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Forming a complete assortment in the various departments, when they hope to see their friends and the trade generally.

FULL LINES IN THE VARIOUS

CANADIAN MANUFACTURES.

Toronto, 1st September, 1875.

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OUR MR. SAMSON

sailed for Europe by the Baltic on the 9th October, and

OUR MR. McCAW

sailed by the Celtic on the 30th Oct., the former to pur-chase

Staples and General Piece Goods,

and the latter to purchase HABERDASHERY AND GENERAL FANCY GOODS.

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New York-The National Bank of the Republic. London, England-The Bank of Scotland.

Toronto, Oct. 27, 1875.

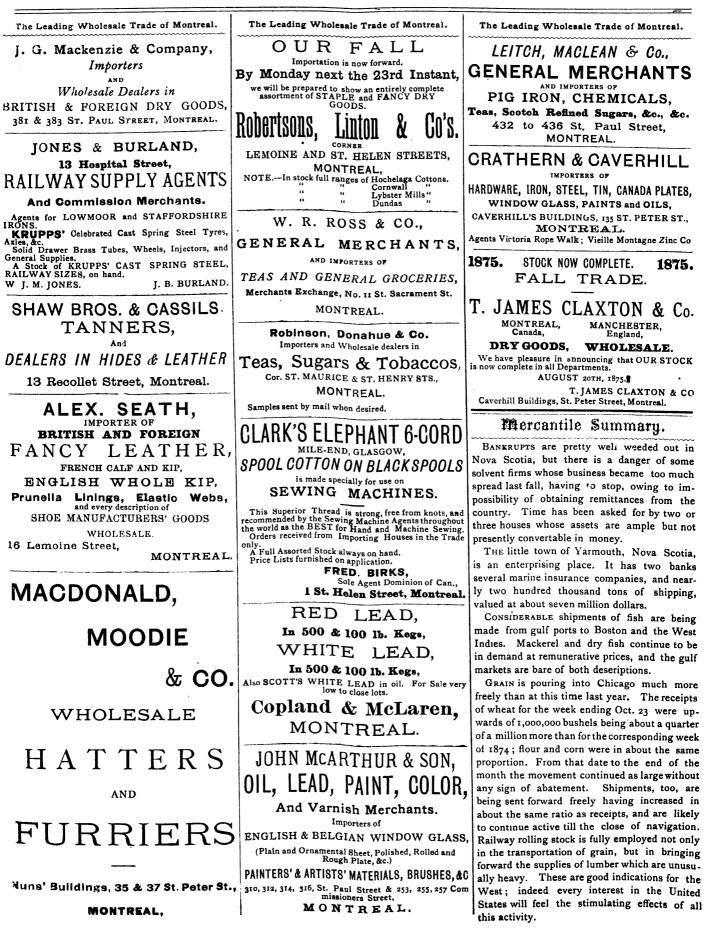
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UNDER the proper head will be found a letter from a leading merchant and manufacturer, which shows the way incompetent young men often get started in business and the evil results which follow. The writer has the manliness to admit that he did wrong in first giving credit although secured from loss.

An accident of an unusual character was reported from Belleville last Monday. The grain elevator of W. H. Campbell & Co., containing 40,000 bushels of rye, barley, and peas, burst, and the loss of grain will be large. It is mainly owned by local dealers.

THE Victoria Tobacco Works of Windsor, Ont., shipped the other day by a Lake Superior steamer from that town, no less than six tons of smoking tobacco and a large quantity of cigars. Three car-loads of petroleum from London, in tin cases, was also shipped at the same time.

In a leading daily journal of this city we noticed a couple of days since a paragraph from its Montreal correspondent on the quantity and value of the produce shipped from that port this season. We were about to plagiarize it, but were prevented by the simple recollection that it had appeared word for word in our last issue.

A STRIKING illustration of the anxiety among all classes of people to obtain the greatest amount of value at the smallest possible cost might have been seen in a Toronto auction room a few days ago. Among the purchasers were bank managers, insurance managers, wholesale merchants, &c., &c., all anxiously awaiting their chance of getting bargains in household furniture. Surely business must have been very dull, or the time of those gentlemen was not so valuable to the institutions they represented as we had supposed. We presume it

sales they were encouraging the importation of foreign goods to the detriment of Canadian manufactured articles, which in many respects are superior.

A WEEK or two ago, we noticed the fact that a large number of Cape Breton miners were out of work, and as the winter approaches the number is inceasing. Both the old Sydney mines, belonging to the General Mining Association and the Intercolonial mines, are shipping, but the number of tons raised is very small, and men are being discharged every day. Petitions are being sent to the Local Government for relief to the miners, and it is proposed that the royalty which the Province exacts on the coal raised be set apart for a miner's relief fund.

HALIFAX importers finding that they were at a disadvantage with St. John and other ports, as regards freights which were considerably higher to Halifax, owing to difficulty in obtaining return cargoes, formed an Association last spring, to adopt measures for a reduction in freight on their goods. It was proposed to charter special steamers, but as the Allan lines were reasonably inclined, and led the Association to believe that they would carry Winter and Summer at the same rates, nothing further was done. Now it seems that the Winter rate is to be raised one fourth, at which the Importers naturally demur, and it may result in another line being induced to put occasional boats on the route.

It is common to complain of the monotony of failures from week to week, as insolvencies are announced. There come the same unpleasing particulars of debts swollen to lymphatic proportions and assets at the last degree of slenderness; expenses too great and precautions too did not occur to them that in patronizing those small; over-stocking and under-collecting; and

ever-body grows melancholy except the assignee who bears up wonderfully under the funeral nature of his business. But once in a while comes a case which has its diverting features. It is impossible not to be amused for example at the ingenuity of the proprietor of the Dominion Shoe Factory, which took this form, when his resources of kite-flying and dodging were expended, of a cool proposal to his creditors, that they should each convert his claim into stock of the company pro rata, and continue the concern by paying the adroit proprietor a salary for further attempts to produce bricks without straw. This financier, as he delighted to be called, is popularly supposed to have begun his career as a manufacturer with some capital; he knew the procreative power of money and had learned the mysteries of interest too well from his experience as a note shaver, not to have laid up a snug sum through the necessities of his patrons. He also knew how to utilize the too great advantages offered by cheap credit and slip-shod banking, and therefore boldly took an ell wherever in bank or warehouse he was offered an inch. Having great faith in the credulity of bank managers, and a contempt for the rules which are supposed to guide such functionaries in the selection of proper bills for discount, he would hand in the notes for considerable sums made by his poorest employees, with as much coolness as he would offer to a leather house his own note for twice the amount he was owing; and thus the game of "accommodation" was kept merrily afoot for years on a very slender basis of actual currency. But when in 1872 he purchased the Shoe Company from Monsieur Falardeau, he paid a substantial price for a very shadowy essence; indeed, it is pretty well known now that he was egregiously done by that personage. And when to this fact it is



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WINTER, 1875.

Drawers, Cardigan Jackets,



BROTHERS

The Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto. WM. B. HAMILTON, (Late CHILDS & HAMILTON), MANUFACTURERS & WHOLESALE DEALERS BOOTS & SHOES. 15 & 17 FRONT STREET EAST, TORONTO, ONT. THOMAS LAILEY and CO., IMPORTERS Wholesale Clothiers. DEALERS IN AMERICAN RUBBER CLOTHING. WAREHOUSE :

6 FRONT STREET WEST, TORONTO.

added that he made numerous losses in the country by bad debts, by faulty goods returned on his hands, by failures to pay by men of straw who never had a business status other than he himself gave them, and by heavy interest accounts, it is not difficult to see why his estate proves such an utterly hollow affair. His direct indebtedness for goods is considerably less than \$100,000, but the indirect claims on his estate, amongst which figure ten banks, two companies of "credit foncier," and at least half-a-dozen merchants or firms with whom he had exchanged notes, add up to \$200.000. Having a genius for finance, and being a patriotic French Canadian, he delighted to advance the interests of home financial institutions, and accordingly favoured two or three of the most recently organized banks with portions of his account. One of these holds over twenty-five thousand dollars in "paper," the character or value of which could scarcely be arrived at, even with the aid of a "Reference Book." He had real property it is true, in small parcels, on a variety of streets, named, as is the wont of Montreal, after every saint in the calendar; but his assignee will have a hard time to realize in these days anything on those over the incumbrances which the various loan societies hold upon them. To shorten the story, he assigned a month or two ago, owing \$295,000, not without eloquent protestation and abundant tears. His creditors met on the 14th September and ordered an examination of his affairs and himself, by a lawyer. This revealed some curious manipulation of figures in his books. He made out a profit of \$6,000 one year which was purely fanciful, and pour dorer la pilule (as Mr. Anger's beautiful language would say) still farther, he, or his bookkeeper, made out a surplus on paper year by year as need arose. In March, 1873, a statement of his affairs, which made up in plausibility what it lacked in truth, was made to a elected Vice-President.

The Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto. SESSIONS, COOPER & SMITH, TO MERCHANT TAILORS. HUGHES MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE Fancy Trouserings, DEALERS IN Boots and Shoes. 36, 38 & 40 FRONT STREET WEST. Toronto, Ontario. JAS. COOPER. J. C. SMITH. KING &. BROWN. MANUFACTURBRS OF BOOTS AND SHOES, NO. 27 FRONT ST., TORONTO. Our fine lines are now made as follows:—Men's in two widths, B. & C. sizes and half do.; Boys' in two widths, B & C sizes and half do.; Ladies' in seven widths, AA,A, Ag, B Bg, C & Cg sizes and half do. Straights and Rights and Lefts; Misses' in two widths, B & C sizes sizes and half do.; Childrens in two widths, B & C sizes and half do. Rights and Lefts and Straights. Each boot is stamped on bottom and lining with our name, width and size. AA, very narrow; A, narrow; Ag slight medium B, medium Bg, Full medium C, wide, Cg very wide. I. D. KING. CHAS. BROWN EVANS & RIDDELL, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS. WESTERN CHAMBERS. 22 St. John Street, Montreal. EDWARD EVANS. Official Assignee. Correspondence invited. mercantile agency. In it he declared his business capital to be \$27,359.78, and his total surplus \$85,000, the remaining assets being real estate and vessel property. These figures were utterly untrue. He was never worth quarter | Ready for the inspection of Buyers visiting this market the sum, we believe, and it would be worth while to try what punishment such falsehood can be made to bear. Opinions are divided as to whether the insolvent has money laid by, or whether he is in reality worthless. The former would not surprise any one who knows him, and his books will hardly inform one on the point; still the fact that a creditor whom he had persuaded to endorse for him a compromise at 25 per cent., backed out upon examination of the estate, and substituted 20 per cent., does not look as if there was much to pay with, or much in reserve to bribe with. We are told that some firms, and even banks, will compromise with this unsafe man and let him go on again to delude other people. We need hardly repeat our opinion that this is folly. The whole case affords a striking instance, on the other hand, of what mendacious cheek can accomplish in the direction of puffing up a man's credit and operations; and on the other, of the danger to banks and to merchants in fostering so rank a weed as accommodation paper.

