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The Annual (ieneral Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Banking House of the Institution on Monday, the Third day of December next.

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The TRANSFFR BOOKS will be closed from the Sixteenth to the Thirtieth days of November, both days inclusive.
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1HE TKANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the sixteenth to the 30th of November, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
G. H. BALFOUR, General Manager.

Quebec, Oct. 24th, 1906.

THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of TWELVE PER CENT. PER ANNUM upon the capital stock of this bank has been declared for the QUARTER ending the 30th November next, and that the same will be payable at the head office and branches on and after SATURDAY, THE lst DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 30 th November, both days inclusive. By order of the Board,

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Toronto, Oct. 24th, 1908.

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The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Banking House, 61-63 Yonge Street, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 22nd of January, 1907, the chair to be taken at twelve o'clock noon.
By, order of the Board,

> H. S. STRATHY, General Manager.
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The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will take place at the Head Office of the Bank, in Montrenl, on Wednesday, the 19th of December next, at noon.

By order of the Board,
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-China has put an edict against the use of opium into force.
-The King Edward Hotel, Toronto, is to be entarged by having two storeys added.
-The coal shipments to Toronto for the past season to date aggregate 156,983 tons.
-The Northern Ontario Consolidated Copper Company will build a smelter at Dead Lake.
-The Canadian Linseed Oil Mills hive ever came through the canals. The steamer Marshall arrived last week with over 80,000 bushels of thisg graty for them,
and it was discharged in the Harbour elevator.
-Applications for 124,495 horse power have been received by Hydro-Electric Power Commission from forty-six muni-
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#### Abstract

-The Northern Bank has moved into its new quarters at Prince Nbert, Sask. -The Northern Accident Co. of Glasgow has entered into a provisional agreement for the transferring of its business to the Royal Insmance (\% of Liverpool


The Lufkin Rule and Measuring Co.. a large enterprize at Saginaw, Mich., has purchased property on Caron Avenue, Windsor, for a Canadian branch factory.
-Kioting in Hamiton was semous on Saturday night and police and solders repeatedly charged the mobs. The police used their batoms frecly. The ion act was read.

A tank containing 30,000 gallons of water on the roof of Eddy's paper mills, liull. fell through the roof and destroyed the propirty and machinery to the extent of $\$ 10,000$.

The st. Mary's by-law to loan the North Midland Electric Railway Co. the sum of forty thousand dollars was voted on Saturday and defeated by a majority of three votes.
-The site of the Gilmour Hotel Ottawa, which was destroyed by fire, entailing loss of life, has been sold for $\$ 42,000$ to a company of local men who will erect a large new hotel.
--Brandon is installing a new fire alarm system, and it is understood that above each alarm box will be placed a small red light as an indication of where the boxes are at night.
-Uttawa Clearing House total for week ending Nov. 22, 1906, $\$ 3,544,935$; corre ponding week last year $\$ 2,704,415$. -London Clearing House total for week ending Nov. 22, 1906, \$1,133,271.
-The capital of the Allis-Chalmers-Bullock Company, Montreal, his been increased from $\$ 1,200,000$ to $\$ 2,500,000$.
-Mr. James Oborne, general superintendent of the Eastern Division of the (.P.R., is being transferred to the Ontario Division, with headquarters at Toronto, and Mr. Timmerman, of the Ontario Division, will come to Montreal.

- Canadlan loactic Ralway Co., return of traffic earnings from Nov. 14 to $21,1906, \$ 1.378 .000 ; 1905, \$ 1.334,000$; increase $\$ 4,000$.-- (irand Trunk Railway Nystem, traffic earnings from Noッ. 1.5 to 21, 1906, $\$ 876,486 ; 1905, \$ 791,904$; increase $\$ 84,582$.
-The elmmation of the microscopic examination of pork from the new American meat inspection regulations has resulted in a preliminary desision on the part of the French customs authorities barring American ham, bacon, tinned pork, ete.
- A private dispatch from Mexico City says the contract for the British Columbia-Mexican steamship service was signed there friday last. Canada has already signed the contract. The line will be established in March, with monthly sailings, by W. Simons and Co., of Liverpool.
-The financial statement of the Ottawa Central Canada Exhibition Association for the present year shows that the recerpts were $\$ 4.000$ more than during the previous year. Nevertheless, there was a deficit of $\$ 1,323$, the expenditures being larger. The total receipts were $\$ 40,688$.
-President Mackenzie of the C.N.R., Messrs. D. B. Hanna and H Sutherland arrived at Winnipeg last week. The primary object of thèir trip is to take over the Qu'Appelle and Long Lake road, more commonly known as the Prince Albert branch of the C.P.R., which the C.N.R. recently purchased.


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-The Postoffice Department, Ottawa, is about to engage in the express business. The staff and machinery for this purpose already exist./and it is felt that without much expense the public interests can be greatly facilitated by the innovation.

