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ALSO, IN STOCK,

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Ard now receiving their usual supply of

SPRING GOODS,

VARIOUS MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

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FOUR HUNDRED PACKAGES OF NEW STAPLE

FANCY DRY GOODS,

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EARLY SHIPMENTS,

AND HAVE PLEASURE IN INFORMING THEIR
CUSTOMERS AND THE TRADE GENERALLY,
THAT ON AND AFTER

The 10th of March,

PREPARED TO SHOW A FULLY ASSORTED STOCK

BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS

MOST ATTRACTIVE STOCKS

CANADIAN TWEEDS,

AND

American Manufactures.

Shipments will be received by *
WEEKLY STEAMERS, THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

THEY INVITE EARLY INSPECTION,

Those who can buy for Cash, or at shortened terms of credit.

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HAMILTON, Ont., 1st March, 1870.

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MANUFACTURERS,

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THIS FIRM MANUFACTURES THE CELEBRATED

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SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE,

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TORONTO.

Mercantile Summary.

Messrs. Smith Bros., wholesale grocers, Toronto, have failed. The firm has been in financial straits for a good while past.

Messrs. George Laidlaw, John Gordon and John Shedden, have gone to England on behalf of the narrow gauge railway companies. It is understood that the object of their trip is to arrange for the purchase of iron for the permanent way.

IT has been announced in Parliament that the whole question relating to the Canadian canals will be immediately referred to a Commission, pending whose report the matter will remain as at present. Certain limitations are to be prescribed within which the inquiries of the Commission, will be limited. This is perhaps the best that the American duty had turned the large

method of determining what works should be first undertaken and of ascertaining the comparative merits of the different projects now before the country. Our true policy, we are convinced, whatever may be the report of the Commission, is to fully develop the St. Lawrence route, and all other schemes should be regarded as of secondary importance to this leading idea.

A most beneficial influence has been exerted upon our trade with the United States by the decline in gold to present quotations. Prices there have not fallen in a corresponding ratio. The effect on the lumber market here is most important; and hides, skins, wool, barley, &c., have all been favorably affected. The trade in live stock has received a new impetus within the last two months, and is now both active and profitable, which gratifying change may be ascribed to the tumble in gold. Prices in the American market, are about where they were two years ago (this fact goes to showe "who pays the duty" in this case); here a little more is paid. However, the margin is said to be sufficient to render a fair profit comparatively certain. At Prescott and Kingston there is a steady movement across the lines; at the latter place \$18,000 worth was shipped last week. Drovers are paying from \$4.50 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs. for good cattle, live weight, in the country districts, and are competing actively for the best animals at these prices for exporta. tion, mostly to Boston. For the Easter markets, specially fine cattle are bought up at as high as \$7, live weight. The above prices would be equal to from \$50 to \$80, and even higher, per head. A good deal of interest is felt among the drovers in the coming fairs early next month. That at Guelph will be held on Wednesday, the 6th April, at Elora on Tuesday, the 5th, and at Fergus on Monday, the 4th. Beef and pork have been the farmer's chief reliance this season; both brought high prices and sold readily. With wheat a drug, this deliverance is most opportune.

A PUBLIC meeting was held on Tuesday last, in the Music Hall, Toronto, to discuss the question of Free Trade v. Protection, and was well attended. After introductory proceedings, Mr. James G. Worts moved the first resolution: - "Resolved, -That it is not expedient to enter upon a system of legislation antagonistic to the Imperial policy, or retaliatory on the United States, and that the true interests of this country will be best conserved by Free Trade so far as is consistent with the revenue of the Dominion." Mr. Worts spoke at length in support of the resolution, amidst a good deal of interruption. He showed that the Americans were compelled to levy the high duties they had done in consequence of their immense war debt, and argued that we had no cause to complain of these duties, because that, so far as our trade with them is concerned, the American consumers pay the duty, not the Canadian producers. He showed that Boston had lost a large in-trade in oats with Prince Edward Island by imposing a duty of ten cents per bushel, the trade being diverted to England. Referring to the lumber trade with the States, he maintained

South American trade into Canadian channels. He dwelt on the the decline of American shipping, pointed out the evil effects of duties on coal and flour, and salt, and concluded in a very able speech by ridiculing the late protectionist meeting in this city. Mr. R. Wilkes seconced the motion in a pointed speech.

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Mr. John Gordon, moved, in amendment:-"That it would be the exercise of a wise and practical statmanship on the part of our Government to so shape its legislation in the adjustment of a tariff as will, without increasing the burthens of the people, afford a moderate amount of Protection to the producing, manufacturing, me-chanical, and other industrial intrests of the country, as against the known advantages of competitors for the trade of our own markets.' Mr. Gordon criticised the free trade doctrine, gave instances intended to illustrate the benefits of the protective system. He also read a list of mills and factories in Canada, which had closed their doors in consequence of the free trade policy that had been adopted. Ald. Dickey seconded that had been adopted. And Dickey scenarios the amendment, and hit off the free trade speakers very effectually. Other gentlemen addressed the meeting. The amendment being put was carried, meeting. The amendment being put was carried, on a division of the house. So went one of the liveliest trade meetings ever held in Toronto.

Financial.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Reported by Robert Moat, Broker.

MONTREAL, March 29, 1870.

The Stock Market was unusually active during the past week. The amounts offering were large and with a steady demand for investment; the transactions were much larger than for some weeks previous. Prices of all descriptions of securities were well maintained, and in many cases a considerable advance on last week s quotations was obtained. There was a fair demand for money, but still not sufficient to absorb the large amounts offering; the rates, however, are firm

Banks—Montreal sold at 1644, 165, 1654, and 1653, closing firm with no sellers under 166. Merchants was largely offered, but met with buyers to a considerable amount at 1094 to 1094. closing rather weaker with sellers at 1094 and buyers at 109. City advanced two per cent., with sales at 89, and is now held for 90. Ontario also advanced one per cent., with sales at 1024 and 103, closing with buyers at 103 and sellers at 1031. Peoples was dealt in at 104. Quebec is offered at 105, with buyers at 104. Jacques Cartier is in good demand at 109, holders asking 1094. There are buyers of Toronto at 133. Commerce at 113. Royal Canadian at 644. Eastern Townships at 1034. Molsons is offered at 954, with buyers at 93, and of Union there are sellers at 1071 and buyers at 1063.

Bonds-Government fives were placed at 95, but the demand is not so active. Dominion sixes sold at 1084, and are still asked for at that price. There were large sales of Montreal sixes at 993 to 100, and of the seven per cent. stock at

Sundries-There was a considerable advance in both the original and the preferred stock of the Montreal and Champlain Railway Co., there being now buyers of the former at 111 and of the latter at 100. Montreal Telegraph sold at 150, and is now held for 1524. People's Telegraph is offered at 101, with buyers at 99. Richelieu sold There are buyers of Gas at 1474, and of City Passenger Railway at 110 ex. d.

Sterling Exchange is firm but inactive at 84 to 82 for bankers sixty days, and 9 to 91 for sight. Private would readily command 72 to 84, but there is very little making here at present.

TORONTO STOCK MARKET.

Reported by Pellatt & Osler, Brokers.

The Stock Market has been inactive during the ast week, and a limited business has been done chiefly from lack of securities offering.

Banks. - Montreal has declined slightly since our last, sales 164 and 1644. British in demand at 105, none on market. The market has been cleared of Optario and the price is advanced, sales at 102½ and 103, no sellers now under 103½. Toronto is asked for at 133, but none offering. Royal Canadian sold in the beginning of the week at 651, and since at 65; no buyers now over the latter rate. Commerce is asked for at 113, but none on market. Merchants' sold at 1091; there are now no sellers under 110. Quebec is nominal at 104 to 105. Molson's transfer books closed, 2 per cent dividend payable 1st proximo. City sold during the week at 864, 87 and 88; offering to-day at latter rate. There are buyers of Du Peuple at 1037, and sellers at 1044. Nationale is nominal at 107 to 108. Buyers offer 1991 for Jacques Cartier, sellers ask 110. Mechanics' none on this market. Buyers of Union at 106%.

Debentures .- No Canada "Sixes" on market, Dominion stock is procurable at 108%, large sales of Sterling "Fives," at 95, sellers now asking 954. veral transactions during the week in Toronto Debentures at 914, at which rate they are still procurable. No County on market, a few township bonds offering at 95.