-Nelson A. Cliff, Esq., of Fredericton, has been elected President of the Maritime Mutual Fir: Insurance Co., in the place of Thomas Parks, Esq., deceased. Dr. James Christie was

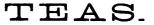
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GENERAL

GROCERIES.

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TORONTO.

BRYCE, MCMURRICH	Amounts of No Liabilities.	handle accounts, get security, manage law- suits, and generally gives up in despair, let-
DIGIOL, MICHIOIGIOIO	In New York City 546 \$31,696,000	ting things take their course. The whole
	" New York State 476 8,474,000 " Massachusetts 569 15,628,000	system of credit is new and strange to him.
& Co.,	" Pennsylvania 419 13,019,000	He is equally at fault in dealing with those
	" Illinois 277 6,013,000	to whom he owes money, and exasperates
WOODTEDG AND WHOLEGALE	Dominion of Canada1569 21,911,000	firms in cities by his irregularities and tar-
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE	This is a record which we trust we shall	diness. Of course this lasts only for a time.
	never have to show again. It is a sorry end-	The inevitable breakdown comes at last, and
DRY GOODS	ing of such a period of apparent prosperity	one more is added to the list of victims of a
	as we have enjoyed for some years back. It	foolish desire to escape from the necessity of
Manahanta	makes us reflect upon the hollowness of much	labour and to lead an easy and comfortable
Merchants.	that has been thought to be prosperity.	life. But before this is reached the poor
	Obviously, much of the money making of the past few years has been a mere piling up of	storekeeper has passed through an amount
	debts and liabilities. And now it proves	of worry, vexation, and harassing anxiety,
WAREHOUSE	conclusively, we submit, what has been	which would not have occurred in twenty lifetimes, could he have lived them, on the
	asserted over and over again in our columns	farm. The truth is, this notion of an easy
34 YONGE ST., TORONTO.	that the country has been overdone with	life is a sheer delusion. It is not to be had
	traders. Amongst this enormous number	anywhere except as the fruit and result of
	of failures, we venture to say that there is	hard work. Every successful trader is o
THE MONETARY TIMES,	not one farmer. The farming interest is the	man who works hard, who thinks much, who
AND TRADE REVIEW.	most prosperous in the country; farmers	calculates close, who forecasts with anxiety and
AND IRADE REVIEW.	have been accumulating money and property	care. On no other principles can any busi
MODONTO CAN EDIDAY NOV E 407E	for years, and we fancy many farmer's sons	ness in the world be conducted successfully
TORONTO, CAN., FRIDAY NOV. 5, 1875.	who have been lured to the towns and cities	and the sooner our friends in the country
	during the last few years, and have made a	get rid of the delusion that trading is a
FAILURES IN 1875.	miserable failure of their attempts to trade,	easy way of getting on and making mone
	are now looking at their fathers and brothers	the better it will be for all parties concerned
It must be confessed that the record of	who have wisely stuck to the land, and are envying them their good fortune. Farmer's	We do not know what proportion of thes
failures for Canada during the present year,	sons have often most delusive notions on the	failures are of farmers' sons, but ou advice to every one of them would be t
so far, is anything but a flattering one for	subject of storekeeping. They have been	go back straight to the farm. They hav
the country. The number is very long, and the amount of liabilities is immense. Numbers	accustomed to hard work, and sometimes to	made their venture and found their mistake
and amounts are to be judged as large or	toil in a way that is trying and painful.	As traders they have been mere cumberer
small by comparison, and when we place	Summer heat in the harvest field, and	of ithe ground, whereas on the farm the
ourselves alongside our neighbours we have	Winter's cold in the bush are not always	
reason to be ashamed of the record. We	easy to bear. And as every man thinks, at	producer is a valuable man to the country
have more in number than any state in the	times, his own lot is the hardest in the	
Union ; even New York, after including New	country, young fellows, when work presses	
York city, has not as large a number of fail-	are apt to think of the warm store, the	,
ures. Yet the business of the city of New	easy berth behind the counter, and the	-
York is vastly larger than that of all Canada.	light work of handling dry goods, as com-	community, living with satisfaction to him
Canada thus far in 1875 has had 1,569 fail-	pared with their own. So they get really discontented, and "bore" their fathers to	
ures, while New York City and State have	send them to the nearest town or city	
only 1,022, Massachusetts including Boston, 564; Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia,	to let them try their fortune at keeping	
419; Illinois, including Chicago, only 277.	store. They have had neither the ex-	
If we look at amounts we find that failures	perience, the training nor the mental	
in no part of the States have gone beyond	habits which are essential to success. But	
those of Canada, except in New York city	the father draws down his bank deposit, or	
only. But when we consider the enormous	mortgages his farm, or endorses a note and	
magnitude of that great centre, we see that		dreds of such fail every year. Some wer
even in amounts Canada appears to very		young men in respectable positions in me
great disadvantage.	bought on credit, notes are given for the	cantile houses who would have earned for

It would be as well to look this matter fairly in the face. And here it is in tabulated form for the people to consider and reflect upon, compiled from the circular of Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co.

Number and amount of failures for first nine months of 1875.

amount and the store opened. Of course all goes on "swimmingly" at first, and the foolish young fellow flatters himself he has made a great change for the better in leaving the farm for the counter. But by-and-by notes become due. He gets his books full of debts. When he tries to collect them he finds himself baffled. He is not accustomed to the work-does not understand how to

re nre erfor themselves in time a junior partnership or a succession to an old established business. But getting impatient of slow advances they determined to launch out for themselves without having either the requisite capital or connection. The result was unavailing struggling for a few years and ultimate breakdown. Another class is that of foremen in workshops or manufacturing establishments

who commence on their own account, without any of that general knowledge of business which is an absolute essential to success. So long as they are in the shop or factory such men are at home. But when they come to buying and making contracts, and selling on credit; when they are required to give promissory notes, to make banking arrangements, and to raise money, they are hopelessly "at sea." A single twelvemonths is enough to bring to an end a considerable number of them, but if, by good luck, or general easy times, they manage to survive a year or two more, the first gale that blows causes shipwreck. To all such as these, the best advice that can be given is to go back to the position they formerly held. Become a foreman or clerk again. It was a far happier lot than the new one. And a man can be happy again where he was happy before.

Some of these features have been brought about by idleness; others by extravagance. These two generally go together. Others by neglecting legitimate business for speculation. All are things which might have been avoided. Nine failures out of ten reflect more or less on the insolvent. Some of them are plainly the result of scheming to make money by insolvency. Creditors have a good deal of responsibility in these matters. In many cases the simple desire to avoid trouble leads them to acquiesce in most dishonest arrangements. There is too much of mawkish sympathy abroad in these matters. The "unfortunate debtor," in our judgment, has received sadly too much of this either for his own good or that of the community. Of the fifteen hundred people who have failed this year, it would be far better if a thousand, at least, never went back to business again. And it is only mistaken kindness to help them back.

THE INSPECTION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Arrangements are now being rapidly made by the Government to carry out the provisions of the Act which received His Excellency's assent on the 23rd May, 1873, (36th Victoria, Chap. 47,) and which makes provision for the uniform inspection of Weights and Measures. On the 30th September the following were named as the inspection districts :

I .	Windsor.	6.	Quebec.
2.	London.	7.	Nova Scotia.

- 2. London. 8. New Brunswick.
- 3. Toronto.
- 4. Kingston. 9. Manitoba. 10. Columbia.
- 5. Montreal.

These districts are subdivided into inspecembrace as nearly 50,000 persons each as would be well that all our purchases or measures and weighing machines, and shall

practicable; this has resulted, so far as sales of grain should be by the cental or 100 Ontario is concerned, in all the populous counties being made divisions. These divisions are to be under charge of Deputy Inspectors, most of whom were appointed during last month.

The carrying out of this Act is a matter of intimate concern to the traders of Canada-in fact, to all classes of the community. There can be very little doubt, we fancy, that much irregularity exists at present in the weights, scales, and weighing machines generally in use, more particularly in remote districts. In thousands of cases, quite unintentionally as a general rule, persons are cheating themselves or the public in this way every day; the devition from exactness may generally be small but it amounts to something considerable in the course of a year. That it is desirable some efforts should be made, in justice to both buyers and sellers, to have all weights and measures made and kept as correct and uniform as possible, will be generally allowed. Two years after this we will be better able to judge whether this Act, with the system of inspection it provides, has accomplished the purpose in view.

To make provision for carrying out the Act, Mr. Brunel, the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, was instructed to visit England in 1873, where he studied the English and French systems, and ordered standards for weights, measures, and gas, of the most modern, reliable, and, we may add, costly character. The time required to furnish these standards has been the principal cause why the Act has not already been put into force.

The Act makes some important alterations as regards measures. It provides for the introduction and use in Canada of the Imperial measures of capacity instead of those now generally employed. So far as weights and lineal measures are concerned, there is no material alteration; but in measures of capacity the changes are such as materially affect business transactions. The principal of these is the adoption of the Imperial for the Winchester bushel, and the Imperial for the Wine gallon, the Winchester bushel and Wine gallon being at present in use in the United States and Canada.

The Imperial bushel is a fraction over three per cent. larger than the Winchester bushel. This alteration will not be much felt. Mostly all grain, corn, seeds, &c., are now sold by weight, and although the term bushel is used, dealers mean a bushel of a certain weight. Ever since 1853 a bushel of wheat has been 60 lbs., and now that the tion divisions, which were intended to Imperial bushel has been introduced, it

lbs. A little experience would prove this to be the simplest and most correct mode of computation.

The greatest change is from the Wine to the Imperial gallon for the measurement of liquids. The latter is exactly one-fifth larger than the former; by adding one-fifth to the Wine gallon, or deducting one-sixth from the Imperial, the one measure can readily be converted into the other. This is a very considerable change, but the law does not make the adoption of the Imperial gallon compulsory till 1880; at the same time, it should be borne in mind by the trade and the public, that in all transactions in which the Wine gallon now in use is not specially mentioned, the Imperial gallonone-fifth larger-is understood. The time which is allowed before the adoption of the Imperial gallon is rendered compulsory, has been granted so that the change may not be seriously felt by the public, and that plenty of time may be given for the purchase of new measures, the cost of which for the whole of Canada must be very large.

It is claimed by Mr. Brunel, that greater convenience will be gained by using the Imperial bushel and gallon, but the elucidation of this point would lead us into too wide a field of discussion. So far as the United States is concerned, the change will prove inconvenient to the trade between us. but it appears that, with the exception of our neighbours and the Island of Newfoundland, no other countries whatever now use the Winchester bushel and the old wine gallon.

Returning to the Inspectors and Deputy Inspectors appointed under the Act, it appears they will each have an office in some central part of their divisions, fitted up specially to ensure the accuracy of their standards. The public can go to these offices at any time and have their weights, measures, beams, scales, &c., examined, compared, and, if correct, stamped. Besides this, periodical visits will be made to each important locality in the division. The nature of this visit of the Inspector will probably be best explained by the 23rd clause of the Act, which is as follows:-

23.-Each Deputy Inspector shall, upon each day or days, and at such place and places as may be from time to time appointed by the Inspector of his district, in pursuance of such departmental regula-tions as may be made in that behalf, and of which day or days, place or places, public notice shall be given in the manner provided by such regulations, attend with his inspection standards and other apparatus, for the purpose of inspecting all weights,

then and there inspect and verify, and if found correct, shall stamp and certify all weights and measures, scales, and other weighing machines brought to him for inspection.

