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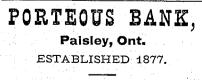
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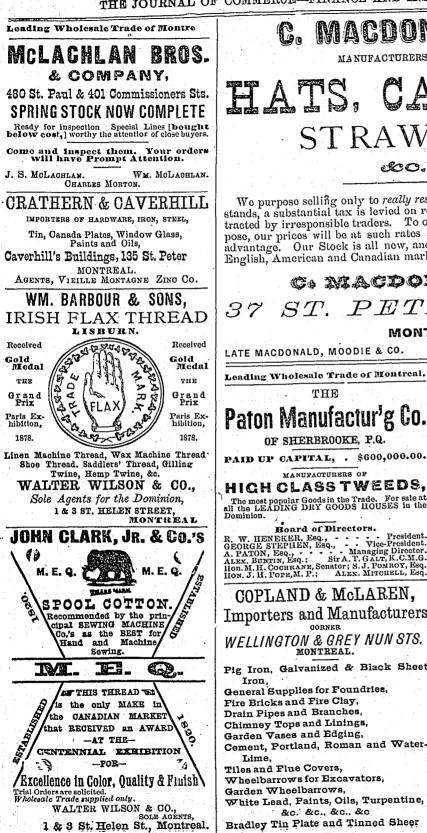
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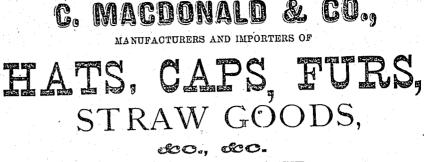
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#### Mercantile Summary.

Notice.-George II. Brundage is not authorized to collect money due this Journal. He is no longer in our employ.

- The entire business portion of Reno, Nevada, was destroyed by fire last Sunday.

- Parrshoro, N.S., is to have a dry dock capable of accommodating the largest sized vessels entering that port.

- Hon. A. Turcotte has purchased the plant of the defunct Franc Parleur for \$2,500, and is about to start a paper in Three Rivers.

--- The business of the Bank of Liverpool is to be gradually wound up. It is probable that an agency of a Halifax bank will be established there shortly.

- The Citizens Permanent Loan and Savings Investment Fund, Limited, is the name of a new institution just gone into operation in St. John, N.B.

- On the 15th ult. the sheriff took possession of the stock of George Thibodeau, of Grand Leading Wholesale Trade of Montreal.



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Falls, N.B., and closed the premises. Lincollities about \$3,000.

- A writ of attachment has been issued against' Alex. Sutherland, boo's and shoes, Kingston. Liabilities about \$7,000; assets about \$3,200.

- Mr. A. C. Macdougall, of St. John's, N. F., has entered into contracts for the delivery in London of 400,000 pounds of fresh salmon and 200,000 live lobsters the coming season.

- The Customs receipts at Hamilton, for February, 1879, were \$167,037.93; February, 1878, \$59,838 98; increase, \$107,198.05.

-It is intended to start a large cheese factory at Sumas, British Columbia, this year, and the proprietor has already contracted for the milk of 400 cows.

- The Federal Bank has opened a branch office in Newmarket, Ontario, with Mr. Joseph Cawthra, late manager of the Consolidated, which has withdrawn its agency, as manager.

--- Messrs. Stobart, Eden & Co., of Winnipeg, have a sample of wheat grown on their post farm at Duck Lake, N. W. T., long, 106, lat. 52 ° 50 min. The yield was large, and the sample weighs at the rate of 66 lbs. to the bushel.

- The Isolated Risk and Farmers' Insurance Company of Toronto is seeking legislative sanction to change the name thereof to the Sovereign Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Canada.

- The stock of Thos. Rapley, grocer, Strathroy, Ont., whose failure was recently noted, has been sold by Mr. H. E. Nelles, of London, official assignee in the case, realizing the handsome figure of 64 cents in the dollar cash.

- J. D. Balfour & Co., formerly of Mitchell. have bought out Mr. Grabill of Walkerton, Ontario, carriage maker. Mr Owsten, of Holderness, has bought out John McCabe, of Walkerton, boots and shoes, at a discount of about 20 per cent. Prospects favorable.

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- A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers of Simcoe on March 12th for granting a bonus of \$10,000 and exemption from taxation for ten years to Benjamin Steinhardt, on condition that he shall establish a silk factory emnloving one hundred workmen.

- Matthew Addison, one of the two watchmakers of Renfrew, has come to the conclusion that two of his line cannot make ends meet in that village, and is selling off his stock preparatory to moving west to the "Land of the Dacotahs."

- C. E. Wrenshall, bookseller, Kingston, has retired. The business will be carried on by Thos. McAuley, a creditor, who has taken the stock. Gonig & Sims, of Wolfe Island, general dealers, have dissolved; the business will be continued by S. Gonig.

- We are pleased to learn that the Starr Manufacturing Co. at Dartmouth, N.S., have now employed at their works 110 hands; four weeks ago they only had 40. The Ropework Co. have also a large number of men and boys to work. A new foundry has just been started at McKay's works. This looks encouraging.

- The bankrupt stock of Kane Bros., St. Catharines, Ontario, has been disposed of by Messrs. Miller & Clench, assignees, to Edward Moore, of Toronto, for 643 cents in the dollar. The firm of Ramsey & Co., druggists, of the same place, has dissolved by the retirement of G. B. Smith. Mr. Ramsey continues.

- A. M. Aubin, of Essex Centre, Ont., has effected a compromise with his creditors by paying \$8,000 for the estate and all expenses. Of the above sum \$4,850 has been in cash ; the balance at 9 and 12 months secured. This is equal to about 75 cents in the dollar. The charge against him has been withdrawn. A little judicious severity is sometimes desirable. - A writ of attachment has been issued against John F. Sherwood, of Leamington, Ont.,

saddler and harness maker. Liabilities \$3,354, in mortgages on property and store; assets. including goods mortgaged and store and lot mortgaged, \$1,845. Meeting of creditors called for the 19th inst., at the office of Mr. McOrae, official assignce, Windsor.

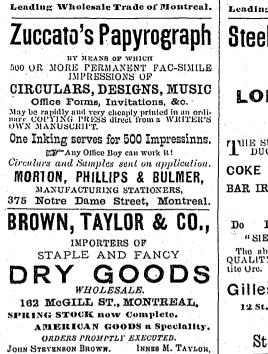
- Mr. Fulton, for many years General Agent of the Standard Life Assurance Company, was entertained by a number of his friends at the U. E. Club, Toronto, on Thursday evening of last week. He leaves for Europe immediately, and carries with him the esteem and good will of a very large circle. Mr. R. H. Matson succeeds him as Agent of the Standard.

- The annual meeting of the Western Counties Railway Co. was held at Yarmouth the 1st inst, a respectable representation of stockhol- . ders being present. A. C. Robbins was elected director in place of S. M. Ryerson, retired by rotation. Wm. D. Lovitt was re-elected director. Geo. B. Doane continues as President, and G. Wentworth Bingay, Secretary of the Company.

-The estate of J. M. McLachlan, doing business at the International Bridge near Fort Erie, Ontario, was recently sold at auction, realizing 61 cents in the dollar. The weeding out keeps on bravely. The sooner many others recognize the logic of events, or their creditors do it for them, the sooner will the business of the country be restored to a legitimate paying basis.

-At the assignee's sale of the effects of J. W. Fralick, Kingston, dealer in clothing, last week, an average of 371 cents on the dollar was realized for the creditors, the cloths, tweeds, &c., bringing 441 cents the ready made clothing 341 cents, and the haberdashery 26 cents in the dollar. Forty cents on the dollar had been previously tendered for the stock and fixtures. iiche atte

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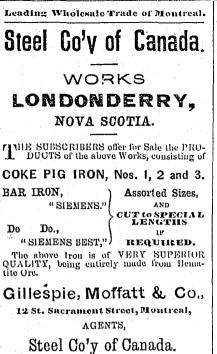


instant against A. J. Webster & Go., boot and shoe dealers, London, Ont. Liabilities estimated at \$13,000 to \$14,000; assets consist of stock about \$17,000, book debts, good and bad, about \$2,000 and real estate of one partner valued at \$3,500, but mortgaged for more than it is worth. The firm commenced business about four years ago, and their failure may be attributed generally to the hard times.

- Francis Vickers is an old resident of Elora, Ont., his employment first being that of teamster, then tavernkeeper, and latterly the owner of a livery stable. Old debts and a recent misfortane proved too much for him, and he went into insolvency, showing about \$2,000 of liabilities and something over one-third of that amount of assets. A compromise of 25 cents, secured, has been arranged, which will probably enable him to start afresh and continue his business.

-Mr. F. W. Fishwick, the well-known steamship owner of Halifax, N.S., requests the grant of a subsidy of \$10,000 per annum to run a steamboat between Halifax, Cape Breton, and Prince Edward Island. At present a subsidy of \$6,000 per annum is paid to Mr. Fishwick for a steamer plying between Halifax and Yarmouth, and \$4,000 to Mr. Clements for a similar service between Yarmouth and St. John, N.B. It is probable the new subsidy will be granted.

- Palmerston, Ont., is one of those new towns built up in a few years by railway enterprise, and amidst the downfall of business men she has remained comparatively free. But the drug business does not flourish, although there are plenty of doctors, for a druggist went under about two years ago after a brief but inglorious career, and now his competitor of that day has been sold out, and cleared with little more credit to



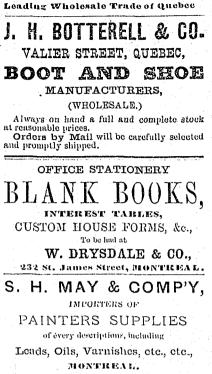
himself. Should the Insolvent Act be repealed, there will be many such " crossing the line."

- Robert Crawford, jeweller, Guelph, went into insolvency before last Christmas, but made a composition of 50 cents, payable quarterly, the third and fourth notes being endorsed by his wife, who has some separate property. The first note will be soon due, and Crawfordsold off most of his stock by auction two weeks since, ostensibly to meet his notes, but rumor says he was last heard of in New York. These are not flourishing times for jewellers and other trades dealing in luxuries.

-Benjamin Barnard, an old established dealer of Bradford, Ontario, has succumbed to the hard times, and to other circumstances not quite so excusable, and a writ of attachment was issued against him the 22nd ult. He has been in business in that place for upwards of twenty years, but, owing to a sometime since unfortunate connection with his brother at Richmond Hill, and a too great love of the "amber," he has been more or less pressed, and has been induged considerably by his creditors. Statement of affairs not yet furnished.

- Wm. Lawson of Port Colborne, Ontario, boot and shoe dealer, whose stock was recently sold by the sheriff, belonged to that large class who never think that bookkeeping is a necessary adjunct in business. He never kept cash book or ledger, and was so worried with trying to carry his accounts in his hat that he felt relieved when the end was come. He acknowledged liabilities of about \$2,650, of which \$300 was for wages and \$000 secured by mortgage on house and lot, all they were worth. The stock brought \$143.