Sundries .- City Gas is asked for at 114, not a share on market. British America Assurance is heavy at 75. No Western Assurance on market, nominal at 80. No sales of Canada Life Assarance to report. Canada Permanent Building Society sold at 1311, which rate would still be paid. Western Canada Building Society on market, last sales at 1222. Considerable sales of Freehold Building Society during the week at 1221, which price would still be paid. Huron and Erie Savings Loan Society is in demand at 1141 and 115, but none on market. Union Permanent Building Society sold at 111, at which rate the stock is still procurable. Small sales of Montreal Telegraph at 150. Canada Landed Credit sold at 90 to 91, in good demand, no stock offering. Mortgages are readily negotiable at 8 p. c.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET, March 25 .-Heavy failures continue, among which we note in this city, those of Jenkins, Vail and Peabody and Haviland, Lindsay & Co., Dry Goods Merchants. Consequent on the failure of the former house, has been that of J. H. Prentice & Co., of Brooklyn, who hold \$230,000 of their acceptances, and whose own liabilities are reported to exceed \$800,000. Money on call continues in over abundant supply, and on Governments four per cent. can barely be obtained. Railroad and Miscellaneous collaterals are readily passed at five per cent. Although the recent failures have induced a feeling of caution respecting dry goods paper, discounts are readily obtained on prime bills at 61 to 7 per cent. Gold is very heavy, the market closing to-day at 1114.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS, The total amount on deposit on the 31st January was, \$1,-226,060; the deposits for February were \$111,-731.97; deducting withdrawals, the increase of deposits during the month was \$54,844.71 making the total at the end of February, \$1,280,904.81.

-We have reteived a copy of the banking bill which has now passed the first and second readings, in the House of Commons, but as it is yet liable to be amended in committee, and by the Senate, we defer publishing the the text entire till the final passage of the measure.

From a statement prepared in the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, we tearn that the ag gregate amount of gold produced in the United States from 1848 to 1869, was \$1,071,451,461.

DOMINION NOTES.

The following is a Return, showing the amount of Dominion Notes in circulation, according to the periodical returns, from 1st Oct., 1869, to 1st Feb., 1879; and the Gold and Debetures held to meet the same:-

	Specie	1,	012,500 37,500
		\$5,	050,000
	1869, Nov. 1st—Circulation	\$5,	821,000
	Debentures Specie Deposits in Bank of Montreal.	1,	000,000 205,450 615,550
		\$5,	\$21,000
	1869, Dec. 1st—Circulation	\$5,	949,000
	Debentures Specie Deposits in Bank of Montreal.	41,	000,000 237,250 711,750
		\$5,	949,000
	1870, Jan. 1st—Circulation	\$5,	834,000
-	Debentures. Specie. Deposits in Bank of Montreal.	1,	000,00 0 208,500 625,500
		\$5,	834,000
	1870, Feb. 1st-Circulation	\$5,	405,000
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		85,	405,000

A second Return is intended to show the Specie and Debentures that would have been held, under

the system proposed by the Govern the circulation, during the same pe in Return 1.	
1869, Oct. 1st-Circulation	\$5,050,000
Against same— Debentures	4,000,000
	\$5,050,000
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1870, Jan. 1st-Circulation	
Debentures Specie	
	\$5,834,000

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1870, Feb. 1st-Qirculation,

Against same

Specie.

Debentures

THE CITIZENS' INSURANCE COMPANY (OF CANADA)

Especially empowered by Act of Parliament, and fully authorized by Government under the Insurance Bill.

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SPRING GOODS,

PREPARED TO SHOW THE LARGEST VARIETY of

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IN THE DOMINION.

Inspection respectfully invited.

64 YONGE STREET.

TORONTO.

THE

Monetary and Commercial Times.

TORONTO, FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1870.

NOTES FROM NEW YORK-No. 2.

A LESSON TAUGHT.

There is a constant lesson to be found in the experience of every man, which, if carefully followed, cannot fail to be useful. The experience of the individual, can frequently be applied for the guidance and protection of one who seeks wisdom from the events of the time in which he lives. So it is with communities and nations. The strange and eventful history of the trade of the United States in the past seven years may be made to yield intimations and lessons that the largest and smallest traders in Canada would be wise to war, with highly exaggerated values—a de- constant; but as a rule, his customers are in

ased paper currency-a crushing load of febt, and a general demoralization of trade, the failures were few and the losses small. This too, in the face of a tumble in gold of nearly 100 per cent in three months! Again, only a week or two ago we had a fall in gold nearly 20 per cent, and yet the failures were very insignificant in number or amount. There must be some cause to account for this strength or ability to stand such sudden fluctuations; and in searching for this cause we may well consider whether there are nosome principles which would be a great imt provement if they could be applied in Canada. In 1865 credit had narrowed down to the limit of small bills at 30 days, and to that circumstance alone may we attribute the marvellous spectacle of anation of traders going through such a crisis without serious disaster. Of course, since then there has been a rapid expansion of credit business, and 60 days-even four months' time-is now not unfrequently given to parties of whom there is no doubt. But there is an unusual amount of discrimination in this respect. It is only those houses that are beyond doubt who are trusted to the extent of four months. There is not, as in Canada, that universal system of a standard of credit for all-comers much less a disposition to trust any one six months, as prevails in Canadian markets. It is to this constant vigilance that may be raced the snug shape which the merchants in the United States appear to be in when a torm breaks over their heads. The bulk of the sales are made on 30 and 60 days, and say one-third on four months-and renewals are seldom heard of. But how is it in Canada? Nine-tenths of the dry goods sold are at six months, and of these not over one-half are paid for at maturity, but renewals given at three months for a part, and so the weary work goes on. Years and years tgo when it was difficult, or next to impossible to "sort up" stock more frequently than twice a year; when communication was infrequent and transportation tardy and uncertain through certain seasons of the year in those years six months' credit may have been necessary. The state of the country, too, may have made long credit essential : the struggles of the early settler; the uncertainty of his returns, and the small number of sources on which his income depended, were all considerations which accounted for heed. The most important of these is that and justified long credits. But these days found in the condition of the credit business are past. Not only has the retailer every of the country throughout the years of the possible facility for the selection and purwar, and even now. In 1861, at the break- chase of his goods, presented almost daily by ing out of the war, the failures were enor the visit of the commercial traveller; not mous, following upon a condition of general lonly are his means of communication and prosperity. But in 1865, at the close of the simmediate modes of transportation rapid and

a position far superior to what they were when a six months' credit was essential. Just fancy the growth in the grain-producing area of land in the last twenty years; the variety of products which are grown and readily sold for cash; the steady and certain material progress of the country; the rapidity with which business is done, and the facility which new ideas and schemes have given to it-and yet in its most essential part, we see no change, no improvement, What is so essential as safety ? What is more important to the business of the country than its profit? Yet every importer and jobber will tell you that to do business with safety and profit now-a-days is more the result of good luck than good management. Assuredly one of the first causes for this is to be found in the long credits that are granted; the universality with which six months are allowed for dry goods and hardware, and four months for groceries and other goods. Why, the question seems to be taken for granted that these are the terms, if a credit is granted at all. The question of worthiness of the party applying to get credit is closely canvassed, but how very seldom is the question taken up of "how long?" It is needless to enumerate the advantages of the shorter terms of credit, nor is it necessary to go into a discussion of its feasibility in Canada. It is enough to say, that if six months' credit was in vogue in Canada twenty-five years ago, and that the trade of the country could then be transacted on these terms, surely, as there has been a change in everything else, so there ought to be in this. If, too, the merchants and jobbers in the United States could completely abolish the credit business for three years, and for the few succeeding years limit it in time, reduced by fifty and seventy-five per cent., surely the commercial public of Canada are capable of an achievement equally great.

The frequency of failures is largely attributable to the long terms of credit, and the large "lock up" of capital, and the disappearance of assets, once thought available and of value, is caused by long credit; it is evil, and only evil to the retailer, as well as the wholesale trader, and the sooner the public mind is educated to believe it can be dispensed with, and better and shorter terms substituted, the sooner will the trade of the country become safe and satisfactory.

INSURANCE RETURNS.

A Blue Book has been distributed, giving the returns made to government, of the business of twenty-six insurance offices doing business in Canada. As about forty offices have made the deposit, it is natural to enquire, what has become of the remaining fourteen. The returns for the previous year were imperfect enough, in all conscience; fire and life, and fire and marine were thrown together, so as to render the attempt to deduce general results from the figures futile, or at most little better than guesswork. It was to be expected that the obstacles which beset the attempt to put in successful operation a scheme such as that embraced in the present act, would to a certain extent nullify its provisions, and, therefore, every allowance was made for defects in the first roturns. We are sure that some disappointment will be felt, because the experience reaped has not been profited by; that the returns laid before Parliament, at this session, are more incomplete, and of much less value than those produced last session. The attempt to get these returns ought either to be abandoned or compliance with the law should be insisted upon in all cases. There are some companies licensed by the Dominion, and doing business here who have never made any return under the Act—who quietly ignore it in this respect. If this is permissible in a few cases why not in all? The value of the provision of the act requiring returns is lost when it is not strictly enforced, for it will come to this that any company who has no desire for publicty-who has something to lose, and nothing to gain by it-will avoid the scrutiny to which a publication of its statement might lead, and screen itself behind the veil of secresy.

