize 621 to 65c; Peas 71 to 73c; Oats 28 to 30c; Barley 55 to 65c.

GROCERIES .- Teas .- The demand for teas has been well maintained and the stocks of low priced Japans which are most enquired for, are now getting low, and very little desirable tea can now be had under 30c. We quote ordinary Japans 26 to 322c; the better grades at 34 to 55c; Blacks have been selling to some extent 25 to 26c; Greens from 22 to 27½c are asked for. Coffee.—Market dull and inactive and prices favor buyers. Java, 26½ to 29c; Singapore, 23 to 26c; maracaibo, 22 to 24c; Rio, 19 to 22c, but very little business has been reported this week. Sugar.—The market has been somewhat unsettled, and the tendency is still to a further decline, but the demand has been small. For Scotch Yellows we quote 63 to 8½c, but very little has been placed at our outside quotations. American granulated, 94c; Dry crushed, 97 to 10c; Raw sugars are difficult to move, the only kind in stock is Porto Rico,

there is not much demand. Spices, beyond a few small sales to jobbers, there is nothing of any moment doing and prices remain as as last quoted: Black pepper, 9½ to 9½c; white pepper, 18 to 19c; pimento 111 to 121c; cloves, 42 to 45c; cassia, 15 to 16c; Jamaica ginger, 18 to 23c; mace 75 to 85c; nutmegs; 65 to 95c; allspice, 11 to 12; Fruit.—The stock of fruit is by no means large, but quite ample for present requirements which are exceptionally small for the season. Layer raisins are worth from \$1.50 to 1.60; Valencias, 4\frac{1}{2} to 5\frac{2}{3}c, according to quality; Currants 6\frac{1}{2} to 7c; Almonds, 13 to 15c; Walnuts, 10\frac{1}{2} to 11\frac{1}{2}c; Filberts, 7\frac{1}{2} to 8\frac{1}{2}c. Salt. -The market for salt is dull; coarse can be bought from 72 to 75, and factory filled, \$100 to \$1.10.

HIDES.-Contrary to expectation there is no change in the price of hides, and tanners are afraid to touch them at present prices. We quote \$8.00 \$7.00 and \$6.00 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

HARDWARE.-It cannot be said that business has shown any marked improvement since last report. There is a slight inquiry for goods in general, which as the season advances it is hoped will become a steady demand, but until travellers get fairly started on their rounds there need not be much activity expected. prices are still without any change to notice.

LEATHER. - Market quiet and the late failures in the shoe trade have not improved matters. Prices are without material change, as, with the high cost of the raw material, there is no room for a decline in the price of leather. Stocks are not excessive, and with a fair demand from the shoe trade will not likely accumulate. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole, No. 1. B. A., 23 to 24c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 21 to 22c; Zanzibar, ordinary No. 1, 20 to 21c; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; Buffalo sole, No. 1, 20 to 21c; ditto, No. 2, 19 to 20c; Hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 28c; Waxed Upper light and medium, 35 to 38c; ditto, heavy 34 to 36c; Grained, 34 to 37c; Splits. large, 28 to 31c; ditto, small, 21 to 27c; Calfskins, 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 70c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 50 to 60c; Sheepskin linings, 20 to 30c; Harness, 25 to 30c; Buffed cow, 14 to 16c; Enamelled cow, 17 to 18c; Patent cow, 16 to 18c; Pebbled cow, 13 to 16c; Rough Leather, 22 to 27c.

OILS.—The market for fish oils is in a state of complete stagnation, and our quotations are what holders are asking and to effect sales, these prices may possibly be a little shaded. Cod oil. Newfoundland, 55c; Halifax, 51 to 52½c. Seal, pale, 52½ to 53c; ditto, raw, 50c; ditto, steam refined, 60 to 62½c. Linseed, raws, 63 to 65c; ditto, boiled, 661 to 69; Olive oil, \$1 to 1.05. Petroleum-There has been an upward tendency or rather a decided firmness in this market; from 161 to 20c, according to the size of lot being the closing quotations, but a further advance is confidently looked for.