The working arrangements entered into on October 1 between the leading soap manufacturers of the Linited Kingdom, popularly known as the "soap trust," was terminated at liverpool on Saturday last on the ground that the combine had been received with great disfavour by the trade and public
-Secretary Metcalf, of the U.S. Department of Commerce and Labour. has directed the commissioner of corporations to make an investigation of the action of fire insurance companies in the payment of claims and losses resulting from the earthquake and fire in San Francisco and other places in California.
-The Fernie strike has cost half a million, and the Crow's Nest Coal Company lost one hundred thousand in profits, and it will cost fifty thousand dollars to place the mines in good condition agan, which will take one month. Then men lost the strike and three hundred thou*and in wages. The Government lost twenty thousand in royalties.
-Mr. Forster Boulton, speaking to the Canadian Associated Press, said his object in putting his question to Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons with reference to the Chinese of British Columbia, was to obtain an official repudiation of the rumour that the Chinese of British Columbia lived under conditions similar to those in South Afrida.
-Fall River's cotton mill employees were granted increased wages Friday. 30,000 operatives come under a scale giving them ten per cent. more than the present rate. The granting of an advance prevented a strike, the men having roted to stop work in all mills if the new schedule was not accepted. The new scale affiects seventy corporations, operating ninety-two mills.

The foreign commerce of Great Brit.in for the month of Octoler, 1906, made large gains over the corresponding month in 1: 1 , both in imports and exports, the former showing a gain of $\$ 29,634,500$ and the latter $\$ 19,333,875$. Raw materials and articles mainly manufactured formed the bulk of the increased imports, while articles wholly or mainly manufactured made up chiefly the increase in exports.
-Seizarre was made Friday last by the Royal Trust Co. on the Great Northern Railway, the object being to force Mackenzie and Mann to make a settlement of the actions by the bondholders of the Great Northern Elevator Co. Judgment has been given in favour of the elevator company, but Mackenzie and Mann are carrying it to the Supreme Court. They have not given security for costs yet, hence the seizure.
-Preceded by loud detonations, another portion of the crater of Mount Vesuvius, on the side nearest Pompeii, collaps $2 d$ Saturday last, and the voleano threw out ashes, cinders and smoke, which rose like an immens. umbrella. Prof. Matteucci, director of the royal observatory on Mount Vesuvius, continues to declare that there is no danger of an eruption.
-The exports of cotton piece goods of all kinds from the United Kingdom during the month of October were practically the same as a year ago, being $509,948,200$ yards in 1906, against $509,733,400$ yards in October, 1905. There was a noticeable increase in shipments to British Indian ports, while China and Japan continue to lessen their takings. Canada toqk $3,010,300$ yards in October, 1906; against $2,394,000$, the same period a year ago.
-A despatch from Sherbrooke, says the negotiations of Mr. George Van Dyke for, the purchase of the Royal Paper Mills, at East Angus, have not yet been concluded. There is a good prospect that they will be successful. It is also reported on good authority that if the deal goes through there is a possibility of the property of the Brompton Pulp and Paper Co. being purchased, and the two concerns amalgamated into one, the result being a very important concern.
-The U.K. has appointed a strong Royal Commission to enquire into the operation of shipping combines and the system of deferred rebates, with the view of remedial legislation if they are tound to be injurious to British or Colonial trade. The members include in addition to the representatives of all the Cotomles, Arthur Cohen, chairman; Sir David Barbour, Lord inverclyde, the Earl of Jersey, and many members of Parliament and persons prominent in the shipping world.
-The Secretary of the Prince Albert Board of Trade, states that two new industries are about to be established there, and both on a large scale. Among the natural resources of the district to which he has been calling attention are pulp wood and clay deposits, and capitálists have now been interested which will convert these into paper and pressed bricks. The firm which 1 s establishing the brick works is prepared to in-
vest $\$ 100,000$ and investment. investment.
-Commencing with the New Year the North German Lloyd mail service from Southampton to Australia will be quickened by slx day\%. The passage between Southampton and Fremantle will be reduced trom thirty-eight to thirty-four days, and from southampton to sydney from forty-nine to fortythree days, while the times between intermediate ports will be reduced in proportion. The China and Japan service will also be quickened by two days, and from the commencement of 1907 both these services will be maintained solely by twin screw steamers of the latest type.

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THE LABOLROF THE ROYAL COMMISSION:
The Royal Commissioners on Life Assurance are drawing their labours to a close, and mose who sway the destinjes of all the life companies operating in Canada are notified that they have until the middle of next week to formulate any views upon the subject which they believe they can recommend to the consideration of those in power.