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Singularly enough, the statement of the Canada Life Assurance Company is not published, though a due return seems to have been made. Mr. Ramsay very properly seeks to avoid the suspicion of having withheld the Company's statement, and lays the blame at the door of the Ottawa officials. The circumstance has been made the subject of enquiry in Parliament.

From the material before us, it is impossible to collect any estimate of aggregate results; even had all the companies reported, it would still have been impracticable to do so satisfactorily, owing to the irregular character of the returns. One company, for ininstance, lumps its fire and marine business together, another does the same with fire and life, and another with life and accident. One manager thinks no marine premium earned till the policy expires, others estimate their liability on current risks, and return the excess of premiums as earned. Numerous other discrepancies might be noticed, all of which go to show an entire want of system. No improvement on the present state of things need be looked for until there is some one to say what kind of returns shall be made out in every particular, and what principles or rules shall be applied.

We must have a Commissioner, part of whose duty this would be. Until we have such an officer, fully empowered, the statements of the companies will be little else than a farce, and the act a dead letter, only in this that it has given a considerable revenue to the government-a result which some persons insist was the real, though not the professed object aimed at in placing it on the statute book.

COUNTRY BUYERS AND WHOLESALE MERCHANTS.

The season is coming on when buyers from the country are beginning to drop in and make their purchases; and though we well know it is much easier to give advice than to take it, and that a world of good advice is often thrown away, we will give our readers the benefit of our observation and experience, and leave them to make the most of it. A man cannot walk at every step by rule, yet there are broad rules and general principles which cannot be neglected without injury and loss; and which, if incorporated into business habits, may lay the foundation of permanent prosperity. There are so many temptations in the way of indiscreet buyers and sellers, that it is only by remembering such principles that they can keep out of

A buyer visiting a wholesale market needs to be particularly careful, first, to keep his judgment constantly in exercise, and beware of being run away with by fancy or excitement. He will, of course, have examined his stock beforehand, and ascertained its position, and, if prudent, he will have jotted down in his memorandum book what he wants, in detail; how much of each article, and how much altogether. The last is an essential point, and should be thoroughly settled before leaving home. Let a man fix a sum beyond which, on no consideration, he will go, and as one article after another is purchased, let the memorandum book be called into play, and the purchase noted. It would be a good plan-and is, no doubt, practised-for the book to be entered up on one side only at home-say the left side of each open folio, leaving the right side for memoranda of purchases, as made.

A man can judge best at home what he ought to buy; and if the book is carefully considered before leaving, and properly used when buying, each purchase being rigidly entered at once, it will be a powerful restraint upon those impulses to launch out which are so apt to test a man in great centres of business. Men are very apt to lose their real worth in scenes of bustle and excitement. till he is ruined.

When tempting displays of goods are before them, there are some men who find themselves impelled almost irresistibly to buy, and at the end, when the total comes before them, they stand aghast to think how far they have gone and how deeply they have involved themselves. Many of those wretched forced sales in the dry goods stores of country towns and villages are but the rational consequence of purchases made in the heat of excitement in Montreal or Toronto. | As a corrective of all such mistakes, there is nothing like keeping the memorandum-book in hand. When a man has deliberately entered upon one side, before leaving home, a certain list of wants, and enters up as he buys, one after another, the purchases which will satisfy those wants, he must have a weak judgment indeed who will go far astray. Such a man ought not to trust himself to buy in wholesale centres at all. It is a good maxim in buying, that a thing you do not want is dear at any price. A store-keeper, in buying for his customers, will of course study their wants, tastes, and fancies, and buy what will suit, and nothing else. Don't BUY WHAT YOU CAN'T PAY FOR, is another maxim, which should be written in big gilt letters in every wholesale and retail store in the Dominion, so as to meet the eye of every customer in going in. Of course, in speaking of paying for goods, what is intended is that they should be paid for within the time contracted for. If this were rigidly adhered to the wretched habit of renewals on. part payments, would not be so common as it is, and wholesale merchants would be relieved of one half the anxiety as to their own payments which so often oppresses them. Buy little and often is also a good maxim and should be practised as far as possible. To accomplish this it will be necessary to buy near home; otherwise, precious time would be consumed in constant travelling. A light and well assorted stock is the secret of success in many a business, and of all things, the most to be avoided is encumbering shelves with unsaleable goods. When goods turn out unsaleable, in the ordinary course, they should be cleared out at once, for whatever they will fetch; and if they are sold at a ruinous sacrifice, the effect will be to make a buyer more cautious next time. There is nothing like looking a loss in the face and meeting The moral effect is good, for some salutary lesson is sure to be learned by it. But if a man heaps uselesss rubbish on his shelves, deluding himself all the while with the idea that it is good stock, or allows bad debts to remain on his books, trusting to Providence to make them some day good, he will go on baying foolishly and selling balance, and forget their true position and foolishly as before, and probably not stop

And now a word to the seller. Beware of the ready and indiscriminate buyer, the man who is easily carried away, and the man who is careless about price? The man with the memorandum book is the man for you. When your customer hesitates and makes his calculations, and thinks well before striking a bargain, depend upon it he means to pay. You will not have much trouble with his bills, and no matter whether his nominal capital is little or much, it will be pretty safe to trust him. If there is one character more than another that a banker likes, when estimating names on paper offered him for discount, it is that of the man who will not buy what he cannot pay for, and will not give a note he cannot meet. He would rather hear that of a man than that he was worth twenty thousand dollars.

Another hint to the buyer before closing. Never give your paper for more than you owe, and if a merchant or his representative asks you to do it, have done with him at once. Never enter his store again on any pretence, or you may be tempted to your destruction.

ENGLISH ASSURANCE BILL.

In other columns we publish the text of the Insurance Bill now before the British House of Commons. Mr. Cave, in introducing the bill, explained its object. He quoted the language of an agent, who described the evils requiring a remedy, and which the bill proposed to reach, thus :-"There is no security that those who insure will reap the benefit of their foresight and self-denial; that they have no means of knowing the real state of the office to which they are making large annual payments, and that at length, when the blow falls, they have no redress." This strong language Mr. Cave adopts as describing the existing state of affairs, and admits that the words of the Insurance Commissioner of Massachusetts are scarcely exaggerated when he speaks of the "bankruptcy of scores of English life insurance companies, and the cruel disappointment of thousands of confiding policyholders." In illustration, the case of the Albert was cited, "which," said Mr. Cave, " had fallen and dragged down with it twentyfour other offices which it had absorbed. This represents 25 sets of promoters, 25 bills for preliminary expenses, 25 sets of officials, 24 purchases of business, with all the payments to negotiators, solicitors, and counsel, compensation to officials, and hush-money to objecting shareholders and policyholders amounting to £274,000. It is not too much to say that ten millions have been handled, and that almost no assets remain, but that policyholders to the amount of £8,000,000 those of the public.

are ruined, and annuitants to the amount of £18,000 a year suddenly deprived of subistence." Out of 285 life offices founded between 1844 and 1868, only 111 remain. Such is the melancholy case that is made out for government interference—a case that can only be met by legislation of the most stringent kind. The main scope of the bill is derived from the laws of New York and Massachusetts ; but it does not go far enough. It is objected that the laws of these States are too inquisitorial; indeed, the Chancellor of the Exchequer intimated that they would not be submitted to in England. By the introduction of this measure, a step has been taken in the right direction, but it is a somewhat feeble step. Something more thorough, exhaustive, and difficult to evade is necesary. The magnitude of the evil is admitted, but after all it is carefully handled with gloved hands. If tublic confidence is to be thoroughly re-established, the foundation will have to be laid broader and deeper; the sore will have to be probed to the bottom, and a radical cure brought about.