From the wording of the Act, the evident intention is that when the Deputy Inspector attends any place at a certain day, those using weights, scales, &c., of a portable character, shall bring them to him for inspection. In case of fixed and non-portable machines, it will be the Inspector's duty to inspect them "at any reasonable time and place, and when not otherwise engaged in his duties." The Act gives the Deputy Inspector power to enter any shop, warehouse, or other place of business, for the purpose of examination, and, in fact, makes it his duty to do so from time to time, without previous notice. The penalty for violation of the Act is a fine of not more than \$50, nor less than \$5, and the forfeiture of the unstamped, light or unjust weight or scale, as the case may be.

The inspection is to take place at least once every year. Provision is made that after the first verification and stamping. fourteen months may be taken for re-stamping. But, thereafter, it must be done once in every twelve months.

So thorough an inspection of the weights and measures of the Dominion, as this Act provides for, cannot be enforced without being generally felt by the business public. We are pleased, therefore, to learn that the provisions of the law are not to be rigidly and immediately, but deliberately and gradually introduced. The instructions to the Deputy Inspectors, we are informed, warn them against harsh or coercive measures at the outset, except in so far as it is necessary to secure sufficient observance of the law, to have all the weights and measures of each division verified before the close of the current fiscal year. The administration of the Act will practically begin about New Year, and as the fiscal year ends on the 30th June, each Deputy Inspector will only have six months to get his division into shape and good working order.

Experience will, we have little doubt, suggest some changes in the working of this important measure from what is contemplated at present. But if its effect be to enforce general accuracy and uniformity in the weights and measures in use throughout the Dominion, it must prove beneficial to the trade of the country, and more particularly to honest traders and dealers. It would be over-charitable to suppose that there is not, in addition to intentional errors, considerable dishonesty practised to provide the business for such a road as at present in weighing and measuring they managed to make. articles. It may not be possible entirely

to prevent such practices, but if the new Act even partially succeeds in this, it will raise the morality of trade, and help still further to make "honesty the best policy."

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY-HALF-YEARLY REPORT.

This document, as the London Times very pertinently observes, is not a very comforting one for the holders of preference and ordinary stocks. The three series of preference stocks amount to nearly \$60,000,000, and behind these come ordinary stock of \$55,000,000 more. A good deal of this of course represents very heavy discounts on new issues, such as the last, whereon only about £12 of actual money was received for every £ 100 of stock. To pay a dividend on this prodigious mass of capital we have a neat revenue of less than £ 1,000 after providing for interest on temporary loans (bank accommodation probably) and sundry mortgages and debentures having priority. A very sorry exhibit, indeed, and some people in England will never be tired of blaming Canada for it.

But we must reiterate again what we have often said before, that the enormous cost of the Grand Trunk arose entirely from its being projected, promoted, engineered and constructed by Englishmen, in the usual extravagant style in which all English railway works were carried on twenty or thirty years ago. The Times observes very justly that the line is overweighted in any case. No doubt this is true. But the weight was laid on by men who came over here from England to prospect and make their fortunes out of Canada. There can be no doubt in the mind of any candid man that had the Grand Trunk been constructed by Canadians, with means such as they could have raised at the time, it would not have cost one-half of what it did. They could never have borrowed so easily as did the promoters of the scheme, and they would have been compelled to be economical. Instead of scattering about their money by millions, as if millions were mere playthings, they would have been driven by sheer force of circumstances to watch what was done with every thousand. But economy and care were never dreamed of under the extravagant regime of English contractors and speculators. The "boundless resources" of the country were very much in people's mouths in those days. but it would have needed a country as thickly populated and as rich as England

for a moment have forgotton the enormous advantage that the Grand Trunk has been to Canada. We do not forget it now. But with all these millions of money producing no return, we cannot but think of the wasteful folly by which these millions were scattered without result. These unproductive millions have been of no advantage at all. The line would have been just as good for Canada had they never been spent. And Canada has done her part towards the road. She has put her lien, which one was first. behind one class of securities after another until practically she has made the stockholders a present of nearly twenty millions of dollars. These twenty millions would have been nearly sufficient to build every mile of the road that was worth building, and that has been of any value since it was built. It is sad, it is irritating to think of these enormous sums wasted for no purpose, but when Grand Trunk shareholders and others reproach Canada, it is time to put the saddle on the right horse. The Times, too, has discovered what Canadians have been repeating for many years, that the competition for western trade has resulted in more honour than good, and had better be dropped. Englishmen are proverbially slow to change their ways or opinions, and it has taken many years of disaster to bring them round to this conclusion. We have cried out again and again about the neglect of local traffic and the folly of cultivating through trade at its expense. And, certainly, there has been a great change for the better of late. But even yet through traffic is cultivated, although we fancy it would be easy to demonstrate that it has been done at a loss from the beginning. Time, however, rectifies most blunders, and under new management we may look for a new order of things.

THE CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY.

The report of the Credit Valley railway shows in detail the amount of operations which the management have already ac-With a few exceptions, complished. amounting to twenty miles or more, the main line is graded between Ingersoll and a point near this city, and the work is represented as progressing favourably. We are informed that the extension of the line from Ingersoll to St. Thomas, which appears to be the western limit of projection will depend in a great measure upon the municipal aid granted along the route. And such assistance the farming community in that section will doubtless find it in their interest to extend when the scheme Let us not be misunderstood. We never | requires it. The expenditure so far on the

undertaking is estimated at \$279,000, and we are told the Trustees of the Municipal Debentures have in their possession nearly \$200,000 more. The work is economically administered, and as the line runs through a prosperous section of country, the same economy applied to its working will make it a success. Whatever competition the Grand Trunk may experience from the Credit Valley crossing it at Drumbo and Brampton will be neutralized by the additional freight it will bring to the former line from those points eastwards. We have no fear the Government will give the line some support.

BRITON MEDICAL AND GENERAL LIFE ASSOCIATION.

We ask the attention of our readers to the report of the Briton Medical Life Association which we publish in another column. It is elaborate and comprehensive and shows clearly the condition of the company's affairs. In itself it ought to be sufficient to convince the most incredulous and create confidence and implicit trust in the new plan of the scheme. The increase of £16,000 in the financial position of the office from 1872 to 1874 speaks hopefully, and may warrant the belief that the Association will be able to discharge all its obligations in the future. We understand that a valuation is being made of the existing Canadian policies, and as the Company have \$100,343 deposited with the Government for the benefit of Canadian policy-holders, we think they need have no fear of being secured. The following from the London Insurance Review-a good authority-explains the new plan of the Association.

The Briton is an institution, or a congeries of institutions, which collectively on the 31st of December, 1874, had policies in force, with annuitants, numbering 26,659, and covering gross sums assured, with bonuses, amounting to £7,258,024, upon which the annual premiums payable amount to $f_{217,221}$. The cash assets are stated to be on the same date £659,305 net, after deducting unpaid claims, &c., and at the back of this, there is unpaid but subscribed capital of £142,000. The interests involved are thus easily seen to be of enormous magnitude, and such as demand the most careful consideration from all interested, whether directly or incidentally. The cardinal point of the proposed arrangement is that the administration of the affairs of the existing concern is to be conducted at a cost of not more than 8 per cent. for the first two years, 6 per cent. for the next five years, and 5 per cent. or less for the rest of the existence of the office, and we cannot but admit that the plan arrests attention, and demands consideration. The special valuation reports and opinions, signed respectively by W. Farr,

G. Humphreys, C. J. Bunyon, A. H. Bailey, M. N. Alder, and A. Pearson, bring out clearly two facts. First that even during the past two years on the valuation approved by the first two gentlemen, the financial position of the office was improving, being £16,000 better in 1874 than in 1872. Second, the four gentlemen whose names are attached to the opinions, state definitely that on the bases assumed in the valuation and upon the maximum rate of working expenses stipulated for, the Briton will be in a position, with careful and udicious management, to discharge all existing obligations as they mature.

That the Briton itself should be able to fulfil its obligations, after allowing for its due management expenses in the future, is thus definitely vouched for by gentlemen whose names and reputation are beyond question, and whose opinions professionally are of the very highest class. The actuaries who have been called in to advise in the case are well aware of the points at issue. They know exactly the use to be made of their names and the result of the publication of their opinions, and thus we are led to the irresistible conclusion that the new Briton has not merely a safe but a profitable career before it. It may be asked why, if H. Bailey, Esq., F.I.A., of the London Assurthe only object is the discharge of the existing obligations, there should be suggested that any profits should be expected or looked for. The perusal of the prospectus which accompanies these reports explains the reason.

It is therein proposed to establish a new company, which shall administer, at a low cost, the affairs of the old concern, and at the same time take advantage of the whole of the enormous plant and goodwill, so to speak, which had been created by the so much decried expenditure of its predecessor. It will be a very singular financial phenomenon if the conjoint operation is not attended with signal and marked success. We have the assurance of most distinguished authorities that the old, series can work out safely on its own merits, whilst it requires but the rudiments of knowledge to understand that for the new company to come unfettered into the heritage of a vast connection is in itself a fortune. The new company is most distinctly not liable for the debts of the old one, but comes into possession of an asset,-viz., the connection which it has taken nearly a quarter of a century of work and the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of pounds to acquire. The whole of the outgo of an office, even to payment of claims, must be considered as forming a connection which is in itself a fortune to any institution which can without risk or payment acquire the same.

The prospects of the new company, starting under the title of the Briton Life Association, limited, would thus appear to be of the most favourable character. We have heard, almost to repletion, of the profitable nature of the business of life assurance when conducted with ordinary care and prudence even starting without any special advantages. If the managers of the new company are not experienced and prudent, then history is useless and precedent a We have, however, perfect confidence farce. that the shareholders of the new company may rest assured on this score, whilst as for the profits to be expected, we can only say that no new enterprise ever yet started so richly endowed and so free from obligations or necessity for expenditure.

and an absolute freedom of any liability consequent thereon, we have, in the constitution of the new company, every element which tends to make the investment in its shares exceptionally profitable; whilst under the Joint Stock Act of 1862, and with shares to bearer, the shareholders must feel that their future liability is absolutely nil. It is not merely the persons connected with the Briton, however, who are alone interested in its success. The whole insurance world will look with interest and good will upon an effort at once novel and yet simple, which carried safely through will again prove that life assurance has more chance in its favour as a branch of finance than any business under the sun, whether for profit, safety, or chance of remedying possible errors with ease and certainty.

meetings.

BRITON MEDICAL AND GENERAL LIFE ASSOCIATION.

Special report of the Directors, with valua-ion statement certified by W. Farr, M.D., F.R.S., D.C.L., of the Registrar General's Office, Somerset House, and George Humphreys, Esq., M.A., F.I.A., of the Eagle Insurance Company; and Special Actuarial Opinion by C. J. Bunyon, Esq., M.A., formerly one of the Vice-Presidents of the Institute of Actuaries, of the Norwich Union Life Insurance Society; A. ance Corporation, formerly one of the Vice-Presidents of the Institute of Actuaries; Marcus N. Adler, Esq., M.A., F.I.A., of the Alliance Assurance Company; and Arthur Pearson, Esq., F.I.A., of the Metropolitan Life Assurance So-ciety. Presented at an extraordinary general meeting of the share and policy holders, held at the Society's House, London, on the 21st day of September, 1875.

