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Mercantile Summary.

AMHERSTBURG'S exports to the United States for 1878, amounted in value to \$204,620.

LINDSAY's internal revenue collections last year were \$9,199, of which \$8,796 were from spirits.

Wheat, of a full and plump berry, grown 8 miles from Fort MacLeod, in the N. W. Territory, has been brought to Winnipeg.

MATCHES made at the Penetanguishene Reformatory, have been shipped per North Simcoe Railway, on which construction trains are running to Barrie.

THE velvet manufacturers of St. Etienne, France, according to a despatch to the London Times, have resolved to reduce the wages of their operatives 20 per cent, as the only means of facing foreign competition.

Four car loads of silk-worm eggs, in transit from China to France, arrived at Chicago the other day. Each car load is valued at \$400,000, making the contents of the four cars worth \$1,500,000. Such freight is even more precious than shipments of silk from Japan.

UP north, in the vicinity of Penetanguishene, snow storms have blocked the roads for days at a time. The snow is from three to four feet deep in the woods. The lumber shanties at Thunder Bay, about ten miles north-west of that place, have all broken up on account of the deep snow, which is unprecedented in depth.

CROOKED whiskey appears to have especial attractions for the residents of Wellington and Waterloo counties. An illicit still was found by the Guelph authorities last week, by lamplight, at the side of a hill, in Arthur township. The unlawful machinery was being loaded upon vehicles for removal, and the drivers made a bold dash for freedom by putting out the officers lanterns and scampering into the woods. The men were arrested however, and most of the apparatus destroyed. Its owners are said to be residents of Maryboro and Arthur townships.

THE Canadian District Telegraph Company, which has existed in Montreal about two years, has been of advantage to the public if unprofitable to the shareholders, who have not yet been paid a dividend. At the annual meeting, which was held in Montreal last week, the old Board of Directors, viz: Messrs. E. K. Greene, Hon. M. H. Cochrane, William Cassils, Alexander Buntin and Jonathan Hodgson, was re-elected; and at a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. William Cassils was elected President, and Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Vice-President.

A meeting of the creditors of Messrs A. Bowes & Co., commission and produce dealers in this city, was held here on Tuesday last. The insolvents, who had ben in difficulties nearly two years ago, and paid their creditors only one-fourth of their indebtedness, are making a much worse exhibit this time. Their liabilities are nearly \$5,000, they value their assets, consisting of old book debts, office furniture, etc., at about \$000; and as no satisfaction with respect to the disposal of the goods entrusted to their care, could be obtained, inspectors were appointed to investigate the affairs of the insolvents and report at a future meeting. This firm published as references the names of a number of reliable firms, whether authorized or not we cannot say, and in this way succeeded in victimizing the public to a considerable extent. In the event of the firm getting their discharge, which is quite improbable, that will not relieve them from their liability for the full amount due their consignors, unless the latter see fit to discharge them.

On Monday last, the City Council of Kingston considered a letter from Mr. Wrigley, who represents the English firm now in treaty with the Toronto Council for a lease of 20 acres of land, whereon to erect iron works. This letter was in reply to a suggestion made by Dr. Evans, of the advantages of Kingston for such works. Mr. Wrigley says that "while the situation is good for the erection of iron works on a large scale, the land itself possesses some rather serious engineering difficulties, and I am somewhat doubtful as to whether I can come to satisfactory terms with the Corporation of Toronto." Mr. Wrigley wisely suggests that a report shall be made out "in the shape of an official document," and setting forth the inducements and advantages offered by the city of Kingston, &c., &c., when it, together with others, will be considered by the company in England.

WHOEVER may have the blues nowadays, the City Auditor of Montreal has them not. That gentleman—and he has a tolerably hard Scottish head too—paints a roseate picture of the position of the commercial metropolis. Although millions of dollars worth of property is exempt, the taxation on the remainder is probably lower than in any other large city throughout the civilized world. The total expenditure for civic purposes will amount for the year 1878 to only about a million and a half. The rate of taxation on property is but one per cent., plus one-sittle per cent. school tax.

THE Intercolonial Railway receipts for last month show a slight gain over those of December 1877, in the items of sundries and mails. For passengers the receipts were \$33,671 against \$36,539 the previous December; but the decline in freight was greatest, i.e. from \$66,378 to \$57,034. The total decrease was \$11,757 or about ten per cent.

THE return of traffic for week ending 11th January, 1879, and the corresponding week of 1878 on G.T.R., are as follows: 1879, passengers, mails and express freight \$43,940; freight and live stock \$122,268; total \$166,208 for 1878; passengers, mails and express freight \$42,550; freight and live and stock \$123,285; Total \$165,835, making an increase for Grand Trunk receipts of \$373.

A WRIT of attachment has been issued against Hurtuboise & Perrin, retail dry goods merchants of St. Joseph Street, Montreal. This firm has only been in trade about four years, failed about two years ago and settled at twenty five cents, they have since then been largely supplied by one or two houses who have become tired of the nursing business. Liabilities estimated at between \$10 and \$15,000.

It was not re-assuring to find amongst the suspensions of last week the name of H. C. Evans & Co., of Halifax, who, with liabilities of about \$25,000, called their creditors together for Monday, the 13th inst. This firm had made a good record during the nine years they have been in business, being regarded as shrewd as well as careful and prompt business men. The past year has proved disastrous for them; not only have they lost heavily by local failures, but certain operations in Newfoundland turned out unprofitable, and the firm show a loss on the year of about \$20,000. We have not learned what action creditors have taken in the premises.

A PRELIMINARY meeting of the creditors of Messrs. Brethour & Howden, dry goods dealers, was held last week in Hamilton, when it was decided to sell the stock en bloc. The insolvents offered to pay one half the amount of their indebtedness, but this was not accepted.

Some 127 shares of the Joggins' Coal Mining Association, belonging to Quill & Goodwin, bankrupts, were sold last Monday for 75 cents per share. The shares were \$5.00 each.

The failure of Messrs. Carvell Bros. of Charlottetown, P. E. I., is one that has taken the business people of the "tight little island" by surprise. Until very recently the firm was considered amply responsible, and their present trouble has caused regret and sympathy of a large class. A meeting of creditors was held on Monday last, and we have not been advised of the result. Liabilities amount to about \$80,000, and it is supposed the firm will pay from 50 to 60 per cent. Losses by failure of many of their customers and upon recent shipments are named as the cause of their trouble.

MR. G. H. COMER, who was in the hotel business in Simcoe, and reported doing well, leased that large house, the Wellington Hotel,

Guelph, for five years. This was opened in September last, and now he is in difficulties and has assigned. The furniture is all covered by chattel mortgage, and the general creditors must expect but a small dividend.

Among the half dozen traders gone out of business during the past week we observe the name of M. S. Morell, who has long been a dry goods dealer on Queen Street west, this city. Of the ten who have assigned, P. & N. Melady are Toronto auctioneers; George Binet, a Quebec shoe dealer, James Sterling, a Ridgetown grocer, George A. McCully, a shoe dealer in Hamilton, and S. Lipman & Son, tobbaco, St. John N. B., Fourteen attachments issued, one against Brethour & Howden, dry goods, Hamilton, Chaudler Bros., hardware, Windsor N. S. owing \$20,000; Stephen St. Denis, lumber. Lachine, and others mentioned elsewhere, four in all were against dry goods dealers, and three against general merchants. Chas. B. Rankin. grocer, St. Johns Newfoundland, offers a com-

MR. W. B. Johnson, general store keeper, Brighton, Ont., has succeeded in swindling his creditors by palming upon them paper, purporting to be endorsed by his father-in-law John Moran. The endorsement was probably made by the brother-in-law of the same name, who was in his employ. However, Johnson disposed of his stock at 60 per cent., cash, to N. B. Gould of Norwood, and is reported to have left the country.

WE notice that J. W. Fralick, of Kingston, tailor, has again failed. He and his partner, Mr. Boyd, moved there from Gananoque last spring; opened out with a nice stock which they could not, or at least did not pay for. As matters were not working harmoniously, a dissolution took place last May, J. W. Fralick effected a settlement with the creditors at fifty cents in the dollar. This arrangement he has been unable to carry out and has been placed in bankruptcy, owing nearly \$8,000.

ELISHA C. GODDARD, a general merchant of Sweetsburg, Que., for the past eight or nine years, in the early part of his career, launched out and did a considerable business for the locality. If appearances amount to anything he certainly had bright prospects, but for some months past a change has come over the scene. Mr. G. has been backward in payments; and of late several suits were pressed against him which he was unable to provide for, and now, at last, comes a cruel writ of attachment. His liabilities will foot up to about \$10,000.

A LIBEL suit in \$4,000 damages was brought before the Hamilton Assizes last week, the plaintiff being the Ontario Copper Lightning Rod Company, and the defendant Simeon Hewitt, a Brantford lightning rod dealer. The alleged libel was published by Hewitt, in June last, in a Toronto paper called the Saturday Night, and also in numerous posters and handbills issued by him. Defendant in these publications charged the plaintiffs' company with practising an imposition on the public by selling their rod for 37½c. per foot, and ask the public to beware of them as extortionists. Defendant failed to

show that the libellous matter was true, and the jury finding the libel charged was false and malicious, awarded the plaintiffs \$4,000 damages.

A MEETING was lately held in Coaticook, Que., to consider the proposal of Mr. Wm. Hobbs to erect a cotton mill there. The proposed capital is \$100,000, and the bonus desired from that town is \$20,000, of which the first instalment, \$5,000, will be expected when the mill has been up and running three months, and has 50 operatives, one of \$1,500 in twelve months, when 100 hands will be employed, and \$1,500 each year for nine years thereafter. An insurance of \$5,000 is to be given as security against loss, and in the event of failure or stoppage, the bonus payments will cease. It is expected that the scheme will shortly be voted on by the property holders.

THE Halifax Importers' Association has been discussing the alleged discrimination against St. Pierre and Miquelon, as well as the Bermudas and other West India points in the matter of drawbacks, which prevents satisfactory trade thither per existing steam lines. A memorial to Government upon the subject is being drafted. The annoying condition of enmity between the Windsor and Annapolis and Western Counties railways, seriously injuring the trade of Halifax with Western Nova Scotia by their high freights, was also discussed. It was stated that freight could be carried lower by the I. C. Railway to St. John, N. B., and then across the Bay of Fundy to Nova Scotia ports, than by the two first named railways direct.