RAW FURS.—English advices report the result of the sales on the 21st and 22nd inst. to be a decline of 25 per cent. on Beaver as compared with last year, and from 30 to 40c on Muskrats.
The local market is dull with downward tendency. We now quote: Otter, \$4 to 6; Fisher, \$5 to 7; Mink, dark prime, \$1.25 to 1.50; ditto pale, \$1; 'artin, 80c to \$1; Bear, \$6 to 9; cubs, \$2.50 to 4; Red Fox, \$1; Cross Fox, \$2 to 3; Silver Fox, \$20 to 40; Muskrat, winter, 8 to 10c; ditto kitts, 5c; Lynx, \$1 to 1.40; Si uuk, 20 to 40c; Raccoon, 20 to 40c; Beaver prima, \$1.

PROVISIONS .- Butter-Receipts during the which can be bought at about 7½ to 7½c; Mo. week, 1,195 pkgs; shipments, 3,680 pkgs. lasses are not in much demand. Holders are Market has ruled dull all week, and prices show

no material change from 12 to 20c; the outside quotation being readilyobtainable for good Township's butter. Cheese-Shipments this week, 748 boxes; we hear of no shipping sales, from 12 to 131c is obtained for local demand. Pork-Receipts during the week, 259 bbls.; shipments, 102 bbls. The market this week has been steadier, but there has not been much doing. We quote: Mess, \$13.50 to 14; thin mess, \$11 to 12. Lard is steady at the decline noted

Wool.—No demand just now. We have not heard of a single transaction this week, and price of Canadian wool continues nominal at 25

to 27c.

#### TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, Jan. 31st, 1878.

There is not much animation in business circles; the lack of snow in the country is a serious drawback to trade. Grain and produce are both depressed, and the chances of war prices are looked upon as slim. If an inch or two of snow would but come upon the present hard last year same date. Some sales of No. 2, are roads and stay, country trade would feel an impulse from the grain, pork, or lumber moved, and money would circulate.

The stock market is quiet, and prices show but little fluctuation. Ontario sold at 95 on Tuesday, and yesterday at 96½, which is about the only transaction in banks yesterday, Federal and Dominion are held ½ higher. Montreal and Consolidated held firmly, and Commerce higher, 300 shares are said to have sold at 115 in Montreal. No transactions in Insurance or Telegraphs. Bids for Ontario Savings Co, advanced 1, and for Huron & Erie 11.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Sales are not making at this season, except of small sortings. Manufacturing houses are engaged on spring samples. Remittances from the country are unsatisfactory and trade languishes there. City retail business

is very slack.

The liabilities of Messrs. Walker Evans & Co. of this city have been compromised by Mr. Evans who agrees to pay fifty cents in the dollar, last payment secured by Messrs. Lailey & Livingstone, spread over twelve months, and

21c. his own paper in fifteen months.

CATTLE.—The supply has been up to, and beyond the demand in beeves, and prices therefore continue weak. Firsts \$4.25 to 4.50; seconds \$3.25 to 3.62, plenty of them poor; thirds slow of sale at \$2.75 to 3.00. A car of mixed steers and heifers weighing 1300 pounds sold at \$44, and a car averaging 1000 pounds at \$31, Prices of shrep have gone somewhat lower, and firsts, which appear most wanted, do not bring over \$5.50 per head live, unless for selections which have brought \$6.00. Seconds are dull at \$4.25 to 4.75. Nothing doing in calves Hogs continue to come in freely, and sell at 3.60 to 3.80.

DRY Goods.—January is ordinarily expected to be a dull month for dry goods, and the present January is dull to be sure. The city retailers feel it most, for with some of our wholesale houses their sales are equal to same month of 1877, bad as the country roads are, but payments are behind. Values of Canadian woolens, as per price lists fixed at the beginning of the season, are keeping up; and happily the mills are not over producing, but are governed by orders from customers, and one now closing up their spring orders or beginning on fall goods. English woollens are steady in price. Cottons in the old country are a trifle higher than when we last wrote. Not half, nor quarter the enormous productive power of the factories is put forth, and the consequence is much destitution

The linen trade of Dundee and Forfarshire is looking fairly well.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The market has been dull and dragging all week, and no transactions are reported, excepting the merest retail dealings. Peace rumors have kept business down. Flour.—Stocks in store, 22,860 bbls., against 20,610 bbls. last week, and 8,108 bbls on corresponding date last year. An odd hundred barrels of extra and spring extra have sold at quotations; but the latter brings only the lower figure tions; but the latter brings only the lower ingure to-day; in other grades no sales are reported. Superior extra offers at \$5.60; superfine, we quote, \$4.10 to 4.15. Oatmeal.—There are no lots changing hands; quotations are nominally Cornmeal.-Nothing doing except as before. for retail.