- Trinity Church, of this city, is finally to be sold without reserve in May next, in satisfaction of the recent judgment of the Superior



Court for \$30,000 in favor of the Trist and Loan Company, which holds the mortgage on the property. The suit of the Company is against the Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal and Trinity Church coujointly, so that if the property does not realize the amount of the debt the balance must come out of the Treasury of the diocese. The organist of the Church, Mr. C. D. Binks, also obtained judgment against the Wardens for about \$200 for his services.

 $-\Lambda$  perusal of the annual report of the Hand-in-hand Mutual Fire Insurance on another page will show that the business still continues to improve, notwithstanding the experience of so many fire insurance companies of late years. We have already explained the excellence of the system peculiar to the Hand-in-Hand, which combines what is best in both mutual and stock plans of underwriting. It is but just to say that the results attained reflect credit on that Tinn in intellect among western underwriters whose caput adorus the keystone of the main entrance of the Company's new offices on Church street, Toronto.

- The Government of France have given notice for the termination of the following commercial treaties with this country :- The treaty of commerce of the 23rd of January, 1860; additional article of 25th of February, 1860; second additional article of 27th of June, 1860; first supplementary convention of 12th of October, 1860; second supplementary convention of 16th of November, 1860; treaty of commerce and navigation of 23rd of July, 1873; convention supplementary to ditto of 24th January, 1874, and declaration of 24th January, 1874. This notice will take effect on 1st of January, 1880.



- A petition in favor of the unqualified repeal of the Insolvent Act has been circulated and numerously signed by leading business men of Halifax, and has been presented to the Senate and the House of Commons. The one most objectionable feature pointed at in the present Act is that it enables the insolvent to undersell the solvent trader, and in that way destroy all legitimate trade. The petition concludes by asking for the suspension of the Act for five years if not its absolute repeal, and prays an Act may be passed for the prevention of preferential assignments-the only provision of the present law which they think it desirable to retain.

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- Samuel F. Brown, of Admaston, Ontario, general storekeeper, has compromised with his creditors at 50 cents in the dollar, in 6, 9 and 12 months from the 17th ult., without interest, his notes being endorsed by three good farmers of the neighborhood. His liabilities showed \$2,784; assets nominally the same, consisting principally of book debts, nearly one-half of which are bad. He attributes his trouble to losses in butter and through his store having been robbed some time since of a quantity of goods. His statement shows that another, and in this case, more potent, cause has been at work. Giving too much credit is something Mr. Brown should submitted by the manager, Mr. Trottier, showed the following items : Stock paid up \$1,600,000 ; Bank notes in circulation, \$104,201 ; deposits not bearing interest, \$653,806; deposits bearing interest, \$139,141; net profits on hand, \$214,976; made up of profit and loss, \$120,000 ; contingent, \$92,976; dividend payable March 3rd, \$32,000. The assets include \$2,635,080 of notes under discount, the total being \$3,059,918. The rest is \$120,000. Resolutions were passed unanimously expressing satisfaction at the management during the year. -The Wellington Hotel, Guelph, is a new building, very complete in its arrangements,

which embody all the recent improvements and conveniences, but being owned by a joint stock company there was probably less economy and financial prudence shown than would have been the case with a private enterprise. The house was opened in September last by Mr. G. H. Corner, an experienced hotelkeeper from Simcoe, but, like the company, his capital was scant, and in January last he was forced into insolvency. His liabilities were about \$8,000, one-half of which was secured, and for the other half there are only a few hundred dollars of assets, little over what will be required for preferred claims. The house is now rented by Mr. T. Watts, and, from the business done since he entered on it, promises to be a success.

- The statement of the affairs of James

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Sutherland shows assets less than \$20,000, the latter consisting of-stock, \$12,000 ; book debts, \$4,500; machinery; \$2,000; plant, \$1,000. The insolvent made an offer of 20 cents in the dollar -10 cents cash and 10 cents in six months, which was not accepted. Messrs. Robt. Miller, A. A. Trottier and Wm. Angus were appointed inspectors, and the meeting adjourned until 12th inst., when it is expected the estate will be wound up. The insolvent during five years in business has managed to create a deficiency of \$30,000 in his assets. His statement that Mr. Geo. Horne was the cause of his failure was scarcely tenable, as none of the accommodation notes had fallen due, and we have been shown a document that proves he benefited recently by Mr. Horne, who from a beginning of \$1,500 to the old firm was induced gradually to increase the amount of accommodation to about \$7,000 meantime.

- A valued correspondent, writing from Guelph, says: It is reported that a number of small business concerns are going under in the County of Wellington, but the larger failures of one and two years ago are not now known



composition clauses from the Insolvency Act would seem to be a necessity, although a course sometimes to be regretted. — The critical fourth of March has elapsed with fewer casualties than many were led to expect. The only failure of any degree of magnitude has been that of Beveridge & Helliwell, wholesale dry goods merchants of this city. It will be remembered that this firm obtained a settlement about fourteen months ago at 50 cents on the dollar, and had paid up all except about \$1,000 of the fourth and last payment when they found it necessary to suspend again. A writ of attachment was

pany continues to pay a dividend amounting to 15 per cent. per annum, absorbing only \$60,000, while the total profit balance for the year foots np \$251,244. The Western has reached that happy condition where the interest on its investments alone is nearly sufficient to pay its present rate of dividend to shareholders. Such a in underwriting is greater than ever, it is satisdegree of success cannot fail to act as an incenfactory to turn to such a statement as that tive to other Canadian institutions who must presented by the Western Assurance Co., at the not, however, run off with the idea that it is annual meeting of shareholders in Toronto last "good luck." which accomplishes such results. week. It will be observed by the report pub-The prestige of Canadian companies doing busilished on another page that the date of the ness in the United States is well maintained by annual meetings has been altered, and, therefore, the Western and its confrère in the same city. the figures given represent only the business of When we recall the humble condition of the the half year ending the 31st December last. company not many years ago, it is to be inferred It will be seen, however, that the premium rethat there has been good management at the ceipts as well as the profit balance for this head in order to restore it to its present envious period exceed proportionally those of the entire twelve months ending the same date, the former position.

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In the latest number of the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society of London we find a paper on the "Statistics of Canada," read before Section F of the British Association at Dublin, in August last, by Mr. Alfred Edmund Bateman, and at a time when our Parliament is about to legislate in regard to the next decennial census, it may not be inexpedient to direct attention thereto. The author " remarks that Canadian Statistics are much less widely known in the United Kingdom than are those of Australia, the quarterly returns of trade and revenue for which are regularly quoted in the English papers. Mr. Bateman, who has recently been consulting the official statistics of the Dominion, complains of the inadequate treament of births, deaths and marriages, educational statistics, crime, railways, and telegraphs, but refers to the department of agriculture as making efforts to give a much larger amount of information than has been previously accessible.

Mr. Bateman notices the severe handling which Canada has received from Mr. Rivers Wilson, in his essays on the " Resources of Modern Countries," to which we called attention in a recent number, and which, in his opinion, was much more severe then was merited. After directing attention to the increase in imports from £15,000,000 sterling to upwards of \$20, 000,000, he points out that the decrease in the last three years "has not been-"confined to Canada, complaints of bad "trade having been the rule and not the "exception all over the world." He refers to the increasing trade in live and dead meat, and believes that there will be a large development of it whenever the English depression shall pass away. Reference is also made to the large tonnage employed in Canadian trade. The fishing industry is next referred to as having increased very considerably since 1870. After treating of the various industries presenting results of a favorable character, Mr. Bateman refers to the railway statistics, which are of such an unfavorable character that most writers, including Mr. Rivers Wilson, are quite overcome by them, "and consider even the existence "of the Dominion to be imperilled, if not "absolutely doomed, by the financial dis-"asters of the railway interests of Canada." Mr. Bateman gathers from the returns that the mileage of railways in operation on 30th June, 1877, was 5,346, and the capital raised by shares, loans and subventions nearly 68 millions sterling. The gross receipts were less than four millions, and the expenses about three and a quarter millions, leaving less than three quarters of a million to pay interest, which gives an average of between 4 and 5 per cent. for interest on the bonded debt, leaving hardly anything for the preference and ordinary share capital or government or municipal advances.

Mr. Bateman thinks that too much importance has been attached to the railways, and that Mr. Wilson has left out of sight the immense advantages that Canada possesses in her system of inland navigation. Mr. Bateman is not of opinion that the debt of the Dominion can fairly be considered overwhelming. It is rather less than the combined debts of New South Wales and Victoria, the population of those colonies being one and ahalf million, against nearly three times as many people in Canada. Mr. Bateman points out the large expenditure on capital account out of current revenue, which would have been much larger but for the recent deficits. We have before us in the public accounts, the revenue and expenditure in eleven years since Confederation, and it is satisfactory to find that, after making allowance for the deficits during the last three years, there has been an aggregate surplus of about \$7,500,000, and this notwithstanding large appropriations out of revenue for public buildings, light houses and other works of a permunent character.

Mr. Bateman is of opinion that the elimate of Canada has fallen in for much more abuse than it deserves, and remarks that "the seasons are usually propitious "enough to make the farmers a prosper-"ous class, and the well-known vigor of "the Canadian race should dispel any " suspicion of the climate not being condu " cive to health." Mr. Bateman concludes his interesting paper as follows : " I have " in this brief paper omitted many impor-" tant points, and treated others very im-"perfectly, but if I have succeeded in " drawing attention to the social state of "Canada, and leading to a fairer view being " taken both of her failures and successes, "I shall be amply content and I am sure " you will all join me in wishing God-speed "to her, as well as to the new Governor-"General and his illustrious wife."

TRADE AND NAVIGATION RETURNS, 1877-8,

The Government Blue Books have been published, and are now in the hands of many persons interested in the information they are supposed to furnish. The Tables of Trade and Navigation do not exhibit any improvement upon those of the preceding years. The same confusion continues to exist between two accounts that ought to be kept separate if we wish to avoid producing false impressions on the mind of the investigator. The exports proper of the country and those in transit through the country are gathered into one total under the heading "Exports," and there is only one page in the whole voluminuous publication where any distinction is made. European countries situated as Canada is, having a large transit of foreign merchandise (and one-sixth of the exports of Canada is foreign products), keep their commercial statistics under the two separate headings of General Irade, including imports or exports direct or in transit, and Special Trade, including only imports for home consumption and exports of home products. Were such a division introduced in the Tables of Trade and Navigation of this country, the confusion complained of would not exist..