Those who can take an unbiassed survey of the situation camot have failed to institute comparisons between the original motives in New York and those in Canada, and between the objects respectively aimed at. The action taken in respect of the business in Germany of one large New York company naturally directed attention to the character of the investments and reserpes at heallyarters. "The way we live now"-in New Vork and elsewhere-began to be discussed in swell chuls and other places where millionaires and high-fliers most do congregate, and white light began to be directed upon one or two notables, who inherited and derived their great wealth from the invested contributions of life policyholders. The private doings of these rivals of Lacullus of old had been paraded in the public press, exciting the envy of all classes, the cupidity of legal gentlemen, and gradually leading up to the condition of things which sent Governor elect Hughes to the front and our own people to examining similar institutions at home.

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The information elicited by the New York Commission proved be far and beyond all that had been charged or suspected. The portion of it which appealed more directly to the public mind was' that which concerned the salaries and emoluments of presidents and other officers, including near connections and blood, relations. Under the recent legislation, these have been reduced, but in rooting up evil, it is to be feared that much mischief has been done at the same time. There are features in the new laws framed to protect policyholders and check the corruption which would seem to be inseparable from too free a hand being given in making investments in this gambling age; but we venture to say that the coming year will not be very far advanced before the discovery that the legislators have gone too far in their new-found zeal, have used the lancet tos freely for the good of the system. Pruning must follow as a matter of course.

It will be well for us in Canada, whose Royal Commission has been the outcome of the investigation over the border- whatever value we may set upon the suggestions and portents appearing annually in the Blue-Books-to take heed of our steps that these important savings-banks for posterity are not unduly hampered in their operations in the new legislation and enactments with which we are are threatened. There are evils that

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environ the business of life assurance in common with all laudable enterprises, and no sensible man will contend that those who direct them should be denied almost as much freedom in framing the statutes under which they labour-by which they are restricted-as for instance, our exemplary banks, with which so favourable a comparison has already been made in these columns. Life assurance companies are extremely sensitive to criticism-and they have not been singularly free from a share of censure-they are often singled out by the designing and the fraudulent, and have been known, rather than enter the law courts, to pay claims which had less foundation than many of those fought to the bitter end by other corporations equally reputable and responsible.
Rebating and its foster-brother, Twisting, are two of the most censurable evils that follow in the wake of the life agent, but they are only human after all, and it is to be feared no legislation can provide an antidote for one or the other. Commissions would seem to be inseparalle nowadays from any business where personal influence or suasion comes prominently into play, and life insurance in its modern or Americanized "form and fashion" is, perhaps, more dependent upon persuasive canvassing than any enterprise of the age. To cramp the movements of the field-man in life insurance is to deprive thrift of its most powerful motor and incentive and to increase the cost of such protection far beyond the present rate, rendering practically forbid ${ }^{\prime}$ den what is found within the means of nearly every salaried officer, wage-earner or business man in the community.
The question of greater freedom in the choice of investments is surrounded with difficulties, but it is generally believed that the field will be considerably widened, more particularly to those obliged to make deposits in other lands. The risks undertaken by life ${ }^{\prime}$ managers resemble fire hazards in one respect, that the losses in one place are retrieved by the profits in another, as so aptly illustrated by one of the larger native companies examined before the Commission in Montreal.
After all is said and done, it seems somewhat anomalous that the securities which are looked upon by the ordinary investors as the most desirable are not included in the category of those permitted to the life assurance companies. While every policyholder and every company is in favour of judicious legislation upon the subject during the present Session of Parliament,

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the general sense of the people is not favourable to overmuch tinkering in a business which in respect of stability has shown itself comparable to the institutions of yhich Canada has most reason to be proud.

## GOVERNMENT AND BANK DEPOSI'TS.

In that portion of the Public Accounts relating to the post-office and government savings banks it is shown that the amount at the credit of depositors there on the 30 th June last was $\$ 61,910,622$, a decrease of $\$ 106,2 \% 4$, as compared with that of a year before. This falling off of itself is a trifle, but in a time when the earnings of the people who constitute the great majority of depositors in these depositories have been vastly greater than in former years, it is not without significance as the "straw that shows how the wind blows."