GRAIN.—The market is dull and tending downward. Nothing doing in fall wheat, which offers at \$1.22 for No. 2, without buyers, no No. 1, in market, No. 3, nominally \$1.10 to 1.12. Wheat.—Fall, stocks in store 28th Jan., 88,426 bush., against 73,391 bush last week and 61,809 bush on corresponding date last year. Spring, stocks in store 319,690 bush., against 258,873 bushels last week and 153,210 bushels reported, in car lots at \$1.02, and in the early part of the week a round lot of choice No. 1, at \$107\frac{1}{2}, but the decline of Wednesday and to day is indicated by the fact that \$1.06 is the best offer made now for that grade. Barley.—
Receipts for the week have been considerable and shipments light. Stocks in store are 224,781 bushels against 199,644 bushels last week, and 370,566 bushels last year. The exports from Montreal from 1st. September to 19th January, were 751,000 bushels; from New York to January 23rd, 1,855,051 bushels; and from Portland to same date, 116,400 bushels; while the grand total shipped from all seaboard ports to latter date was two million eight hundred thousand bushels. Sales have been made during the week of No. 1 and 2 in car lots at 64c. for No. 1. and 54c. for No. 2. We quote No, 3 a cent lower, say 44 to 45c.

Receipts of barley at lake ports, says the Mail, from the opening of the harvest year to the 19th, January, have amounted to 7,276,732 bushels against 6,380,508 bushels in the corresponding period last year; Receipts at Buffalo and Oswego in the same time have been 5,148,-429 bushels against 4,347,911 bushels last year; and those at seaboard ports have been 7,047,700 bushels against 5,245,311 bushels last year.

Oats.—Stocks in store 28th Jan. were 11,218 bush. against 12,638 bush. last week and 11,787 bush on corresponding date last year. Small sales within our range, for retail trade, are announced this week, *Peas.*—Stocks stored here, 13,343 bush. against 11,633 bush. last week and 45,925 bush. last year, same date. Market steady and unchanged at 63 to 65c. The English and Welsh wheat crop of 1877 was a very poor one, the poorest since 1862; barley, the smallest for fifteen years, and the oat crop better than either, though below the average; hay was the only crop above an average. following table from the Mark Lane Express gives an abstract of grain crop returns for 1877:

Advices.	Over Av'ge.	Avge.	Under Avige
Wheat409	6	34	36g
Barley 395	19	116	260
Oats396	40	149	207
Beans276	5	48	223
Peas282	5	76	201

HIDES AND SKINS,-The price of hides has continued to decline, and has now reached 7c for No. 1, green, which dealers hope is about its restingplace. The quality of hides is somewhat poorer now than in November or October, animals being stall fed; and a decline was looked for. There is not much movement in in case of further possible change. Calfskins merit no particular mention. Sheepskins ought, from their improved quality, to advance in price about this time; that they have not done so in this market, is indicative of a lessened relative value

GROCERIES.—Only a very moderate business doing during the week, and short supply from the country. Coffees, though lower abroad, are unchanged in price, and the movement small. Fish are selling in occasional small retail lots at rather easier prices, say \$6.00 for Labrador herrings, \$3.00 to 3.25 for white fish, \$2,75 to 3.25 for trout; \$5.10 to 5.30 for dry cod. Fruit is inactive and prices seem to favour buyers. Syrups.—We do not alter quotations, but hear of some round lots selling at 48c for amber, and 52 for pale do. Stocks of rice are limited, prices are steady. In spices, British advices say that black pepper is slightly dearer, and white easier.
Sugar has sold a little more freely, as to British, which is a little higher abroad, but raws and American have been quiet and the latter easier, sympathizing with the N. Y. market. Teas are in request more actively, especially green; a line of medium Young Hyson brought 45c, and one of fine gunpowder 65c; Blacks are held firmer, Japans quiet and steady. Tobaccos, no round lots selling, but buyers could get concessions on them. Liquors.—We repeat our remarks of last week.