Unless something more thorough than this bill is offered, the British public should give serious consideration to the suggestion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, that the Government should be empowered to undertake the business of life insurance on terms sufficiently high to protect really well conducted offices from competition. There is much to recommend such a proposition as worthy of being adopted, while, at the same time, it is open to objections. The essential element of safety would be imparted to life assurance in an uncommon degree; results could be calculated upon with great accuracy. But there would not be that effective management; the interests of policyholders would not be so well served as in a good company depending for its success on private enterprise. So that while the change suggested would be immensely preferable to the existing state of things, what is really wanted is a stringent law, effectively administered, which would exact soundness and solvency as a condition of doing business, and which would provide the necessary machinery to enable an officer of the government to demand and publish periodically the fullest information respecting a company's affairs. Such a law might be offensive to some, but could not work any real hardship. Publicity can do no harm to sound companies or honest management, and we fail to see the necessity for such a feeling of delicacy as is exhibited in demanding from these companies compliance with conditions which there should be no hesitancy in accepting, not less in their own interests than

SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

Since the arrangements have been completed for the erection of a new Post Office at the head of Toronto street, considerable anxiety has been evinced to secure property in that vicinity. A plot on the corner of Adelaide has been purchased by the proprietors of the Daily Telegraph, as the site of a proposed new office, which it is rumoured is to be a handsome structure. On the opposite corner, being the south east corner of Toronto and Adelaide streets, the Trust and Loan Company, of Upper Canada, have bought the old Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, with lot 83 by 97 feet, for the sum of \$15,-000 cash. It is the intention, we believe, to gemove the head office of the Company to Toronto. This is undoubtedly a wise step on the part of the company. The chapel will be removed and a building erected, so we are informed, that will, to say the least, be no. disgrace to the Queen City. These are gratifyng indications of progress, which it affords us pleasure to chronicle.

MYLES VS. MONTREAL ASSURANCE COMPANY. At the sitting of the Court of Common Pleas in Hilary term, this case came before the Chief Justice on the application of the defendant for a new trial. The Chief Justice, in giving judgment in favor of a new trial without costs, spoke to this effect : That had leave been reserved to move for a non-suit, he would certainly have granted a non-suit to the defendant. As it was, he recommended the plaintiff to accept a non-suit, and appeal to the Court of Error and Appeal. He further said that if the case came before him at the trial, he would certainly non-suit the plaintiff. The burden of proving the sea-worthiness of the vessel lay with the plaintiff, and that was necessary to the success of his case. The question of barratry by the captain was not raised at all. It is expected that the new trial will he had at the next Fall Assizes.

Real Estate.

RECENT SALES.

—A lot on Adelaide street, southwest corner of Toronto street, 83 feet on Toronto by 105 on Adelaide street, was bought for the site of a new office for the Toronto Daily Telegraph for \$12,000 on time.

-A lot, being 223 feet on the Grange road, Toronto, at \$15 per foot.

A lot, 100 feet on John street, at \$15 per foot.
 A lot fronting on Beverley street, 150 feet frontage, at \$10 per foot.

-From fifty to sixty lots on the College avenue, about 20 feet frontage by 75 feet deep, at an average price of \$15 per foot, exclusive of buildings.

—A lot on the west side of Yonge street, Toronto, near the College avenue, in eight parcels, 291 feet, at \$45 per foot, representing a total of \$13,000.

-A lot on Sherbourne street, Toronto, west side, 71 ft. 6 in., at \$12 per foot.

-A property on Pembroke street, Toronto, north of Carlton, in six parcels, 300 feet, at \$10 per foot.

On Wellesley erescent, Toronto, part of the Homewood estate, a block sold for \$1,800.

-On Bachanan street, Toronto, 5 lots of 50 feet each, sold at \$20 per foot.

On Wilton crescent, Toronto, 124 feet sold for \$1,100.

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On Jarvis street, Toronto, north of Gloucester street, 300 by 300 ft., sold for \$3,600.

On Jarvis street, south of Gerard, a lot 50 by

100 feet, sold for \$2,000.

Several lots in the town of Niagara; also, the old Niagara dock; the latter property, with buildings appertaining, sold for \$10,000.

Twelve lots in the town of Clifton, one fifth

acre each, sold at an average price of \$80.

Three or four lots in the town of Lindsay, one-fourth of an acre each, brought from \$100 to \$125 apiece.

The east half of lot 15, in the 4th concession of the township of Moore, Lambton county, sold for \$600.

The farm of George Lee, four miles north of Oshawa, on the Nonquon road, sold to Morgan at \$80 per acre, yielding \$8000.

UNION PERMANENT BUILDING AND SAVINGS SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Society was held at the Society's office, 82 King street east, on Monday, the 28th March, at 4 o'clock, p.in. Present-Mr. Richardson, President of the Society, in the chair; Mr. Lepper, Vice-President; Messrs. Henning, Fitch, Henderson, Goulding and Gilmor, Directors; Dr. Geikie, James Fleming, Esq., Dr. Carlyle, John Eastwood, Esq., Messrs. Campbell, Carnegie, Cornell, Trotter, Pellatt, Tucker; Mr. Mortimer Clark, Solicitor.

Mr. Maclean, Secretary, having read the notice convening the meeting, the President submitted the following report, which was read to the meeting:-

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Directors of the Union Permanent Building and Savings Society.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS:

Your Directors have much pleasure in submitting the following report of the operations of the Society for the year ending 28th February, 1870.

As will be seen on reference to the following statement of accounts, the profits of the business for the year just ended have enabled your Directors to pay two half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, being Nos. 9 and 10, the former to the 31st August, 1869, and the latter to the 28th February, 1870. This is after deducting interests paid to depositors for the same periods at the rate of six per cent. per annum, likewise the usual working expenses, leaving a reserve of \$6,000—a result which is highly gratifying to the Board.

The amount now at the credit of deposit ac count, after deducting re-payments during the year, is close on \$50,000, and this amount is steadily increasing. The paid-up stock, as capitalized, amounts to \$125,000 in round numbers, making together about \$175,000. Since last year the sum of \$25,000 has been all taken at a premium of 6 per cent, which is included in the foregoing amount; and the present Assets or the Company, as per statement, amount to \$185,-758.02—which includes Cash in Bank \$14,590, in hand \$131.68, and Advances on Stock \$10,955.64.

The business of the Society is steadily increasing, and the greatest care and attention are bestowed on making advances. During the past year the demand for money has been fully equal to the supply, and your Directors have pleasure in reporting that a desirable class of securities continue to be submitted to them for investment. While at the same time every encouragement to parties wishing to erect their own dwellings in this city is afforded; loans on good farm property will not be overlooked when the security is found to be adequate.

In accordance with the Society's rules, Directors hold their seats from year to year, and are eligible for re-election, with the exception of Mr. Isaac C. Gilmor, who retires from the Board owing to other engagements.

FRANCIS RICHARDSON, President

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W. MACLEAN, Secretary.

ASSETS.

" in hand	\$14,721 160,080	71
LIABILITIES,	\$185,758	05
	\$49,732 124,258 167	20

Amount of Dividends Feb. 28, 1870

We the undersigned have audited the books of the Union Permanent Building and Savings Society for the year ending 28th February, 1870, and find them correct in conformity with the

above statement. We have also checked the Vouchers with the Cash Book, and the Mortgages We have also checked the with the Register, and proved the Valuation of the Mortgages.

(Sipned) WM. WILLIAMSON, WM. ANDERSON, Auditors.

Toronto, 12th March, 1870.

The Report was unanimously adopted, and the same Directors (with the exception of Mr. Isaac C. Gilmor, who retires) were re-elected, Mr. James Fleming taking the place of Mr. Gilmor.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and Directors terminated the proceedings.

Insurance.

FIRE RECORD — Quebec, March — Two fires occured in the shop of T. W. Emerie & Co., tinsmiths, St. Joseph street, doing considerable damage; insurance for \$600 in the British Ameri can office. Another fire occured in the dwelling of R. J. Devins, St. Hubert street, through somwood getting ignited and burning down to the cellar kitchen.

Wyoming, March 24.—A fire broke out in the store of Mr. S. Dick, of Wyoming, and so sudden was the outbreak that nothing was saved. The store containing a miscelfaneous stock and the dwelling house with all the furniture, were consumed.

Granby, March 24 .- Porter's tannery was totally destroyed by fire. The property was insured for \$5,000.

Port Albert, March 21 .- About ten miles from Goderich, a frame hotel was destroyed by fire insured in British America for \$1,000.

Picton, March 21.—A fire occured in the town-ship of Marysburgh, by which the dwelling of P. Flyn was destroyed; loss \$150, insured in British

America for that amount. St. John, March 26.—The fire at River Mills, on Thursday night, has thrown one hundred men out of employment. The estimated loss is \$50,000, and the insurance \$16,000.

St. Vincent Township, March 21,-House of S. McKim, lot 26, concession-10, was destroyed, with contents.

OVER INSURANCE. - In Bavaria the government has thought it necessary to enact some very stringent regulations against over-insurance, as voluntary fires have become a source of great loss to the many companies of the kingdom.

THE ENGLISH LIFE ASSURANCE BILL.

The following is the full text of the Bill now before the British House of Commons:

A Bill amend the law relating to Life Assurnce Companies.

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This act may be cited as "The Life Assurance Companies Act, 1870."