The imports entered for consumption during the year 1876-7 and the year 1877-8 compare as follow :

Imports.	Duty.
1877. \$96,300,483	\$12,548,451
1878. 91,199,577	12,795,693

The decrease in the imports and the increase in the amount of duties would seem difficult to account for, had not a considerable modification taken place in the consumption of sugar. The quantity of refined sugar has increased while the importation of low grade sugar has ceased nearly altogether, and the increase of duty owing to this change is \$305,009, more than enough to explain the larger amount of fiscal receipts in the presence of a general shrinkage in values.

The exports, which are divided in their two component parts, Canadian exports and foreign exports, are as follow: Canadian exports. Foreign. Totals.

1877. \$68,764,285 \$7,111,108 \$75,875,393 1878. 68,158,789 11,164,878 79,323,667

The Canadian exports differ but little in value from those of the previous year, although, as will be subsequently shown, their kind has changed, while the increase in the total of general exports is entirely due to increase in foreign exports.

The exports of Canadian production to Great Britain and the United States compared with the preceding year do not exhibit any material differences, the same increase in foreign exports noted above swelling the figures for Great Britain.

The exports to Great Britain and the United States in 1876-7 and 1877-8 are as follow:

TO GREAT BRITAIN.

Produce of Not produce Total. Canada. of Canada.

1877. \$35,491,671 \$ 6,035,619 \$41,527,290 1878. 35,861,110 10,056,583 45,917,693

TO UNITED STATES.

1877. \$22,160,666 \$758,513 \$22,919,179 1878. 22,131,343 719,096 22,850,439 The exports in value to Great Britain of Canadian produce present a striking similarity for the two years under review, but

the elements constituting the values show material differences :

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN PRODUCE TO GREAT

	BIGTAIN.	
	1877.	1878.
Mines	\$1,061,201	\$ 142,374
Fisheries	SOS,330	1,043,539
Forest	16,737,568	13,271,372
Animals	9,013,441	9,060,279
Agriculture	5,732,550	10,087,329
Manufacture	2,098,817	2,224,373
Mis. articles	19,764	31,853
	\$35,491,671	\$35,861,110

According to these tables, there has been, in 1878, a decrease of \$3,465,196 in the exportation of lumber to Great Britain, and of \$918,827 in produce of the mine, but as a counterbalancing element there has been an increase of \$4,354,779 in agricultural products.

With the United States the totals are almost equal; if, on the one hand, there has been a decrease of \$1,061,212 in exports of agricultural products, there is, on the other hand, an important increase in the export of the fisheries, amounting to \$1,049,090. The other articles of export show no alteration in their compared value.

The Tables of Trade and Navigation are suggestive of many interesting investigations which we purpose entering upon shortly. For instance, the steady struggle between Great Britain and the United States for the command of this market; the changes that have been taking place in the position of the competing nations, year after year, till from 1874, when the imports from England were \$63,076,434, they have fallen in 1878 to \$37,431,180, while American imports have not lost much ground since 1874, all are deserving of serious consideration.

A peculiar feature of the Tables of Trade and Navigation, not to be found in the government statements in any other coun. try, is a kind of average amount of exports added to the exports entered on the books of the customs service. For instance, the substantiated exports of 1878 amount to \$65,740,134, to which an amount of \$2,249,666 is added as "Estimated amount short returned at Inland ports." The proportion of this sort of making up for shortage in returns on the general amount of exports cannot be given, as it varies every year. There is, to say the least, something unbusiness-like in adding to verified exports an amount not justified by actual proofs. It may be surmised that if these exports, the value of which they estimate in average, do not come under the notice of the customs officers, they are in the same position in regard to imports, and a line of average loss may just as well be open for smuggling.

To the late executive, whatever be their faults, the public is indebted for much improvement in the Tables of Trade and Navigation. The volume for 1876-7 inaugurated the system of giving the quanti ties of certain articles in measure or weight, which previously were only reckoned by the number of packages. Surely the new comers will not suffer their officers to throw dust in the eyes of the public by returning to the olden ways of imparting knowledge respecting the resources and business of the country. Some articles of trade that had been the objects of our recent investigations cannot any longer be a field for our hunt after knowledge. The value of silks imported is given as before, but the number of yards is suppressed. The public cannot any longer be astonished at the small number of watches imported, as hereafter they can only know the amount of money spent in their importation. Of course such a change of policy respecting government statistics is not to be attributed to the "Curious Disclosures" published in the JOUNNAL OF COMMERCE; however, there can be no feeling save one of pity for a service that is afraid of too much light upon the working of its machinery. Mais nous verrous.

#### DUTIES ON BREAD STUFFS.

The members of the Corn Exchange have placed on record their protest. against dutics on bread stuff's, but it is hardly probable that their opinion will have much weight under existing circumstances. The experiment of what is termed the National Policy is likely to be tried, and there can be little doubt that Montreal will suffer by it as much as any other place in the Dominion. We can scarcely believe that any intelligent man is of opinion that it is possible to benefit the agricultural classes by the imposition of duties on their staple products. Prices will be governed in the future, as in the past, by the markets in Europe, but it is quite possible to divert the carrying trade from Canada to United States ports, and most assuredly no better mode of accomplishing such an object can be devised than the imposition of duties on articles of food. Not many months have elapsed since we were warned, on high authority, of the danger of a bountiful harvest, and of the evil consequences that would be experienced by Canadian farmers if their markets should be glutted with the agricultural products of the United States.

We pointed out at the time that, as this continent is likely to continue to export largely to Europe, the real question is as to the route by which the products of the West shall reach the seaboard. There is no city in the Dominion more interested than Montreal in affording all possible facilities to the free import of bread stuffs of all kinds, but as our representatives have been elected to support a Government pledged to impose duties on every article produced in the Dominion, it is new too late to protest against a policy which has received the deliberate sanction of the constituencies. It cannot be supposed possible that the members of the Government are unaware that duties on bread stuffs will not only be inoperative, but that they will cause great dissatisfaction in many parts of the Dominion. The difficulty is that they cannot get the agricultural classes to consent to duties on articles of which they are large consumers without throwing out the bait of duties on their products. We shall soon have the Government scheme in its entirety, and we have no doubt that no effort has been spared to carry out the pledges of the Governments as to give as little ground as possible for complaints. That there will be loud complaints notwithstanding is we fear but too certain.

#### THE QUEBEC LOAN.

The Province of Quebec loan of \$3,000 .-000 has been successfully placed in New York on better terms than could be obtained in England, and is said to be the first foreign loan ever offered in that market. It was taken by a syndicate, including the Bank of Montreal, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and Winslow, Lanier & Co. The experiment is likely to be watched with interest, as the United States have hitherto been constant borrowers in Europe. They have in the last few years paid off several hundred millions of their indebtedness, but the successful attempt to place a foreign loan there has excited a good deal of surprise. Our neighbors are not unaware that both the Dominion and the Provinces of which it is composed, have acted towards their creditors on all occasions with scrupulous good faith, and we have no doubt that their securities will command as high a price as those of any of their own States.

#### OVER PRODUCTION IN FIRE INSUR-ANCE.

We have on a previous occasion endeavored to demonstrate that fire insurance is a branch of trade, and that it is governed by the same laws of supply and demand which apply to other articles of commerce. Reckless speculation in the business of fire insurance will recoil with the same force as in other mercantile transactions, and the converse is of course equally true. It is acknowledged on all sides that the whole world has of late years been passing through an almost unparalleled period of commercial depression and distress dependent thereon, and the thoughtful portion of the community are pretty well agreed that one of the chief reasons for this state of things is over-production or in other words, the supply being largely in excess of the demand, the inevitable result of which has been the vast depreciation in prices and values, and the only radical cure to be looked for is either the stoppage of the excessive supply by curtailing the production, or else by a fresh demand springing up through the opening of new markets.

Had the native demand for United States manufactures kept up, it cannot be supposed that their cotton goods would have been shipped to England, which was little better than the pawning of bankrupt stocks, and on the other hand had India demanded all the goods forwarded from Great Britain, the firm of Smith, Fleming & Company, and the City of Glasgow Bank would most probably have been sound at this hour. But over-production and the spurious competition attending the same have brought about the opposite results, and we will now briefly consider how the same rules will be found to apply to fire insurance. An unsound state of commerce, like a snowball, gathers size as it rolls onward, and glancing at the States we find that bad trade, and the necessary lack of employment resulting therefrom, induced numbers to enter fire insurance who were utterly ignorant of the business, and merely took it up as a means of livelihood. Nothing could well be a greater mistake, for fire underwriting cannot be learned in a day, nor yet in a year, but requires a training the same as any other business, and especially in the times we are alluding to it resembled launching a ship into a treacherous sea when those on board could hardly tell "port" from "starboard." It was not difficult to foresee that wreck or disablement would be the natural end of such ventures, and we have the almost weekly record of companies which are either winding up voluntarily or passing into the hands of a receiver. The wealthy and well managed offices have weathered the storm and even prospered, partly no doubt at the expense of their weaker and ill-conducted brethren, much the same as some shrewd capitalists will make money in times of panic, as we have already pointed out; but such offices have had underwriters not bankrupt or retired merchants to guide them, and again they have had large surpluses to fall back upon, and therefore could afford to wait, which is impossible for a mushroom company of yesterday's growth. Turning to Canada, the past year has on the whole been so satisfactory for fire companies, that there are some among us who deduce from this fact that fresh offices may be started to share the profits. This we believe to be a most erroneous idea, for the business of fire insurance must not be judged by a single year, especially in a country like Canada where fires are often so sweep. ing and destructive; and as we have before shown in these columns, tak.

ing the past ten years (quite a short enough test for a company), the business of fire insurance in the Dominion has been the reverse of profitable, which we would respectfully submit to those merchants and property holders who argue that because they have continued to pay a certain premium for years, and have never incurred a loss, therefore the rate is altogether too high. If a merchant never had bad debts or reverses he could sell his goods cheaper, just as a Fire Insurance Company could write at a less premium were there no losses. We can hardly hope our argument will have much weight, for we believe there are merchants who fancy they know as much of fire insurance as underwriters do, but we must, nevertheless, give it as our opinion that in times like the present, when trade is so depressed, to increase the number of Fire Insurance Companies will merely cause an over-production of the article to be sold, and will recoil upon the pro. moters. Rates may fall till they are below the absolute cost price, and then, as in other mercantile fabrics, the cheap. ness may very properly be likened to what the old Duke of Wellington said of a high rate of interest, namely, that it means " bad security."

It may be taken as an axiom that it is only in prosperous times, when there will probably be a demand for extra insurance, that Fire Companies and other mercantile schemes can be advantageously promulgated, but just now, if you enquire of the offices and their agents as to business, the one reply will be that things are frightfully dull, and that it is as much as they can do to keep up their income, which cannot be done in all cases. It must, therefore, be most unwise to attempt to increase the supply of an article for which there is no demand.