The chief cause for the decrease is doubtless attributable to the multiplication of bank branches all over the country. The prosperity of the country, agricultural as well as mechanical, is felt everywhere; money does not all go to the department stores or to the purchase of luxuries of any kind, such as pianos, organs and music lessons, or furs expensive enough for a princess but out of place in' a cottage and without accessories, or in the buying of adjoining farms; it has heretofore found its way largely to the Ottawa receptacles whence, of course, it may be drawn on due netice, but not so readily as from the chartered bank or any of its branches, now within easy reach of nearly all, the thrifty and the unthrifty. The depositor in the reighbouring branch understands that his character as a customer and man of foresight will stand him in good stead if at any time he finds it advisable to effect a loan from the bank: he is in close touch with the agent or manager whose advice in matters of investment is gencrally worth having.
The old practice in country places-and still much too common in farm houses-of keeping money locked up in a trunk, perhaps in a stocking, is gradually falling into desuetude owing in a great measure to the contiguity of the branch bank, which acts as an educator for miles around-a missionary in economics, as it wereand thus promotes the prosperity of the farmer and wage-earner, whose profits or savings are no longer "eating their heads off," but are earning money in turn and proving an important factor in the development of the country. Every farmer who wants to pay a small
account has often realized the difficulty and inconvenience arising from being unable to make or procure "change" when a cheque upon the-bank or its branch olviates the whole difficulty, besides when payable "to order," proving in itself a receipt for the amount of its fare. It is quite probable that there must be still greater withdrawals of those "permanent investments" from the Post office and (iovernment'savings banks; for the promoters of the beanch-bank system are terribly in carnest in their new propaganda, in which they are sure to continue holding the good wishes of every storekeeper. wholesaln and retail-every business man-wherever his sphere of operations.

The Roport of the Department shows that the withdranals for the liscal year exceeded the deposits by $\$ 1$.
 crued, thes making the net decrease of $\$ 106,9 ?$ a above noted.

There appars to be quite a demand for $\$ 1$ and $\$$ ? 1) ominion notes, doubtless due to the abnormal activity in the retail trate. The followings shows the circulation of these notes at the end of september and october in 1s:99, 19003, and 1906:-

| September- |  |
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| 1899. | * 9,269.513 |
| 19033. . | 12,006.172 |
| 1906 | 15,086,342 |
| October- |  |
| $1 \times 99$ | \$ 9,421,885 |
| 1903 | 12,158,19 |
| 1906. . | 15.324,811 |

A plentiful suply of small currency tends to promote trade. A five or ten once broken is almost certain to add to the circulation-to melt away for the bemefit of the storckeeper or other trader.

## MCNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Tho ('ensus: Burean of the Commerce and Labour Department at $I$ ashington has prepared an elaborate bulletin concerning the public debt of the United States, including therein not only the National Debt but that of the different States and Territories, the cities and counties or parishes. Immediately after the civil war there seemed to be a universal desire to pay off the immense debt created thereby of $\$ 2,756,431,571$ in 1 sib-or nearly $\$ 80$ per head of the inhabitantsand this payment went on until the Cuban war with Spain. But latterly, as the Census shows, the municipal deht has been growing at an enormous rate; even the rate per head in a country rapidly growing in population has not been decreasing municipally.
The remarkable industrial development of that country would have warranted other conclusions, but, as with ourselves in Canada, there has been unprecedented expansion in almost every direction; and as it is frequently remarked of loans-that the richest men are usually the largest borrowers-so of the wealthiest nations: and we have only to point to the debt of the United Kingdom and even, probably, our own in Can-
ada as confirmation of the truth of the saying. The French say, referring to the attitude of lenders, "On ne prete qu'aux riches" (We lend only to the wealthy), which, of course, applies to reputed wealth also.

The grand total indebtedness of the United States is shown by the subjoined table, thousands (000) omitted:

| Net debt <br> less sinking funds. | $\begin{gathered} 1902 \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1890 . \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1880 . \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1870 . \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ |
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| States and Territories.. <br> P'er capita | $\begin{array}{r} 234.314 \\ \$ 2.98 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 211,924 \\ \$ 3.38 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 274,745 \\ \$ 5.48 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 352,866 \\ \$ 9.15 \end{array}$ |
| counties | 196,414 | 145,048 | 124,10.5 | 187,565 |
| Per capita | *2.50 | \$2.32 | \$2.4 | \$4.87 |
| Cities, villages, etc. | 1,433.467 | 780,946 | 724.427 | 328,244 |
| Per capita | \$18.24 | \$12.47 | \$14.45 | \$8.51 |
| Total | 1,864,193 | 137,918 | 123,278 | 368,676 |
| Per capita | \$23.72 | \$18.17 | \$22.40 | \$22.53 |
| l'nited states | 925,011 | 890,784 | 1,919.326 | 331.169 |
| Per caputa | \$11.77 | \$14.22 | \$39.26 | \$60.46 |
| (irand total | 2.789.207 2 | .1128.703: | .042,60.5 | 193,846 |
| Per capita | \$35.49 | \$32.39 | \$60.66 | \$82.99 |

County indebtedness, it may be remarked, is among the lowest of those incurred throughout the United states.