THE Montreal Corn Exchange Association, at its last meeting resolved to send no more delegates to the Dominion Board of Trade. The election of officers for the now current year resulted in the re-election of the old executive, viz.: Committee of Management-President, Mr. Robt. Esdaile; Treasurer, Mr. Robt. Archer; Messrs. L. Tourville, J. Baird, E. Judge, O. M. Gould, O. Dufresne, J. E. Kirkpatrick, and J. S. Norris. Board of Review-Chairman, Mr. Hugh McLennan; Messrs. W. W. Ogilvie, Jas. Lord, Jas. McDougall, S. S. St. Onge, and F. Larin The Committee were desired to take legal advice, and, if necessary, petition the Legislature for a division of the accumulated fund appertaining to the Port Warden's Trust, to the end that the Corn Exchange Association may receive its just proportion of said fund, now amounting to over \$20,000.

An extract from the report says:—"If the wheat crop in Ontario was short in 1878, it is most gratifying to be told, with considerable definiteness, that Manitoba and the Red River Valley are likely to become most luxuriant wheat producing regions. It is stated that 'the crops grown in the Red River Valley this year (1878) amount to about 3,000,000 bushels, while the land broken and ready for crops next Spring is over 300,000 acres, and should produce upwards of 5,000,000 bushels of wheat."

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. shows on registry at close of 1878, thirty-eight vessels of 10,382 tons, as follows: 8 barques, 3,844 tons; 5 barken-

tines, 2,164; 5 brigs, 1,386 tons; 10 brigantines, 2,086 tons; 9 schooners, 891 tons; 1 steamer, 20 tons.

During the season of 1878, vessels to the number of 1,782 passed through the Strait of Canso, north and south, according to an observant chronicler at Port Mulgrave. These do not include vessels stopping at Hawkesbury or the strait.

The shipping owned in the county and registered at the port of Lunenburg, N.S., for 1878, numbered 218 vessels of 12,822 tons, and included 1 barque, 13 brigantines, 203 schooners, 1 steam tug. There are six schooners and one barque now building at that port. Her exports for last year were over half a million in value; fisheries contributing \$356,387, and forest \$131,159. The value of imports was \$158,219.

Barrington has 27 vessels, of 1,654 tons on registry, one new vessel amongst them, and two brigantines are building. The exports from that port last year were \$117,907, principally fish.

Pugwash exported during 1878, of deals, boards, building and grind stones, &c., \$58,108 worth.—Weymouth added five to her list of registered vessels during last year, making the total 25, of 5,475 tons.—There are now building at St. Mary's Bay, Digby Co,, eight vessels, of 8,900 aggregate tonnage.

Pictou shipping on registry at close of 1878 is thus summarised: 6 ships, of 5,927 tons; 32 barques, 19,242 tons; 3 barkentines, 1,041 tons; 1 brig, 236 tons; 15 brigantines, 4,154 tons; 34 schooners, 1,643 tons; 7 steamers, 153 tons; total, 98 vessels, measuring 32,396 tons.

A BEET sugar factory, opened by a joint stock stock company, with \$10,000 capital, is to be started in a few months, at Gibson, N.B., near the mouth of the river Nashwaak.

Some agriculturists of Welland County, met last week, and resolved to memorialize government to impose duties as follows: Wheat, 20c. per bushel; Flour, \$1.00 per barrel; Oats, Corn, Rye and Barley, 15c. Per bushel; Butter, 4c. per pound; Live Stock, 20 per cent. We do not think their modest memorial will be granted.

A VALUABLE table, showing the number of miles of railroad built in 1878, and in each of the six years preceeding, in each of the states and territories, appears in the Railroad Gazette.

The aggregate for 1878 was 2,688 miles, against 2,281 miles in 1877. Minnesota excelled all other states with 338 miles; Iowa ranked next with 255 miles, and 209 miles were built in Missouri. No other state reached 200 miles. But the aggregate was larger in 1878 than in any previous year since 1873.

OTTAWA AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE Co.—
On Thursday last week about one hundred shareholders of this company were present at an adjourned meeting held in the Town Hall, Ottawa, to take into consideration the advisability of continuing the business of the company under the amendments asked in the charter, or reinsuring its risks and winding up. Nearly two-thirds of the company's stock was represented, and a large majority of the shareholders declared themselves in favor of continuing business. The affairs of the company are stated to be in a better position than was supposed. It appears that its policies have been valued by

Prof. Cherriman, and the amount necessary to reinsure its risks is estimated at \$82,000. The company has a cash deposit of \$50,000 with the Dominion Government, and has made a further call of fifteen per cent. on the unpaid capital. If this be responded to in a liberal manner and a thorough reorganization of its business made, with good management in the future it ought to succeed.

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3.15 o'clock, Jan. 15, 1879.

STOCKS	Average Price, like Date, 1877.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week,	Total Transact'ns in Week	Buyers.	Sellers.
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EXEMPTIONS.

The opening speech of the Ontario Legislature again brings up the question of exemptions; and it at once reappears in the debate. It is therefore a favorable time to review at some length the subject.

It is possible to classify most of these exemptions as they have appeared in different countries and at different times, so as to show the real or probable motives which gave rise to them. In this way, they are divisible into classes.

1st. Poverty.

2nd. Loss of the thing taxable.

3rd. Encouragement to a particular employment or of an increase of population.

4th. Rewards for public services.

5th. Persons employed in the offices of religion, and property devoted to religious uses.

6th. The desire to avoid the duplication of taxes.

The first of these grounds of exemption is founded on necessity and sustained by motives of humanity. In every community, how prosperous soever it may be, there will be some persons, aged, infirm, cripples, incapable of supplying their own wants. From such persons, who live either on public taxes or the free offerings of individuals, no taxes can be got. At that period in the history of Rome when taxation came to be proportioned according to wealth ascertained by dividing the people into classes, the poorest of the people not only paid-no taxes, but were exempted from military duty; and at another period the poorest class was freed from the toilsome, servile labors with which they had hitherto been oppressed. The income tax levied by the Government, in England, and the income tax levied by the municipalities of Ontario, leave a small portion of the income free. From those who have barely enough to live on, who are perpetually hovering on the borders of want, anything taken in taxes might reduce them to real distress. This exemption is not, therefore, without a cause and a justification.

Loss of the thing taxable. Rent is the Oswego route. only source out of which taxes on house property can be paid; and when a house is unoccupied, this source of income is cut off. Thus it has happened that in an English city more than half the houses have, in a period of manufacturing distress, paid no taxes. Of 17,000 houses in Birmingham, in 1772, 11,000 paid neither taxes nor poor rates. Partial as well as complete exemption is sometimes made for want of occupants. When a tax is charged on a vacant house, it causes an impairment of the capital and is in the nature of confiscation. The line between taxes and rapine, always difficult to draw, comes, in that case, into full view. The Scotch had formerly a cumbrous and inquisitive method of taxing persons who had money at interest; but if the debtor became bankrupt, the creditor was freed from the tax, and his own oath was sufficient to establish the fact that a loss had been sustained. This exemption was agreeable to reason; because not only was the interest, out of which alone the tax could properly have been paid lost, but the capital which had been relied on to earn the interest was also sunk. The Assient treaty, by which England obtained the right of supplying slaves to the colonies of Spain, provided a margin of exceptions to cover the fatalities of the sea voyage. England agreed to pay to Spain for this privilege thirty piastres a head, in the form of duty but out of every four thousand eight hundred negroes brought to sale, eight hundred were to be admitted duty free. Many would die before they could be sold; and the tax on the marketable slaves would have been considerably increased if the levy had been made on the whole number shipped, or even on the whole number landed.

There are many instances of encouraging particular employments by exempting the persons or the capital engaged in them. In this way sailors were favored under different Roman emperors. Many Canadian municipalities exempt particular manufactures, for a term of years, on condition that they will employ a given capital to set a given quantity of labour in motion. We remit the duty on the salt used in the seafishery. In some States, the father of a given number of children has been relieved from personal services in the nature of a tax; and in others bachelors have been subjected to exceptional taxes. Both the remission and the imposition had the same object: an increase of population. remit the tolls on the Welland canal, if the vessel continues her voyage through the St. Lawrence canals, with the view of

Oswego route. The holder of United States government securities is not called upon to pay into the treasury of the government, in the form of income tax, any portion of the interest he receives upon his investment. It might be said that if the tax were exacted, it would add nothing to the revenue, since the securities would, when sold, have brought so much the less into the public treasury. But it remains true that the exemption is so far exceptional that it is one that does not generally obtain in other countries.

Exemptions for public services are numerous. The State of New York exempts firemen from serving in the militia. To judges and other public functionaries in Canada, who could not be taken for any considerable time from their official duties without great public inconvenience, the same exemption is accorded. In Rome, a family was sometimes exempted for generations on account of some public service rendered by its head. This privilege was extended to a whole profession, because the doctors get credit for having saved the life of an emperor. The first constitution of Massachusetts provided that exclusive privileges should be given only for services rendered to the public. Sir George Cartier was buried at the public cost on account of the public services he had rendered.

The exemption of priests who belong to a State Church is consistent with the principle on which the establishment rests. Before Christianity had a being, there were priests of various kinds, and in different countries, who were exempted from the payment of taxes. Egyptian and Babylonian priests enjoyed this privilege. Joseph freed the lands of the priests of Egypt from the fifth which the other lands paid. The exemption of priests and ministers in Christian countries, and church property, though not invariable, still exists in several countries. It is remarkable that it is in Italy that the last privilege, exemption from military duty, has been almost first withdrawn. In contrast to this, it is curious to read in the constitution of a Republican state, in America, as a reason why ministers of religion should be exempted from military service, that, the care of souls being in their charge, they "ought not to be diverted from their great function."

what may be called ecclesiastical exemptions remission and the imposition had the same object: an increase of population. We remit the tolls on the Welland canal, if the vessel continues her voyage through the St. Lawrence canals, with the view of attracting the produce of the West through Canada, the competition being against the What may be called ecclesiastical exemptions relate to the incomes of the clergy and church property, in the form of real estate. Where there is a national church, supported by the State, it does not matter much in what form the support is given; whether in a positive payment or a negative payment in the shape of freedom from taxes. But where there is no state church, there

is an anomaly in excepting church property or the incomes of the clergy from taxation. It is sometimes said that these exemptions, extending to all denominations, balance one another and neither create any injustice nor leave ground of complaint. But it would be impossible to show that such a distribution of favors could be made to operate equally. Besides, no one is under any compulsion to allow himself to be taxed for any one church; for where the contribution is voluntary, the withholding of it must equally be within the range of individual option.