The Directors of the Briton Medical and General Life Association have to submit to the share and policy holders a special report and valuation of the position of the Association to the 31st December, 1874. The principles adopted in that valuation are the same as those adopted in the valuation of the affairs of the Association to the end of the year 1872. The results prove the Association to be in a better condition than at the first-named date. The balance on the valuation is £206,083, making, with £35,420 paid-up capital, a balance on the account of £241,503. It has been the wish of the Directors, however, to go more fully into the affairs of the Association than the presentation of a further report, and therefore they have considered every point in connection therewith with a view to determine what will be most advantageous for the interests of their constituents; and they have determined to recommend that a New Series of Members, in the form of a New Company, with separate funds and special capital, be established, on which all new policies on the profit scale should be issued, and that the satire existing funds and capital should be specially reserved for the benefit of the present policyholders. The creation of a "New Series" is no novel idea. It has been adopted by some of the largest and most successful Assurance Companies, and the existing Joint-Stock Acts afford special facilities for the establishment of such, with the additional advantage of a distinct paid-up capital. It is well recognized that in dealing with the expenditure of a Life Assurance Company, by far the larger percentage falls upon new premiums, and that the simple collection of renewals and the payment of claims is attended with comparatively small outlay. Consequently in their arrangements between the New and Old Company, the Directors have provided that the expenses to be borne by the With the heritage of an enormous connection latter shall be comparatively small, and limited for the first two years to a sum not exceeding 8 per cent. on the premiums, for the succeeding the val five years to 6 per cent., and afterwards to a sum not exceeding 5 per cent. upon the same, including the commission to agents; and in the Presen Balance Sheet which they now present to the shareholders and policyholders, the Directors have caused to be reserved, out of the above balance of $\pounds 241,503$, the sum of $\pounds 164,424$, being the present value of such rate of expenditure. Before determining on this proposed scheme the Directors have taken the opinion of four eminent actuaries, besides consulting with other authorities, as to every point in regard to it, and they are fully justified in strongly recommending its adoption to all interested in the Association. The Special Report of the Actuaries alluded to is presented herewith. The advantages of this proposition must be obvious. The expenses of the Old Association will be limited to the smallest possible amount, and below the marginal surplus exhibited by the present account, which margin is without in any way including the capital of the Associa-tion; whilst the New Association, forming in itself, as it no doubt rapidly will, a large body of recently selected lives, got together at comparatively small expenditure (because the machinery for new business is already at hand) must have unusual prospects of success. Thé Directors propose to take advantage of this reorganization to strengthen the executive in every way. Some of the present Directors will devote their attention specially to the management of the funds and transactions of the Old Series; whilst for the New Series a larger Board will be formed in which the interests of the policyholders will be fully represented. The Directors confidently recommend this proposal to the shareholders and members, as they believe it will maintain the solidity and position of this great Institution, whilst, at the same time, it will fully utilize, for the profit and benefit of all, the connexion which the Direc-tors have so carefully, and, they venture to assert, so perfectly established.

By order of the Board,

- FRANCIS WEBB, Chairman. SAMUEL RICHARDS, Deputy Chairman.
 - JOHN MESSENT, Actuary and Secretary.

Special Valuation Report

To the Directors of the Briton Medical and General Life Association.

Gentlemen,-I have the honour to submit the result of a special valuation of the company's affairs to December 31st 1874. From a careful examination of the policy registers of the asso-ciation, it appeared that there were in force at that date 26,573 policies, which assured, with bonus additions, but after deducting re-assur-ances, the sum of £7,258,024. 9s. 8d., and yielded an annual premium income of £217,324. 10s. Particulars of the various policies arranged under classes, with the sums assured, reversionary bonuses, and annual premiums payable thereon respectively, will be found in the schedule annexed. In estimating the liability of the association under the above risk, the principles adopted have been the same as in the valuation to the end of 1872, namely, the Car-lisle Table of Mortality, for nearly the whole of the transactions; but a portion of the assurance business arising from one of the offices united with the association is valued by "Davies's Equitable Experience Table." The rate of interest assumed in the calculations was 4 per cent., which is nearly one-half per cent. below what the investments are producing. The vari-ous schedules and calculations have been summitted to Dr. Farr, F.R.S., of the Registrar-General's Office, and Mr. George Humphreys, M.A., of the Eagle Insurance Company, for independent scrutiny, and the certificate of those

gentlemen is appended thereto the valuation is as follows :— Liabilitiss.	o. The res	ult	of	Less outstand- ing claims, un- claimed divi- dends, &c 38,130 6 2
Present value of sums assured Present value of annuities	£3,285,328 12,157		7 6	659,305 3 7
Present value of reserve for future expenses	164,424	-	-	£3,538,988 17 3
Balance in favour of the As- sociation	77.079	0		I am, Gentlemen, Your very obedient servant,
BOCIATION				JOHN MESSENT, Actuary and Secretary.
Assets.	£3,538,988	17	3	We have carefully gone through and inde- pendently checked the various celculations
Present value of premiums payable under the various				the above report, and find that the regults have
contracts Amount of assets, as per aud-	£2,879,683	13	8	been correctly deduced from the specified data and tables.
itor's balance-sheet on the		,		W. FABE.

31st Dec. '74 £697,435 9 9

G. HUMPHREYS. Valuation Schedule and Summary, Referred to in a Special Valuation Report,

		PA	ARTICULARS OF H	OLICIES.	VALUA	TION.
	DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS.	No. of policies	Sums Assured and Bonuses.	Office Yearly Premiums.	Sums Assured, including Bonuses.	Office Pre- miums.
	With Participation in Profits. ASSURANCES—					
F	or Whole Term of Life	21.564	5,321,222.954	156,005.421	2,250,762.589	2,195,253·128
M	linors' Assurances	362	111,030.721	1,338.792	18,686.216	25,967.878
	ndowment Assurances	144	26,059.602	1,075.262	15,810.25	9,387.992
	hildren's Endowments (Premi- ums returnable)	7	1,881.262		1.050.015	·
B	uilding Assurances	15	3,510475	89.704 307.117	1,370.817	
$ \tilde{\mathbf{L}} $	imited Payments	86	25.838.312	1,026.104	$\begin{array}{c} 2,535 \cdot 118 \\ 8,523 \cdot 512 \end{array}$	$1,885 \cdot 489$ $10,227 \cdot 719$
F	irst of Two Lives	323	66,013.229	2,907.929	35,150.358	33,204.109
1 -	ast Do	10	2,823.946	59.275	944.498	836.081
	irst of Three Lives	1 2	73.15	2.587	37.143	31·814
	ontingent Assurances	2	$1,800 \\ 400$	$23.993 \\ 10.15$	164·083 123·46	165.967
	aid-up Policies	33	4,115.237	10.15	2.164.881	170.519
	xtra Premiums payable			1,310.92	655.46	••••
7	otal Assurances with Profits	00 540	F EGA 769 999			
	otal Assurances with Flonts	22,549	5,564,768.888	164,157.254	2,336,928.385	2 277,130.696
.	Without Participation in Profits.					
	or Whole Term of Life	3,185	1,496,226.329	49,652.028		504,955·984
	Linors' Assurances		100	.762		13.004
	hildren's Endowments (Premi-	89	20,804	824.275	13,553.635	6,348.023
1	ums returnable)	143	15,950	665.554	5,690.888	
0	hildren's Endowments (non-	110			0,000.000	••••
_	returnable)	2		7.217	129.906	49.612
1 t	imited Payments	17 137	$7,650 \\ 71,267$	250.142		2,965.455
Î	Decreasing Scale		6,700	2,306.746 166,188		32,742.732
E	Ialf Premium (no debt)	126	68,358	1,444.333		821.889 32,805.949
1 I	'erm Policies	48		457.121		
1 1	First of Two Lives	91	29,700.438			13,475 [.] 012
11	ast of Three Lives	42	18,989 5,198	347.233		4,668.326
18	urvivorships Assurances	11 29		$\begin{array}{r} 48.858 \\ 213.558 \end{array}$		870.667
A	ccident Assurances	12		73.565		1,517·908 760·003
11	ssue Do	3			100	100 000
F	aid-up Policies	67	23,613.733		13,404.701	
1 r	Extra Premiums payable			- 302.084	151 042	
	Cotal Assurances without Profits	4,024	1,797,414.183	58,227.839	967,113.013	601,994.564
l n	Total Assurances	00 100	7 960 109 071	000 995 009	2 204 041 000	
	Deduct Re-Assurances	26,573	7,362,183.071 104,158.587			
				·		••••
	Nett amount of Assurances	26,573	7,258,024.484	217,221.936	3,285,328 03	2,879,125.26
	Innuities :					
	Immediate	76			11,258.665	
	Deferred	10				
1	Fotal Annuities	86	2,988.439	102.567	12,157.173	558.422
1	TOTAL OF RESULTS					

Special Actuarial Opinion.

Our opinion having been requested on the present position and future conduct of the busi-ness of the Briton Medical and General Life Association, we have examined the accounts and statements for the quinquennial period ending the 31st December, 1872, that have been deposited with the Board of Trade. From these documents it appears that on a valuation made at that date, the basis assumed being the Carlisle Table of Mortality, and 4 per cent. for the rate of interest, there was a balance, exclusive of the capital, of $f_{190,688}$ available for future expenses and contingencies. This valuation we have tested by approximate calculations based on other tables of mortality. We have also examined the accounts for the years 1873 and 1874, and had submitted to us the results of a valuation to the 31st December, 1874, on the same basis as the former, and we are of opinion therefrom that the events of the last two years have not appreciably affected the society's financial position, the resulting balance at the end of last year being $\pounds 206,083$, as against £190,688 in 1872. In these circumstances a plan has been laid before us, with the object of securing for the benefit of the policy holders the existing assets, and reducing the expenses to a minimum. It is proposed to accomplish this by means of a new company, with an adequate paid-up capital, bearing the name of "Briton," and conducting its business in the same premises, which, in consideration of the valuable connection which will at once be available, will agree to work the existing business at a charge of 8 per cent. of the premium income for the first two years, 6 per cent. for the succeeding five years, and 5 per cent. thereafter. Assuming this plan to be carried into effect, the existing business to be preserved, and taking the balance of assets over and above the accrued liabilities to be £659,305, according to the balance-sheet last published, and bearing in mind that the society possesses a large unpaid capital (£142,000), as a further guarantee for the integrity of its assurance contracts, we are of opinion that it will be in a position, with careful and judicious management, to discharge all existing liabilities as they mature. The new company will start with a valuable connection in complete working order, which has been acquired at an expenditure of much time, labour, and money, and will be free from all existing engagements. Thus circum-stanced, and guided by the experience of the past, we think it has good prospects of success.

C. J. BUNYON. A. H. BAILEY. MARCUS N. ADLER. ARTHUR PEARSON.

London, August, 1875.