HARDWARE.-The business doing, which might easily be worse, is for the most part in small and careful orders, for immediate need. Prices are generally maintained at our quotations, and there is but very limited movement in heavy goods; shelf goods, however, are rather more active. There has been some activity in tin plates.

ceipt of hogs is understood to aggregate more than any previous month in her history. There must be large stocks held in the West, for the Cincinnati Price Current says that the shipment eastward has not been as large as a year ago. That paper gives the number of hogs packed of late years in Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Indianopolis, Milwaukee, Louisville, as under:

Season-	Six cities Nov. 1 to Jan. 23.	Six cities, Nov. 1 to Mar. 1.	All points, Nov. 1 to Mar. 1
1877-8	3,250,000		
1876-7	2,875,000	3,291,064	5,101,308
1875-6	2,545,000	3,213,622	4,880,135
1874 5	2,880,000	3,500,811	5,566,226
1873-4	3,020,000	3,381,837	5,466,200
1872-3	2,725,000	3,391,447	5,410.314

LEATHER.-The business done this month in this line has been tolerable, considering the weather. Prices were somewhat weaker than December or November, but very fair prices Remittances for January are backwere had. ward. Spanish sole is a little weaker; we quote, No. 1, say 26 to 28c; and No. 2, 23 to 25c. Slaughter is not in overstock; the price is meantime steady, and may not unlikely stiffen. Harness is not over-abundant, though there is no over-stock of it, and the price, for a good article, is fairly maintained at say 28 to 31c. A good deal of poorly dressed offers, which tends to keep down the price of good. If tanners would give more attention to the getting up of a good article, it would pay them. Upper.—Heavy is not in demand at this season; of light, there is not much in hand, and that not in active request except for small retail lots; good quality commands 36 to 40c. English kips, we quote, now, 70 to 80c; French as before stated. The stocks of these goods are small and demand light, native stock generally replacing them. Indeed, all foreign stocks are quiet, French calf included. Canada calf is steady in price, and in only languid demand. There are no small splits in marforth, and the consequence is much destitution looked for. There is not much movement in ket; they are much enquired for, and would tion in Lancashire amongst the unemployed. the meantime, as every one naturally holds off bring 20 to 23c. Enamel and patent leathers

are quiet. There is a full supply of buff and pebble; in fact, the demand is quiet and prices a shade easier. Tanner's materials are unaltered Flour, Grain and Produce Commission in price. Cod oil.-Firmer, say 60 to 65c.

PROVISIONS.—Trade is quiet, and the out-look not at all brilliant. The heavy receipts of hogs in the West indicate low prices for hog products. Butter is not in active demand here, except for retail purposes, and we can report no improvement in prices. A lot of 200 pkgs, was bought in N. Y. last week for shipment by one of our dealers at 6c; this was not oleomargarine, but inspected by an expert and guaranteed. Cheese.

Quiet, car lots of good, have sold within the week at IIC, but II½ to 13½ c; will represent the market for smaller quantities. Mess Fork.—
One small lot changed hands this week at \$14. 75, some brought \$14.50 last week. Racon. No special enquiry for large lots of long clear, which we quote 8 to gc. C.C. would be willingly sold in 1000 side lots at 64c; what little is moving is in small parcels at 7 to 8c; Smoked is steady at our figures. Hams.—In the round lot can be had at 9½c; and the best figure now obtained for small lots is 10½c; Lard—Car lots of tierced 8½c, of tinnets 8¾c; pails 9½; for small quantities a half cent must be added to these figures. There is not a large stock in market, but abundance in the hog. Eggs.-Fresh, per bbl. or case, 17 to 18c; limed are rather too plentiful at 12 to 13c.