#### TRADE RETURNS.

There are some features in the latest trade returns of the United Kingdom that are specially interesting at the present moment to Canadians. Those returns give the exports of British and Irish produce and manufactures for the years 1877 and 1878, and also for the months of January in 1878 and 1879. It is with the latter returns that we are at present chiefly interested. We shall, however, notice the results in a few leading articles, and as they exhibit a remarkable increase in the exports to British America, we can scarcely draw any other inference under the circumstances, than that, owing to the expectation of increased duties, the importations have increased very considerably. Under the head "Apparel and

Slops" the export to British North America in January, 1878, was £8,303 sterling, and in January, 1879, £16,894. "Cotton Manufactures," in January, 1878, 4,482,0 0 yards, value, £74,546; in January, 1879, 7,023,700 yards, value, £110,181. " Earthen and China Ware," in 1878, £1,662, in 1879, £3,514. "Glass," £60,606 in 1878, £98,682 in 1879. "Hardware and Cutlery," £6,847 in 1878, £6,302 in 1879. It would be interesting to compare the imports from the United States under the last head. "Bar, Angle, Bolt and Rod Iron," £1,738 in 1878, against £9,333 in 1879. "Hoops, Sheets, Boiler and Armour Plates," £2,527 in 1878, £4,966 in 1879. "Tin plates," £5,127 in 1878, £7,878 in 1879. "Cast or Wrought Iron," £3,088 in 1878, £6,147 in 1879. "Linen Manufactures," £17,337 in 1878, against £27,376 in 1879. "Oil," £877 in 1878, against £4,595 in 1879. " Sugar," £24,527 in 1878, against £5,607 in 1879. "Woollen and Worsted Manufactures," £37,188 in 1878. against £67,471 in 1879. "Worsted Stuffs." £63,742 in 1878, against £65,901 in 1879. " Carpets," £9,456 in 1878, against £14,-235 in 1879. The total value of exports from the United Kingdom was, in January, 1878, £15,423,911, against £14,196,518 in January, 1879, and for the year ending 31st January, 1878, £198,893,065, and for the year ending 31st January, 1879, £192,-804,334. The figures are at least suggestire.

#### ALLEGED CASE OF ARSON.

Exeter, Ontario, has recently been the scene of a peculiar case of alleged arson, the principal actors in the drama being an eclectic physician of St. Mary's, a man named Keen, one of lessees of a bending factory in the former place, and a person named Shand, employed latterly as a night watchman about the premises.

· It appears from the evidence that the property, including the factory building and the machinery, valued at about \$2,000, with a house and two lots, was formerly owned by James McNabb, but was sold last September under power of sale on a mortgage of \$2,000 held by Mrs. McDougall of St. Mary's, Ontario, a near relative who figured conspicuously in the matter, acting as her solicitor. The whole was knucked down to Dr. Hall for \$1,400, somewhat less than half its value, and \$610 less than had previously been offered for it. The astute medicine man paid \$140 the day of the sale, the balance of \$1,260, he says, on the 27th September, although there is extant neither deed, cheque nor document save a receipt for the purchase money to show for it, the lawyer's cash book (a peculiar one by the way, containing spaces for interlineations and other conveniences) showing an entry thereof, but which it was claimed was too fresh to be entirely satisfactory. The Doctor said the money had been taken in his office from time to time, and that it might have been locked up in his office drawers for a couple of monthe

and was paid out in cash. There was no entry of it in his books. A man named McAlpine was sent to Excter to run the factory, the doctor to have half the profits. The man Keen was sent up at the beginning of the year and entered as a partner; the stock on hand then being \$300, he was to furnish an equal sum, of which he paid \$100, refusing to pay the rest. The doctor leased it to both for \$600 a year. On the night of the 17th January the place was discovered to be on fireand on bursting open the door it was evident from the train of shavings from the stove leading to a pile of table legs under a work-bench, which legs had been moved after working hours, that it had been set on fire. After this escape it became the common talk of the village that the place was doomed, especially as an insurance of \$3533.33 had been effected in the Western of Toronto and the Citizens of Montreal, equally divided, and the workmen began to remove their tools every evening. The insurance was placed the 4th February, and the factory with contents was totally destroyed eleven days after. The circumstances proving so suspicious, a jury was empanelled before the coroner, and the investigation reveals a degree of shortness of memory on the part of some of the witnesses painful to contemplate. One McDermott displayed such a lack of memory that he was asked if he remembered Christmas or New Year's day, which after some hesitation he said he did. At the adjourned inquest on the 27th February a verdict was rendered finding Keen and Shand guilty of setting the premises on fire, and Dr. Hall as being accessary before the facts. Keen and Shaud and Hall were taken to Goderich jail; but the Doctor was admitted to bail, and is now opening a dry goods store in St. Mary's. Claims have already been made upon the insurance companies, but we learn there is little likelihood of their being paid.

#### BUSINESS CHANGES.

The more important business changes of the past week are as follows :---

Dissolutions :- Scott & West, butchers, Toronto; J. & A. Caie, general store, Kouchibouguae, N.B.; Shand & Ferguson, auctioneers, Halifax.

Selling or sold out :-- Jos. Deacon, drugs, Bradford, and Thos. Morris, groceries, Bradford. Thos. Edmonson, drugs, Bradford, recently commenced

Compromised :--- J. Bickerstaff, groceries, Toronto, at 10 cents; McClintock & Bitsford, Keswick, at 10 cents on the dollar; J. W. Potts, St. John, at 30 cents; S. Lipman & Son, tobaccos, St. John, N.B.; R. R. Ray, Factory Dale, at 331 cents; A. Desjardins & Co., furriers, Montreal, at 50 cents; J. H. Radford, Kingston, at 10 cents.

Offer to compromise :--- W. Stafford & Co., boots and shoes, Montreal, at 25 cents ; J. & A. Caie, general store, Kouchibouguac, N.B., at 50 cents.

Called a meeting of creditors : - Collins Bros., lumber, Toronto, and John Terry & Son, flour, Toronto. S. R. Foster & Son, tacks, St. John, N.B., have got an extension. Edward Field, groceries, Toronto, is advertised to be sold out.

- Mr. Wm. Carling, of the firm of Carling & Co., and elder brother of Hon. John Carling. brewers, died recently in London, Ontario, at the age of 55, of inflammation of the lungs, contracted at the late fire which destroyed the brewery. Decensed was a native of that city, and was the active superintendent of the works of the firm. He was widely known and esteemed for his hearty and genial qualities and business abilities. He was a bachelor,

- The following table shows the quantity of flour and grain in store in Toronto on the 31d day of March, 1879, and also the totals on the other dates mentioned :-

	Flour, bbls.	Fall Whest, bush.	Spring Wheat, bush.	Oats, bush.	Barley, bush.	
Mar. 3, 1879.	25.516	91.3 0	229,068	10.250	120,725	
Feb. 24, 1879.		63,570	224,571	12,250	129,475	
Mar. 4, 1878.		114,528	378,670	11,728	195,00 6	
Mar. 4, 1877.	7,440	76,451	103,005	28,502	301,336	

- At a special meeting of the Corn Exchange of this city, held last week for the purpose of giving expression to the views of the members upon the important question of placing a duty on American importations of grain into the Dominion, the following motion was carried by a majority of 60 to 7-

That this meeting hears with considerable alarm a report that it is the intention of the Government to put a protective duty on breadstuffs, and sincerely hopes that in adjusting the ship that would thus be inflicted upon this bip that would thus be inflicted upon this Dominion, and carnestly hopes that all grain and flour from the United States be admitted free of duty as heretofore.

- Messrs. Wm. Denny & Bros., shipbuilders, - Messrs. Wm. Denny & Bros., shipbuilders, Dunbarton, have received an order to build what, when completed, will be the largest steef vessel in the world. She is to be 4000 tons gross: is the order of Messrs. Allan, of Ghas-gow, and is to carry cattle and other heavy merchandise between this country and the Divas Platta and between this country and the River Platte. She will be novel in many respects, being rivetted with steel rivets, and having steel bolters; she will be 385 feet in length, and will have a double bottom from end to end, which will add greatly to her safety, and will allow her to be ballasted at will.—*Liverpool Jour. of* Com., Feb. Sth.

#### DOMINION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The annual general meeting of the share-holders of this Company was held in its Board room in Toronto, on the 12th February, a large holders of this Company was held in its Board room in Toronto, on the 12th February, a large representation being present. Among those noticed were Hon. T. N. Gibbs (Oshawa), Hon. W. Gayley, Messrs. John L. Mackenzie (Hamil-ton), James Michie, Thomas Swinyard, John Smith, A. T. Todd, A. T. Fulton, C. Gzowski, jr., W. J. Baines, W. G. Cassels, Geo. W. Lewis, Samuel Risley, F. Roper, W. Ramsny, James Bain, Frank Turner (Yorkville), R. N. Waddell (Obbourg), H. S. Northrop, Jas. Good-erham, C. McMichael, T. M. Thomson, Rev. H. Christopherson (Mitchell), A. Crumpton (York-ville), D. H. Allan, J. Y. Reid, H. R. Forbos, W. kersteman, jr., A. B. Lee, H. Pellatt, Jos. Vriestman, E. B. Osler, J. W. Elliott, Walter S. Lee, R. T. Gooderhum, J. Elliott, Walter S. Lee, R. T. Gooderhum, J. Elliott, John Lyman, A. Graham (London). The Secretary, Mr. Roper, Inving read the notice convening the meeting, and the minutes of the previons meeting being taken as rend, the President, Hon. T. N. Gibbs, read the following *Report*.

#### Report.

1. The Directors beg to report that the gross revenue of the Company for 1878 has amounted to \$169,837.33 as compared with \$177.081.88 for 1817 showing a decrease for the year of 57, 244. 55, while the working expenses for 1878 have been \$122,245.29, against \$124,397.68, or a reduction of \$2,152.39 on the previous year's total

2. The net revenue for the year has amounted to \$47,592.04, leaving, after payment of inter-est on bonds, the sum of \$35,257.97 available for dividend, from which the Directors have for dividend, from which the Directors have declared an interim dividend of 3 per cent. for the half-year ending the 30th June, and a further dividend of 21 per cent. for the closing half-year a total dividend of 51 per cent, and leav-ing at the credit of profit and leass account a balance of \$1,891.47.