2. In this act

The term "company" means any person or ersons, corporate or inforporate, not being registered under the acts relating to friendly societies, who grant or are liable under policies of assurance or annuities upon human life within the united kingdom:

The term "chairman" means the person for the time being presiding over the court or board of directors of the company:

The term "policyholder" means the person who for the time being is the legal holder of the policy for securing the life assurance, endowment, annuity, or other contract with the company:

The term "financial year" means each period of twelve months at the end of which the balance of the accounts of the company is struck, or if no such balance is struck, then each period of twelve mouths ending with the thirty-first day of Dec., The term "court" means in the case of a com-

pany registered in England, the high court of chancery; in the case of a company registered in Ireland, the court of chancery in Ireland; in all cases of companies registered in Scotland, the court of session, in either division thereof.

3. Every company established after the passing of this act shall be required to deposit the sum of twenty thousand pounds with the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be invested by him in one of the securities usually accepted by the court of the investment of funds placed from time to time under this administration, the company electing the particular security and receiving the income therefrom, and the Registrar General shall not issue a certificate of complete registration unless such deposit shall have been made, and the accountant-general shall return such deposit to the company so soon as its life assurance fund accumulated out of the premiums shall have amounted to forty thousand

4. In the case of a company established after he passing of this act transacting their business besides that of life assurance, the lite assurance fund formed out of the payments made in respect of the life and annuity contracts of the company shall be a seperate fund and shall not be liable for the other contracts of the company, but shall be as absolutely the security of the life policyholders as though it belonged to a company carrying on no other business than that of life assurance; and in respect to all such existing companies, the exemption of the life assurance fund from liability for other obligations than to its life policyholders shall have reference only to the contracts entered into after the passing of this act, unless by the constitution of the company such exemption aleady exists.

5. Every company shall, at the expiration of each financial year, prepare a statement of its income and expenditure during such year, and of its balance sheet at the close of such year, in the forms respectively contained in the first and second schedules of this act.

6. Every company which, concurrently with the granting of policies of assurance or annuties on human life, transacts any other kind of assu-rance or other business shall, at the expiration of each financial year, prepare statements of its in-come and expenditure during such year, and of its balance sheet at the close of such year, in the

forms respectively contained in the third and fourth schedules of this act.

7. Every company shall, once in every five years, or at such shorter intervals as may be prescribed by the instruments constituting the company, or by its regulations or bye-laws, cause an investigation to be made into its financial condition by an actuary, and shall cause an abstract of the report of such actuary to be made in the form prescribed in the fifth schedule of this act. 8. Every company shall, within two years after the passing of this Act, and thereafter within six months after the date of each such investigation as aforesaid into its financial condition, such investigation be made annually, then at least once in every three years, prepare a state-ment of its life and annuity business in the form contained in the sixth schedule to this Act, each of such statements to be made up as at the date of the last investigation, whether such invest gation be made previously or subsequently to the

passing of this Act.

9. The Board of Trade, with the consent of a company, may alter the forms contained in the schedules to this Act, for the purpose of anapting them to the circumstances of such company, or of better carrying into effect the objects of this Act.

10. Every statement or abstract hereinbefore required to be made shall be signed by the chairman of the company and by the principal officer managing the life business, and, if the company has a managing director, by such managing director, and shall be printed; and the original, so signed as aforesaid, together with three printed copies thereof, shall be deposited at the Board of Trade within six months of the dates, respectively hereinbefore prescribed as the dates at which the same are to be prepared. And every annual statement shall be accompanied by a printed copy of the actuarial report last previously made, together with the abstract thereof required to be made by clause 7.

11. A printed copy of the last deposited statement, abstract, or other document of this Act required to be printed shall be delivered by the company, on application, to every shareholder and

policyholder of the company.

12. No amalgamation between companies, and no transfer of the business of one company to another, shall take place until a statement of the nature of the amalgamation or transfer, together with an abstract containing the material embodied in the agreement or deed under which such amalgamation or transfer is proposed to be effected, and copies of the actuarial or other reports upon which such agreement deded is shall have been forwarded to each policyholder of both companies in case of amalgamation, or to each policyholder of the transferred company in case of transfer, by the same being transmitted in manner provided by the section one hundred and thirty-five of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, for the transmission to shareholders of notices not requiring to be served personally, or until the writ-ten consent of at lease one half of the policy-holders, determined by the amounts assured under their policies, and the values of their annuities, shall have been obtained, and the agreement or deed under which such amalgamation or transfer is effected shall be open for the inspection of the policyholders and shareholders at the office or offices of the company or companies for a period of fifteen days after the issuing of the abstract herein provided.

13. In the case of a company which has obtained the consent of more than one-fourth and less than one-half of the policyholders to an amalgamation or transfer, but has not received dissents to an amount equal to one-tenth of the total sum assured, the directors of the company. may apply to the court, by petition, to sanction the proposed arrangement, notice of such applica-

the petition, may confirm the same if it is satisfied that no sufficient objection to the ar-

rangement has been established.

14. When an amalgamation takes place between any companies, or when the business of one company is transferred to another company, the combined company or the purchasing company, as the case shall be, shall, within ten days from the date of the completion of the amalgamation or transfer, deposit with the Board of Trade certified copies of statements of the assets and Miabilities of the companies concerned in such analgamation or transfer, together with a statement of the nature and terms of the amalgamation or transfer, and a certified copy of the agreement or fleed under which such amalgamation or transfer is effected, and certified copies of the actuarial or other reports upon which such agreement or deed is founded; and the statement and agree-ment or deed of amalgamation or transfer shall be accompanied by a declaration under the hand of the chairman of each company and the principal managing officer of each company, that to the best of their belief every payment made or to be made to any person whatsoever on account of the said amalgamation is therein fully set forth, and that no other payments beyond those set forth have been made or are to be made either in money, policies, bonds, valuable securities, or other property by or with the knowledge of any parties to the said amalgamation or transfer.

15. The Board of Trade may direct any printed or other document required by this Act, or certified copies thereof, to be kept by the Registrar of the Joint Stock Companies or other officer of the Board of Trade; and any person, on payment of such fees as the Board of Trade may direct, may inspect the same at his office, and procure copies thereof.

16. Every statement, abstract, or other docu-ment deposited with the Board of Trade or with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies under this Act shall be receivable in evidence; and every document purporting to be certified by one of the secretaries or assistant-secretaries of the Board of Trade, or by the said registrar, to be such deposited document, and every document purporting to be similarly certified to be a copy of such osited document, shall, if produced out of the custody of the Board of Trade or of the said registrar, be deemed to be such deposited document as aforesaid, or a copy thereof, and shall be received in evidence as if it were the original document, unless some variation between it and the orginal document shall be proved. ^ 17. Every company which makes default in

inplying with the requirements of this act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for every day during which the default continues ; and if default continues for a period of theree months after notice of default by the Board of Trade, the court may order the winding up of the company, in accordance with the Companies Act, 1862, upon the application of one or more policy holders or shareholders.

18. If any statement, abstract, or other document required by this act is false in any particular to the knowledge of any person who signs the same, such person shall be liable on conviction thereof on indictment to fine and imprisonment, or on summary conviction thereof to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

19. Every penalty imposed by this act shall be recovered and applied in the same manner as penalties imposed by the Companies Act, 1862,

are recoverable and applicable.

20. The court may order the winding-up of any company, in accordance with the Companies Act, 1862, on the application of one or more policy holders or shareholders, upon its being proved to the satisfaction of the court that the company is insolvent, and in determining whether or not the company is insolvent the court shall take into tion being published in the Gazette, and that account its contingent or prospective liability new teas are in market of recent arrival. A London court, after hearing the directors and other persons whom it considers entitled to be heard up in contracts; but the court shall not give a hearing. Hysons have this year been entirely shipped in

to the petition until security for costs for such amount as the judge shall think reasonable shall be given, and until a prima facie case shall also be established to the satisfaction of the judge; and in the case of a proprietary company having an uncalled capital of an amount sufficient to make up the actual invested assets equal to the amount of the estimated liabilities, shall suspend further proceedings on the petition for a reasonable time (in the discretion of the court) to enable the uncalled capital, or a sufficient part thereof, to be called up; and if at the end of the original or any extended time for which the proceedings shall have been suspended such an amount shall not have been realized by means of calls as, with the already invested assets, to be equal to the liabilities, an order shall be made on the petition as if the company had been proved insolvent.

21. The court, in the case of a company which has been proved to be insolvent, may, if it thinks fit, reduce the amount of the contracts of the company upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the court thinks just, in place of

making a winding-up order.

22. The Board of Trade shall lay annually before Parliament the statements, reports and abstracts of reports deposited with them under this act during the preceding year, or abstracts thereof.

23. This act shall not effect the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, nor the Postmaster-General, acting under the authorities vested in them respectively by the Acts tenth George the Fourth, chapter forty-one, third and fourth William the Fourth, chapter fourteen, sixteenth and seventeenth Victoria, chapter fortythree, and twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth Vie toria, chapter forty-three.