The weight of the objections urged against exemptions is aimed, however obliquely, at those of an ecclesiastical character. There are some who think that the time for legislation has not arrived; but if public anger should once get aroused, it would be difficult to confine the present movement to rational bounds. What has happened to church property, at different times and in different countries, should be a lesson to those whose position constitutes them the guardians of such property. In these days, when certain public functionaries among us pay no taxes on their incomes, we are very liable to forget that not long ago public officers in England were made to feel the effect of public jealousy and clamour in a surcharge of tax on their incomes. While other people paid four shillings in the pound income tax, all salaries, pensions, fees and perquisites of office payable by the crown, were made to bear first one shilling, and afterwards sixpence additional. This surcharge was the effect of a passing mood of the public mind, and was taken off when a new state of public feeling was reached. But the incident is valuable as proving the danger of delay in dealing with a question involving considerations of equitable taxation in connection with denominationalism. So far as we can see, there is no disposition to bear hard on the churches. Toronto, the centre of the movement against exemptions, is at present willing to let the edifice go untaxed if the ground bears merely the frontage tax for local improvements. The rejection of such a moderate demand would almost certainly lead to a more extensive one being made.

Even in Quebec, where this question has been slightly stirred, the clergy are not in a position to plead the right of ancient privilege, in defence of exemption. Such privilege could only be pleaded, in any case, as against the action of an extraneous power: a self-governed people is always at liberty to alter its own laws at discretion. While Canada was yet a French Province, the clergy of France paid taxes to the State, in one form or another, to the

amount of over fourteen millions of francs a year; though these clergy belonged to the State church, and drew their subsistence from what a later government, the life-time of a generation before the outbreak of the revolution, held to be national property. In converting that property to secular uses, the revolutionary government merely carried out the principles which the monarchical government had thus early affirmed. Of course, the property of non-national churches in Canada is in no danger of confiscation. Still, in view of the position once taken by a party in Lower Canada. now extinct, on the subject of tythes and church property, it would not be the part of wisdom for the authorities of the rich church of that Province to resist a movement for the abolition of exemptions there, if it should become formidable.

BUSINESS FAILURES IN THE PAST YEAR.

While an improved tone is observable in trade matters in the United States, and while manufactures are looking up and exports increasing, it is not, at the first blush, reassuring to find the failures of 1878 exceeding previous years in number and amount. The annual circular of Messrs. Dun, Barlow & Co., gives the following totals of the failures in that country:

YEARS.	NO. Fail-	Amount
	ures.	Liabilities.
1875	7,740	\$201,060,333
1876	9,092	191,117,786
1877	8,872	190,669,936
1878	10,478	234,883,132

The failures in New York City for the year, are given at 863 in number, and \$43,000,000 in amount.

The aggregate of the obligations of failed traders is here shown to exceed that of any previous year tabulated; the panic year, 1873, coming nearest it with \$228,000,000; but in number the failures were less that year by one half. One trader in every 73 in that country failed in 1877, but last year the proportion was one in 64. In Canada, while one trader in 30 failed in the previous year, only one in 33 succumbed during 1878. The proportion of traders to the population, as given in the circular in question, scarcely affords safe grounds for a close comparison of the relative condition of the States and Canada in this regard, for the figures of population of the former country are approximations. Taken as they appear however, they make out that Canadians have a larger proportion of traders than the United States. This does not agree with our estimate made a year ago; while it is noticeable that Messrs. Dun's compilation shows some 23,000 more people in business last year than the year previous.

As if "out of the nettle, danger, to pluck the flower, safety," the circular aims to prove that a salutary rather than a discouraging state of present affairs may accompany this untoward exhibit; and finds it indeed, "easy," to account for an increase of 1,571 failures among 700,000 in twelve months. It is instructive, at any rate, to remember that, according to an account announced as official, the failures in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, for 1878, numbered 15,059, an increase over those of the previous year of 4057, or 27 per cent., while the increase in the United States was but 15 per cent., and in Canada we show a decline of 10 per cent.

That the year was the fifth of depression; that Congress unsettled trade; that the yellow fever interfered with it; that shrinkage in the value of goods was extreme, and that the abolition of the Bankrupt law increased the number of voluntary insolvents; these are the causes alleged for the greater number of failures, and it is "significant that four out of five of them no longer exist."

The favorable conditions under which the present year begins may be summarised as under: A gold basis has been reached, and specie payments are resumed—important considerations, as putting an end to much uncertainty in values, and further uncertainty in legislation. The continued prosperity of the agricultural class, cheapening food and aiding enormously the excess of exports, is another favoring condition. The changing character of the industries of a large number of the people, visible in the increase of land taken up for settlement, is another hopeful sign of the past year. "The sales of land," we are told, "by the National Government for the year ending June 30th, 1877, were 3,338,000 acres, while for the year ending the same date in 1878, the figures were 7,562,000 acres. In the various State Land Agencies and Railroad Land Offices an equal proportionate increase is noted, especially as compared with 1873. In Minnesota alone the total absorption of land for 1878 has been 2,348,000 acres, the Government sales having increased four-fold. Such other States as Texas, Colorado, and indeed all the fertile regions, have had large additions to their populations during the year. It must be borne in mind that this increase in the farming population is not in consequence of immigration from abroad, which, though increasing, still continues at a minimum; but that the new settlers are largely made up of those whose pursuits in the older States have failed them owing to the depression." False and inflated values -a great hindrance to the restoration of

prosperity—have been removed, and staples are now at a low level. This fact has given a stimulus to building operations, with a view to taking advantage of cheap labor, food and material. Increased immigration, born of the depression in Britain, &c., is looked forward to also as likely to help the revival. On this head, we would suggest that it depends much upon the character of the immigrants whether they are an advantage or a burden.

As against these favoring circumstances, it is admitted that "the trade of the country has to cope with difficulties of a serious character. The utter extinction of profits, the result of the decline in values; the difficulty of avoiding bad debts; and, above all, the expenses and charges of business, with the excessive competition that pervades every department, are all still too potent as obstacles to success. A longer time may, therefore, elapse in which the conditions above set forth will have full play before anticipations of a genuine and safe prosperity can be indulged in by the vast army engaged in business." The number remaining in trade is too great by far in proportion to the volume of business to be transacted, for all that 46,000 failures, involving 1,200 millions of dollars in the last six years, might be expected to reduce the proportion.

In Canada, with 56,347 traders, it appears there were 1,697 failures during the year just closed. The number of failures in 1877 amongst say 56,224 persons engaged in business, was 1,892. The amount, as well as the number in 1878 shows a decrease, the the proportion being \$23,908,000 liabilities last year, against \$25,523,000 in the year previous. We are thankful to note the circumstance, and presume that more particular figures relating to the Dominion will enable us to give next week figures and conclusions relating more especially to ourselves.

RUMORS.

We hear so often in these days about the power of the press that we do not take time to realize what that phrase really means, or in what way the press is so potent. As illustrative of this wonderful power, Byron's lines have been altered to read that: "a newspaper can drop the same thought into a million minds." The leaven thus deposited in the brains of a great variety of readers may work slowly in some deliberate intellects, or rapidly in those minds which are quick in forming conclusions. There are readers, as well as listeners, whose mental composition is "wax to receive, but marble to re-

tain" injurious reports, scandalous gossip, anything to the prejudice of a rival or a public man; and this class of minds is, we fear, more numerous than that other and nobler class which receive injurious stories with careful and charitable doubt.

The pressure to get and give fresh and desirable items of news is so great as sometimes to blind the press to the responsibility of giving currency to tales of disaster or of wrong. Unintended harm is thus done often to business men or bodies whose reputations take long to recover from the thrust. We have had occasion before now to deprecate the custom of spreading rumors of business difficulties or disasters, without any more knowledge of their accuracy than is implied in "on dit." And, indeed, it would seem as if the maxim of the French wit that "there is something in the misfortunes even of our friends which is not altogether displeasing to us," were oft-times at the bottom of the prevailing disposition to spread ill-news fast.

Much indignant feeling was created, in Halifax, some days ago, by the despatching of telegrams westward containing exaggerated stories of the difficulties of a prominent house in that city, and by a report of the heavy loss of another house there through a P. E. Island failure, which loss is stated to be utterly untrue. There have been rumours, not very circumstantial it is true, about the difficulties of a wholesale firm in another city, which, while they have troubled their authors or carriers more than they did the firm mostly concerned, were by no means likely to do good. We were told this week of reports of losses by firms in this city of amounts which we have reason to know reach only hundreds of dollars where thousands were named by rumor.

Now there is no excuse for poisonous gossip such as this. To say that the excited condition of the commercial mind is to blame for it is a very poor and indefinite palliation. No amount of apprehension can adequately explain the transmission of unfounded rumors as to business facts No financial excitement will justify the distortion of \$700 into \$7,000, when commenting upon the amount of loss sustained by a neighboring house. If it were desired to add to excitement and distrust instead of quelling it, no better method than such foolish, if not malicious exaggeration, could be adopted. The first virtue, in such matters, is to "restrain and keep well thy tongue;" and if that be true of an ordinary individual, it is especially true of those who furnish information in quarters where its influence is likely to be wide spread.

Dominion Board of Trade. - The usual arrangements have been made, it is stated, with the various railways to obtain reduced fares for the delegates attending the session to be held at Ottawa on the 21st instant. Notices have been forwarded by the Corn Exchange Association of this city; the Boards of Trade of Ottawa, Toronto, Quebee and Cape Breton; Chamber of Commerce, Halifax; and Ottawa Manufacturers and Industrial Association, of the subjects suggested for discussion, the most of which relate to the tariff. A pamphlet has been published by the executive council, giving the report of the special committee which had been appointed to consider the Insolyency Act. This whole subject will doubtless be discussed with vigour. There is abundant matter for deliberation to be found in these questions, and in those of our export trade to the West Indies and South America, on which Mr. Patterson's pamphlets throw valuable light; our shipping relations with France; our winter port and through freights; communication with our North west, &c., &c. There is material enough for an active and important session; and we do trust that political spectacles will be laid aside, and party considerations subordinated on the floor of this Mercantile Chamber at any rate, to the commercial and fiscal welfare of the country.

THE NEW CHANCERY ORDERS.

The new orders just promulgated by the Court of Chancery for Ontario, introduce a very considerable change into the practice of that Court in the following classes of writs, viz.:-1st. Suits for the administration of the estates of deceased persons; 2nd. Suits for partition of land; 3rd. Mortgage suits for sale or foreclosure. The objects of these changes appear to be the lessening of the expense of such litigation, and the conferring of larger powers upon local masters of the Court in the country towns. In many cases where motions before the Court were formerly necessary, the applications will in future be made to the Judges' Registrars, and in other case to the Referee sitting in Chambers. The effect of these alterations, which are in many cases sweeping, cannot but be a gain to suitors in this class of litigation, and a corresponding loss to the legal profession, and especially to Toronto practitioners, much of the work that had heretofore to be done in Toronto being now relegated to the Country Masters. The impression that the expense of litigation in the Court of Chancery has hitherto been excessive. is a wide spread and general one, and it is hoped that the new orders may do much to remove abuses, if any such existed.