## (OOLI STORAGE DISAPPOLNTMENT.

Cold storage, which has proved rather successful on this side of the Atlantic, does not appear to have made much headway in South Africa-a portion of the Empire which, from nearly all accounts. 'that reach us, has acquired the reputation of being the burial place of many commercial hopes, to say nothing of political reputations. Among the enterprises in that perplexing country and contributing to its latter-day vicissitudes is that known as the Imperial Cold Storage and Supply '('o., which was floated in 1902 at the height of the local boom in such rentures, caused by the war, and which has met with the usual fate of undertakings to supply temporary demand. The recently issued report of the company-to the 1st April last-though not quite so disspiriting as that of the previous year, is nevertheless pronounced to be remarkably bad.

After making provision for bad debts and depreciation with interest on debentures there was a profit of $\$ 288,500$, but this is reduced to $\$ 153,900$, by the writing down of various assets, such as depreciation of plant and machinery in the three preceding years; losses in the realization of certain plant and machinery, and in making provision in respect of "several assets of doubtful or no value," and $\$ 68,700$ in writing off the shares in the Buffalo Cold Storage Co., the holding being considered valueless. In the end, the debit balance of $\$ 475,000$ brought into account is merely reduced to $\$ 410,000$ and the shareholders are faced with the fact that, in spite of the extraordinary appropriations d»tailed above, the balance sheet is still over-weighted. Land, buildings, and property in South Africa have greatly depreciated, but these items still figure in the books at cost price, viz, $\$ 4,680,000$; a nine-tenth inter-
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est in a concession at Delagoa Bay is credited at $\$ 250$,000 , and the company's other share holdings require to be written down to something like their real value. To do this, the directors propose to cut down the $\$ 8, \% 00$,000 share capital by one-half, giving one new share for every two held. "Some of the water," says the Economist, "will certainly be squeezed out of the concern by this means, but it will not help the earning power of the company, which can only be increased by economy and good management."

## AN INIUCSTRIAL CENSUS

A comparison will shortly be possible between the industrial growth of our neighbours and that of the United Empire, which cannot fail to bring satisfaction to the minds of everyone the world over who expresses himself in what is generally conceded to be the language of commerce. The United States have just/finished their Census of Industries of 1905, a vast undertaking, which we trust is more accurate than the directories of many of the larger cities therein. England is following suit with a Census of Production, a Bill for which was recently brought before Parliament. If the whole Empire is to be included we need have no fear of the results. While accuracy can scarcely be expected, it is to be hoped that exaggeration may be avoided, at the same time that more justice may be done all round than was meted out to Canada in our last census, in which so far as population was concerned numbers of persons and whole families were not visited. This is, perhaps, not so much to be wondered at in older cities like Montreal, where our back streets and blind alleys are so puzzling to census-takers and directory compilers.
The figures given by our neighbours reveal a wonderful growth of prosperity. The increase of industry during the first five years of the century was almost equal to the total of the ten years preceding. The amount of capital invested in industrial enterprise in 1905 is placed at $\$ 12,685,000,000$, representing a five years' increase of 41 per cent., while the product of the industries is given as $\$ 8,500,000,000$, an increase of rather less than 30 per cent. An analysis of these figures shows clearly the great strength of the movement towards combination of industries, as the "incorporated companies" were responsible for 33 per cent. of the total production of the country, and paid out 72 per cent. of the wages. Among the most important industries of the United States, the increase. prosperity seems to have been fairly evenly distributed; with regard both to capital and output they have all made substantial progress from the position which they held in 1900. In the food-producing industries the capital employed has increased by $\$ 272,225,000$, or at the rate of 30 per cent., the value of the producis having increased in the same ratio. The textile trades show an increase in capital of $\$ 403,535,000$, or 30 per cent., and in output of 31 per cent. The advance in the iron and steel trade has been even larger. This industry now absorbs $\$ 2,331,500,000$ capital, giving an increase of 44 per cent. over the amcunt of 1900 . Its output is valued at $\$ 2,175,740,000$, an increase over

1900 of 20 per cent. Amongst other trades, the most remarkable increase in capital is shown by tobacco$\$ 212,465,000$ or 190 per cent., in five years. Great advances have been made also in the lumber trade, and in the/ various industries classed together as "miscellaneous." The fluctuations in the demand for labour during 1905 seem to have been serious. In the words of the report, "The greatest number of wage-earners employed at any one time during the year was \%,017,138, and the least 4,599,061. As all establishments did not employ the greatest and least number at the same time, the totals are a combination of the numbers for various days of the year." In the autumn months the demand for labour is far stronger than at any other period of the year. The following table shows, in round numbers, the rarious items of expenditure in 1905, contrasted with the corresponding figures of 1900 :-


The above includes municipalities having a population in 1900 of not less than 8,000 .