Commercial.

Oil Matters at Petrolia.

(From our Own Correspondent,

PETROLIA, March 28, 1870.

Owing to the Wells on the King territory not having produced their usual quantity, the production cannot be estimated at more than 4,000 bbls, for the week. The shipments still continue large and the export firms are fully employed. The price of crude is rather better, and \$1.80 per barrel has been obtained for small lots; some 2,000 barrels of fresh pumped oil have changed hands at these figures. The Lawson & Vivian well No. 2, has been fairly tested, and is estimated at about 60 barrels per day. The Bothwell territory is again reviving and some 5 or 6 wells are resuscitated.

Toronto Market.

Business has been much interrupted by an unommonly heavy fall of snow, which has made the country roads impassable in many places.

DRY Goods .- A number of buyers have been in market, and some of the leading houses report a fair business. We notice a generally hopeful feeling among the trade; importations have been, in the aggregate, a little in excess of what they were last spring, but it is thought that by the close of the season it will be seen they will not vary much in quantity from the figures of last year. Stocks are not likely to prove excessive in any department. Woolens.—Some lines drag rather slowly; stocks are full and well assorted. Cottons. - have not been imported heavily in consequence of their firmness in the British markets, and stocks are believed to be rather light. Silk .-The latest advances from China report a firm market, with a large advance in prices.

GROCERIES - Trus - Several desirable lots of

boxes, and many of the No. 2 also; they have the consumption of sugar in Canada is apparent been throughout the season and still continue from the returns; in the United States the inbeen throughout the season and still continue scarce; orders are here for upwards of 2,000 boxes scarce; orders are here for upwards of 2,000 boxes No. 1, at 2s. 2d. to 2s. 3d. but without much prospect of being executed. Lower grade Young Hysons sell comparatively easy, and some desirable parcels have been shipped to Canada." The same authority says that many of the lower priced lines of micoloured Japans have been shipped to Canada. There is a general scarcety of time tess. The stock of precess and Japans in teas. The stock of greens and Japans in 1 o don, on January 31st, was 6,860,988 lbs. or 101,421 lbs. more than last year. Yokohoma advices to the 22nd Feb., report a fair business in fine and choice teas for America. Sugars. - There have been free arrivals of cases from Cuba, this kind of package having been chiefly substituted for the unweildly hogshead. The market is dull; New York is quoted this week on all qualities and the stock is fully maintained, carefully revised quotations are given in our Price List.

PRODUCE. - Wheat-The market has remained quiet and steady throughout the week; several carloads of fall sold at 92c; midge proof brought 86 to 87c, and spring 86e in carloads. The Liverpool market is quoted Id to 2d higher on wheat, Oats have been firm and in deand 3d on flour. mand; sales of carloads are reported at 33 to 34c. Barley—a good business has been done, but prices are weak; fifteen or twenty carloads sold at 53 to 55c, and on the street market 58c has been paid. Peas—age worth 60c in carloads; 2 cars sold at that figure. Rye—Several cars sold at 56c, and there is a fair demand. Seeds— Clover is firm at \$7 to \$7 25 buying, and \$7 50 Alsike clover is worth \$8 to \$8 25 for good samples. Timothy is scarce and wanted at \$4 to \$4 50; dealers hold at \$5. Hungarian grass 50 to 60c is offered; 75c to \$1 50 is asked by dealers. Tares will bring \$1 50 to \$1 60, and are held at \$1 75 to \$2.

Provisions. - Pork + The market has been active with sales of 5 cars mess at \$24; 1 car at \$23 15; and 100 brls at \$24 50; holders ask \$25, with buyers at \$24. Butter-Inferior qualities are neglected and there is nothing doing; choice, as usual, is firm and in good demand. Cattle-Prices are firm and unaltered ; first-class sell at \$7 to \$7 50 ; dressed weight and common to good qualities bring \$4 50 to \$6. Sheep -Sell at \$3 50 to \$6 50 per head.

FREIGHTS - Rates for grain per Great West' ern to London, Liverpool and Glasgow, 60c ern to London, Liverpool and Glasgow, 60c per 100 lbs; flour \$1 20 per brl. The Grand Trunk Railway Company's rates from Toronto to England are as follows:—To Liverpool or Glasgow—butter per gross ton 95s; cheese per do 95s; lard per do, 95s; bacon and hams per do, 82s 6d; beef, per tierce, 16s; pork, per barrel, 12s; flour per brl, 6s 6d; grain 15s per quarter. The following are the Grand Trunk per quarter. The following are the Grand Trunk winter rates on flour and grain to the points named:

—Flour to Halifax, \$1.10, grain, 55c. Flour to St. John, \$1.02; grain 51c. Flour to Kingston, 35; grain, 18c. Flour to Prescott, 43c.; grain, 22c. Flour to Montreal, 50; grain, 25. Flour to Quebec, 60c.; grain, 30c. Flour to Point Levi, 80c.; grain, 40c. Flour to Portland, 85c.; grain, 43c. Flour to New York and Boston, gold, 90c.; grain, 45c. Weather permitting, the Chase and Charlotta leave Portland for Halifax every Wednesday and leave Portland for Halifax every Wednesday and Thursday, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Sagar Stocks Imports and Consumption.

The importance of the sugar trade may be in-ferred from the fact that the value imported in 1868-9 into the Dominion exceeded that of any other single article. Including cane-juice, used by the refineries, the total import in that year was 86,258,520 lbs., valued at \$3,970,879; tea, which ranks next in importance, was imported to the value of \$3,531,149. A slight increase in

	1009.	1010
	tons.	tons.
In Great Britain	.::137.977	111,711
In United States	41.942	81,604
Of the total supply of		
1869-492,899 tons-there		
home production, the ball		
The following is the office		
sugar movement in Great B		
sugar movement in Great Di	ritain in 1868	tons.
Stock in bond Dec. 31, 1858		
Imports, 1869		
		740 500
Home consumption, 1869	610.704	743,502
Consumption in brewing, 1869.		
Balance of exportation.		631,791
Stock in Bond Dec. 31, 1869		111 711
The American Grocer est		
tion in the United States to		onsump
Cane Sugar consumed in the Uni		e Tons.
Atlantic in 1869		
In the States and Territories on t	the Pacific	24,509
Of Sugar made from Molasses		. 33,000
Of Maple Sugar		24,000

The Beet continues to occupy what might be called experimental attention; works on a small scale have existed for two or three years past in Illinois, and recently an establishment has been erected in Wisconsin, and another in California, and sanguine expectations are indulged in respecting future results ; so, far, however, the producmay be said of the Sorgo, which, though cultivated quite extensively, especially in the Western States, is esteemed chiefly for its syrup-yielding qualities, comparatively but little attention being given to the manufacture of Sugar from this plant.

Trade Returns.

From the official Trade Returns of the Dominion, we collect the following statistics:

IMPORTS. The value of goods entered for consumption during the two years ended June 30, 1868 and 1869, was-

1867-68.

1007 004	1000 00.
Dutiable Godds \$43,655,690	\$41,069,342
Free Goods 23,434,463	22,085,599
Coin and Bullion 4,895,147	
	calue of goods country from is as follows: 1868-69.
Great Britain\$36,663,696	\$25,764,470
Prince E. I. and New-	
foundland	1,242,283
British West Indies 928,907	861,525
United States 26,315,052	25,477,975
France	
100.010	107 001

not classified 2,477,646	
Total	
The following is a classification of for the two years, according to Provide	nces, Ontario
and Quebec being given together	for the year

497,291 12,223,086

Free Goods in N. B.