The receipts of hogs at the principal packing points show a large increase last week over some date last year, 370,000 head, against 110,-000; and the total packed since November 1st at six cities, was 3,250,000, against 2,875,000 at same date in 1877. Chicago's January re-

SALT.—Liverpool coarse is now held at \$1.00 by some dealers, but 100 bag lots can probably be had at 95c with \$1.00 to 1.10 for small lots. Canadian is steady at our quotations. St. Ube's can be delivered from points in Upper Canada on railway, in fulfillment of orders sent to this city, at \$12.00 per ton, per car load.

Wool.-At this season of the year there is generally nothing to be done in fleece. So far as regards pulled combing, there is still no movement, all the combing produced during 1877 is we think, still on hand. Supers, in the face of declining prices are without movement, except little lots at 24 to 25c., buyers continue to hold off. When bottom is considered to have been reached, there will be doubtless some business done in wool, but in the meantime, transactions are few and far between.

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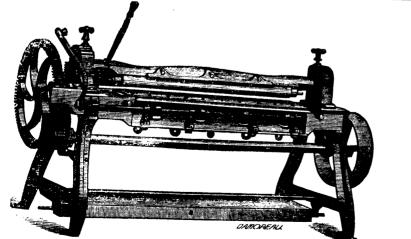
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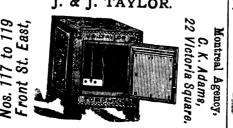
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SCHEDULE OF ASSETS. 

2,183,240 40 723,400 00 1,847,310 00 435,000 00 80,205 00 26,000 00 Cost of State Bonds
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Cash in Bank, at interest 7,306 54 44,132 89 Bills receivable ...

Net and ledger assets...... \$44,020,146 47 ADD: Interest accrued and due...... \$1,844,530 64 3,850 00 309,064<sup>7</sup>54 801 42 

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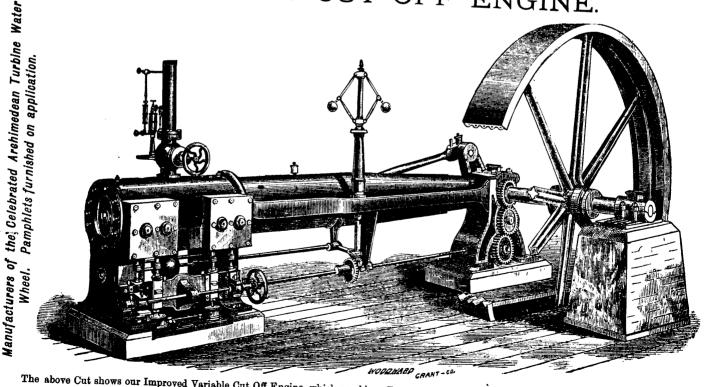
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STOCK	AND	BOND	REPORT.