## THE METRIC SYSTEM OF WEIGH'T'S AND MEASURES.

Whatever the advantages eventually to be derived from adopting the metric system of weights and measures in Canada, such as is now employed in France and some other countries, it is to be fearcd that much if not serious difficulty would interpose. A comparison of both systems was given at some length in these columns about a quarter of a century ago, but save a few commendatory replies from recent arrivals from France, the universal opinion was in favour of continuing as we are-of "leaving well enough alone." Some advocates, with a leaning towards science in business, pointed to the ease with which, in the late 50's, our monetary measures and terms were changed from pounds, shillings and pence to dollars and cents. This could scarcely be called a change, because every person who had learned the rudiments of arithmetic understood the use of decimals,' and readily fell in with the currency terms employed in the United States, greatly, it is believed, to our advantage. It would be somewhat different with the metric system-for other purposes than money. We have all over the Empire grown so accustomed to the old way, that if such a change were attempted at all, we should be obliged to act as people do who, having but an imperfect acquaintance with a foreign language, are obliged to think in their own words and translate them as best they may. The great majority of the people would have to think in tons,
pounds and ounces-in' barrels, bushels, gallons and quarts-in miles, yards, feet and inches-in acres, roods and perches-and convert them into grammes and kilogrammes-litres and hectolitres-metres and centimetres and millimetres-together with the several Greek and Latin prefixes by which they are modified, up or down the scale.

Then, nearly all the English terms are words of one syllable, such as ton, pound, ounce, inch, yard, rod, quart, pint, and so on; the metric nomenclature is composed of words of two to five syllables, such as "liter"which our people would pronounce as if spelt "lighter" -"Millimetre," "myriametre" et caetera. Were England to llead the way it would go far to reconcile our people toward giving it the necessary study, which we doubt the ability of "die lustige Marketenderin," or her male companion-and many of them are not slow-of the IIamilton, Toronts, Montreal or Quebec market places to acquire a practical knowledge of "after an evening's practice," as stated in the pamphlet just iskued by the Inland Revenue Department, which we heartily recommend to any person who would know all that can be said in favour of the metric system of weights and measures. We hope it may have a better reception-for the sake of posterity-than the spelling "reform" recently recommended by President Roosevelt over the border.

## THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The public accounts for the fiscal year ended the 30th June last have been placed before Parliament. Some of the figures seem to have been available already. The Controduction to the present Report is signed by Mr. Courtney, senior deputy minister, meantime superannuated. The receipts on account of consolidated fund for the year amounted roundly to $\$ 80,140,000$; the expenditure $\$ 6 \hat{\alpha}, 240,000$, making a surplus of receipts amounting to $\$ 12,900,000$. The outlay chargeable to apital is given as followis:-

## Intercolonial Railway

Prince Etward Island Ry
National Transcontinental Ry.
Lachine Canal
Sault Ste. Marie Canal
Trent Canal
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Cornwall Canal
Galops Canal
North Channel Canal
Soulanges Canal

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## Total

Government Buildings, Ottawa
Astronomical observatory
Branch of the Royal Mint
Dominion Archives buildings
Victoria Memorial Museum
Montreal Harbour.
Port Arthur, Fort William harbours
Port Colborne harbour
Quebec harbour
Georgian Bay to Montreal-waterway survey River St. Lawrence ship channel

Dominion lands Militia
\$ 599,780

Total, as above
1,299,877

The amounts of railway subsidies paid on account of the following were:-

Atlantic and Northwestern Ry.
\$ 186,600
Northern Colonization Ry.
75,376 Kootenay and Arrowhead Ry.

89,076 The Orford Mountain Ry.

45,765
Restigouche and Western Ry
50,070
The Quebec and Lake St. John Ry.
86,016
Middleton and Victoria Beach Ry.
50,303
James Bay Ry.
651,264
The Halifax and Southwestern Ry.
176,512
The Nicola, Kamloops, Simalkameen Coal and Ry.
100,592
The Chateauguay and Northern Ry
116,000

## Total

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An aggregate of $\$ 2,400,771$ was paid on account of Bounties.
Investments on account of the sinking funds of the various loans of the Dominion were made during the year to the amount of $\$ 2,317,436$, making the total amount held on this account $\$+8,016,409.53$. As a result of the redemption of loans carrying sinking funds, the outlay under this head is decreasing.

The net debt of the Dominion at the close of the fiscal year was $\$ 267,042_{b}, 97 \%$, being an increase over the previous year of $\$ 818,811$. The average rate of interest paid on the gross debt for the $y \in a r$ was $\$ 2.75$, as compared with $\$ 2.81$ at the corresponding period of the previous year; the net rate of interest fell from $\$ 2.26$ to $\$ 2.21$.

Bonds of the following works have been guaranteed by the Dominion Govermment to the following extent: -Quebec Bridge and Railway Co. The principal, $\$ 6,-$ 678,200 ; and for interest thereon at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum for 50 years.-The Canadian Northern Railway Co. Principal and interest thereon at the rate of 3 per cent. per annim, equalling about $\$ 9,500,000$, for 50 years.-Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. A sum equal to is per cent. of the cost of construction of the western division of the National Transcontinental Railway, but not exceeding $\$ 13,000$ per mile in respect of the prairie section.