THE ROMANCE OF FAILURE.

Were one disposed to write a novel, the principal subjects of which should be extraordinary

failures, it would be difficult for the most lively imagination to picture anything more extraordinary than is a truthful history of some of the failures that have occurred in and about the small town of Liverpool, N. S.

The enormous liability of several of the firms that failed in that place in 1873 was simply astonishing. Considering their antecedents and actual capital; the dividends which most of them paid were so diminutive as to be really ludicrous, except perhaps to the unhappy creditors. In Halifax a "Queen's County dividend" is almost a synonym for none at all. It was supposed that such experiences were things of the past, so far as Liverpool was concerned, that "not again in the present generation would a failure involving hundreds of thousands of dollars occur in that financially renowned town;" but the age of such romantic events is not past. In a recent change list issued by the Mercantile Agency we noticed the announcement:-"F. W. Moren & Co., Liverpool, writ of attachment issued," and thereby hangs a tale of liability, footing up to, it is said, about three hundred thousand dollars!

This modest little firm commenced business in 1875 with a capital of somewhere from \$2,000 to \$5000, the principal being a young man, son of the President of one of the Halifax banks. Considering the short business experience he had had, and the limited capital at his command, he made a fair commencement, worked into good credit, and but for the appearance on the scene of a veteran operator in the person of Mr. J. H. Cutler, would probably have gone on in a quiet way and never been known to fame. Cutler is an American and belonged to a Boston firm, which in Liverpool's palmy days did a large trade with Queen's County, N. S. He came to Liverpool about 1871, and became connected with several firms there which built large saw mills, bought extensive lumber lands, and were mainly instrumental in establishing the Bank of Liverpool and the Acadia Bank, which latter was a very short lived concern; indeed the very first transaction upon which it entered was one that involved its failure.

The failure of these several firms and the Acadian Bank, and the widespread injury they caused, will not soon be forgotten in that portion of Nova Scotia more directly affected there by; the liability was, as we have said, enormous for so small a community. The insolvent firms went into the Bankrupt Court, and the assets of the two or three estates were finally bought by J. H. Cutler, who, under the name of James Collie & Co., agreed to pay \$150,000 in three yearly instalments, giving security upon the real estate. Assets were principally composed of shipping, lumber, mills and timber lands. When the time came for payment of first dividend no money was forthcoming, and the assignee had to resume possession of the estates which had been denuded of everything saleable. Immediately upon obtaining possession of the estates, Cutler's propensity for big transactions came into play, and he found in Moren a likely assistant, and just such as he needed-a new firm with a good name and a clean record. He

induced Moren to give him the firm's papers, to secure which transfers of ships, &c. were made. The paper was discounted in Halifax and Liverpool, until a new liability of several hundred thousand dollars was rolled up. Where the proceeds of this paper went is a mystery past finding out, for it does not appear that Cutler has profited to any great extent. Wild adventures to the West Indies, Newfoundland and elsewhere, account for large sums, and the upshot of it all is the failure of F. W. Moren & Co., with liabilities as before named and small assets. The whole goes to make up a story of commercial extravagance and recklessness that can scarcely find a parallel in the history of this wide Dominion, and confirms the oft-stated proposition that truth is, even in these days, stranger than fiction. Cheap credit and dashing speculation, misnamed enterprise, have here another and a striking illustration.

WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS.

A peculiar and novel question on the subject of warehouse receipts is raised by the case of Milloy v. Kerr, which has been pending before our courts for some time past. The action arises out of the dealings of the Toronto car wheel company and the Consolidated Bank. The company having become indebted to the bank, and the latter desiring to get payment or security a scheme was devised whereby it was hoped the desired end was attained. At the request of the bank the plaintiff Milloy, who was a warehouse-man having a warehouse in another part of the city, consented to act as a warehouse-man to the company for the purpose of storing certain car wheels and pig iron, so that they could obtain warehouse receipts upon which to obtain money. The company, for a nominal consideration, granted Milloy a lease for a year of a portion of their premises upon which the car wheels and pig iron lay. This portion of the company's premises was measured off but not enclosed in any way. The plaintiff, after obtaining this lease and a written guarantee from the Consolidated Bank that the car wheels and pig iron would be forthcoming whenever required, granted that a warehouse receipt to the company for the property, which they endorsed to the Standard Bank and obtained an advance thereon, which they paid to the Consolidated Bank.

Shortly afterwards a writ of attachment in insolvency was issued against the company, and the defendants, as the assignees of the company, seized the goods covered by this warehouse receipt, and refused to deliver them to the plaintiffs, claiming them as part of the general assets of the insolvents. It appeared that the plaintiff acquired this land only for the purpose of enabling the company to raise money with which to pay the Consolidated Bank; that he had used it for no other purpose; that he had not seen the property himself, but had merely sent his foreman to examine it before giving the receipt.

After trial the case came before the full Court

of Queen's Bench for argument, where the judgment of the Court was some months ago delivered by His Lordship Mr. Justice Wilson. now Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, who took the view that this whole plan was a device to bring the case within that provision of the statute that makes warehouse receipts a security when a present advance is made upon them. According to His Lordship's view of the case, the Consolidated Bank not being permitted by the law to take warehouse receipts as security for the past indebtedness of the company, went through all the formalities above referred to, to make it appear that it was a case of an advance made by the Standard Bank, while in fact both the latter bank and the plaintiff were lending their names to the former to enable it to do indirectly that which the law did not permit being done directly. This judgment was concurred in by both Chief Justice Harrison and Mr. Justice Armour, but the latter went further, and expressed an opinion that valid warehouse receipts could not be granted for goods lying upon uninclosed premises. Thereupon a verdict was entered for the defendant.

Against this decision the plaintiff appealed without success, the Court of Appeal having a few days ago delivered judgment affirming the holding of the Court below upon the point taken by Justice Armour. The important effect of this decision is very apparent, and merits the close attention of business men as well as law. yers. As tersely pointed out by Mr. Justice Armour, the effect of holding such warehouse receipts to be good in law would be to greatly increase the risks that are run by bona fide purchasers of g ods, for there was nothing in the situation of these goods or in the surrounding circumstances to lead any one to suppose that they were subject to any greater restriction than the other property on the company's premises. We understand that the case is likely to be again appealed.

MONTREAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY .- A falling off in its business, indicated by the decline of 84,000 in the number of messages sent, prepares one to hear that the revenue of this company for 1878, large as it is, fell behind that of 1877 by \$28,819. The criticism was made by a shareholder present that the expenses were large, being 71 per cent. of the earnings, as against 62.2 last year. It should be remembered, however, that expenses of telegraphy cannot be reduced at every reduction of business. Lines must be kept up, and operators must be on hand, whether business be brisk or no. The receipts from all sources we find were diminished, but the expenses were also diminished, though in a less ratio. The wire and pole mileage were both increased during the year. The company is, by its own showing, in even a better position than before, having decreased liabilities and increased assets. The present value of such assets as poles, wires and office fittings, of widely different ages has been made a subject of comment. These must be of varying value, and

therefore, we should think, more or less of average must be employed in getting at their worth. Some lines doubtless cost more to erect and to maintain than their yield will justify; others, perhaps as cheaply built, are more easily kept up and earn five times as much revenue. That cables and land lines deteriorate is too patent to be ignored; and allowance for depreciation is not likely to be unheeded by the experienced management of the company. We observe that reporters were admitted to the meeting last week, which indicates the fullest publicity may be given to the discussion of the company's affairs, and in another column may be found its complete financial statement. Satisfaction with the result of the year was expressed, and the old board of directors was reelected.

BANK ITEMS.

The management of the Consolidated Bank at Norwich, Ont., has been conferred upon Mr. H. J. Campbell.

Mr. Helm, who has held the position of Accountant in the Consolidated Bank, Clinton, for the past two years has been promoted to a similar position in the head office in Montreal; and Mr. Brown, the former Teller, succeeds Mr. Helm as Accountant. Mr. Campbell, late Ins. pector, who has been preforming the duties of Manager since Mr. Hays' retirement, will have charge of the Toronto agency, and Mr. Green, of Wingham, has' been appointed Manager of the Seaforth branch.

Mr. D. Miller, Manager of the Merchants Bank at Ingersoll, has been removed to Owen Sound to fill a similar position there. His place will be temporarily filled by Mr. Geo. Easton, of Windsor, a former resident of Ingersoll.

It is understood that the loss sustained by the Merchants Bank, through the overdrafts which the late local manager at Owen Sound, Mrs Scott, imprudently allowed to be made to a firm of lumberers, has, in the early reports of the transaction, been greatly exaggerated. The exact loss will probably be ascertained in a few

It is stated that Mr. Wm. Buckingham, formerly of the Stratford Beacon, and late Secretary to the Hon. A. Mackenzie, has accepted the provisional management of the British Mortgage & Loan Company, the headquarters of which have been removed from London to Stratford. Mr. Chas. E. Chadwick, Mayor of Ingersoll, has been chosen a director of this Company.

THE BANK OF YARMOUTH .- The fifteenth annual meeting of this bank was held in Yarmouth, N. S., last week and the statement submitted to the shareholders shows the business to have been prosperous. The balance at the credit of profit and loss account at the end of 1877 was \$4,773, and with the profits of last year, 44,957 added, making a total of \$49,730; out of this two dividends of five per cent each have been paid and a balance of \$11,- 902 is available for this year. The reserve fund is \$90,000. The retiring directors were unanimously re-elected, viz Hon. L. E. Baker, President; Mr. Charles E. Brown, vice-President; Messrs. John Lovitt, Hugh Cann, and J. W. Moody.

WORSWICK VS. CANADA FIRE AND MARINE INS. Co.—The insurance in this case was upon the interest of the plaintiff in a mill upon which he held a mechanic's lien. One of the questions asked was, Is a watch kept on the premises during the night? "Is any other duty required of the watchman than watching for the safety of the premises? Is the building left alone at any time after the watchman goes off duty in the morning till he returns to his charge at night?" The answer of the applicant was, " The building is never left alone, there being always a watchman left in the building when not running." At the foot of the application was a condition that the foregoing was a full and true exposition of all the facts and circumstances in regard to the condition, situation and value of the property so far as was known to the applicant and material to the risk. The policy mentioned the appplication as follows: "Special reference being made to the assured's application, which is his warranty and a part hereof." One of the conditions provided that no change should void the policy unless material to the risk and within the knowledge or control of the insured.