NAMÉ.		Capital	Capitai		Dividend	CLOSING PRICES		
14 16 14 14 14 1	Shares	subscribed	paid-up.	Rest.	last 6 Months.	Toronto, Jan. 31.	Cash value per share.	
B	btrig.	#	\$		₩ ct.			
British North America	£50	4,506,000	4,866,666	1,216,000	24	<b></b>		
Canadian Bank of Commerce	Ø50	6,000,000	6,000,000		4	1154 1152	58.87	
Consolidated	100	4,000,000	3,465,910		31	78 81	80.00	
Du Peuple	50	1,600,000	1,600,000		3		00.00	
Eastern Townships	5C.	1,500,000	1,330,151		4			
Exchange Bank	100	1,000,000	1,000,000		3	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Hamilton	100	1,000.000	669,930	50,000	4	100	100.00	
Imperial	100	910,000	862,402	50,000	i i	1031	103 50	
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Mechanics' Bank	50	582,200	195,014				, <b></b>	
Merchants' Bank of Canada	100	8,697,200	8,196,883	1,000,000		66	66.00	
Metropolitan	100	1,000,000	675,226	80,000			00.00	
Molson's Bank	50	2,000,000	1,996,715	400,000	4	•••••		
Montreal	200	12,000,000	11,998,400		6	161	***************************************	
Maritime	100	1,000,000	627,170		3		322	
Nationale	50	2,000,000	2,000,000	434,000	34	•••••	····	
Dominion Bank	50	1,000,000	970,250		4	120 123	6	
Ontario Bank	40	3,000,000	2,996,180		4	961 961	61.50	
Quebec Bank	100	2,500,000	2,500,000	475,000	34	Aot Aot	38.60	
Standard	50	507,750	507,750			~6 ~0	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
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Union Bank	100	2,000,000	1,992,050		4	139₺	139.50	
Ville Marie	100	1,000,000	810,580		3	•••••••••		
Federal Bank	100	000,000,1	974'110		3			
Bank Ottawa		571,000	543,486		3 1	102 103	103.00	
London & Can. Loan & Agency Co	50	3,966,650	395,665		7			
Canada Landed Credit Company	50	1,430,000	683,330	83,500	5	1302 132	66.00	
Canada Loan and Savings Company	50	2,000,000	2,000,000		4 2	130	66.50	
Dominion Say, & Inv. Soc.	50	800,000	400,000		ē.	1724	86.25	
Ontario Savings & Invest. Society	50	1,000,000	672,500		5	120	60.00	
Farmers' Loan and Savings Company	50	450,000			5	124	62.00	
Freehold Loan and Savings Company	100	600,000	448,576 600,000	33,721	4	1094 1104	55.25	
The Hamilton Provident & Loan Soc.	100				5	1424	142.50	
Huron & Erie Savings & Loan Society		950,000	740,306		4	114, 1162	116 50	
Montreal Telegraph Co	50		963,461		5,	1314	65 75	
Montreal City Gas Co	40 60	2,000,000	2,000,000		31/2			
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Richelieu Navigation Co	100	750,000		·····	4			
Dominion Telegraph Company	50	600,000	600,000		3	8; <b>8 87</b>	41.50	
Imperial Building Society	50	662,500	366,200		4 ,	109	54.50	
Building and Loan Association	25	750,000	700,000	73,821	. 44	1164 1174	29.30	
Toronto Consumers' Gas Co. (old)	50	600,000			2½ p.c. 3 m		68.75	
Union Permanent Building Society	50	400,000	360,000		5	1344	67.25	
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co	50	000,000	735,000	280,500	5	142	71.00	
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SECURITIES.	Toronto.	) Montreal.
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Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesa Rates