The number of officers now serving and subject to the civil service superannuation act has been continued to June 30 last. The total coming und $\epsilon \mathrm{r}$ the operation of the old superannuation act has fallen from 2,100 to 2,000 during the fiscal year.

The late Deputy Minister takes occasion to sound a word of caution in this his last official report. The Dominion has entered upon the period in which loans contracted in its early history are falling due year by year. In the last fiscal year the $£ 1,000,0004$ per cent. loan of 1975 fell due on November 1, 1905; November 1, 1906, $\mathfrak{f 2 , 5 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ fell due; on May 1, 1907, the portion of the 1870 loan, extended in 1904, amounting to $£ 1,-$ 926,654, matures; and in each year uritil 1910 large sums will have to be redeemed or refunded. To carry on the large projects now under way, and at the same time meet maturing obligations, require the greatest care in order that the credit of the country, now so deservedly high, may suffer no impairment.

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Reference is made elsewhere to the post-office /and government savings banks.

## THE (ClOSE OF NAVIGATION.

The last of the seagoing vessels has left the port of Montreal, and, for all practical purposes, the season for navigation on the St. Lawrence' route for the year 1906 has closed. In some respects the season has been very satisfactory in its results. While there have been some mishaps to vessels and the total disaster to some of the smaller crafts,-attended in some cases with the loss of life-compared with former years the casualties have been few and the loss of property insignificant.
This is gratifying, as it tends to prove that the effort. made by the present government to carry out the intentions and policy of former years have been so far successful in making the route as safe as any of the great waterways. It may also be that an important factor bearing upon the comparative immunity from accidents is, that those responsible in charge of vesselz have been compelled to exercise more vigilance and prudence in their sailings on the route, the lack of which vigilance in so many occasions in past years was too painfully evident.
However that may be, the outcome of the season's operations is to establish the fact that, considering the large business done upon it, the St. Lawrence route is as well provided with aids to navigation and is as safe as any other important waterway in the world. And yet bther improvements and aids are being now carried out, or contemplated in the near future.

All this will doubtless lead to the lowering of the rates of marine insurance. The discrimination against the St. Lawrence route in the past may have had some justification, but now it has none. The relative proportion of accidents in all the Atlartic ports on either side of the ocean will this year be favourable to those on the St. Lawrence route.

There are dangers concerning all seafaring life, otherwise there would be no need for marine insurance underwriters. The unfairness hitherto has been when any accident occurred on the St. Lawrence route the dangers of the route were magnified, whereas if a similar accident happened elsewhere it has been always accepted as a matter of course. All this reasoning will now be changed, and things put squarely.

As regards the port of Montreal, the business season just closed may be considered as satisfactory. The vessels arriving here are increasing in numbers yearly, but it is the increased size of the vessels that go to prove the growing importance of the trade of the part, and consequently that of the country at large. With the fine, well equipped ships already on the route, the

St. Lawrence is rapidly growing in favour with travellers to and from Europe, and it is not unreasonable to expect that the interest in it will continue to increase even more rapidly in the future than it has done even in the last few years.

Taken all together, the volume of business done in the harbour of Montreal this year has been well maintained, and on the whole fairly remunerative to those handling it, yet the unpleasant fact remains from former years, that the business has been sadly hindered and kept under by the strange doings of those in authority in the management of the harbour. Those doings have left undone year after year things that ought to have been done years ago, but which yet show no sign as to when they may be expected to be done.

Despite all this, the business of the country has been accomplished in the port by the perseverance of the business men in charge, but not without many anathemas hurled at the men responsible for the difficulty of doing their work with the incomplete sheds, the horrible condition of the surface of the roadways of the wharves, and the absence bf all those aids and appliances for handling freight, so essential to a wellequipped port, all of which the public were led to believe would be provided and which were promised to have been in operation long before this time.

Looking back at the past may not be pleasant in connection with these matters, yet the past cannot be ignored, for the works still remain under the management that has brought about the present condition of -if not stagnation-at least, costly delay in construction.

We have not yet a certified cost of the works up to any recent date. We are in receipt of the belated report of the Harbour Commissioners for 1905, just issued.

Taking the harbour sheds alone, we find that, up to the end of last year, the changes in the plans for the seven sheds on the way, had cost the large sum of $\$ 169,435$. Since that time other large and costly changes have been made, and, of course, will have to be paid for; and still further changes are now proposed that will involve further heavy cost and delay. And these are the plans which were paraded before the public by the Harbour Board as the perfection of engineering knowledge and skill! However, there they stand in outline-two storeys high, without any means by which the traffic may reach the second storey.