Balance Sheet to 31st December, 1874, as per Second Schedule of Life Assurance Companies' Act.

Liabilities.			
Shareholder's Capital			
paid up£35420 0 0			
Assurance Fund623,885 3 7			
Total Funds, as per			
First Schedule	659,305	3	7
Claims admitted not due	37,810	12	11
Unclaimed Dividends	266	3	6
Outstanding Account	53	9	9
6			

£697,435 9 9

Assets.

Mortgages on Property within the United Kingdom£	300,770 14	1
Ditto, ditto, out of the United		
Knigdom	1,369 11	Ð
Loans on the Company's Policies	40,307 19	4
Investments—		
In British Government Securities	46,520 1 1	0
In Colonial ditto.	26,543 11	4
In Foreign ditto.	15,566 7	6

Railway Debenture Stock House Property Reversions Half Premiums on Loan Amounts due from other Com- panies Loans upon Per- sonal Security£39,412 8 4 Ditto, ditto, in con- nection with the deposits of Title Deeds and other Miscellaneous Property 20,691 7 4	$\begin{array}{c} 10,087 \ 17\\ 84,269 \ 12\\ 4,932 \ 3 1\\ 22,805 \ 10 \ 1\\ 7,540 \ 5 \end{array}$	9 1 1 2
	60,103 15	
Agents' Balances	30,717 19 1	
Outstanding Premiums	8,718 13 1	
Ditto Interest	9,687 10 1	10
Interim Half-year's Dividend to 30th June Cash—	885 10	0
In hand and on current accounts	26,608 3	8

£697,435 9 9

FRANCIS WEBB, Chairman. FRANCE SAMUEL RICHARDS, Directors. JOHN MESSENT, Actuary and Secretary.

Having duly examined the various Books Securities, and Vouchers, relative to the foregoing Accounts, we beg to report the same correct.

HENRY ALCOCK, JOHN BROWN, J. J. FAIRFAX SCOTT, J. C. WOOLLACOTT,

Dated this 29th March, 1875.

CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held at the Company's offices in Toronto, October 28th. The annual report was presented as follows :

Report.

Your Directors have to report that the grading is finished on 1161 miles, and there remains to be done 42 miles. The grading is now com-pleted from a point near the Carlton race-course to Ingersoll, with the exception of half a mile near Brampton; four miles, above Cheltenham; six miles, near Cataract, Alton, Hillsburg, Fergus and Elora; four and one-half miles, between Streetsville and Milton; and a portion of the cutting at Galt. There are now finished the Humber, Mimico, Pallett's Creek, Cooksville, Barber's Ravine, Credit, and Nith bridges, and 2,174 lineal feet small tresselling on main line, and Credit and Meadowvale bridges, and 1,001 feet small tresselling on branch line. Church's "Overhead" and "Millpond" bridges are also completed, including 14 spans of Howe truss. There is now erected thirty-five miles fencing on main line, seventeen miles on Orangeville branch, between Streetsville and Cheltenham, and three miles on Elora branch. One hundred and sixty culverts and sixty-one pairs of cattle guards have been framed and put in position on main line. Fifty-seven culverts and nineteen pairs cattle guards on Orangeville branch, and sixty culverts and twelve pairs cattle guards on Elora branch. There are now on hand and paid for 56,017 ties. One hundred and ninety proprietors of right of way have been paid for 437 acres land taken, amounting to \$44,780, and there have been paid for plant and working material, including the steam shovel, \$22,125.30. Every possible effort has been made to economize the use of money in all the departments of the Company's affairs, and the loss sustained by the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railway the failure of contractors and other matters will Companies in Western Ontario, where four or

10,087 17 6¹ not exceed eight to twelve thousand dollars. In addition to the municipal assistance, there have been paid out on account to the Company \$270,000 on account of construction, this sum including a large amount for right of way dona ted to the Company. There remains now in the hands of the Municipal Trustees \$198,624 in cash, in unsold debentures and in interest, finnds to a certain extent unavailable, from the location and circumstances of the works, without further assistance. The Company have not received any of the Government grant. The Order in Council states that the money is to be paid exclusive of tracklaying. The works are now nearly suspended, and must so remain until further financial arrangements have been made. An average of 620 men and 135 teams have been employed during the past season. Your Directors have to state that to secure the success of the line, that it will be necessary to get from the Government fifteen hundred dollars per mile, more than the subsidy already granted, or a little in excess of the amount granted the Hamilton and Northwestern rail-way, and from the city of Toronto \$250,000, and from Fergus, Elora, and Orangeville \$8,000 each.

> The President moved the adoption of the Report, and in a long speech claimed that the road was manifestly advantageous to the country originally designed on the three feet six gauge, and projected to strike the Credit river at Streetsville, and mainly to follow its course to Alton with a branch to Milton, it was at the urgent solicitations of influential parties in the counties of Oxford, Elgin, Waterloo, Halton, Weilington and Peel, ultimately agreed to change the gauge to four feet eight and one half inches, and extend the main line to St. Thomas, and the branch to connect with the Wellington, Grey and Bruce railway at Fergus, bringing the whole country north of Fergus and Elora to Southampton into connection with the Credit Valley railway. The main line connect-ing with the Canada Southern cannot fail to be of great advantage to the country and throw a vast amount of new business into the city of Toronto. The Credit Valley railway is being built where the business is ; as soon as its doors are opened the trade will be ready. Lying wholly south of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce and following the river Credit in a general direction northwards as far as Cataract, it comes Grey and Bruce railway at Alton and Orangeville, a small affair abundantly to be compensated for by the new business the Credit Valley railway will occasion to pass over the Toronto, Grey and Bruce railway. It is quite true that this line will be in competition with the Great Western and at some points with the Grand Trunk, and that those lines will be compelled to carry to ports on Lake Ontario via Hamilton and Toronto, at reasonable rates; but are the people of this Province reduced to that state of railway vassalage that they may not protect their own interests from inequitable and unjustifiable imposts by the grossly and extravagantly mismanaged existing English railway corporations, management alike disastrous to the proprietary and to the people of Canada? County of Oxford is estimated to have paid for carriage of passengers, imports and exports, a sum approximating \$200,000 per annum more than was paid for the carriage of the same number of passengers and quantities of imports and exports from the County of Middlesex, averaging thirty miles further west, but in which at London the Grand Trunk meets the Great Western, and Montreal meets New York. The total municipal taxation for local purposes sinks into insignificance as compared with the taxation of excessive local rates imposed by

five cents per bushel is unfairly levied on grain, and in proportion on passengers, cattle, iron, &c. It must not be forgotten that the Great Western Railway Company has manipulated its tariffs to produce the general effects of shipping the produce of Western Canada over the Suspension Bridge and via the New York Central (although from Hamilton or Toronto it would go cheaper by Oswego), to support the New York Central, and the shipping and commerce of New York. The Gran 1 Trunk railway has a diametrically opposite interest, in harmony with the interest of our sea-going commerce, in securing the shipment of every-thing within its reach eastwards, via Montreal to the seaboard. Both lines work a parallel policy in resisting equitable rates of freight from interior points to ports on Lake Ontario. He did not see how the Government or Parliament should possibly avoid supplementing the aid the people so freely taxed themselves to give for the construction of the Credit Valley railway and other lines. The people of the municipalities may be very safely trusted not to overtax themselves for railways or anything else, and when they do incur some heavy cost to secure the success of a great work, who shall deny them their equitable share of Legislative support? He had no doubt the necessary assistance to complete the work would be granted.

The report was adopted.

The following gentlemen were elected Direcors for the ensuing year :-G. Laidlaw, C. J. Campbell, Jno. Gardner, Jno. Macnab, Jas. L. Morrison, R. W. Elliott, Angus Morrison, Wm. Arthurs, Robert Hay.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors Mr. Geo. Laidlaw was re-elected President, and Mr. C. J. Campbell, Vice-President.

Correspondence.

A MERCHANT'S CONFESSION.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

DEAR SIR,-The anxiety of many men without capital to enter into business has had much to do with the existing state of depression. The readiness with which credit was obtained was in the past almost unlimited, and as a Montreal merchant I confess that I often feel in a measure culpable for having started a young man in business, and aided and abetted him in his scheme to make a living out of other people.

The young man referred to applied for goods on the usual terms of credit, but having neither cash nor moral capital (in good character or business capacity), he was refused. Subsequently, upon the security of his father, goods to the amount of \$500 were given him. Here was the start. A fine store was taken ; signs put up ; advertisements inserted ; and the campaign against merchants and manufacturers commenced. With a lie in his mouth that he had obtained credit from this firm, well-known for carefulness in giving credit, he went to a Another merchant and easily obtained further With two good houses to refer to, the goods. third party applied to was only too glad to give him everything he required, and henceforth the amount of his purchases and the number who became his creditors was only limited by the prudence of the thief who refrained from taking more than he could carry away. The first pur-chase was paid, the father released from his guarantee, and the firm gave him no further

to do. Business being prosperous he married, and makes a settlement upon his wife. He rented a comfortable house and furnished it in good style, and took this opportunity to lay by something for a rainy day, or in other words be-gan to feather his nest. Of course all this required some cash. Even the best of trade, and the most accommodating creditor would not admit of drawing so heavily from the business, and accumulating the large stock carried. The banks were most anxious to secure such a promising young trader, and in his inability to decide upon the generous offers of accommodation held out to him by "enterprising" managers who solicited his account, he divided his favors amongst them. His facilities for getting discounts were such that his business did not supply enough paper-his sales were altogether at retail-the mills cried out for more grist. In this exigency his friends of the same kidney and similarly situated, both as to resources and bank accommodation, came to the rescue. He was admitted to the ring of "paper manufacturers," and in exchange for notes of his own, received an assortment of paper which his banks were only too glad to take. When this paper an assortment of paper which his balance and only too glad to take. When this paper matured it was renewed and changed from one bank to another—proving the convenience of having more than one bank account. How loose must be the inspection of bank managers and boards, when paper of this character can be offered by a small retail dealer without question.

So freely was this paper discounted that he was able to pay for his goods promptly, and kept his credit fair, although everybody wondered how it was done. But the end came, and before he was prepared for it, for he had hardly got started in this new method of money-making, when the magic ring was broken. The banks became aware of their folly, and he hastened to assign under the old Insolvent Act. Liabilities -between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Assets-a few stoves, tin pans, and book debts. Seven banks figured as creditors ! But the coolest thing was his tender to the assignee of 35c on the dollar for the stock, offering his own notes without security. 'Where was his father then?" The boy was safe. With such a record he starts again ; and, although some fools are dead, they are not all, for he has obtained a store and a few goods, and will soon be in full blast. Now, why should this man persist in doing business with a salary? Why should he be allowed to destroy the business of honest traders doing business on their own capital ?

This is only one of many similar cases, some of which are even worse. I know I deserve censure for first trusting him.

DELINQUENT.

-A bonus of \$20,000 has been granted to the Lake Simcoe Junction Railway by the Township of Georgina.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, NOV. 2, 1875.