1867-68:	1867-68.	1868-69.
Quebec Ontario Nova Scotia	\$57,248,229 \ 8,213,682	\$29,545,177 23,724,764 7,749,333
New Brunswick	6,523,395	6,382,896
Total	871.985.806	867, 402, 170

The following are the quantities entered for con-sumption, of some of the leading articles subject to duty, for the two years :-

to date, for the end bear		1. G. #1. CONSTRUCTION
3	1867-68.	1868-69.
Wines	\$561,095	\$399,236
Brandy	463,132	247,044
Gin		206,774
Rum¹	158,782	124,699
Whisky,		88,833
Coffee, green.		182,944
Cigars	135,440	119,361
Cigars	254,188	104,861
Molasses	732,209	681,782
Molasses	3,115,707	2,898,902
Tea	3,037,714	2,835,256
Carpets	298,137	331,401
China Ware, &c	428,730	390,043
Clothing.	108,229	138,325
Clothing	246,513	35,413
Cottons.	7,675,433	7,379,985
Dried Fruits and Nuts	553,937	593,357
Drugs		345,058
Fancy Goods and Milliner	ry. 963,840	-1,075,787
Glass and Glass Ware	586,513	581,966
Hats, Cars, &c	479,261	552,868
Hosiery	190,341	207, 200
Iron Ware and Hardware	2,374,678	2,132,021
Jewellery and Watches	382,026	370,515
Leather	479,948	281,471
Linen	791,737	704,125
Manufactures of Fur	109,776	161,568
Leather, &		123,408
Bootsk Sho		137,428
Wood		139,088
Musical Instruments	218,235	220,790
Machinery	182,630	247,324
Paints and Colors	213,945	225, 426
Paper and Paper-hanging	8 328,147	295,121
Silks, Satins & Velvets	1,089,365	1,057,135
Stationery	296,197	327,536
Small-wares	1,484,629	1,403,256
Woollens	7,667,335	6,722,556
EXPO	RTS.	L. Aleksan

The following is a comparative statement of the value of Exports from the Dominion for the two years ended June 30th, 1868 and 1869:-

	July check pane notif 1000 and 1000		
	1867-68.	1868-69.	
	Produce of the Mine \$1,446,857	\$2,093,502	
-	" Fisheries 3,357,510	3,242,710	
	" Forest 18,262,170		
	Anima's and their products 6,893,167	8,769,407	
1	Agricultural products12,871,055		
	Manufactures		
		350,559	
	Ship built at Quebec 837,592	1,080,000	

Total produce of Dominion 45, 543, 177 49, 323, 304 Goods not produce of Domin-

4, 196, 821 3, 855, 801 Short returned at Inland 2,961,722 3,077,468 4,866,168 4,218,208 Ports

\$57,567,888 \$60,474,781

Subjoined is a comparative statement of the value of Exports, with the countries to which exported, for the two years:—

Where to	1867-68	1868-69.
Great Britain	\$21,329,010	\$20,498,324
Prince E. I. & Newfound-		
land	1,634,166	1,246,915
British West Indies	1,718,463	1,546,590
United States	27,534,292	27,846,461
France'	96,672	133,907
Germany	44,943	56,242
Other Foreign Countries		2,213,073
Re-exports. Short returned at Inland		3,855,801
Ports	. 2,961,722	3,077,468

..... \$57,567,888 860,474,781 Subjoined is a comparason of the Exports from

the several Provinces for the two years;

Quebec 1 847.49		8, 223, 268
Ontario		0,953,483
	41,285	5,743,511
New Brunswick 4,6:	26,727	5,554,519
		1
Total	67,888 \$6	0,454,781
The following figures sho	w the values	of some
of the leading articles of	Export for	the two
	malore, ros	
years:-	867-68.	1868-69
	007-00.	2000 00
Gold bearing quartz, dust,	815,814	\$174,806
auggets, &c	970,011	482,520
Copper Ore	376,298	
Coal	640,708	763,262
Pig and Serap Iron	170,728	152,017
Stone	131,677	250,038
Mineral (or earth) Oil	9,341	127,319
	176,543	203,183
Fish—all other—fresh	59,999	101,366
Preserved and Spiced	58,569	38,677
	1,955,070	1,793,638
Salted, dry	974,655	926,605
Caroleal	20,885	28,085
Smoked.	100,236	135,416
Fish Oil		
Ashes, pot	563,408	565,094
Ashes, pearl	156,205	158,479
Timber	4,200,069	4,555.583
Stayes	783,196	623,711
Scantling	102,581	180,965
Deals	3,989,761	5,293,583
Deal end	131,778	151,290
Plank and Boards	6,640,689	6,690,956
Lath and Lathwood	143,982	192,547
Financed	495,648	527,883
Firewood	257,133	235,083
Shingles		
Saw Logs and Single Bolts	170,489	158,640
Sleepers and Railroad Ties	122,834	81,123
Horses	590,054	859,174
Horned Cattle		1,427,761
Swine	42,858	112,421
Sheep	233,615	454,568
Poultry	44,286	59,344
Bacon and Hams		869,746
Beef	203,255	154,235
Beef	2,427,662	2,949,848
Eggs	205,971	188,249
Furs dressed and undressed	422,835	367,557
		119,449
Hides and Skins	the state of the s	203,081
Pork	239,452	
Sheep's Pelts	48,652	164,787
Wool		816,767
Barley and Rye		5,004,105
Beans	56,149	66,220
Bran		23,573
Flax	• 113,498	116,943
Flax Seed		42,425
Flour and Meal		2,087,010
Hay	70,621	43,431
Hops	The second secon	46,098
Malt		33,102
Oats		361,749
Page	1,850,665	971,499
Peas		W 4 5 5 5
Vegetables	117,960	
Wheat.	3,648,081	3,183,383
Extract Hemlock Bark		
Iron and Hardware	150,411	122,847
Leather	112,094	214,074
Machinery	92,380	65,913
Oil Cake	37,051	69,615
Rags	28,384	29,713
Sewing Machines		60,993
Sugar Boxes		584,919
Wood	and the second second second	65,037
Woollens	CONTRACTOR AND	24, 453
H Ooliens	20,010	a.z, 200

HARBOUR OF REFUGE. - Reports of Mr. Page government Engineer, with reference to harbours of refuge on Lake Erie and Lake Huron were presented to Parliament on the 28th. On Lake Huron, the reports are favourable to Goderich, Sangen (or Chantry Island), and Inverhuron. Coderich to cost \$300,000, one-third to be contributed by the local authorities; Chantry Island, \$300,000 at least, and if any additional break water, &c.,

1868-69. be added, then \$230,000 more; Inverhuron \$280, On Lake Erie, the Engineer recommends \$28,223,268 000 Rondeau as the most fitting place where a harbour of refuge could be constructed, the cost of which fully completed, with lighthouses, &c., would not exceed \$165,000

Petroleum.

The following statement shows the exports of Petroleum from the United States from January 1st to March 22nd : 1870 1869

١.		****	
	From New Yorkga		9,627,203 618,862
j	Philadelphia	the same of the same	3,763,303
2	Baltimore	373,313	
1	Portland New Bedford		
,	Cleveland		
,	Total Export from the U.	S, 16,345,304	14,034,145
	Same time 1867		14,831,034
5	Same time 1866		9,014,042

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY .- Traffic for week ending March 11, 1870.a

į	Passengers Freight and Live Stock Mails and Sundries	59,587	6
unichentence	Total Receipts for week Coresponding week, 1868	\$84,352 6 59,888 2	16
Southern S	Increase	\$24,464	14

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olicy 5313 for £1000. Additions amount to £82 10s. and premiums paid, £112 the bonus thus amounting to enty-five per cent of premiums paid, folloy £230, for £500. Eonus additions, £61 17s, 6d., pearly seventy per cent. of £91 2s. 6d., the amount of minums paid.

REGULATION AS TO SURRENDER OF POLICIES.

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For surrender of Policies for the term of life, effected at form premiums, and which have been three years in ue, a return of 40 per cent, on the amount of ordinary minus received, will, at any time, be allowed, besides value of vested Bonuses, where such have been dened: An objection, often urged against Life Assurance, at there is no certainty of value being obtained, in the mit of surrender, is completely obviated.

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Intercolonial Railway

THE Commissioners appointed to construct the Intercolonial Railway give Public Notice that having an nulled the Contracts for Sections Nos. 5, 6 and 7, they are prepared to receive Tenders for re-letting the same.

Section No. 5 is in the Province of Quebec, and extends from the Easterly end of Section No. 2, forty miles east of Riviere du Loup, to the Sixty-sixth mile post, near Rimonski, a distance of about 26 miles

Section No. 6 is in the Province of New Brunswick, and extends from the Easterly end of Section No. 3, opposite Dalhousie, to the west-side of the main Post Road, near the forty-eighth mile post, Easterly from Jacquet River, a distance of about 21 miles.

Section No. 7 is in the Province of Nova Scotia, and extends from he Southerly end of Section No. 4, near River Philip, to Station O, (formerly Station Fifty,) at Folly Lake, a distance of about 24 miles.

The Contracts for the above Sections to be completely finished and ready for laying the track by the 1st of July,

The Commissioners also give public notice, that they are prepared to receive Tenders for four further sections of the line.

Section No. 17, will be in the Province of Quebec, and will extend from the Easterly end of Section No. 14, down the Matapedia Valley, to Station No. 685, about one mile above the boundary line between the Counties of Rimouski and Bonaventure, a distance of about 20 miles

Section No. 18, will be in the Province of Quebec, and will extend from the Easterly end of Section No. 17, down the Matapedia Valley to Station No. 380, near Clark's Brook, a distance of about 20 miles.

Section No. 19, will extend from the Easterly end of Section No. 18, in the Province of Quebec, down the Matapedia Valley to its mouth, and thence across the River Restigouche to Station No. 370, at the Westerly end of Section No. 3, in the Province of New Brunswick a distance of about 91 miles, including the bridge over the River Restigouche.