It appeared that the plaintiff lived at a distance from the mill, and that when the application was made, a watchman was kept on the premises, but was after the issue of the policy discontinued without the plaintiff's knowledge. Under these circumstances, it was held by the Court of Chancery for Ontario, and subsequently by the Court of Appeal, that the answer was not a warranty, that a watchman would be kept on the premises during the existence of the policy. but merely a representation as to an existing state of facts at the date of the application. The Court of Appeal further held that even if the withdrawal of the watchman constituted a change material to the risk, the assured was not responsible therefore, as it was not within his control or knowledge.

CANADA LANDED CREEIT COMPANY .- The business of this company appears to be steadily increasing. Loans during the year were made to the amount of \$455,000, while the re-payments were \$316,000, making a net increase n the new business of \$139,000. The net profits were \$91,000, of which \$11,000 was derived from premiums on the sale of stock which had reverted to the company. Besides paying a dividend of nine per cent. the company added \$10,000 to the contingent fund, and an addition of \$20,500 to the reserve fund, which latter now amounts to \$104,000.

LONDON BOARD OF TRADE AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—At a recent meeting, Mr. Beattie

considered the question of losses by pilfering from packages of goods en route, and appointed Messrs. Geo. S. Birrell, Thos. Thompson, H. D. Long, and George Robinson, to confer upon the memorial sent that body by the Toronto board. Messrs. Isaac Waterman and Thomas Churcher were appointed delegates to the Dominion Board at Ottawa. Upon the subject of losses by theft of goods in transit, the Chamber of Commerce discussion, Mr. J. B. Lang, president, chairman, resulted in the expression of an opinion that there was no need for concerted action, but that in each case of loss the merchant could protect himself. The Insolvency law was discussed, and a motion carried to the effect that the Chamber while recognizing the fact that certain amendments in the way of lessening expenses in winding up estates would be acceptable to the mercantile community, is strongly of opinion that the repeal of the Insolvency Act of 1875 would at this time be disastrous to the interests of the merchants and manufacturers of the Dominion.

An Extraordinary Suit .-- An action is now pending in the Court of Common Pleas against the Bank of British North America, arising out of a most peculiar set of circumstances. In 1864 a sum of one thousand dollars was deposited by one Lawlor with the Bank, which gave a deposit receipt for the money. This deposit is now alleged to have been withdrawn with the accrued interest some time afterwards by some person who produced the receipt with Lawlor's endorsement, but who that person was, the bank officials cannot now ascertain. They are now sued by a person named Lee, who claims this money as the administrator of the estate of Lawlor. It now appears that the payment out by the Bank was made after Lawlor's death and before the appointment of an administrator. The case was tried in Toronto some time ago before a jury, to whom were submitted a number of questions which were not very intelligently answered. Upon these answers a verdict was given for the plaintiff. Against this verdict the defendants moved in term, where this verdict was set aside and a new trial ordered. The Court evidently considered the plaintiff's claims not worthy of much encouragement; one of the learned judges hinting very broadly that it was evident from the circumstances that the representatives of the deceased had already obtained the benefit of this money.

-This week a deputation of the Brewers and Malsters intervewed the Finance Minister for the purpose of securing a reduction of one cent per pound on malt. They contend that barley is the greatest surplus cereal product of Canada and the United States, Canada's chief outlet: that owing to the tariff policy of the United States in keeping out the articles that they were able to produce a sufficiency of in the local markets, and the fact that the United States Government proposed to inaugurate an almost prohibitive duty on Canadian products, the president, in the chair, the London Board it is therefore desired that the Dominion Government adopt such a policy as would create a home demand for such articles by encouraging the manufacture of beer, thus developing the culture of barley and hops, two staple products. "By this means temperance would be promoted, as under the existing high tariff upon malt the consumption of beer had decreased and that of whiskey increased." The deputation was composed of Messrs. J. Severn, Yorkville; E. O'Keefe, J. Cosgrove, D. Walker, Toronto; and A. C. Hooper and J. H. R. Molson, Montreal.

MONTREAL HARBOR TRUST .- The first meeting of the Trust for the new year took place on the 2nd inst., Mr. Cramp in the chair. It is gratifying to learn that the seagoing tonnage of the port for 1878 was greater than last year, and only 26,000 tons less than that of 1874, the largest year the port ever had. The average size of the vessels visiting the port has likewise increased by 200 tons from 1874. The inland trade of the harbor shows a falling off, attributed mainly to the Intercolonial Railway. The year's revenue of the Trust shows an increase of \$2,897 over 1877. The channel of the harbour has been deepened and widened during the year, the wharves repaired and extended. The lumber trade of Montreal with South America appears to be reviving; 20 vessels of 11,013 tons, carrying 8,680,000 feet of lumber, loaded there last season against ten vessels of 4,387 tons, carrying 3,400,000 feet of lumber, in 1876. Of the 516 vessels arrived in port there were British vessels 482, Norwegian 17, American 6, Belgian 2, Austrian 3, German 4, Italian 1, Swedish 1.

NUMBER AND TONNAGE OF SEA-GOING CRAFT ARRIVED AT MONTREAL.

Years.	Steam- ships.	Tonnage.	Total No. of Vessels.	Total Tonnage.
1870	144	113,912	680	316,845
	215	217,713	727	398,800
	266	262,096	731	423,423
	256	255,435	642	386,112
	247	261,764	518	876,853
	207	269,878	516	397,266

NUMBER AND TONNAGE OF VESSELS FROM MARITIME PROVINCES.

Years.	Steam- ships.	Tonnage.	Total No. of Vessels.	Total Tonnage.
1869 1871 1873 1875 1877	27 42 91 120 72	11,970 18,469 59,061 69,544 39,277	225 238 273 279 160	38,072 45,260 96,748 98,852 64,575
1000		39,277 21,812	160 165	

—We are glad to learn that a meeting to which are invited all the Fire Insurance Adjusters of Ontario and Quebec, will be held in this city on the 21st of the present month. It is, we understand, the intention of the promoters, if found agreeable to their brethren in the profession, to form an association, with a view of affording its members an opportunity of fully discussing many important details connected with the adjustment of fire losses, and arriving at a just and uniform system in applying them. The office of an insurance adjuster is a most responsible one; it is in its nature judicial. He is to guard on the one hand the interests of the company and on the other to see that the assured receives full indemnification for his loss, and no more. Indeed, much of the success of

a company depends on the manner in which its losses are settled.

—A circular has just been issued to the share-holders of the British America Assurance Company showing the result of its business for the last six months of the year. From it we learn that the gross profits including interest has been \$121,355; of which \$25,000 has been paid in dividends, \$8 000 reserved for depreciation of investments, \$26.142 reserved for re-insurance of outstanding risks, and the balance \$62,208 added to the net surplus, which is now \$274,483.

Meetings.

CANADA LANDED CREDIT COMPANY.

The twenty-first annual meeting of this Company was held in its offices, Toronto, on the 15th inst., the President, Mr. John L. Blaikie, in the chair. There were also present:—Messrs. John Dunlop, Woodstock; Edward Bull, John S. Playfair, John Y. Reid, Jas. Campbell, Thomas Lailey, John Macdonald, Alex. Smith, Herbert Mortimer, M. O'Donnell, W. J. Baines, John Stark, T. McL. Thompson, James Scott, Toronto; W. A. Parlane, Collingwood; J. B. Osborne, Beamsville; James Young, Galt: Wm. Ellerby, Jacob Bull, Weston; and D. McGee, Secretary.

The Secretary having read the advertisement calling the meeting, next read the twenty-first annual report, as follows:—

The Directors have much pleasure in submitting to the shareholders their report of the operations of the Company during the past year.

-891.999 55 which have been appropriated as follows:-Dividend No. 34, paid 2nd July, 1878..... Dividend No. 35, paid 2nd January, 1879 27,938 11 Debenture commission p'd during the year 4.861 43 Transferred to Contingent Fund 10,000 00 Transferred to Reserve Fund 29,500 00 Left to credit of profit and loss..... \$91,999 55

It will thus be seen that after providing for two half-yearly dividends at the usual rate of 9 per cent. per annum, charging the whole of the Debenture Cammission paid during the year, and transferred \$10,000 to Contingent Fund (an appropriation which the state of the country the Directors think fully warrants them in making), an addition of \$20,500 has been made to Reserve Fund, which now stands at \$104,000.

As was stated in last Report, the 1,400 shares capital stock not taken up by the shareholders to whom they were allotted on 7th February, 1877, reverted to the Company. These the Directors, after mature consideration, decided to dispose of at public auction, and after having been duly advertised they were sold at the Company's office on the 15th February last, at prices averaging 133 9.14, and the premium

derived therefrom, amounting to \$11,775 is accounted for above.

To meet the reasonable expectations of the subscribers with respect to dividend thereon, a third call of \$5 per share, payable on 15th February next, has been made on the stock allotted on 7th February, 1877, making \$15 per share now called up thereon.

Loans during the year, resting on the security of property estimated by the Company's valuators at \$1,144,885, have been affected to the amount of \$455.315, while loans have been repaid amounting to \$316,131, leaving a net increase on the year's business of \$139,184.

During the year there has been borrowed on the debentures of the Company, new and renewed, \$523,212.34, and debentures have matured amounting to \$421,980,33, leaving an increase of \$101,232.01.

The books and accounts have undergone the usual careful scrutiny on the part of the auditors, whose certificate is appended to the balance sheet submitted herewith.

The various officers of the Company continue to discharge their respective duties to the satisfaction of the Board

The following Directors retire from office by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, viz.: Messrs. John L. Blaikie, W. A. Parlane, Edward Bull, M. D., John Dunlop, Thomas Lailey, John S. Playfair.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. BLAIKIE, President.

Toronto, 15th January, 1879.

BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMBER, 1878.

Assets.

Loans	\$2 206 6gg	ΛΛ
National Bank of Scotland	40 001	
Federal Bank of Canada	100,001	
Canadian Bank of Commerce		
Property on Towns Ct	37,511	
Property on Toronto Street	40,000	00
Cash	471	63
Interest due and accrued	72,247	30
Office Furniture	430	
{	\$2,506,326	54
L'abilities.		
Capital Stock	8 620 919	43
i Debendires	1,519,416	40
Sinking Fund	004 000	
Reserve rund	204,368	
1 Contingent Fund	/	
Dividends unclaimed	17,323	
Dividend No. 25 marsh	2,720	72
Dividend No. 35, payable 2nd Jan-		
uary, 1879	27,938	11
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requisitions	95	
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buspense	1,027	
Profit and Loss		
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\$2,506,326 54

D. McGEE, Secretary.

Toronto, January 9th, 1879.

We hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Canada Landed Credit Company, and have found the above balance correct.