3. The Directors have to congratulate the Shareholders on the completion of their con-necting lines in the Maritime Provinces, and feel warranted in assuming that the extension now consummated will prove a valuable boon to now consummated will prove a valuable boon to the public and a profitable acquisition to the Company. The Dominion is now the only Telegraph Company transmitting public busi-ness over its own wires, between the Upper Provinces of Ontario and Quebee and the Lower Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Its lines, moreover, form the shortest, as well as the only direct communication with the Atlantic Cable, connecting Canada with Great Britain, thus affording to Canadians the independent national telegraphic communica-tion with the Mother Country so long desired. The Directors confidently hope the public will not fail to appreciate the advantages and facilinot fail to appreciate the advantages and facili-ties thus possessed by the Dominion Company, especially when it is known that the transmission of telegraphic business between the Maritime and Upper Provinces and between Canada and England and the whole of Europe, by any other line than the Dominion, involves its transfer to a foreign corporation. Such an transfer to a foreign corporation. Such an objection does not exist against the Dominion Telegraph Company. Moreover, all Cable traffic from Canada by any other route involves its transfer and repetition to an intermediate Telegraph Company in New Bruswick, over whose lines it has to be re-transmitted to Cape Beston whom a further re-transmitted to Cape Breton, where a further re-transmission has to be made by cable to Newfoundland, before it is finally despatched by the main cable. In the case of the Dominion line no transfer to an intermediate Company is involved, as the main Atlantic cable is reached directly by their own wires at Torbay.

4. Since the last report was submitted the pole mileage of the Company has been in-creased to 4,618 miles, and the wire mileage to 8,882 miles, and the number of offices now open is 492.

5. A conference having been proposed by the Montreal Telegraph Company to the Dominion Company, through Cuptain Mayne, R.N., C.B., to discuss the subject of a division of the Gross Earnings of the two companies, with a view to enable them to reduce their expenses and mini-mize the effects of the diminished traffic caused by the general and serious depression in comby the general and serious depression in com-merce, which unhappily continues to exist, your Directors consented to enter into negotiations for the accomplishment of so desirable an ob-ject; it being first distinctly stipulated that both Companies should maintain their independent organization, and that the public should have continued to them the option of using which-ever line they preferred. Under this arrange-ment it was proposed to establish joint offices ment it was proposed to establish joint onices at all those places where one telegraph office would amply suffice, but where duplicate offices are now maintained at heavy cost to both Com-panies. The agents at these joint offices were to be equally the segrants of both Companies, acting under the instructions of a joint com-mittee and not under separate authority, except in matters appertaining to the routine business of each company of each company.

While this arrangement would have continued to the public a first-class and independent ser-vice by either Company's line, as the use thereof might be chosen, it would have saved to both Companies the expense of many superfluous offices, which have been the natural offspring of bean first.

a keen rivalry. The business of both Companies having fallen re-action, your Directors deemed it proper and wise to try the means which appeared to them

to be most practicable and effective to conserve all interests. It seemed to them that, in the case of Telegraph Companies, as in the case of Railway Companies, these means mainly existed in the ability possessed by the Companies to bring about by agreement with each other the largest possible reduction of expenses and so keep up the net earnings; while any attempt made to maintain or increase earnings by rais-ing rates, in the present depressed state of busi-ness, would be strongly opposed to popular feeling, and productive of little, if any, benefit

feeling, and productive of little, if any, bencht to the Companies themselves. The Directors under the circumstances felt it their bounden duty to take the whole matter into consideration, and decided to recommend their shareholders to accept of the division of gross earnings which both parties had agreed upon, with such an administration for the man-agement of the joint offices as they believed would be greatly beneficial to the interests of both companies, and fraught with the least posboth companies, and fraught with the least pos-sible inconvenience to the public.

A difference having arisen between the parties, it was mutually arranged to refer the matties, it was mutually arranged to refer the mat-ter to the arbitration of Gapt. Mayne, whose de-cision it was agreed should be binding on both companies, subject to the approval of the share-holders. The Directors, however, regret to have to announce that the negotiations were eventually terminated by the Montreal Com-pany declining to carry out Gapt. Mayne's award.

6. During the past season the company's entire system of lines has been thoroughly overhauled by repairing and renewal gangs, and put in condition to make transmission of business reliable, and to afford every facility and promptness of despatch.

7. The Directors trust that by these measures and by the addition of such important Provinces as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to their system, whereby the resources of the company have been much augmented, they will be enabled to afford such commodious service for domestic, commercial and press business generally, as will commercial and press business generally, as will ensure to the shareholders permanently satisfac-tory results, more particularly when trade re-vives and public confidence is restored. 8. The Directors find it desirable to obtain some amendments to their charter, and will sub-mit for the shareholders' approval the Bill they propose to introduce to Parliament.

9. The following is a general statement shew-ing the liabilities and assets of the company on the 31st December last:

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 31st DEC., 1878.

### Liabilities.

Share Capital author-	
ized\$1,000,0	00
Share Capital paid-up	\$711,709-50
First Mortgage Bonds	and the first start of
issued	292,000 00
Advance on acct. and	
_ Bills payable	74,273 32
Due connecting Lines,	
unpaid Dividends,	0.000 00
&c	25,263 88
Dividend now payable	
for six months end-	
ing 31st Dec., 1878,	17,700 17
at 2½ p.c Balance at credit of	1,00 11
Profit and Loss Ac	1,891 47
1 1000 and 1035 10	1,091 41
and the second second second second	\$1,122,838 34
Assets.	Q.11.4.000 04

Capital Expenditure Account\$1,0 Plant and Stock on hand Accounts due from Railways, Gov-	20,324 63,186	33 48
ernments, connecting Lines,	28,954	88
Agencies, &c	10,372	65

#### \$1,122,838 34

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. N. GIBBS, President. THOS. SWINYARD, Managing Director. F. ROPER, Secretary. TORONTO, 12th February, 1879.

Toronto, 11th February, 1879. To the President and Directors of the Dominion Telegraph Company :

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby certify that I have made a detailed audit of all the books of ac-count for the year ending 31st December, 1878, and of vouchers and documents relating to the same ; and the several statements of revenues, profit and loss, and liabilities and assets, here-with submitted, have been examined, and agree with the ledger balances.

The balance of the cash book agrees with the balance of the cash book agrees with the balance's balance after deducting the out-standing cheques. The stock register has also been examined and the several transfers duly recorded, and its balances agree with the stock list now presented.

#### JAMES SYDNEY CROCKER, Auditor.

In moving the adoption of the report, the president remarked that the continued depression in all branches of industry had had the sion in all ordineres of mainstry had had the effect of reducing telegraph, as well as other business, generally, and as a result, the gross returns of the Dominion Company showed a de-crease of about \$7,000. As would be seen by the report, however, notwithstanding the cost of extending their territory and opening new follows the reporting expression many feedback. offices, the working expenses were some \$2,000 less than the previous year. The greater part of the decrease in earnings was attributable to the arrangement entered into between the Western Union and the Alantic and Pacific Telegraph Companies, by which a large number of offices in the United States had been closed by the latter company. It was satisfactory, however, to him to state that the Canadian traffic proper showed a small aggregate increase.

He then dwelt at some length on the unsatisfactory result of the interviews which had taken place with the President of the Montreal Teleplace with the President of the Montreal Tele-graph Company, who had made overtures as to pooling receipts. The latter Company had been fairly met in the matter, and an agreed basis had been arrived at, but the Montreal Company, after deliberation, considered they should have better terms, and proposed, in fact, an absolute amalgamation of the two companies on a stock basis. This proposition, he considered it unnecessary to state, received a point black refugat from hum and his conditioned. a point blank refusal from him and his co-directors.

tors. In conclusion, he alluded to the prospects of a revival in trade in the not distant future, which would bring with it increased business for the Dominion Company, especially now that the Company had completed its extensions to the Maritime Provinces. He was pleased to be able to affirm that this Company was, not a manufacture a decrease as the older estabsufferer to so great a degree as the older estab-lished Company, which showed that the direc-tors had looked well after the interests of their shareholders. (Applause.)

sharcholders. (Applause.) In answer to a shareholder, the managing director, Mr. Swinyard, said that, notwith-standing a break existed, for the time being, in the Direct Company's cable, the general busi-ness of the Company for the first month in the new year exhibited a very gratifying increase. Some enquiries were then made as to the ex-penditures of the Company, all of which were satisfactorily answered by the president, who paid a high compliment to the abilities of their managing director, and the untiring zeal dis-played by him in the promotion of the Com-pany's welfare.

Dany's welfure. On motion of the president, seconded by Mr. John I. McKenzie, vice-president, the report

yas adopted. Noved by Mr. A. T. Todd, and seconded by Mr. A. T. Fulton, That the report now presented by the direc-tors be circulated amongst the shareholders of

the company. Carried. The managing director then read a draft bill, proposed to be submitted to Parlianent, asking for an extension of powers to the Dominion Tele graph Company, etc., and the following resolu-tion, referring thereto, was unanimously adopted :---

Moved by Hon. Wm. Cayley, and seconded by

Mr. James Gooderham, That the bill proposed to be laid before the ensuing session of Parliament of the Dominion That the bill proposed to be laid before the ensuing session of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada containing certain amendments to the Act of Incorporation of the Company passed in the 34th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter 52, and also the amend-ed Act passed in the 37th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 82 (copy of which proposed bill is before this meeting), be and the same is hereby approved, and the Directors are fully authorized to pro-mote its passage, and empowered to deal with any alterations which may be found necessary. It was also, moved by Mr. George W. Lewis, and seconded by Mr. H. R. Forbes, "That with reference to the bill now proposed to be submit-ted to Parliament, the directors be requested to obtain the following amendment to clause 10 of the company's Act, 34 Vic. Cap. 52:— 'The concerns of the company shall be man-aged by the Board of Directors, to consist of nine members, and each such director shall be the proprietor of at least ten shares in the stock of the company, or such other increased number of shares as the shareholders shall by any resolu-tion from time to time determine, and the said Board of Directors shall by any resolu-tion from time to time determine, and hold office as hereinafter provided.'"—Garried. Moved by Rev. H. Christopherson, and second-ed by Mr. W. S. Lee, That the thanks of the shareholders of this Company are due and are hereby tendered to the Han. T. W. Gibbs, President, Mr. Thos. Swinyard,

Company are due and are hereby tendered to the Han. T. N. Gibbs, President, Mr. Thos. Swinyard, Han. T. N. Gibbs, President, Mr. Thos. Swinyard, Monaging Director, and the several members of the Board, for the dignified course taken by them in the Company's interests in the late dis-cussions pointing to a scheme for the pooling of the receipts of this and the Montreal Company; and that the shareholders take this, their earliest opportunity, to place on record there deep sense of gratitude for the jealousy with which the independence of this Company was guarded, as fully in the failure of the scheme. as which the independence of this Company was guarded, as fully in the failure of the scheme, as in the part taken by the Company's representa-tives, in the lengthened discussion of the details of the change proposed. Carried. Moved by Mr. Joseph Priestman, and second-ed by Mr. Frank Turner.

That the cordial thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Board of Directors and likewise to the executive officers and staff of the com-pany for the services rendered by them, and for the efficient manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the company during the past year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Frank Turner and seconded by Mr. Geo. W. Lewis,

That Mr. James Sydney Crocker be and is hereby appointed the auditor of the Company for the ensuing year. Carried. Moved by Mr. E. B. Osler, and seconded by

Mr. W. Kersteman, jr.