Section No. 20, will be in the Province of New Brunswick, and will extend from the Easterly end of Section No. 10, in the Town of Newcastle, on the Chaplin Island road, thence crossing the North-west and South-west branches of the River Miramichi, and terminating at Station No. 320, about one mile and three quarters South of the South-west branch, a distance of about six miles, in cluding the bridges over the branches of the Hive-

The Contracts for Sections Nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20, to be completely finished and ready for laying the track by the first day of July, 1872.

· Plans and Profiles, with Specifications and terms of con tract for Section No. 7, will be exhibited at the office of the Chief Engineer in Ottawa, and at the offices of the Commissioners in Toronto, Quebec, Rimouski, Dalhousie, Newcastle. St. John and Halifax, on and after Monday, the 11th day of April next: for Sections Nos. 5 and 6 at the same offices, on and after Wednesday, the 20th April next, and and for Sections Nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20, at the same offices on and after Tuesday, the 10th day of May next.

Sealed tenders for Sections 5, 6 and 7 addressed to the Commissioners of the Intercolonial Railway, and marked

Tenders," will be received at their office in Ottawa, up to 7 o'clock p. m., on Saturday the 7th day of May next; and for Sections Nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20, up to 7 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday the 25th day of May next.

Sureties for the completion of the contract will be required to sign the Tender.

> A. WALSH. ED. CHANDLER,

C. J. BRYDGES,

A. W. McLELAN.

Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE. Ottawa, 24th March, 1870.

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Canada J. YOUNG

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdon Great Britian and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the

Faith, &c.
To all whom these present shall come, or whom the sammay in any wise concern. - GREETING

A PROCLAMATION.

JOHN A. MACDONALD, Attorney General, Canada.
WHEREAS, in and by a certain Act, of the Parliament of Canada, passed in the Thirty-first year of our Reign, chaptered Number Forty-five, intituled "An Act respecting currency," it is amongst other things in effect enacted that our Governor may at any time after the passing of that Act declare by proclamation that all or any of the Silver coins of the United States of America, or of any other facing participars and the force the passing of Sliver coins of the United States of America, of any other foreign nation or State, coined before the passing of the said Act, shall when of weights and dates to be as-signed in such proclamation pass current and be a legal tender in the Provinces of Quebec Ontario and New Bruns-wick, at rates in currency to be assigned to them respecwick, at rates in currency to be assigned to them respec-tively in such Proclamation, to such amount in any one

now know YE, and we do hereby declare and pro-claim that on, from and after the FIFTEENTH day of APRIL now next hereafter, the Silver coins namely; half dollars, quarter dollars, dimes and half dimes of the United States of America, coined before the passing of the einbefore and part recited Act of Parliament of Cana t is to say subsequent to the First day of July, wh s in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hund hereinbefore and part recited Act of Parliament of Canada, that is to say subsequent to the First day of July, which was in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, and prior to the twenty-second day of May; which was in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight and which are hereinafter mentioned, shall, when of the weights and dates hereinafter assigned in this our Royal Proclamation pass current and be a legal tender in the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and New Brunswick at rates in currency hereinafter assigned to them respectively, in this our Powel Proteination to the proposed of the property of the proper in this, our Royal Proclamation, to the amount of Ten Dollars in any one payment. And we do hereby further declare and proclaim that the Silver coins of the United States of America aforesaid shall be of the weights and dates hereby assigned, and pass burrent, and be a legal dates hereby assigned, and pass current, and be a legal tender as aforesaid, at the rates in currency hereby assign-ed to them respectively by this our Royal Proclamation, that is to say: half dollars of the weight of one hundred and ninety-two grains at forty cents—quarter dollars at the

and ninety-two grains at forty cents—quarter dollars at the weight of ninety-six grains, at twenty cents—dinnes of the weight of thirty-eight grains and four-tenths of a grain, at eight cents—and half dimes of the weight of nineteen grains and two-tenths of a grain, at four cents.

Of all which our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern are hereby required to take notice, and to govern themselves accordingly.

In TEXTIMONY WREEDER, We have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed: Witness Gur Trusty and Well Beloved The Right Honorable Sir John Young, Baronet, one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand, Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor General of Canada. At Our Gevernment House, in Our City of Ottawa, the Fourth day of February, in the Year of Our Lord One Thouday of February, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy.

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Camphor, refined	0 55 0 65	Shingle alone de	3 15 3 25	" boiled	0 80 . 0 85
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Extract Logwood	0 131 0 14 0 37	" 26	0 09 0 00	Sesame salad, & gal Seal, pale	0 80 0 85
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Coffees:	0 00.00 05	Canada Plates	3 75 4 00	(Refined & gal.)	
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Ginger, ground	0 18 0 23 0 17 0 20	Green, No. 1	0 07 0 00	" store packed	0 14 0 17
Pepper, black	0 111 0 12	Green, No. 2	0 06 0 00 0 073	Cheese, new	0 124 0 13
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STOCK AND BOND REPORT.

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NAME.	Shares	Paid	last 6 Months	Dividend Day.	Toronto. Mar. 29.	Montre'l Mar. 29	
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British North America	\$250	All.	Si bipe	July and Jan.	106 106}	106 106	
Canadian Bank of Com'e	50	All.	4		1121113	113 114	1121113
City Bank Montreal	80	**	3	1 June, 1 Dec.	86 87		88 89
Du Peuple	. 50		4	1 Mar., 1 Sept.	104 1044	10341044	
Eastern Townships'	50	. 44	4	1 July, 1 Jan.	****	103 104	
Gore	40	***	none.	1 Jan., 1 July.	200 1001	90 00	00 00
Jacques Cartier	50		4	1 June, 1 Dec.	109 109		
Mechanics' Bank.,	50	All.	4	1 Nov., 1 May.	89 90	83 90 109 1094	89 90
Merchants' Bank of Canada	100	All.	5 9	1 Jan., 1 July. 1 Apr., 1 Oct.	Bks closed	93 96	93 95
Molson's Bank	200	. 44	6	1 June, 1 Dec.		1651166	
Montreal Nationale:	50	- 61	4	1 Nov. 1 May.		107 1084	
Niagara District.	100	75	4	1 Jan., 1 July.			
Ontario Bank	40	All.	4	1 June, 1 Dec.	103 103	103 1034	103 103
Quebec Bank	100	**	34	1 June, 1 Dec.	1041105	104 105	
Royal Canadian	50	60	None.	1 Jan., 1 July.	641 65	644 654	644 65
Toronto	100	**	4	Jan., 1 July.	133	133 134	132 133
Union Bank	100	44	4	I Jan., 1 July.	1051 106	10641074	107 107
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Canada Landed Credit Co		825	31	*****	90 91	****	****
Canada Per. B'ldg Society	50		5		131 131	20.00	
Do. Inl'd Steam Nav. Co	100	All.	7 12 m	*****		90 95	90 93
Do. Glass Company	100		None.		202 7001		****
Freehold Building Society	4	All.	5		122 1221	****	****
Hamilton Gas Company			48		****	25 35	****
Huron Copper Bay Co Huron & Erie Sv'gs & Loan Soc	50	All.	41		1144 115	20 00	****
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St. Lawrence Glass Company.	100	**		144.5		****	-1 1
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SECURITIES.	Toronto.	Montreal.	Quebec.
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County Debentures	5		

PRODUCE - Comparative Prices in Toronto Market.

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	1870. WEDNESDAY, April 1.	1870. Wednesday, March 25.	1869. March 25.	1868. April 1.	1867.
Wheat, Fall 60 lbs Spring Spring Barley 48 lbs Oats 34 lbs Peas 60 lbs Flour, No.1 Super bri Extra bri Oatmeal bri Pork, Mess bri Butter lb Hides, green. 10 lbs	4 15 4 20 8 70 3 75 24 00 24 50 0 14 18	\$ c. \$ c. \$ c. 0 88 @ 90 0 85 0 86 0 50 0 56 0 50 0 56 0 58 0 00 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	8 c. 8 e. 1 00 @ 1 05 0 92 0 97 1 15 1 25 0 49 0 51 0 70 0 75 4 00. 4 4 50 0 00 4 4 0 4 50 0 5 50 25 50 26 00 0 15 0 025	\$ c. \$ a.] 75-@ 1 85 1 63 1 06 1 30 1 85 0 54 0 57 0 80 0 83 7 05 7 15 7 25 0 00 7 50 7 75 6 40 6 60 18 50 19 00 0 15 0 22 6 60 7 00	\$ c. 1 92 @ 1 95 1 60 1 75 0 36 0 38 0 70 0 74 7 25 0 00 8 00 0 00 4 75 4 90 18 00 18 50 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00

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