We have also examined the securities in the Company's Strong Room, and found them in perfect order, as represented in the above statement

W. B. PHIPPS, Auditors.

The following motions were then successively submitted to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Moved by the President, Mr. John L. Blaikie, seconded by the Vice-President, Mr. John Macdonald, "That the report now read be adopted, and printed for circulation among the share-holders,"

Mr. Herbert Mortimer moved, seconded by Mr. Jacob Bull, "That the thanks of this meeting be and are hereby tendered to the Board of Directors for their careful attention to the interests of the Company during the past year."

Moved by Mr. James Young, seconded by Dr. Bull. "That the thanks of the shareholders be tendered to their British agents, more especially Messrs. Hamilton, Kinnear & Beatson, W. S. Edinburgh, for their valuable services to the

Company during the past year."

Mr. M. O'Donnell moved, seconded by Mr. Alexander Smith, "That the thanks of meeting be and are hereby tendered to the Secretary and the other officers of the Company for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their respective duties."

Moved by Mr. J. B. Osborne, seconded by Mr. J. S. Playfair, "That Messrs. W. B. Phipps and William Hope be appointed auditors for the ensuing year, and that the sum of \$150 each be paid them for their services.'

Mr. John Dunlop moved, seconded by Mr. John Y. Reid, "That Messrs. W. J. Baines and John Stark be scrutineers, and that they report the results of the ballot for the election of six directors, the poll to be closed when ten minutes shall have elapsed without any vote being taken."

Moved by Mr. Jas. Scott, seconded by Mr. W. J. Baines, "That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Chairman for his able and impartial conduct in the chair, and for his constant attention to the interests of the Company, and that the sum of \$2,000 be paid him for his services during the past year."

The poll was then opened, and at the lapse of ten minutes the scrutineers reported the unanimous re-election of the six retiring directors as follows:-Messrs. John L. Blaikie, W. A. Parlane, Edward Bull, M.D., John Dunlop, Thos. Lailey, John S. Playfair.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. John L. Blaikie was re-elected President, and Mr. John Macdonald, ex M.P. Vice-President for the ensuing year.

THE MONTREAL TEL GRAPH COM-

The annual meeting of shareholders of this company was held in the head office, St. Francois Xavier street, Montreal, on hursday last.
The attendance was smaller than usual, and among those present were Sir Hugh Allan, Hon. Joseph, W. Mackenzie, W. Chalmers, R. Moat, John Crawford, Jas. Crathern, Caverhill, &c. The chair was taken by the President, Sir Hugh Allan, who read the report of the Directors, which we summarise as follows: - The Directors congratulate the shareholders upon the fact that, notwithstanding the continued business depression, the company has been in a position to pay a 7 per cent. dividend, and at the same time been able to thoroughly overhaul the lines and put them in thorough working order. The printed statements which have been issued are full enough as to render further explanations unnecessary. Comparing the business of 1878 with that of 1877, the number of messages has decreased by 84,027; 106 miles of poles, 594 miles of wire and 32 offices have been added. With some assistance from the Government of the Dominion the line of telegraph on the south shore of the St. Lawrence, which before reached only to Matane, has been carried down to Gaspe. By this means the principal fishing stations are reached, the different lighthouses are communicated with, and casualties occurring anywhere on the coast can be at once reported. The report refers to the opening and subsequent breaking off of the pooling negotiations with the Dominion Company, but this is

of no special interest just now, and the Directors claim that they have no cause to regret the result. The accounts of the company have been fully audited and duly certified to. The following financial statements show the position of the company.

Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending November 30th, 1878.

	REVERUE.		
Received " "	for Messages	\$436,020 31,574 11,045 6,662	10 69

\$485,302 40 * These Reports are credited, as heretofore. at the net sum received for them after payment of cost of obtaining tnem, &c.

EXPENDITURE.

Stationery Salaries Rent and T	axes	234,552 19.854	97 50		
Rent and T Miscellaneo	axes	19,854 3,929	59 27	•	_
1	-			\$343,204	81

Net profit..... \$142,097 65

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance Contingent Fund, Nov.		- 1
30th, 1877	\$195,475 2 142,097 6	7

\$337,572 92

Less. Paid for New Lines, Offices, &c., &c... \$45,784 52 1 ess Bonuses received and work done for R'wys 19,644 31

\$26,140 21

Dividend paid July, '78, 3 per cent......\$60,000 00 Dividend now payable,

4 per cent..... 80,000 00

\$166,140 21 \$171,432 71

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Accounted for thus:

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Bal of Contingent Fund as above.. \$171,432 71

Cash in Bank and in hand \$98,398 17 Due from Offices, Rail-

w'ys, Governm'ts, &c 66,251 42 Stores on hand..... 91,701 60

> \$256,351 19 Less.

Dividend now payable. \$80,000 00 Due conecting lines &

unpaid Dividends ... 4,918 48

N.B.—The diminution of the Contingent Fund from last year is accounted for as follows: Am't of Contingent Fund last year \$195,475 27 Add balance of profit this year after paying Dividend..... 2,097 65

\$197,572 92 Less.

Paid for new lines, offices, &c.... 26,140 21

\$171,432 71

Assets and Liabilities. ASSETS.

12,299 Miles Poles, at \$60 \$737,940 00 20,996 Miles Wire, at Cables in use...... 34,886 19 Buildings - Montreal. Ottawa, Toronto & Quebec 298,131 43 Stores on hand..... 91,701 60 Due from Offices, Railways, Governments, &c 66,251 42 Cash in Bank and on hand 98,398 17

> ·\$2,363,273 **8**1 LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock \$2,000,000 00 Div'd now payable... 80,000 00 Due connecting lines and unpaid Did'ds. 4,018 48

-\$2,084,918 48 Estimated Surplus of Assets over Liabilities..... . \$278,355 33

JAMES DAKERS, Secretary.

Montreal, Jan. 4, '79.

Sir Hugh Allan said, respecting the efforts recently made by some persons to depreciate the stock of the comefforts pany, that the poles, wires and offices in cluded in the assets were wholly the property of the company. As regarded the value of the poles and wires he thought it would be apparent to all that they were set down in the assets at a low estimate; the poles were worth \$1 each, and the transportation and erection of them added largely to their value. The lines could not now be built at the figures at which they were estimated in the assets. Moreover, the company had franchises and railway privileges, which, although not entered in the accounts, were most valuable to the company, and the assets altogether were put down in the estimate at a very low figure. The Dominion Company, estimating their poles at \$60 and wires at \$40 per mile, would show, instead of a surplus, a deficiency of \$204,000, while the Montreal Co.

had a surplus of \$273,000.

Mr. John Crawford suggested that in addition to the financial statements, a list of shareholders should be issued before the annual meeting. This he considered would be the means of dissipating the erroneous conclusions sometimes arrived at by operators in the stock and would enable the shareholders to know in what manner the stock was held. He went on to say that the working expenses appeared to be large, being 71 per cent. of the revenue, and he thought the expenditure should be closely looked into by the directors. He regarded it as a fortunate matter for the shareholders, that the "pooling" ar-rangement had not been carried out.

Sir Hugh Allan, in reply, stated that the sub-ject of printing the list of shareholders had re-ceived the consideration of the directors, and while not opposed to it on principle, they considered it unadvisable, inasmuch as the large transactions in the stock (the transfers averaging about 75 a day) rendered it impossible to give an exact list of shareholders for any length of time. With regard to the working expenses, he said there was no company on the continent. and none anywhere, so far as he was aware, whose working expense were proportionally less than those of the Montreal Company; the per centage of their working expenses to earnings was less than that of the Dominion Company, and he thought it would we unwise to attempt further reductions, as it would impair the efficiency of the company, than which none was at present better managed. He considered that the Montreal Company had little to gain by the pooling arrangements; some goo officers were working on commission, and no saving could be effected on these, and he did not think an amalgamation with the Dominion Company would repay them for the risk they incurred. If the matter of a pooling arrangement ever came up again it would have to be in an entirely different shape.

Mr. Caverhill remarked that two years ago it was decided not to publish a list of shareholders, and added that nearly all the stock was in the

hands of Brokers anyway.

A shareholder suggested that some time should be given between the declaration of the dividend and the closing of the books, to en-able the shareholders to buy or sell stock after the dividend was known, as they might desire. The President replied that the large number of offices which the company had, rendered it impossible to get in the returns to permit of this being done and the dividend being paid on the day of the annual meeting.

The report was then unanimously adopted,

and a vote of thanks tendered to the President

and directors for their services.

Messrs. W. B. Cumming and R. Moat, having been appointed scrutineers, reported the election of the following directors for the ensuing year: -Sir Hugh Allan, Dr. G. W. Campbell, Hon. E. G. Penny, Andrew Allan and Peter Red-

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Montreal, 14th Jan. 1879.

The weather has been comparatively mild and the snow getting well beaten down is making better travelling, but this has not produced much improvement in business, the ice bridge has not yet formed, which causes our retail markets to be barely supplied. Many farmers on the other side are only waiting till the river is frozen to bring in their produce. The only note worthy feature in the wholesale trade this week is the advance of 10 per cent in the price of cut nails, and an advance in England on the price of tin plates. The late advance in sugar has been well maintained; Leathers have been in light demand with a downward tendency. In other branches of the wholesale trade there has been very little appreciable improvement, prices generally steady.

ASHES. -Pots. -The receipts this week have been on a very limited scale, consequently business has been small, a few barrels of firsts have been sold at from \$3.90 to 3.95; Seconds \$3.40.

Pearls are still nominal at \$5.50 for firsts. The stocks at present in the Inspection stores are: Pots 1221 brls; Pearls 259 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- Manufacturers are now working on Spring orders which have come to hand from travellers now on the road, and who are meeting with fair encouragement. The demand for heavy goods has been small. We quote Men's Kib Boots \$2.50 to 3.00 ditto French Calf \$3.25 to 3.75; ditto Buff Congress \$1.50 to 1.75; ditto Split Brogans 90c. to \$1.00 Boy's Split Brogans 85 to 90c; ditto Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1.40 to 1.50; Women's Buff and Pebbled Balmorals \$1.10 to 1.50; ditto Prunella Boots 50c. to \$1.50; Misses Buff and Pebbled Balmorals 90c. to \$1.15; ditto Prunella Balmorals 70c. to \$1.20.

CATTLE.—The arrivals by rail during the it has not been to the extent anticipated, but week have been numerous, the demand for when the roads are better packed down and not which has been active and the prices obtained satisfactory, ranging from 3 to 4½c. per lb., according to quality. At the close of the market inferior cattle were less saleable and price was barly maintained. Dressed Hogs are not in large supply, holders are asking \$4.10 per 100 lbs., but buyers are not offering over \$3.85 to

\$3.95.
DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business has been about the usual for this season, sales have been mostly for small quantities, and we make no change in quotations of last week. We quote Bi carb soda per keg \$3.50 to 3.75; Soda Ash per 100 lbs. \$2.00 to 0.00; Arrow Root per lb.