The only pleasing feature we have to notice in the past week's business is further slight imchase was paid, the father released from his guarantee, and the firm gave him no further credit. With the "enterprise" characteristic of a man who has everything to make and noth-ing to lose, he dashed along in fine style—ad-vertised extensively; kept a fine horse and wagon, with his name in gold letters upon it; dressed and lived well; spending his evenings and money as young men of no principle are apt

comparatively small. As the close of navigation is now approaching, there has been a con-siderable demand for flour for shipment to England and the lower ports, in consequence prices have advanced somewhat since this day week. Wheat has also been in considerable demand and numerous cargoes have been changing hands. Tonnage is scarce and rates advancing. There are comparatively few sea going vessels now in port.

We give the stocks of flour and wheat in store yesterday, under their respective paragraphs.

On Saturday night we had fall of snow, covering the ground a couple of inches; most of this has melted, but since then we have had black frost, making a good bed for snow which has been threatening all day. ASHES.—Pots—The amount of business tran-sacted in this kind of ashes has been lighter

during the past week than for sometime previous, and prices have further declined, the advance in and prices have further declined, the advance in the rates of freight will doubtless account for this. Firsts in the early part of the week brought \$4.80 to 5.00, the outside price being for extra tares; the market closed at \$4.75 to 4.90; seconds, \$3.90, and third sort \$2.90. *Pearls*—Buyers and sellers are apart in their views; no sales of firsts are reported, but the nominal price is \$5.25; seconds \$4.40. The stocks at present in store are, Pots 1,769 brls.; pearls, 955 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOFS.—A moderate business continues to be done in sorting up orders. Remittances are about the same as last week. and quotations are unchanged .-Men's kip boots \$2.75 to 3.00; do. French calf \$3.00 to3.75; ditto Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; ditto split Brogans \$1.10 to 1.25; do. kip alito spit Brogans \$1.10 to 1.25; do. kip Brogans \$1.40 to 1.50; Boys' split Brogans opc to \$1.50; do. Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1.40 to \$0.00; Womens' Buff and pebbled Bal-morals \$1.20 to 1.80; do prunella Bals. 75c to \$1.75; do. do. Congress 75c to \$1.75; Misses Buff and Pebble Balmorals goc to \$1.15; do prunella Balmorals and Congress 70c to \$1.25; Childrens do. do. 6oc to \$1.00.

CATTLE.-A large number of cattle were offering on the market yesterday, but owing to its being a strict Catholic holiday there were few buyers, and sales reported averaged from \$3.50 to 4.00 per 100 lbs. live weight, our outside quotation being the highest price obtained during the day. Hogs were plentiful. Carloads averaging 300 lbs. each were sold at \$7.621, two other carloads sold at \$7.25 per 100 lbs. live weight, but a greater part of the hogs on the market are still unsold.

DRY GOODS.—The state of the dry goods market continues to be of the same dull and sluggish nature as at the date of last report, and was it not for a few small orders sending in by travellers there would be almost nothing doing, as the city retail merchants are only buying to meet immediate wants. Clothing, demand is better but still much under the amount of former seasons. Remittances are steadily improving, which is encouraging in the present depressed state of trade.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .--- Business is still contracted and confined to small sales. Some holders to effect sales are inclined to press goods on the market which will have the effect of lowering prices, as it is the market is decidedly easy, and for round lots possibly some concessions would be made on our quotations. There have been moderate sales of *Bi carb* at \$4.00 to

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FISH .--- Dealers in fish are holding off expecting lower prices, but importers for the reason given last week are very firm and will not operate under our present quotations. Dry Cod is very scarce and much wanted at $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ c; Green Cod is also in limited supply at $56\frac{1}{4}$ for No. 1 in brls., drafts \$7. Labrador herrings are in good supply at \$5.00; Salmon quiet at \$15, \$14 and \$13 for No. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Mackerel \$5 per 1/2 brl. No. 3.

FURS.-Mink and muskrat are coming in more freely, but still not in any large quantity, the latter has advanced as on late quotations. We latter has advanced 3c on late quotations. quote Beaver \$1.75 to 2.00; Black Bear \$6 to 12, according to size; Fisher, \$5.00 to 7.50; Silver Fox \$25.00 to 60; Cross Fox \$2.00 to 5.00; Red Fox \$1.25 to 160; Lynx \$1.50 to 1.75; Dark Labrador Martin \$7 to 8; Pale Martin \$1.25 to 1.50; Prime Dark Mink \$2.50 to 0.00; Dark Mink, 2nd \$1.50 to 2.00; Fine Dark Otter \$8 to 10; Fall Muskrat 15 to 18c; Winter do. 20 to 23c.; Spring, do none offering; Racoon 25 to 50c; Skunk 20 to 50c.

FREIGHTS .- As the end of the season is close at hand tonnage is getting scarce, while the demand has been good; rates are very firm and a shade higher than the closing quotations of The latest engagements for heavy last week. The latest engagements for heavy grain to Liverpool and Glasgow by steamers and iron clippers were made at 8/9 to 9/-; flour 3/9 to 4/6. Vessels for orders nominally 7/6 to 3/9 to 4/6. 8/6. Rates by steamers to Liverpool for Pot ashes 40/-, Pearls 50/-, and to Glasgow 5/-more. To the River Platte \$22.50, and \$3.00 extra for an up river port.

FLOUR.-The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of yesterday the 1st inst., were 45,836 brls., against 53,364 brls. on the 15th ult., and 27,863 brls. on the 1st November 1874. Receipts for the past week 37,272 brls.; total, receipts from 1st January to date 847,617 brls., being a decrease of 24,252 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874. SI ipments for the past week 47,889 brls.; total shipments from 1st January to date were 691,286 brls., being a decrease of 39,227 brls. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1874. Up till last Saturday there was very little animation in the market, and at that date prices were a shade under our closing quotations of last week. On Saturday, however, there was a brisk demand for flour, prices advancing about 10 cents, when about 12,000 brls. changed hands. Monday being a holiday, there was very little doing on 'change, and to day shows no disposition to buy to any extent, and any sales taking place were generally rather under the quotations of Saturday. At the close of the market prices were as follows:-Superior Extra \$5.35; Extra Superfine 5.25; Fancy \$5.10, nominal; Spring Extra \$5.05 ; rancy \$5.10, nonlinal; Spring Extra\$5.00 to 0.00; Superfine \$4.70 to 4.75; StrongBakers Flour \$5.07 to 5.10; Fine \$4.30, nom-inal; Middlings \$3.90 to 4.00, nominal; Pollards \$3.40 to 3.60 nominal; U.C. Bag flour\$2.45; Oatmeal rather more demand, \$4.90 to\$00 : Commend: \$2.5 to 5.55.00; Cornmeal \$3.70 to 3.75.

GRAIN.-Wheat-The stock in store and in miller's hands yesterday morning, the 1st Nov., was 311,146 bushels, against 227,568 bushels on the 15th ult., and 245,188 bush. on the 1st Nov. 1874. Receipts during the week 515,648 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date were 7,680,449 bushels, being an increase of 432,178 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874; shipments for the week 290,610 bushels; total shipments from 1st January to date 6,168,825 bushels, being a decrease of 914, 216 bushels on the shipments for the correspond-ing period of 1874. There has been more de-mand this week, and a good many cargoes have changed hands; U. C. spring and white winter at \$1.15 to 1.17. Yesterday some car lots of at \$1.15 to 1.17. Yesterday some car lots of ditto, IX, \$10.50 to 10.75; ditto DC, \$7.50 ii 12, according to the time of make. Pork.— the latter were placed at \$1.15; to-day a car lot to 7.75; Coke IC, \$7.00 to 0.00; 14 x 20, 25c Receipts 421 brls.; shipments 511 brls.; market was sold at \$1.17. Maize—Nothing doing; extra. Tinned sheets Charcoal best No. 26, 14c. active at a decline on late quotations. We now

price is nominal at 56 to 59c; no sales trans-piring. *Peas*—We hear of no cargo sales; some car lots are selling at 87c per 66 lbs. Oats-Moderate sales are reported from 36 to 371c. Barley-Lower Canada 671 to 70c ; sales within our range; Upper Canada nominal at 85 to goc; Pot Barley, \$6.00; Pearl Barley, \$12.00

GROCERIES.-Teas-There has been a good jobbing demand for Japans at from 30 to 45c; high priced teas as a rule being difficult to place. We hear of nothing doing in invoices. Stocks at the present time are full. The market in Japan continues to have a downward tendency; for Black and Green Tea there is very little enquiry. *Coffee*—Demand is limited, but as stocks are very low, prices are firm. Java 30 to 34c; Maracaibo 26d to 30c; Signapore 29 to 31c; Laguayra 26c. Sugar-The market for raw sugars has been firm, with an upward tendency, and bright Porto Rico and Barbadoes have been selling to a fair extent at to $7\frac{1}{2}c$; common Cuba $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{3}{4}c$. Yellow refined—the shipments of this sugar are now about over for the season, and the stock is in tew hands, and for which we quote $7\frac{3}{4}$ to 8c. Granulated sugar is in fair demand at 8²/₄c. Local refined grocers A 81c; confectioners A g_{ac}^{2} ; ground g_{ac}^{2} , extra ground 9 to g_{ac}^{1} . Mo-lasses—Are firm, with a fair demand. Stocks are moderate. Sales of Muscovado at 35 to 36c; Barbadoes and Porto Rico 41 to 42c. Syrups-Golden 45c; Amber 65c. Rice—There is an easy feeling in this market, and a good deal has been sold at low prices; towards the close prices have somewhat stiffened, and holders are asking from \$3.80 to 3.85. Spices-Not much doing. Black pepper is firm at 13 to 15c according to size of lot; cloves 50 to 55c; cassia, 16 to 20c; nutmegs 80c to \$1.00; pimenta 8 to roc; ginger 22¹/₂ to 25c; other kinds are without change. Fruit—The advance in the price of raisins in Spain has made the market here very firm for Layers, of which stocks are at present small; holders ask \$2.50 for new crop; Muscatels are nominal: Valencias 7³/₄ to 8c ; Sultanas 12 to 121c; Seedless are very scarce; currants, new crop, 6 to 6²/₄c; new figs 10 to 14c; almonds and nuts are dull and unchanged at last week's prices.

HIDES AND PELTS.-The demand for hides on American account continues, by which the stocks here have been somewhat relieved. Prices are unchanged, viz., \$6, \$5, and \$4 for No. 1, 2 and 3 respectively, inspected. Lambskins-The usual advance made in the price at the beginning of the month has not yet been determined on, and in the meantime we quote 70 to 85c nominal.