Boots and Shoes:	\$ c. \$ c.	Hardware—continued.	\$ c. \$ c.	Oils—continued. Olive, common, * gall	\$. c. \$
Mens' Calf Boots	3 00@4 25	Sheet	0 27 0 30	Balad	1 80 2 00
Mens' Prunella Bals	2 50 2 85	12 dy.to 7 in.p.kg.100 lbs.		" salad, in bottles qt., per case	8 90 9 90
" Cong. gaiters & Ba Boys' Kip boots	I 60 2 60 I 60 2 25	5 dy. to 10 dy		DOMEST PART	
l "Gaiters & Bals	1 55 T 80	2 dy	4 40 4 50	Spirite Turpentine Whale, refined	1075 A RO
Womens' Bals & Gat, peg	1 30 2 00	Galvanized Iron: Best, No. 22	0 00 0 00	Paints, &c. White Lead, genuine, in	,
" Batts " Prun, Cong	0 QO 1 30	Best No. 24	0 074 0 074	UII, W 25 108	1220 230
" " Bals	0 65 2 50	" 26 " 28	0 07 0 08	Do. No. 1	1 95 2 05
" Goat Bals	1 50 2 60	American No. 28	0 07 0 07		
" Batts	0 70 I 00	Patent Hammered	0 14 0 16	Red Lead, dry	0 07≹ 0 08 9 06 <b>0</b> 07
Childs' Bals Batts	0 70 0 90	Iron (at 6 months): Pig—Gartsherrie, No. 1		White Lead, dry	0 02 0 03
"Turned Cack p.doz	4 50 5 50	Summeriee	20 00 27 00	Whiting	
Drugs.		Eglinton No. 1	20 00 21 60	i) retroieum.	1
Aloes Cape		W. W. & Co	19 50 20 00	(Refined, & gallon.) Delivered at London, Ont	
Borax	0 134 0 144	Bar * 100 lb	2 00 20 00	No. 1. carload, Imp.gal Delivered in Toronto:	0 164 0 00
Castor Oil	0 15 0 16	American	2 20 2 30	No. 1, car loaddo	0 184 0 00
Cream Tartar	0 30 0 32	BandBoiler Plates	2 50 2 60	5to 10 brlsdo	0 19 0 00
Extract Logwood, bulk	0 021 0 03	Canada Plates M.L.S	2 75 3 50	Benzine	0 00 0 00
" boxes,	0 14 0 16	GATTO	1250 205	Produce. Plour (per brl.): f.o.c	
Madder	0 90 95	Maple Leaf		Superior extra	5 60 5 70
Opium	5 50 6 00	Bar # 100 lbs	0 06 0 064	Extra Fancy	4 90 5 00
Potass Iodide	4 25 4 50	Bar * 100 lbs	0 053 0 061	Spring wheat, extra	4 50 4 60
Caustic Soda Cream Tartar Epsom Salts Extract Logwood, bulk " boxes, Indigo, Madras Madder Opium Oxalic Acid Potass Iodide Quinine Soda Ash Soda Bicarb, per keg.	3 40 3 50	Iron Wire (4 months):	0 074 0 074	Spring wheat, extra Superfine Oatmeal Cornmeal, small lots Grain:	4 25 4 50
Soda Bicarb, per keg Tartaric Acid	3 50 3 75	No. b. W bundle	2 00 2 10		
	0 45 0 48	" 9, " 12,	2 30 2 40	Fall Wheat No.1 No.2 No.3 Spring Wheat No.3	I 25 I 26
Groceries.	0 28 0 32	Powder:	1 '	" No. 3	1 10 1 12
Singapore Rio Mocha	0 25 0 27	Blasting Canada	0 00 4 75	Spring Wheat, No. 1 No. 2 Oats Barley, No. 1	105 1 06
Mocha	0 34 0 35	Diasting, English	3 50 3 75 5 00 0 00	Oats	0 31 0 33
Fish, Herrings, Lab, new,	.   5 75 0 25	Window Glass:	-		0 64 0 65
	0 30 0 32 9 00 10 00	25 inch	180 190	NO. 3	1044 045
White Fish, new	3 25 3 50	41 x 50 do. 51 x 60 do.	2 40 2 50	Peas	0 63 0 65
Mackerel, Oris. White Fish, Lew Frout White Fish, Lew Frout Salmon, salt water Dry Cod, \$\pi\$ 112 lbs Fruit: Raisins, Layer, '77 Ditto, old Sultanas Valentias, old New do	15 50 16 00	Pressed Spikes (4 months):	2 60 2 70	Butter, choice, * 1t	0 15 0 18
Dry Cod, # 112 lbs	1 70 1 90	Regular sizes, 100 Extra	4 00 7 00	Cheese	0 114 0 134
Ditto, old	1 20 1 50	I A 379 A PROCESS (A. INCINENTE)		FUIK, mess	IIA 00 IS 00