13 to 15c; Borax, refined, 12 to 14c; Cream

Tartar crystals 20 to 32; ditto ground 20\frac{1}{2} to 32c; Caustic Soda \$2,45 to 2 50 nominal; Sugar of Lead 111 to 12c, Bleaching Powder per lb. 13 to 2c; Alum \$2,00 to 3 00; Copperas \$1.65 per \$100 lbs. Sulphur per lb. 3 to 31c: Roll Sulphur per lb. 2\frac{3}{2} to 3c; Epsom Salts per 100 lbs. \$1.75 to 2.00; Sal Soda per 100 lbs. \$1.25 to 1.50; Saltpetre, Brandrum, per keg \$8.50 to 0.00.

DRY Goods.—Spring stocks are coming in freely and are getting to be well assorted. Travellers are out with samples, and are doing a quiet cautious business, but on the whole it is expected that an average business will be done. There has been a fair demand for Canadian Tweeds. The retail trade of the city has been pretty lively during the week. Remittances are said to be improving as the season advances.

FISH.—The market is very quiet. Stocks are by no means large but quite sufficient for the present and prospective demand. We quote Green Cod, \$3.25 to 5.00 per 200 lbs; Labrador Herrings, \$4.25 to 4.50; Salmon, \$11, 10, 9 for

Nos. 1, 2 & 3 respectively.

Furs.-We have no change to note in this market during the week; arrivals are still very scant, and what are offering are readily bought up within our range of quotations. In the course of another week skins are likely to be more plentiful. We repeat the quotations of last Tuesday: Mink, prime dark, large, \$1.25 to 1.50; do. small 75c. to \$1.25; Martin, 75c to \$1.00; Beaver, per lb. \$1.25; marion, 75c to \$1.00; Deaver, per lb. \$1.25 to 1.75; Bear, large, \$5.00 to 7.00,; ditto cubs \$2.50 to 5.00; Red Fox, \$1.00 to 1.25; Muskrat, fall, large, 9c to Fox. \$1.00 to 1.25; mushrus, tail, large, gc to 12c. do. small, 5 to 7c; ditto kitts 2 to 4c; Lynx, \$1.00 to 1.50; Skunk, prime dark, large, 50 to 6oc.; ditto white 15 to 25c; Raccoon, prime 25 to 5oc; Fisher, prime, \$6.00 to 7.00; Otter, prime dark, \$5.00 to 6.00.

FLOUB.—Receipts from 1st January to date 9394 brls; shipments during the week 4424 brls. The flour market has ruled dull and inactive all the week, and transactions reported have been of small lots for the immediate requirements of the local trade. At the close there was some little enquiry for city bag flour at \$2.05 to 2.10, but in other kinds of flour nothing was done.

We quote Superior Extra \$4.45 to \$4.50; Extra, Superfine \$4.20 to 4.25; Fancy, \$4.10 to \$0.00; Spring Extra, \$4.00 to \$0.00; Superfine, \$3.55 to \$3.65: Strong Baker's Flour, \$4.20 to \$4.40; Fine, \$4.20 to \$3.10 to 3.20; Middlings, \$2.85 to \$3.00; Pollards, \$2.50 to \$2.70; Ontario Bags \$1.90 to 1.95 Oatmeal, \$3.75 to 0.00; Cornmeal, kiln dried \$2.25 to \$2.35.

GRAIN.-Wheat .- Receipts during the past week have been 27,640 bush; shipments for the same time 27,640 bush. There has been nothing of any consequence done in grain, and prices are nominally unchanged since this day week. Seeds have been in some little request, the pressent quotation for Timothy is \$1.75 per bush, and Clover 71c per lb.

GRCCERIES .-- Although the improvement on

when the roads are better packed down and not so heavy as they are at present, considerable activity is looked for. Teas—Sales have been small and prices are hardly so strong as they were a week ago; the principal demand has been for good medium Japans. We quote the range for Japans from 23 to 50c. Cheap Blacks and Greens are asked for but the stock of these kinds is low at the moment. Coffee-The reports from some producing countries of short crops has not affected this market, where the demand is very light, the only sales we have heard of this week being Old Govt. Java at 29 to 30c; Mocha, 29 to 32c. Sugar.—There has been a very fair demand for this article, stocks are large but not beyond the present wants of the trade, prices are firm and have a decided upward tendency. Nothing doing in Scotch Yellows. We quote the same as last week: Granulated, 9 to 9 c; Dry Crushed 9 to 10c; some Porto Rico, Raw Sugar, has been offering very low without finding a buyer. Molasses.—We have no sales to report, holders are asking for Barbadoes 37c; Porto Rico, 32c; Trinidad, 33 to 34c; Syrups are not much inquired for and run from 38 to 54c, according to quality. Rice is dull but as stocks are well run down prices are firm at \$4.25 to 4.50. Spices .- There is little if any quotable change in prices, but owing to the small stock cloves are very firm. Black Pepper, 83 to 10c; White Pepper, 18 to 19c; Cloves, 40 45c; Pimento is scarce at 14 to 15c; Allspice, 15 to 16c; Cassia, 141 to 17c; Nutmegs, 65c to \$1; Ginger, Jamaica, 21 to 25c; Mace 75 to 90c. Fruit.—Our Fruit market is firm and likely to advance on account of the higher prices paid in Malaga, but the demand has been small. Valencia raisins, 51 to 51c; loose Muscatels \$1.60 to 1.70; London Layers \$2.00 to 2.15; Layers, \$1.45 to 1.50; Sultanas 8½ to 9c; Currants 4 to 5½c. according to quality. Figs 8½ to 14c; Prunes 4½ to 6½c; Tarragona Almonds 14½ to 15½c; Filberts, 7½ to 8½c; Wal-

nuts, Bordeaux, 72 to 83c.

HIDES AND PELTS.—The market for hides continues steady at \$6.50, 5.50 and 4.50, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Sheepskins in quantity or lots are readily taken at our quota-

tion of 85c to \$1.00 each.

HARDWARE.—Business has ruled very quiet for the past week, and beyond a little buying ahead in case of a change in the tariff, the actual demand is small. Tin Plates have advanced from 1/6 to 2/- stg. per box in England, and is firm, which materially tends to make holders here seek for higher prices, in some other lines a slight advance is reported, but may only be temporary. The nail makers have advanced their prices about 10 per cent. on recent quotations, other lines remain unchanged.

LEATHER.—The market continues very quiet with only a moderate enquiry for stocks. Prices are fairly supported except in Ordinary Spanish Sole, which is the turn easier. are liberal and stocks well assorted.
We quote: Hemlock Spanish sole, No.
1; B.A., 23 to 24c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 19 to 21c; Zanzibar, ordinary No. 1. 19 to 20c; ditto No. 2, 17 to 18c; Buffalo Sole No. 1, 19 to 20c; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; Hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 23 to 25c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 32 to 36c; ditto, heavy, 30 to 35c; Grained, 32 to 36c; Splits, large, 22 to 28c; ditto and light a to 28c; ditto, small, 20 to 25c; Calfskins, 27 to 36 lbs., 50 to 65c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 45 to 551c; Sheepskin linings, 20 to 30c; Harness, 22 to 28c; Buffed cow, 12 to 15c; Enamelled cow, 15 to 17c; Patent Cow 16 to 17c; Pebbled cow 12 to 141c; Rough 20 to 23c,

OILS .- Petroleum -- Demand has rather slack. ened off during the week, prices however are pretty well maintained; car lots 171c, part cars 17% to 18c, and single barrels 18 to 19c. Linthe roads has had a beneficial effect on business, seed Oil.—Raw 56 to 58c; ditto boiled, 59 to

6oc per gal. Fish oils are very quiet; stocks are not heavy, but sufficient to meet demands. Cod Oil, 35 to 40c; Seal Oil, pale, 421 to 45c; ditto straw, 35 to 40c; ditto steam refined, 47

to 50c.

Provisions.—Butter—Receipts during the week, 4,048 pkgs; shipments, 3,596 pkgs. For fine qualities there has been a good demand, and holders are firmer in their askings, and an advance in some cases has been obtained on our prices of this day week. Township butter, 14 to 19c; Morrisburg, 12 to 17½c; Store-packed Western, 6 to 9c; Dairy Western, 8 to 12c. Cheese—Receipts, 409 boxes; shipments, 405 boxes; the market has been dull and inactive at from 8 to 82c, with sales reported within our range. Pork-Receipts, 133 brls; shipments, 29 brls; very little doing, prices remaining steady at \$10.50 to 11.50. Lard—8 to 8½ for

SALT.—Holders are asking 60 to 65c for coarse, according to the size of the lots; factory filled, \$1.00 to 1.15.

Wool. Manufacturers seem to get what they at present requice from the farmers, as there is no demand in the city; dealers can hardly say what price they would take for their wool in order to effect sales.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Jan. 15th, 1879.

In the dry goods, groceries and provisions, and hardware branches of trade there has been a slight improvement reported in the demand for goods, but the movement of the same is still interfered with considerably. The railways in the north and north-west have been open for only a few days, and many of the cross-roads in the country are not yet open fortravel. Consequently the movement of produce and orders from country merchants continue light. Collections also have been greatly hindered, and any business activity in the near future must depend almost wholly upon the opening and permanent good condition of the several roads. At the time of writing, a blinding snow storm is raging in Toronto, and seems likely to continue; and if in other parts of the Province it is as proportionately severe as the last storm a still more serious blockade may be expected. January is usually a good month for business, and with the marketing of the large quantity of grain yet in the hands of farmers, there must come a decided change for the better. The local produce market has remained inactive during the week. with offerings small, and values generally steady. The only tendency downwards was for the lower grades of barley. Stocks of flour and grain in store have increased.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- The travellers are picking up a few spring orders and forwarding them to the factories here which are now all working on spring goods. A few sorting up orders continue to be received by dealers by mail, but business in this way now is quite small. Some dealers are also receiving importations of manufactured goods just now, and sorting them up for the summer trade. Remittances are scarcely as good as they should be, but this is attributed to the bad country roads.