Mr. W. Kersteman, Jr. That Mr. W. C. Baines and Mr. H. R. Forbes be and are hereby appointed scrutineers to count the ballots in the election of Directors now, about to take place; and if at any time five minutes shall elapse without a ballot being tendered; the poll shall be closed and the result made known to the Secretary. Carried.

#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

At the conclusion of the ballot, the scrutineers reported that the following gentlemen had been unanimously elected directors for the ensuing year: Hon. Thomas N. Gibbs, Hon. Wm. Cay-ley, Hon. Frank Smith, Messrs. James Michle, Thos. Swinyard, John Smith, James Gooder-ham, Wm. Ramsay and H. S. Northrop.

ham, Wm. Ramsay and H. S. Northrop, At a. subsequent meeting of the new Board, Hon, T. N. Gibbs was elected President; Mr. James Gooderham, Vice-President; Mr. James Michiel, Treasurer; and Mr. Thomas Swinyard, Managing Director: The following gentlemen were appointed honorary directors: Messrs. John L. Mackenzle, and 'Anthony Copp', Hamilton; Sheriff Waddell, Cobourg; M. H. Gault, Mon-treal'; A: Joseph; Quebec; James Taylor, St. Catharnes; J. C. Maclean, Halifax; and C. H. Fairweather, St. John, N.B.

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held at their offices in Toronto, the 26th ult. The Hon. Jno. McMurrich, President, occupied the chair, and the following report of Directors was presented and unanimously adopted :

Report.

The Directors have called the annual meeting of Shareholders much earlier than usual, owing to their having decided on changing the Com-pany's financial year by closing it on the 31st December, instead of on 30th June as heretofore, so as to be concurrent with the general state-ments of its affairs required at the former date by the laws of the Canadian and Mitted States by the laws of the Canadian and United States governments.

Your Directors have therefore the pleasure of presenting their report on the business for the past six months, with balance sheet and general statements of the Company's affairs to 31st December.

The following is an abstract of the business from 1st July to 31st December, viz: Paratit

			Aecopis.		
			Premiums	\$453,228	<b>24</b>
Inter	rest	Accoun	t	28,247	<b>24</b>

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Disbursements.	\$481,475 48
Losses, Fire and Marine	\$351,171 51
Leaving a profit balance of PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOU	
Depreciation on investments, Company's offices, and sundry	
accounts written off Dividend payable Jan. 7, 1879	\$19,817 45 30,000 00
Carried to credit of Reserve Fund Balance	75,000 00
	\$130,409 67
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Balance from last year ...... 105 70 130,303 97 Profit as above ..... \$130,409 67

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Liabilities.	1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 -
Capital stock called and paid Losses under adjustment Unclaimed dividends	£400,000 00 59,288 39 519 80
Dividend payable Jan. 7, 1879	\$459,808 19 30,000 00
Reserve Fund	489,808 19
Profit and Loss 5,592 22	780,592 22
	\$1,270,400 41
Assets.	
Cash in banks Debentures United States and State Bonds	\$ 92,996 75 246,136 10
and deposits	527,015 01
Stocks and Deposits	107,445 50
Mortgages	47,411 73
Bank Stocks at reduced values.,	
Bills Receivable-Marine Prems.	29,597 66
Company's Buildings	45,505 19
Interest unpaid and accrued Agents' balances and sundry	10,934 59
Agents parances and sundry	and the second

76,870 88 \$1,270,400 41

accounts.....

For the whole year, from 1st January to 31st December, the receipts and disbursements were as follows':

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Receipts.		
Fire and Marine Premiums nterest	\$835,343 55,177	43 10
Disbursements.	\$890,520	53
Losses — Fire and Marine \$385,797 12 Re-assurances 44,752 75 General Expenses 208,725 95	639,275	82
Profit balance for the year		
Both these statements of the affairs cannot be otherwise satisfactory to the shareholders.	Compar	iy's

satisfactory to the shareholders. Notwithstanding the continued depression in business circles and shrinkage in values, together with the low rates still provailing in both the Fire and Marine Branches, the profits for the half year now particularly under review are more than could well have been anticipated.

are more than could well have been anticipated. The Directors have, however, to state that, owing to the continued decline in bank stocks, a farther reduction in this item of assets had to be written off, together with \$5,000 on the Company's present offices, and some minor accounts, making a total of.....\$19,817 45 After providing for the

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isual half-yearly di-	
vidend at the rate of	
15 per cent, per an-	
num there was car-	
ried to Reserve Fund	
(in addition to \$100,-	
000 at 30th June last)	
the sum of\$75,000	00

And to credit of profit and loss account..... 5,592 22 \$ 80,592 22 Reserve Fund as at 1st July last .... 700.000 00 Making the total surplus...... \$780,592 22

Deducting from this the unearned premium on outstanding risks, cal-culated by New York standard at its full 

317,029 80

There is left a net surplus over

Which is 115.80 per cent. in excess of the paid-up capital stock. The works on the Company's new offices are progressing as favorably as could be expected at this season of the year. Much credit is due to the architect Mr. R. White, of Buffallo, for the tasteful design of the building, which, when completed, will add a new style of architecture to the many elegant public offices lately erect-ed in the city.

J. MCMURRICH,	B. HAL

President. Maii. Director. Western Assuratice Company's Office, Toronto, 20th February, 1879.

Auditor's Report.

To the President and Directors of the Western

Assurance Company, Gentlemen,—The undersigned respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Company, and have plensure in testifying to the correctness of the annexed balance sheet.

All the securities and vouchers have been inspected, and your Auditors certify to their being properly set forth in the statement herewith appended.

We remain, yours respectfully, John Mabditan; R. R. CATHRON, Auditors: Toronto, Feb. 20, 1879.

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The following Directors were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year: Hon. Juo. Mc.-Murrich, Messes. Chas. Magrath, John Fisken, Robt. Beaty, James Michie, Alex. W. Smith, Noah Barnhart, Wm. Gooderham, jr., Bernard Haldan.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, the Hon. John McMurrich was re-elected President, and Mr. Chas. Magrath, Vice-President.

#### HAND-IN-HAND MUTUAL FIRE INSUR-ANCE COMPANY.

Report of the Directors to the sixth ordinary general meeting of the members held at the offices of the Company, Nos. 22, 24 and 26 Church Street, Toronto, Thursday, the 27th day of February, 1879 : The Directors have much pleasure in submit-

ting to the Members the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st Decem-

Malance Sheet for the year ending sist becam-ber, 1878. The Cash Premiums received amount to \$22,335.71, and the income from all other sources, \$4,368.57; making the total cash re-ceip1-, \$26,704.28; and after deducting all loss-es, expenses and Itabilities, including claims for losses under adjustment, there remains the sum of \$5,933.04, out of which a scrip dividend of thirty me cant. (30 ner ct.) is now declared to thirty per cent. (30 per ct.) is now declared to policy holders in accordance with by-law No. 5. The scrip fund at the credit of policy hold-

ers now amounts to \$20,039.04, which, in view

of the general fire insurance experience of the past few years, is very gratifying. The undertakings in force amount to \$18,-762.62, and after deducting \$7,505.05 as a reinsurance liability, there remains a surplus to carry forward of \$33,746.61. The large ratio of assets to the amount at

risk (being 2.76 per cent.) continues to be a very satisfactory feature in the Company's position, more particularly when it is taken into consid-eration that no policy has been issued for a period longer than one year.

The results of the business of the past year furnish just grounds for congratulation. In accordance with the Act under which the

Company is incorporated, all the Directors re-tire, and are eligible for re-election.

HUGH SCOTT. W. H. HOWLAND, Manager & Secretary. President. Toronto, February 27, 1879.

Revenue Account for Year ending 31st Dec., 1878.

INCOME.

Cash Premiums received Interest Loss, Appropriation 1877	1.568	57
	\$26 <sub>5</sub> 704	28
EXPENDITURE.		
Claims paid	4	
Returned Premiums 2,414 2	7	07

reparties a remaining	2,11 . 2.	\$9,964 97
Commission Plant and Charges	3,350 32 1,622 01	
Rent and Taxes Expenses, Adjusting	750 00	4,972 33
Losses, &c	682 94	1,432 94
Salaries and Directors' Fees		1,945 00
Loss Appropriation Scrip do		2,450 00 5,939 04

ASSETS.

\$26.704 28

First Mortgages on Real	
Estate\$6,500	00
Hospital Trust Loan 8,000	
Cash on deposit with Build-	
ing and Loan Associa- tion 5,245	00
Cash.on deposit in Consol- idated Bank 1,349	95
	\$21,094 95

All other Assets, includ- ing accrued interest	20,156 71
DEDUCT.	\$41,251 66
Amount required to re- insure all outstanding risks	7,505 05
Surp'us	\$33,746 61

Audited and found correct.

HENRY WM. EDDIS, GEO. J. MAULSON, Auditors. February 27, 1879.

- The sensation caused by the defalcation of the cashier of the Exchange Bank has scarcely subsided when the public mind is again shocked by a defalcation still more serious. Our readers will remember the note of warning we sounded in a paragraph on page 48 of last issue, referring to bold operators in phosphate lands. Ve learn to-day that it was through that paragraph that the investigation was under-taken which led to the arrest on Wednesday evening of Mr. Paquet, the cashier of La Banque d'Hochelaga, in this city. The other case referred to appears to be scarcely ripe as yet. The amount of the defalcation is var-iously astimuted at from \$510,000 to \$100,000 iously estimated at from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and is admitted to be no less than the former and is adducted to be no less than the former sum. Mr. Paquet evidently believed there was "millions in it" so he paid out thousands of the banks' property to reach it. It is to be hoped that the "Golonel Sellers" in the matter will be interviewed also. The property bought appears to have been paid for in Dominion bonds on tof the bank's serie. Mr. Paquet is in durance vile. The Canada Guarantee Company has a "risk" on the defaulting cashier. The operator is said to be a second Count Fosco and is well known to persons in high places as a man likely to make money in Canada. The bank may now possibly run a competitive race with the Banque Jacques Cartier in carrying on the mining bus ness.