" Valentias, old	0 04 0 04	IC Coke	5 25 5 50 6 25 6 50	Bacon, long clear Cumberland cut.	0 7 0 08
" New do Curranta, 1876	0 054 0 06	IC CharcoalIX "IXX "DC "	8 25 8 50	smoked	0 00 0 0 00
" 1877 Molasses: Clayed, ♥ gall.	0 064 0 07	DC "	5 25 5 50	Lard Eggs	0 10
Syrups: Amber	0 55 0 60	Hides & Skins, * 1b.: Green, No. 1		Hops	0 6 0 09
Syrups: Amber	0 65 0 70 4 65 4 871	" No. 2	000 006	Salt, etc. Liverpool coarse	1
Rice	}	Cured and inspected Calfskins, green	0 08 0 082 0 00 C 12	Canadian	0 05 1 00
Alispice Cassia, whole, \$\psi\$ th Cloves Ginger ground fi Jamaica, root	0 11 0 12	" cured	0 00 0 134	St. Ube's	15 00 20 00
Cloves	0 42 0 50	Sheep	100 120	Wines, Liquors, etc	_
" Jamaica, root	0 25 0 35	Leather, @ 4 months: Spanish Sole, Istquality		Ale: English, pts qts	
Nutmegs Pepper, black	1080 1101	au wgts., 10	0 26 0 28	Brandy: Hennessy's cases Martell's OtardDupuy&Co " J. Robin & Co "	10 25 10 50
Sugars—Porto Rico, Ph	0 074 0 08	Do. No. 2, Slaughter, heavy	0 23 0 25	OtardDupuy&Co "	8 75 9 25
Cuba Eng. & Scotch refined yel.	0 074 0 08	Do.light	0 26 0 28	J. Robin & Co Pinet Castillon & Co.	8 0) 8 25
Dry Crushed	0 101 0 104			Gin: De Kuypers W gal	175 185
Ground	0 105 0 11	" light Kip skins,French		B. & D.	
Teas:  Japan common to good.  "fine to choicest		English	0 70 0 80	" red " Booth's Old Tom	7 75 8 25
		Hemlock Calf (30 to 35 lbs.), per doz	0 70 0 90		2 35 2 50
Congou & Souchong	0 42 0 47	Do. light	0 50 0 60	Demerara "Whisky:	2 00 2 20
Oolong, good to fine Y. Hyson, com. to good. Medium to choice	0 35 0 60	French Calf Splits, large, # 1b	0 25 0 31	GOODERHAM & WORTS'	
Medium to choice	0 30 0 40	" small Enamelied Cow, per ft	0 19 0 23	Terms Cash.—Under 5 bris., nett.: 5 to 10 bris.	
Extra choice	0 62 0 77	Patent	0 20 0 21	brls., nett.; 5 to 10 brls., 2\frac{1}{2} p.c. off; 10 brls. and	In Duty
Gunpwd com. to med med. to fine	0 47 0 60	Pebble Grain Buff	0 14 0 17	Alcohol, 65 o.p. W I. gall	Bond. Paid o 61 2 18
" fine to finest.	0 62 0 82 1	Russetts, light	0 25 0 35		0 62 2 19
Imperial	0 37 0 77	Gambier Sumac		" 50 " " " 25 u.p. " Family Proof Whisky "	0 30 I 02
1 obacco—Manufactured: Dark 58 & 108	0 33 0 41	Degras Oila.		Old Bourbon " "	0 35 1 11
" " Western Leaf,		Cod Oil	0 60 0 65	" Rye " "	0 35 1 11
[good to fine Brightsorts,gd. to fine.	0 60 0 65	Straite Oil	A -A A 11	" Malt " "	0 33 I 05
" choice	0 70 0 80	" No. 1	0 90 0 97	Old Rye, 5 years old	0 70 1 46
Solace	0 33 0 47	Lard extra  " Ne. r  " Ne. r  " Ne. c  Stocks, mach.  Duncan-Clark & Co's.  Linseed raw  " boiled	0 50 0 55	" 7 "	2 An 1 00
Hardware Tin (fc months):		Duncan-Clark & Co's.	0 45 0 00	Wool.	
Bloc. Ib		DO1100	0 /0 0 /2	Fleece, Ib Pulled Super	0 29 0 00 0 24 0 27
Grain	0 22 0 23	Machinery	0 30 0 40	Extra,	0 27 0 29
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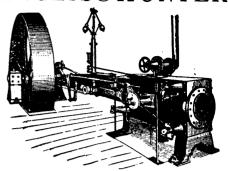
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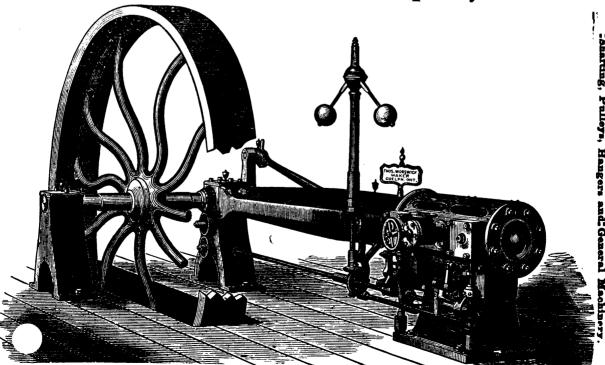
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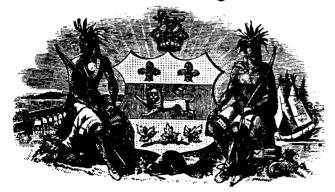
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