CATTLE, ETC .- Since the holidays the live stock trade has been very quiet. Feeding cattle are being held for further improvement. Good export grades are still wanted at \$4.50 to 4.75 per cwt. live weight, and \$5.00 would be paid for prime, averaging 1400 to 1600 lbs. each, and during the week, the demand from the country

in good condition. A Toronto company shipped during the week, 280 head of cattle, of which 240 were bought in Buffalo. Prices for local use range, for firsts, \$3.75 to 4.00 per cwt.; seconds \$3.00 to 3.50; thirds \$2.00 to 2.50. Sheep are scarce and in good demand, at for local use, \$3.50 to 4.50 for firsts 3.00 to 3.25 for seconds, and 2.00 to 2.50 for thirds. are wanted at \$3.50 to 4.00 for firsts; \$3.00 to 3.25 for seconds, and \$2.00 to 2.25 for thirds. Calves continues dull, and prices are weak, at \$8.00 to 10.00 for firsts; \$5.00 to 6.00 for seconds, and \$3.00 to 4.00 for thirds.

DRY GOODS.—Trade has slightly improved since our last report. With the exception of one or two places the snow-blocked roads have been opened up to the end of the lines, and travellers have been forwarding sorting up orders more frequently. They report great caution on the part of the retail trade in buying, which augurs well for the future of the trade. Few country merchants feel disposed as yet, to place orders for spring goods, and any that have been placed are of quite limited extent. Remittances, though meagre as yet, give promise of improvement.

FLOUR .-- Stocks in store, 12,990 brls; against 12,040 brls last week, and 18,575 brls on like date last year. The market has remained inactive, but holders have been firm and refused concessions. Superior Extra has been held steadily at \$4.05 to 4.10, and was quoted to-day at \$4.15 to 4.20. Extra was sold at equal to \$3.50, for a round lot; fancy rules nominal, there being no supplies. One lot of spring extra was held at equal to \$3.90, but spot lots are held at 3.60. To-day Extra was offered at equal to \$3.90, here, without bids, and Spring Extra at equal to \$3.50 with 3.45 bid. Bran sold at \$8.75 on track. Oatmeal sold at \$3.40 for a round lot, but \$3.30 only is now bid.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—Fall, stocks in store 55,170 bush, against 48,240 bush last week, and 61,832 bush on like date last year. Wheat has been firm. The second grade of Fall has sold at from 88 to goc or equal to those prices here. No. 3 Fall brought 85c, f.o.c., at the close of last week. To-day No. 2 was wanted at 89c, but there was none offering. Street prices, 85 to 92c. Spring.—Stocks in store 104,798 bush, against 95,900 bush last week, and 208,400 bush on like date last year. The scarcity of the first grade of spring has continued; a round lot of uninspected, lying at a point east, sold by sample at 84c; on Tuesday. No. 2 spring brought 82c; f.o.c., last week, and on Tuesday last. The market ruled firm to-day; No. 2 spring was sold at 82c; and 75c; was bid for No. 3. Street prices 75 to 84c. Oats.—Stocks in store 11.630 bushels against 12,630 bush last week, and 12,-638 bush on like date last year. The market has been firmer for Canadian, with sales yesterday at 281c; on track, and at 281c; delivered. American were offered the same day at 28c; with only 27c bid. There was none offered on the street to-day, but prices range from 28 to 31c. Barley .- Stocks in store 147,592 bush, against 144,349 bush. on like date last year. The first grade has remained nominal all week. No. 2 has been scarce and firm, and sold at 75c. f.o.c. yesterday. Extra has ruled easy, with reported sales at 63c. No. 3 has declined about 2c. and sales were reported at the close of last week at 51c. f.o.c. To day one lot of No. 3 was sold at 52c f.o.c.; other grades remained steady at quotations. Street prices 50 to 90. Peas. Stocks in store 18,548 bush, against 19,203 bush. last week, and 10,796 bush. on like date last year. Peas have been steady, with sales of No. 2 at 60c. f.o.c. No. 1 are worth 61 to Street 62c. and No. 3 are quoted at 55 to 56c. prices, 55 to 60. Rye unchanged at 50c. Pota-

toes are easier; cars have sold at 8oc.
GROCERIES.—Trade generally has improved

having been much better as the result of improved roads. Remittances too, have been fair in most cases, Fish have continued inactive, with prices unchanged. Fruit of all kinds has been very firm. Reported sales include round lots of New Valencia raisins at 5% to 5%; but 5% and 6c; is now asked for choice lots; fifty boxes Malaga fruit at \$2.10; for London layers, and \$1.55; for ordinary layers. Sultanas are scarce and firm, wanted at 81c. Currants have been selling in round lots at 41c; for ordinary fruit, and 5 to 61c; for choice case goods. Sugars have also been very firm and moderately active; low yellows have advanced nearly 1c; in New York, but our range of quotations here remains unaltered, these prices being well maintained. Sales comprise round lots of medium bright at 7%c; of standard granulated at 9 to 9½c; 112 lbs medium yellows at 7½c; fifty hogsheads raw at about 7c; and round lots of extra C's at 8c. The 71c; fifty last two named sales, however, could not be re-peated at the same figures. Teas have been rather more active than at our last reference. and prices are fairly well maintained. At the large auction sales in New York during the week they sold well, and the demand here, especially from retailers-some of whom, it is thought, have been buying in anticipation of the revised tariff, has been good. Reported sales include three lines of blacks at 25, 30 and 35c respectively; one line of green at 25c; fifty half chests Congou at about 32c; and smaller lots of Japans and Young Hysons at a range of from 23 to 45c for the former, and 27½ to 58c for the latter. Tobaccos have been quiet and unchanged all week.

HARDWARE.—Business has slightly improved since our last reference. Dealers report that enquiries are now being made for heavy goods in anticipation of the revised tariff. Prices for Cokes and Charcool tin plates have recently advanced 6d per box in the English market, and manufacturers are firm at the advance, asking 2s. per box. The Canadian market has not yet felt the advance, which doubtless will follow here, though, at an early date. There is no change to note in other metals. The general tendency in values now seems upward. Remittances are rather better than a fortnight ago.

HIDES AND SKINS .- Hides have continued steady and unchanged; the demand has been fair, prices steady, and stocks have not been accumulating any. The only reported transaction was the sale of one car of choice No. 1 at 7½c. Sheepskins have been quiet, with prices, however, tending upwards; from 85c to \$1.00 is now paid for the best green skins, the outside figure being paid only for extra large ones. Tallow has been moving off rather more freely during the week. Dealers now think bottom has been reached, and prices have not undergone any change. Sales comprise only small lots of rendered at our quotations.

LEATHER.—Trade on the whole has continued quiet, although the demand from country dealers has been fair. Light Upper and light Splits are about the only kinds enquired for now by the large manufacturers, who have as yet but a comparatively few orders for spring goods. Good Harness leather has been in good general request, as has also prime Upper of from 7 to 8lb. average. Spanish and Slaughter Sole meet with a fair sale. Imported leathers firm. Oils quiet and prices seem to favor buyers; Cod is quoted lower. Remittances generally good.

PROVISIONS .- Trade generally has slightly improved, and remittances are fair for the season Butter remains sick; the demand for even medium grades has follen off. We heard of some lots of storepacked having sold at from 5 to 90; anything over 6c; being good to choice medium Grease has sold at from 3 to 4c. Selections, if obtainable, would bring II to 12c, and it is said that 12 to 14c; would be paid for good tub

dairy for the city trade. Boxed lots of good roll butter are wanted at 9 to 11c; for really fine. Street prices unchanged. Bacon.—Steady and nominal, the only reported movement is in small lots of new, which have sold at 6 to 6\frac{1}{4}c; for long clear, and 5\frac{1}{2} to 6c; for C. C. Old C. C., is worth 4\frac{1}{2} to 5. Prices are tending upwards in the English markets. Cheese.—Quiet, but steady, at about the previous range of prices. Stocks of fine are not heavy here, but the offerings from outside have been large. Dried ings from outside have been large. Dried Apples.—There is little or no demand; there have been a good many offering, and buyers are paying 2½ to 3½c; and selling at 4 to 4½c: for Canadian. Dressed Hogs have been rather active and firmer. It is thought by some dealers that a few local speculators are trying to raise the market, as there has been no advance of any kind in the west. A large number o cars have changed hands here. Prices to-day range at \$3.50 to 3.60, on the railway. On the street they are quoted at from \$3.75 to 4.50. Eggs.—Fresh are scarce and wanted at 19 to 20c. for lots, and packed will bring 14 to 15c. Street prices, for fresh, 22 to 25c, and for packed 15 to 16. Hams have been in somewhat better demand, small lots smoked have sold at 81 to 91c. as to quantity, cut and averaged. Thereshave also been large sales of green at 52 to 61c. Lard quiet and unchanged. There is a fairly good enquiry, and sales have been made at 7 to 8c. as to package and quantity. Mess Pork in very light demand; small lots only changing hands at \$10.50 to 11.00 for American and \$11.00 to 11.50 for Canadian. Salt.— Liverpool quiet and firm. Goderich selling in cars at 85c. A large lot from the East offered

here yesterday, met with little or no demand.
Wool.—Market quiet and unchanged; nothing at all doing. The offerings of Fleece on the street have been small, but 20c is still paid. Super has remained purely nominal, there being neither buyers nor sellers, but it may be quoted as still worth 19c. Advises by letter and otherwise report wool unprecedentedly dull all over the con-

tinent.

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The British Canadian Loan and Investment Co. (Limited.)

DIVIDEND NO. 2.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on the paid-up capital of the Company for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, has this day been decla ed, and that the same will be payable on 1st February, 1878. The Transfer Books will be closed from 22nd to 31st irst., both days inclusive.

By order of the Directors.

J. TURNBULL, Manager.

Torouto. Ian. 10, 1870.

Toronto, Jan. 10, 1879.

Dominion Telegraph Co.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company, will be held at the General Offices, No. 18 Front Street East, Toronto, on

Wednesday, 12th day of Feb. next,

at 120'clock noon, to receive the Annual Report of the Directors, with financial statements, and to elect Directors for the ensuing year. By ord r. F. ROPER, Secretary.

Toronto, Jan. 11th, 1879.

THE STANDARD

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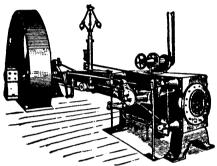
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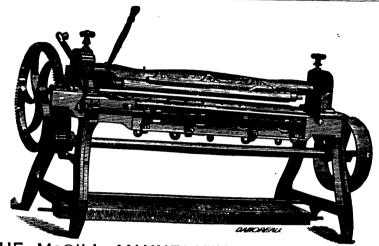
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 Psid-up Capital
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 Fire Reserve Fund
 £794.57

 Premium Reserve
 302,67
 £250,000 Sig.

£1,097,248 Life Accumulation.....£2,711,877 Annuity Funds 294,875 £3,006,752 "

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Life Premiums & Interest...£434,364
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