The estate of Papineau & Archambault, of this city, retail dry goods merchants, has been put into insolvency. The stock was destroyed this GUY, Feinit GY goods increments, his ocen put into insolvency. The stock was destroyed by fire on the 10th alt, causing a loss of about \$5,500, on which there was an insurance of \$3,000 in the Northern and Scottish Imperial. The agents in this city, Messrs. Taylor Bros., con-tributed not a little to the subsequent troubles of the firm by paying in the \$3,000 immediately, a " good fault" in an Insurance Company, how-ever. The insolvents, it is stated, had heen adever. The insolvents, it is stated, had been ad-vised by the emissary of one of the creditors to make an offer of 75 cents in the dollar, which he accordingly did. The creditors, however, would not accept the offer unless the father-in-law of Mr. Papineau, a wealthy lawyer of Beauharnois, would secure the sum of \$4,000, to be paid in 3, 6, 9 and 12 months, which he refused to do, saying he would rather let Mr. Papineau go through the insolvent court again and start through the insoivent court again and start him anew. The firm was composed of the wife of C. D. Papineau, formerly of Hamilton & Papineau, who failed about a year ago, the busi-ness being wound up, and the minor son of Mr. Archambault, the latter advancing \$1,500 to the firm at starting. The insolvent claims his affairs showed a surplus, and would have pulled through had he not been persuaded to make the offer of compromise. offer of compromise.

- The linbilities of J. S. Powell & Co., Guelph, whose failure we reported last week, are \$6,528, of which about \$5,000 is to W. McLaren & Co., of this city, the balance being divided among two or three hands. The stock and fixtures are estimated at \$5,198. The partner in the concern was a young saleswoman, of amiable disposition, who has been for some time with the firm.

- At the meeting of the creditors of John

Maclean of Watford, held recently, it was de-cided to sell the stock and close out the estate. The insolvent has been in business nineteen years, during which time he made three assignments. The total assets are somewhat over \$6,-000, consisting of present stock \$3,669; book accounts, \$2,440, of which \$1,800 are doubtful. Liabilities are \$6,700.

- The Ontario Government is about to establish an Insurance Bureau, and the name of Doctor O'Reilly, late of the Beaver Mutual, is mentioned in connection with the office of Superintendent.

- A writ of attachment has been issued against the estate of William Gordon, boot and shoe dealer of Wyoming, at the instance of Daniel McLean of Toronto. Liabilities, \$1,700; assets about \$400.

- A writ of attachment has been issued against Malcolm Gilmour of Sarnia, at the in-stance of Messrs. Laing, Sutherland & Co., dry goods merchants, London, Ontario.

-Matthew Willing, of the village of Forest, Ontario, miller, has made an assignment to J. Flintoft, official assignee of Sarnia.

THE BUTTER TRADE .- The Cookstown Advocate says: A meeting of merchants from the different villages of South Simcoe-s portion of North York and Cardwell-was held in Beeton, on the 18th ult, to take into consideration the demoralized state of the butter market for the past few years, and to consider the advisability of devising some practicable schemes whereby the standar1 of butter would be raised, so as not to cause the losses at present sustained by both producers and buyers. There was a very fair representation of the business community present, and after due deliberation it was resolved :

1st. That they (the merchants) recommend the system in future of buying butter in tubs or white ash pulls, and bind themselves to do no butter packing on their premises at any season of the year, and discontenance the use of crocks altogether.

2nd. That the producer or maker pays for packages or tubs in every instance. 3rd. That the merchants now assembled,

stat. That the increments how assembled, believing that it will tend hargely to elevate the standard of butter, and thereby benefit the pro-ducer, hereby bind themselves to buy all butter in future by grade, giving for good, medium, and inferior qualities their respective and full

value, but no more. 4th. That no butter will be taken in payment of any account.

It was also urged that makers of butter be recommended to use the Liverpool dairy salt, which is much superior for preserving butter.

#### Commercial.

#### MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, March 6th, 1879.

The business of the week has been generally somewhat slack, owing to the fact that most firms who feared the effect of the new tariff on the price of goods have stocked up, and little of movement is expected till after the Budget has been delivered. Country merchants have been acting with commendable caution. The money market has remained unchanged ; stocks are weak.

Asues. -Receipts of Pots continue fair for the season. Sales of First at \$4.05 to \$4.10; according to tares; Seconds, \$3.40. No Thirds. There are very few orders coming out, Pearls. -The market has been swept of all the 1878 and 1879 brand on private terms, they will be scarce at first open water. Receipts since 1st January 1272 bris Pots and 75 bris Pearls. Deliveries, 579 bris Pots and 158 bris Pearls. Stock in store at noon on 5th March, 1816 bris Pots and 160 brls Pearls.

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BOOTS AND SHOES .- Few buyers have as yet visited the city, but a fair business is doing in filling traders' orders. A good sorting up trade is expected as the decrease in the production o goods must be felt later in the season, and country dealers have ordered with much caution.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Business in heavy goods remains in statu quo, and we do not anticipate any improvement until the National Policy is declared. A good many sorting-up orders are coming in from country druggists, and notes are being fairly met at maturity. Advices from England by last mail report a better feeling among manufacturers, and a more independent feeling than has been seen for some time. Prices generally of heavy chemicals there have a decidedly upward tendency.

Day Goops .- Many travellers have returned from their first trips, and their reports are various. Some leading firms show an increase in sales of fifteen per cent. in January and twenty per cent. in February, as compared with the corresponding period of 1878, while others complain of the general stagnation as being something unprecedented. We do not altogether attribute it to that cause, but our isopier they would be defending for the first but our inquiry has resulted in discovering this fact that the most successful firms this season are those who advertise in our columns, and many travellers do not hesitate to express the disadvantage they labor under in competing with houses who advertise regularly in respectable mediums which reach the trade regularly every week freighted with useful and profitable intelligence. There is no change in the price of Canadian Cottons.

FURS AND SKINS .--- A letter in the Leipzig Tagblatt states that the quarantine regulations along the Russian frontier will seriously interfere with the fur trade. For the next two months immense quantities of furs are due to arrive from Siberia for the Great Easter Fair. The sanitary corfor the Great basicer Part. The statistry cor-don will, however, prevent their arrival, and a committee has been therefore sent to Berlin to represent that the furs come by a route far to the north of the locality of the plague. There will in any case be a great loss of Russian cus-tomers at the fair. It is stated that some pertomers at the fair. It is stated that some per-sons have been imposing upon dealers in remote sections of Ontario, not very well posted in the trade, by selling stocks of American mink, worth about fifty or sixty cents each, as Cana-dian, at from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per skin. Some western merchants have shipped some lots of these inferior skins to this market—of course at a backy loss as the fraud was detend impathese inferior skins to this market—of course at a heavy loss, as the fraud was detected imme-diately. On Monday, March 3rd, the Hudson Bay Company sold, at their fur sale in Lon-don, Eng., Utter, Fisher, Red Fox, Cross and Silver Fox at considerably higher figures than were realized at last year's sales, but they will not warrant any rise in prices here, and can only tend to slightly strengthen the market. The cause of the advance may be for the shut-time out of Eastern furs in consequence of the ting out of Eastern furs in consequence of the plague in their countries.

FLOUR .- Although the business done during the week has not been large, the market has been very firm. Holders have met the consumptive demand at the current market rates, but have been unwilling to sell their stocks to speculators excepting at advanced figures. The stock shows an increase of 8,000 bushels between the 1st inst and 15th ultimo, being the result in great measure of importations of American flour in anticipation of the expected duty of 50c. per barrel.

#### STOCKS IN WAREHOUSE.

1 Mar. '79.	15 Feb. '79.	1 Mar. '78
Wheat 85,858	85,858	396,095
Corn118,252	118,252	124,883
Peas 51,947	51,947	178,076
Barley 85,112	85,112	44,916
Flour 69,716	61,435	55,903

GROCERIES .- Tariff still unsettled, business is somewhat affected thereby as well as by state of roads in various places. Sugars not active, and at prices about same as last reported for all grades here. A slight reduction in Granulated reported in United States. Barbados reports to 17th ult, are received, weather fivorable for sugar making, but little business was doing. The settlement of United States sugar tariff as it was may benefit West India business. Teas, steady and unchanged for desirable Japan Teas. Some speculative movement in China Greens and some other Teas in New York reported. and some other Teas in New York reported. Molasses, steady, ordinary country demand chiefly at former prices. Syrups, fairly active as usual at this season. *Hice*, from S4 25 to S1.75. *Chemicals*, unchanged. *Coffees*, frumer for Java, other kinds dull. *Spices*, Pimento reported rather higher, Cloves very firm, Pepper and Nutmegs steady. *Fruits*, Valentia frm, 6c. to 6kc. Layers quiet. Currants continue inactive. inactive.

HARDWARE .- This department has been somewhat slack during the week, but the business of the season thus far has compared favorably with that of the corresponding period of 1878. Prices are somewhat firmer in all departments, Frices are somewhat immer in all departments, and Canada Plates may be quoted 25c. per box higher. Iron generally is held at an advance of 5c. to 10c. per 100 lbs, although the uncertainty respecting tariff changes keeps prices somewhat unsettled, those who hold large stocks being naturally inclined to " bull" the market and domination birden prices while these who have demanding higher prices, while those who have not stocked heavily refuse to admit the evident advance. Prices of nails remain unaltered.

LEATHER. - Very little doing in this line. the depression and distrust continues. The market is well supplied with all kinds of stock and prices low.

LIVE STOCK .- The arrivals of live stock at Point St. Charles last week were sixteen carloads of cattle, 232 live hogs, two carloads of horses, and about a carload of sheep. At the St. Gabriel Cattle Market last Monday few cattle were offered, and still fewer sold, prices being from 3c to 4c per lb. Seven head of cattle were from 3c to 4c per lb. Seven head of cattle were sold at 4 per lb.; two at 4 c per lb.; five cattle for \$212; ten cattle, weighing 11,959 lbs, at 4 c per lb.; four cattle at \$36 each; four at \$43 each, or 3 c per lb.; five steers at 4 c per lb.; four cattle at 4c per lb.; four cattle for \$232,50, or 4c per lb.; and twelve cattle at \$45 to \$55, or about 3 c per lb.; and a lot of fifteen at \$4,65 per 100 lbs.

OILS .- Nothing by way of change to report in this line, except a marked decline abroad in Olive Oil. The stock in this market being small, the price is not much affected thereby. Naval Stores are dull and nominal. Paints, are being enquired for with a view to laying in or securing supplies before a change in the tariff takes place, and it is chicult to obtain settled prices for any line.

PROVISIONS-Butter.-As reported last week operations for this season on shipping account are about even, the last continuous order for shinment, so far as we can ascertain having been withdrawn this week. Enquiries still come, however, from those in the country who unfortu-nately for themselves, have held too long and must now accept lower prices. Reports from New York say that butter can be bought there at 4c. to 5c. less than the prices recently paid here.

Cheese .--- Reports from England are even more encouraging for "Gilt Edge" white cheese which are reported scarce. Shippers in New York are doing an active business, and orders coming in freely for this class of stock. Proba-ble shipments from there this week 40,000 boxes. Medium and low grades are without change.

#### MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

#### Toronto, March 6.

Market firm and more active. Flour quiet but steady; Extra sold at \$4.10 f.o.c. Bran scarce, and worth probably \$10. Wheat has begun to move at an advance; No. 1 Spring brought 96c f.o.c. to-day, and No. 2 Spring sold yesterday at 90c and 91c f.o.c., which would be proported. Outs scarpe and approx of the sec repeated. Oats scarce, and cars on the spot worth 33c. Barley and Peas nominally un-changed, with no movement reported. Hogs steady, a car sold at \$5.30.

#### AMERICAN MARKETS.

Chicago, Thursday, Mar. 6th, 1.05 p.m.-Wheat nominal, March  $95\frac{1}{2}c.$ ; April,  $96\frac{1}{3}c.$ ; May 99(c. Cora, May 37(c.; June 37 $\frac{1}{3}c.$  Oats, May 26 $\frac{3}{6}c.$  Receipts Wheat, 61,000 bush; ship-ments 62,000 bush. Receipts Corn, 69,000 bush; shipts. 71,000 bush. Rects. Oets, 47,000 bush; shipts. 71,000 bush. Pork, 59.85 to 50.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ , cash; "April 59.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; May 59.97 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Lard, April 50.60; May 56.72 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Hogs, receipts, 18,-000. 000.

New York, 1 p.m.—Chicago, \$1.08; Mil-waukee, \$108 to \$1.09. Red Winter, \$1.17. Receipts Wheat. 176,000 bushels. Exports, 11,000 bushels. Receipts Corn, 89,000 bushels. Pork, April, \$10.25. Lard, April, \$6.75. Milwaukee, 1.05 p.m.—April, 952c. Rects. 41,000 bushels. Shipments, 31,000 bushels.

#### ENGLISH MARKETS.

Liverpool and London, Beerbohn's Report, March 6th. — Floating Cargoes Wheat at opening firm. Floating Cargoes Corn rather ensier. Cargoes on passage and for shipment, Wheat, quiet. Cargoes on passage and for Shipment, Corn, slow. Mark Lane, Wheat unaltered. Mark Lane, Corn, unaltered. Red Winter Wheat, 45: 3d. Mixed American Corn, 22s. 6d. to 23s. California Wheat, just shipped, 45s.; nearly due, 44s. 6d. No. of cargoes on passage to U.K., Wheat, 1,450,000 qrs. No. of cargoes on passage to U. K., Corn, 540,000 qrs. Weather in England seems more settled. Liverpool Wheat, spot, at opening, strong.

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Liverpool Wheat, spot, at opening, strong.
Liverpool Corn, spot, stendy.
Liverpool Press Report, March 6.—Flour, 88
6d. to 105. Red Wheat, 7s. to 8s. 2d.; Red Winter, 8s. 9d. to 9s. 3d.; White Winter, 8s. 10d to 9s. 3d.; Club, 9s. 2d. to 9s. 8d.
Gorn, 4s. 7d. per centul. Pork, 49s. Lard, 33s. 3d. Cheese 48s.

#### IMPORTS.

Comparative statement of Imports at the Port of Montreal per Grand Trunk Railway from 1st Jan. to 7th March, 1878 and 1879. inclusive :

		1878.	1879.
Ashes	.brls	1,101	1,359
Butter	brls	13 712	19,249
Barley	bush	10,519	13,200
Bacon	.hoxes	21	
Corn	bush	4,000	2,061
Cheese	boxes	639	6
Flour	brls	79,419	72,410
Lard	brls	4,105	496
Oats	. bush	5,600	25,100
Oatmeal	brls	1,272	608
	bush.,	18,005	2,200
Pork	brls	1,957	819
Wheat	bush	3,954	· 1.600

RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK.

Ashes .- 148 brls. Pot, - brl. Pearl. Butter. - 579 bris. Barley. - 600 bush. Bacon.---box. Corn .- 400 bush. Cheese - boxes Flour.- 10,876 brls. Lard. --- brls. Oats. --- 2,800 bush. Oalmeal. - brls.

Peas.- 400.bush. Pork.- 1 bil. Wheat.- 800 bush.

#### EXPORTS.

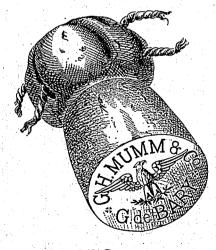
Comparative statement of Exports of leading articles at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st Jan. to 7th Marc's, 1878 and 1879, inclusive.

	1878.	1879
Ashes brls	266	346
Butterbrls	34,222	50,080
Barley bush	36,050	
Baconboxes	2,705	6,036
Cornbush		
Cheeseboxes	5,583	21,510
Caitle	260	1,681
Flour bris	29,030	20,706
Horses		
Hogs	570	270
Lardbris	5,789	3,933
Lumberfect		
Oatmealbrls	15,374	4,449
Oatsbush	12 370	3,030
Peasbush	58,702	95,503
Porkbris	536	61
Sheep	1,161	969
Wheatbush	456,114	396,510

EXPORTS FOR THE WEEK.

Ashes 100 brls. Pots,	31	br ls.	Pearl.
Butter 2,484 bris.			11 J.
Barley bush.			
Bucon 773 boxes.			
Corn bush.			
Cheese 5,027 boxes.			
Cattle. 164			
Flour 523 brls.			
110gs209			
Horses			
Lard 18 brls.			
Lumber feet.			
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Outmeal 750 brls.	1		1.1
l'eas 5,200 bush.			
Pork10 brls.			
Sheep. — —	6 N		le ge
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#### RAILWAY RETURNS.

HALLWAY KETURNS. GRAND TRUNK RALWAY.—Return of traffic for week ending Murch 1st, 1879, and the corresponding week, 1878.—Passongers, Mails, and Express Freight, \$38,247; Freight and Live Stock, \$129,107; Total, \$167,354. Correspond-ing week, 1878, \$183,303. Decrease, 1879, \$15,949.

# DEPARTMENT OF CROWNLANDS

#### QUEBEC, 23rd January, 1879.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Excellency the Licutenant-Governor has been pleased, by Order-in-Council, dated the 20th January instant, to add the following clause to the Timber Regulations :-

All persons are hereby strictly forbidden, un-less they may have previously obtained a special authorization to that effect from the Commis-sioner of Crown Lunds or from his Agents, to settle, squat, clear or chop on Lots in Unsur-veyed Territory, or on Surveyed Lands not yet open for sule, or to cut down any mcrchantable trees which may be found thereon, comprised within the limits of this Province, and forming portion of the locations granted in virtue of licenses for the cutling of timber thereon; said timber being the exclusive property of the holders of said licenses, who have the exclusive right to enter actions against any person or authorization to that effect from the Commisright to enter actions against any person or persons who may be found violating this order

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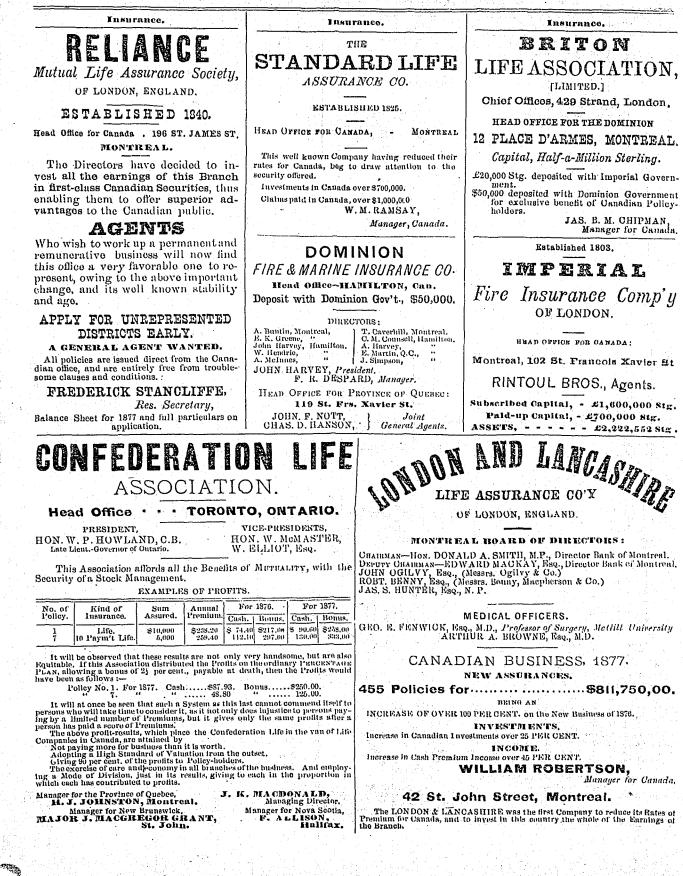
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Alum Borax Castor Oil	0 11 0 121	Lybster (Grey), No. 2, 32 in	0 00 0 0 061	" Fall, clean Pelt, plb. Bear, large Prime	1 50 1 75 6 (0 8 00	SYRUPS. Extra pergal	0 55 0 60
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Epsoin Salts Extract Logwood	1 60 1 90 101 0 11	" XX36 in. full " Heavy twilld, 36 in		Fisher Skunk	5 00 7 00 0 25 0 75	Molasses (Barbados) " Trinidad	0 36 0 40
Indigo, Madras Madder	J 10 0 12	Dundas (Grey Sheetings), B. 72 in.	0 21 0 00	Groceries.		Sugar House " FRUIT.	0 23 0 27
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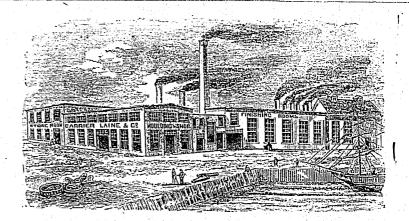
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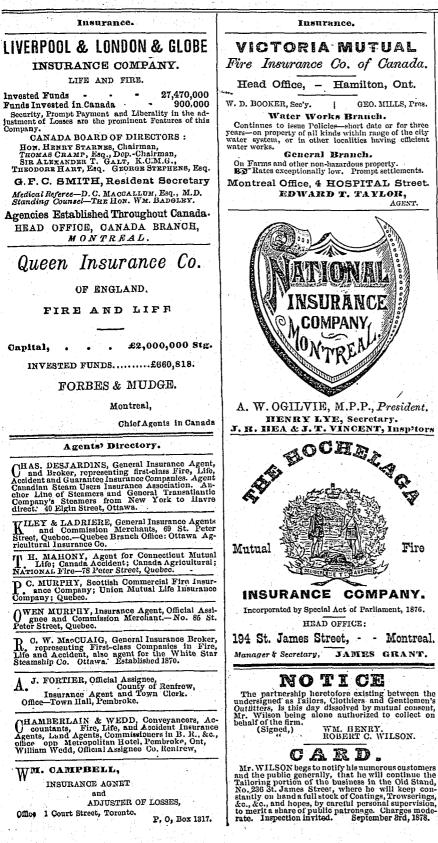
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