HARDWARE .- The past week has has not developed any new feature in this line of business. There has been a fair demand for seasonable goods such as Canada Plates, Sleigh Shoe, Steel, &c. Prices remain about as last reported nor need any further reduction be looked for, the close of ocean navigation, which cannot be the close of occan having ation, which cannot be far distant, will likely produce an advance in some descriptions of heavy goods. Remitt-ances show a gradual but slow improv-ment. We quote *Pig Iron.*—Eglinton and Clyde \$21.50 to 00.; Carnbroe \$22.50 to 00.; American \$26 to 28. Summerica and Calder American \$26. to 28. ; Summerlie and Calder \$23.00 to 23.50; Langloan & Gartsherrie \$23.00 to 23.50; Coltness \$24.00 to 24.50; Hematite \$30.00 to 31.00. Bar, per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.30 to 2.40; best do., \$2.55 to 2.65, Swedes and Norway \$5.00 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7.00. Canada Plates per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$4.50 to' 0.00; Garth and Penn \$4.50 to 0.00; Arrow \$4.75 to 5.00; Hatton \$4.40 to 4.50. Tin Plates per box—Charcoal IC, \$8.50 to 8.75;

Galvanized sheets best brands No. 28,9 to 10c. Galvanized sheets best brands NO. 20, 9 to 10c. Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$3,00 to 3.25; Sheets best brands, \$3.25 to 3.50; Boiler Plates ordinary brands \$3.25 to 3.50; Best brands \$3.50 to 3.75; Russian Sheet Iron per lb. 15 to 16c; Cut Nails 2 D Lath, \$4.75; ditto, 21d to 4d shingle \$3.05; ditto, 5d to 10d, \$3.45; ditto 12d & larger \$3.15; 100 keg lots 5 per cent. discount. Cut nails patent Chisel pointed 25c extra. Pressed Sbikes \$4.25 to 5.00: Shot Canadian \$7 to 7.25. Spikes \$4.25 to 5.00; Shot Canadian \$7 to 7.25. Lead—per 100 lbs Pig, 6.50 to \$7.00; do sheets 6.50 to \$7.00; do Bar, 6.50 to \$7.00; Steel cast, **b.** 50 to $\sqrt{100}$, to $\sqrt{100}$, $\sqrt{100}$, 100 lbs. \$4.50 to 4.75 ; Proved Coil Chain, \$ in., \$6.00 to 6.25; Anchors 7 to 8c; Anvils 10 to 12c. Iron wire per bdl \$2.50 to 60. Files-" Kinmonds" Brand 10 per cent off English list. Glass, 4th quality, 25 united inches \$2.20 to 25; do. 40 to 2.85; do. 40 inches \$2.40 to 2.45; do. 50 inches \$2.80 to 2.85; do. 60 inches \$3.05 to 3.10; do. 70 inches \$3.30 to 3.35. LEATHER.—Sales continue moderate and

stocks are largely in excess of the demand. Good medium weight Spanish sole is wanted for the country trade, while light weights and No. 2 are accumlating. Slaughter sole is being offered by tanners from Ontario at very low figures and prices are nominal. Light waxed upper, Calfskins, and good Pebbled are wanted, other descriptions of stock are uncalled for. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 24 to 25c ; do. No. 2 22c ; Buffalo sole No. 1 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 19 to 20c Hemlock slaughter 24 to 28c; waxed upper light and medium 30 to 371c; ditto heavy 30 to 32c; grained upper 32 to 35c; splits large 20 to 29c; do small 18 to 24c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs, 55 to 70c; do 18 to 26 lbs 50 to 65c; sheepskin linings 25 to 40c; harness 25 to 55c; sheepskin linings 25 to 40c; harness 25 to 31c; buffed cow 13 to 16 $\frac{1}{5}$ c per ft.; enamelled cow 18 to 19c; patent cow 19 to 19 $\frac{1}{5}$ c; pebbled cow 14 to 16c; rough leather 23 to 26.

LIQUORS .- Brandy .- Stocks are moderate with a fair demand for the choice brands, we quote from \$2.50 to 2.75 in wood, and from \$8.25 to 9.25 in cases. Gin is firm, DeKupers in wood 81.55 to 1.60; green cases \$3.80 to \$4.00; red cases \$7.75; Houtmans in wood \$1.50; red cases \$7.25 to 7.30; green cases \$3.60. Rum in small demand at unchanged prices. High wines 75c per Imp. gall. in bond, per car load equal to \$1.92 duty paid. Rye Whiskey 34c per Imp. gall. in bond, per car load equal to \$1.021 duty paid.

NAVAL STORES .- This market continues firm but the demand is now falling off, prices are unchanged since our last report. Sp. Turpentine steady at 50c per gal for lots, and 524c for smaller quantities. Rosins.—Are unchanged, strained, \$3.25; No. 2, \$3.50; No. 1, \$4.00; Pale \$4.50 to 7.50. Pine Tar and Pitch are slow of sale at \$4.00. Coal Tar and Pitch, \$3.00. OLLS.—Market is dull with very little demand

for any kind of fish oil. Cod oil quiet at 54 to 55c; Seal oil pale 54 to 55c; ditto straw 48 to 50c; ditto steam refined 60 to 621c; Menhadden 35 to 37c; Whale oil 50 to 024c; Men-hadden 35 to 37c; Whale oil 50 to 55c; Palm oil $8\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c; Olive oil 95c to \$1.00; Linsed, raw 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 50c; ditto boiled 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 55c; Petrol-um Car-lots 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, single barrels and small lots 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 30c. There has been a very fair demand for this article during the week.

PROVISIONS.—Butter, - Receipts have been liberal, amounting to 10,972 kegs; shipments 10,113 kegs; there has been a fair business doing at steady prices; Western 17 to 20c; Townships butter 21 to 22c. Cheese.—Receipts during the week 26,079 hoxes; shipments 23,-123 boxes; market quiet, holders firm at 101 to quote new inspected mess \$23 75 to \$24.25, and thin mess \$22.00. Lard steady at 15 to 151c; Tallow 71 to 72c.

SALT.-Stocks are large and demand limited. Sales of coarse to a small extent continue to be made from 65 to 68c, the latter on canal bank.

WOOL .-- A few unimportant sales are transpiring at late quotations. Super pulled 30 to 32c; black and unassorted 29 to 30c.

Latest cable advices received at Montreal by MR. S. B. HEWARD :

From MESSRS. ADAMSON GILFILLAN & CO., LONDON 1st Nov.

Tin £85 per ton, quiet with limited demand. Last months deliveries of Tin in England and Holland were 2000 tons.

From MESSRS GILFILLAN WOOD & Co.,

SINGAPORE, 1St Nov. American price for TIN in Singapore 191c per lb, dull but not much pressure.

Shipped during Oct. to New York 250 Tons. do. do. to Boston do. 150 do. to N. K. do. " do. 600

Gambur \$5.70 per picul. Shipped during Oct. to New York nil Tons. do. to Boston do. do. 200 do. to N. K. " do. do. 1500 Nutmegs \$83.

From MESSRS GILFILLAN, WOOD & Co.,

SINGAPORE, 3rd Nov. Benthym Coffee\$235 per Picul. Black Pepper 10³

Tin 231 From ADAMSON, GILFILLAN & CO.,

LONDON, 3rd Nov. Coffee market here has a strong downward tendency.

Tin £85 per Ton.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, Nov. 4, 1875.

The trade since our last reference has not possessed more than ordinary interest. In some branches business has been checked, particularly in produce. This embarrassment is due to the large amount of through freight and the scarcity of tonnage, both at Montreal and New York. The result, as may be expected, has been a checking of the demand, and prices though fluctuating somewhat, owing to outside agitation, have as a general thing been steady. It is by this time pretty clear that prices will not be much higher than they are, unless some unforseen circumstance arises. In Dry goods, the worst, we have every reason to believe, is already known. The feeling with regard to the lumbering interest is not so depressing. Rumours are current that some of the Banks do not intend to make any advances for the cut this season. We hope they are true. The hardware trade continues in a fairly active state. In the leather, and boot and shoe trades all changes are more favorable, and the markets generally have a better tone. With regard to the main features of other trades there is scarcely any change to note.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There is an ordinary demand for sorting up and as stocks in many lines are low manufacturers are kept busy. Ouotations remain the same, for the reason that there is no inducement to lower them, nor could they be reduced without actual loss.

CATTLE.—Beeves—The receipts of the past week show considerable falling off, and were

No increase is apparent in the number of first class offering, and the range of values continues to be \$4.25 to 4.50. Second class are in very good supply at \$3.75 to 4.00, and third class are abundant at \$3 00 to 3.25. *Nheep.*—Receipts of sheep and lambs for the week were 437 head, against 1,396 head last week. There is a considerable falling off in the demand for the same reason as affected beef. First class bring \$5.00 to 6.00: second class \$4.00, and third class \$3.00 to 3.50. Lambs.—There is a good en quiry for all offering. First-class bring readily \$4.00, second class \$3.00 to 3.50, and third class about \$2.50. Calves.—There is sufficient for all wants at \$8.00 to 10.00 for first class; \$6.00 to 8.00 for second class, and \$3.00 to 4.00 for third. Hogs .- Receipts for the week were 125. Good live fat hogs bring \$6.00 to 6.50 per hundred pounds, and store hogs are selling at \$5.00 to 5.50 per hundred pounds. Drugs. —Business continues dull as in the

past two weeks. There is nothing new, or of special in crest in the trade, and the prices ruling of late are without alteration.

FLOUR AND MEAL .- Flour .- Stocks in store on the 1st inst., were 3,011 brls., against 4,370 brls. on the corresponding date last year. Little change has taken place since our last reference, but values are tending downward. On Friday last fancy sold at \$4.70 f.o.b., and at equal to \$4.70. Spring wheat extra brought in round lots at equal to \$4.40 and 4.45 here. There were sales of superior extra on private terms. Saturday there was no demand nor no transactions reported. On Monday fancy and spring extra sold at \$4.75 f.o.b., and fancy at \$4.70 on the track. Spring wheat extra sold at an outside point, same freight as this city, at \$4.60. Tuesday the market was not so firm, but no actual decline was established. Extra sold at \$4.90 f.o. b. In spring extra one lot of 100 brls. brought \$4.65, and another of 500 brls. \$4.60 f.o.b. Yesterday there was little or no demand, and prices were purely nominal at our Oatmeal .- Continues quiet. We quotations. quote cars \$4.45 to 4.50, and smaller lots \$4.95 to 5.35. Bran.—There is a good demand, and the sale of car lots at \$12.00 would be repeated.

FREIGHTS .-- There is a good demand, and, as vessels are scarce, rates have advanced. Grain has been sent to Oswego at 2½c; to Lake Erie ports $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4c is asked, and to Chicago bids of 6c are refused. Charters on lumber to Oswego have been made at \$1.25. Rates by steamer to Montreal are quoted at 20c, and 15c to Kingston, Brockville or Prescott, and on grain 6c to the former place, and 3c bagged to the latter ports. The rates of the Jacques lines are quoted at 150 on flour to Kingston, Brockville and Prescott, and 6c on grain in bulk to Montreal, and 5c in bags to Kingston. Flour to Montreal is quoted at 20c. Grand Trunk rates on flour are steady at 30c to Montreal, 75c to St John, 75c to Halifax, and 55c to Boston.

GRAIN .- Stocks in store on the 1st instant : Wheat, 135,085 bush. fall; 126,291 bush. spring; oats 4424 bush.; barley, 267,147 bush.; peas 18,757 bush.; rye, 1,522 bush.; corn, 700 bush. Against- Wheat, 22,348 bush. fall; 33,834 bush. spring; oats, 1,100 bush.; barley, 356,664 bush.; peas, 12,829 bush ; rye, 915 bush ; corn, nil bush.—on the corresponding date last year. Wheat.—The market has ruled fairly steady all week both as regards values and the volume of business. On Friday there was a good demand and buyers would have given \$1.08 for No. 1 spring; mixed lots changed hands at \$1.00 and 1.07 f.o.b.; No. 2 fall was nominal. Saturday the only sale to note was a lot of No. 2 fall at \$1.10 f.o.b., and spring was in demand at \$1.06 to 1.07. Monday the market was inactive and

was the best bid obtained. Yesterday buyers of No. 2 fall offered \$1.08, and No. 1 spring would have been taken at \$1.06 f.o.b., but holders asked two cents more. No. 3 fall held at \$1.00 without receiving bids. Oats.—The market has been steady all week, and sales of a number of cars have been made at 34c and 35c on the track. Holders have steadily asked 35c and buyers have offered 34c. Barley.—With a few fluctuations the market continues active, and prices steady. On Friday some car lots of No. 2 changed hands at 77c f.o.b. Saturday sales were slow at 75c per car lots of No. 2 on the track, and 64c f.o.b. for No. 3. Sales of choice No. 1 were reported at goc f.o.b. On Monday there was one lot of 5000 bush. and several cars of No. 2 changed hands at 76c f.o.b. Tuesday there was a fair activity. No. 1 was firm at goc; No. 2 moved freely in car lots at 76c f.o.b. In No. 3 sales were made at 64 to 65c, and 66 f.o.b. Yesterday the only sale reported was No. 3 at 62c on the track. For No. 2 74 to 75c would have been paid. No. 1 was nominal at goc f.o.b. Peas.-On Friday cars of No. 2 changed hands at 73c f.o.c., and No. 1 was enquired after at 75c. Since then the market has been inactive, but there is a fair demand for No. 2 at 73c, and No. 1 at 75c f.o.c. Ryc.—Is worth 6oc in car lots.

GROCERIES .- Coffee .- The firmness before noted continues unchanged as a deficiency in supplies confidently stated but the stocks in New York is heavy. Some choice Rio is held at 25c. but ordinary qualities can be had at 23 to 24c. Java in lots is worth 311 to 32c. There have been some sales of African at a range of 27 to 29c but the movement in all kinds was small. Fish.-There is a good demand for trout with steady sales at \$3.50 to 3.62 and whitefish at \$3.62 to 3.75. Labrador herring being \$5.75 to 6.25 for barrels and \$3.50 to 3.75 for half barrels. Cod is not yet in the market in any abundance and is nominal at \$5.25 to 5.50. Fruit.—Busi-ness in old stocks is steady. Some sales of new arrivals are reported. New Layers are held at \$2.25 to 2.50 according to the lot and for London Layers from \$3 25 to 3.50 is asked. Round lots of Valencias about to arrive will be sold at 8c and smaller lots at 8½c. Sultanas bring 13 to 13½c. Small sales of new cur-rants to arrive are being made at 6½ to 7c. New figs bring 15 to 16c, loose Muscatels \$2.50 to 3. Malaga figs \$5.75 to 6.25, lemon peel 201c for 201b. boxes, and citron peel 321c for 7lb. boxes. Nuts are unchanged; 14c for almonds, 9¹/₂c for filberts, 8c for walnuts, and 8c for New Brazil. Liquors—There is a good dem and for rye and malt at quotations, other kinds are quiet. We note the sale of a lot of cheap Burgundy at 8oc to 821c. Rice-The market is somewhat easier; but we still quote choice trade lots at \$4.121, and good at \$4.00 to 4.05. One lot of 200 bags of good brought \$4. Small lots range from \$4.15 to 4.30. Sugar-The movement in trade lots is very restricted, but a good demand is experienced from the country dealers. Dry crushed sold slowly at of to gec, and granulated at 87 to ofc. Three or four lines of the latter changed hands in the beginning of the week at $9\frac{1}{2}c$, but the transaction could not be repeated. One lot of 130 barrels of dry crushed sold on private terms. Porto Rico is selling steadily at 78 to 74c. Montreal refined is easier at 88 to 88c. with small sales. Scotch is worth 81 to 88c. for good qualities. Other kinds are unchanged at $8\frac{1}{2}c.$ for Demarara and $7\frac{1}{4}$ to $7\frac{3}{4}c.$ for Cuba and Barbadoes. Teas.—Prices are firm, and with a steady country trade doing some improvement is noted in large transactions. Purchases, however, are not beyond immediate wants and are confined chiefly to low grades. In Young were show considerable ranking off, and were to 1.07. Honday the market was mattive and are conniced circlely to buy grades. In Found only 469 head against 845 head on the preceed-ing one. There is sufficient for all present wants as the change of weather has created a good demand for poultry and other provisions. In Found were was mattive and an event was mattive and are conniced circlely to buy grades. In Found states that the final prices steady is not used an one movement was subscription on the provisions. In Found the the final prices was towards ease; No. 2 fall offered at \$1.10 without finding buyers, and for No. 1 spring \$1.05 to 1.06 enquired after, and we are able to report sales

of several lines at 42c. to 45c. of medium. Lines of fine congous sold at a range of 50 to 65c., and one line at 30c. The movement in greens is very limited compared with blacks, taking the fall extent of business. Tobacco.-There is no new feature in the trade, which is steady. Several lots of solaces have changed hands at $35\frac{1}{2}$ to $45\frac{1}{2}c$, and Government navy No. 2's at a range of $47\frac{1}{2}$ to 55c. Syrup.—All descriptions have advanced fully two-and-onehalf cents per gallon, and sales have been much

lighter than last week. HARDWARE.—There is no change to note from our last. All classes of goods are in de-mand and business is brisk, with no change in quotations. Glass alone appears to be scarce, but as there are some stocks in hand and sufficient on the way no change in price will probably take place.

HIDES AND SKINS .- Hides .- Are coming in freely with a fair demand. We quote No. in-spected green at $5\frac{1}{2}c$, and No. 2 inspected at $4\frac{1}{2}c$. One car of cured sold at $6\frac{1}{2}c$, and the range is from 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}c$. Calfskins.—There are not many coming forward, and prices are up not many coming forward, and prices are un-changed at 8 to 11c for green, and 16 to 18c for dry. Sheepskins .- Prices have been advanced Talto 80c for the best green from butchers. low .--- The market is dull and unchanged at 4c

for rough, and 6 to 64c for rendered. Hors.—Offerings of new still continue to be made at 14c, but there is little demand, and sales have been small.

LEATHER .- There is nothing new to note in this branch of trade. Goods are moving fairly, but especially to country dealers. Stocks are in fair supply and the demand has not yet reached it. In some lines lower prices would be touched for a cash buyer, but we believe there is little to warrant any greater falling off in prices than at present exists. Spanish sole is in good supply and prices remain firm. Slaughter sole low in value, and till hides advance a little will not look up much. Native productions are rather dull, and it is difficulty to say whether prices will advance or not. If tanners continue to hold up their leather it is most likely that prices will hold out, if they must sell, figures will fall. Cod oil and Strait oil are in no very large supply, and the tendency of the market is upward. Generally matters are unchanged. Money is moving a little easier from the rural districts.

LUMBER .--- Some improvement is reported in the trade outside of the city, but none in the city itself. Prices show no change and the improvement is only in the demand. Ten or twelve cargoes were shipped during the week to Oswego and the Welland Canal, with a small

margin on the operations. PETROLEUM.—There is no change in the general situation. Prices are steady in this market and outside, and the movement is an average one for this time of the year.

PROVISIONS .- Butter .- Prices continue firm although there appears to be more inclination on the part of holders to effect sales and less demand for shipment. In choice qualities sales of dairy were made at 20c and one car lot at 19c. For shipment 17 to 18c is still paid. Small lots for local requirements bring 19 to 21c. From farmers tub dairy is selling at 17 to 22c, pound rolls at 23 to 26 and large rolls at 21 to 22c. Cheese — There is a good demand at past prices. **One lot of** 100 packages and another of 200 changed hands at 114c. Small lots range from 114 to 12c. Eggs.—The insufficiency of the supply still keeps up prices and 17 to 19c is paid for lots. Bacon.—There is a good enquiry at steady figures. Small lots of Cumberland cut are going off at 114 to 19c new Cumberland cut are going off at 111 to 12c; new Cumberland is selling at 12c. Smoked shoulders bring 11c. Other kinds are quiet. Cork .- The only business of the week seems to have been the sale of some small lots of Canadian mess at \$23. Stocks are very light. Hams.—Are in good demand and

sell fairly well at 14 to 141c for short cut smoked. Other kinds are quiet and stocks in small com-pass. Lard.—Tinnets are going of steadily at 15 to 151c and tierces at 14 to 141c. Hogs.-Car lots are selling at \$7.00 to 7.50 and are in fair demand. Farmers are getting \$7.50 to 8.00 on the street. Dried Apples.—The market is firm and sales steady at an average of 8c.

SALT .- There is no alteration in the prices of either Canadian or Liverpool, and the business done is small.

WOOL.—There is a fair demand for fleece and prices have advanced. One lot of 4,000 lbs. and another of 1,300 lbs. were taken from country holders at 34c. Super is also higher, and one lot of 2,000 lbs. brought 29c.; the general range, however, is 26 to 28c. according to the grade.



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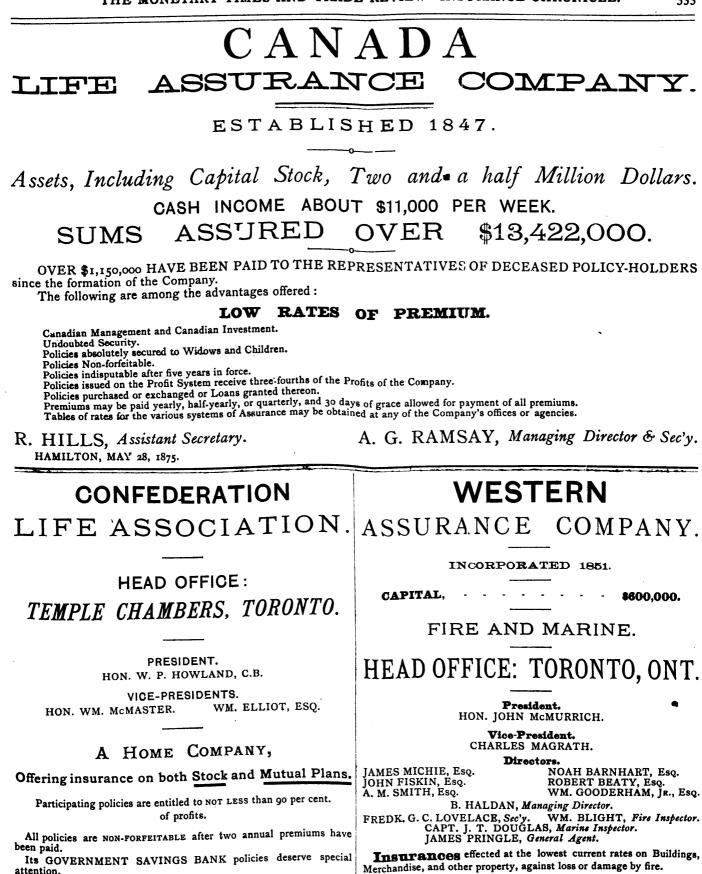
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