What shall be the oubcome of the shed question remains to be seen. That alone is responsible for the peculiar position-financially-of the Harbour Board Elevator, as shown in the report for 1905 . The total receints for elevating charges in that $y \in a r-t h e$ first full year-was $\$ 12,423$; the interest on the cost of construction was $\$ 21,402$; the cost of wages, etc., $\$ 21,989$.
That would seem rather a poor investment, but then it has not had a fair show. The "conveyors" of the grain to the ships are not up and could not be placed without the sheds, and when they may be placed under present conditions is uncertain.

All this goes to show that the sooner a thorough change in the management is made by the Government,
the better it will be for all interests connected with the trade of the country with Europe. That trade must, by the force of position and circumstances, be done principally here, notwithstanding these temporary disadvantages which/ought to be removed at an early day.

The present management is very costly, out of all proportion to the revenue and the service performed. It is expected the new Commissioners may shortly replace the present members. It seems one of those cases where almost any change must be an improvement. We can only hope that such may be the outcome, but we still opine that it would have been more beneficial for all interests if it were made purely Departmental work, one for which the Government would be directly responsible, as is the case with the Canals, where the principle has always worked so well.
There are some other features of the belated report above mentioned, which, however old and stale, we may make use of later on, but as they have been so long coming they will not lose much more by keeping a little longer.

## SOME AGE STATISTICS

There is a vastly greater proportion of long-lived people in turbulent south-eastern Europe than in other European countries. Servia has 575 per,ple who are over 100 years old; Roumania, 1,084; Bulgaria, 3,385. Among the northerly nations, Germany has but is; France 213; Spain 410 ; England 146; Scotland 46; Ireland 126; Denmark 2; Belgium 5; Sweden 10; Norway 23 ; siwitzerland none.! In countries where there is less care devoted to infants and young children and where medical skill is deficient, the weaker succumb in greater proportions, leaving the more vigorous-the fittest-to survive. It is to be feared, however, that as old age comes on among illiterate peoples there is les; accurace in keeping account of the flight of years, occassionally through a tendency to vain boasting here and there among them. It would surprise many people among ourselves to asertain what a large number of even tolerably educated persons are unable to tell the day or the year in which they were born. Registration of hirths was not always as common as it is to-day. But what forbidding subjects for anmitants are those rewolutionary people that border on the Balkan side of the (Grand Tourk.

In all countries there are more persons per 1,000 at the period of life between 30 and 40, Hungary and switzerland leading with 141 persons; France next at 139; Holland following with 135; Italy 134; Germany 134; I'nited States 128; Canada 110; scotland and Ireland being the lowest at 122 and 103 respectively. At the ages 40 to 50 , which follow with the greatest living proportion, France shows 125; Switzerland 119; Sweden 119; Italy 115; Denmark 114; the lowest being Ireland, at 99, and Scotland, at 46 Canada shows $i 6$. France again leads between the ages of 50 and 60 with 104 per 1,000 ; Belgium is next at 89. At 60 to 80 , France leads with 72 : Belgium 66 ; Ireland and Switzerland come next with 61. At 80 to

80 France yet leads with 36 ; Belgium comes next with 27; Holland, Sweden and Ireland 26; Scotland 25; Austria and Hungary come last with 16 and 11 respectively; between the ages 80 and 90, Ireland leads with 8 ; France and Norway show 7 each; Scotland, Italy, Belgium and Denmark 6, ; and Hungary lowest with $\rightleftharpoons$. At ages over 90, Jreland leads with 1.1; Norway next at 0.8; Scotland next at 0.6; Italy 0.6; Canada 0.5; England, Denmark, France, Belgium and the Vnited States, 0.4 each; Germany, Austriá and Switzerland last at 0.2.

During the years up to 20 France shows lowest in the scale, while at the same ages and up to 30 Ireland is generally ahead, being 116 to the average of 100 between 15 and 20 and 106 to an average of 100 between 15 and 20 , and 106 to an average of 100 between 20 and 30 years of age. Russia shows the greatest birth-rata; Poland and Hungary follow closely; France has the lowest.

## public opinion and trusts.

It has been announced from Liverpool that the "working arrangement entered into on October 1 between the leading soap manutacturers of the United Kingdom, popularly known as the soap Trust," was terminated at a meetung neld there last rinday by representatives of the firms concerned, on the ground that the "combine" has been "received with great disfavour by the trade and public." It was resolved that each firm should "continue to conduct its own business separately as had been done before the negotiations." The participants in this "working arrangement" called it an "alliance" and protested that it was not a "trust." One of them. an "M.P.", writing to the London "limes," vigorously repelled the idea that it was "one of those soulless, rapatious organizations so justly hated," and declared that "technically" the association "had nothing to do with a trust," and in practice was "just as far removed from one." Nevertheless, it had a purpose in existing, which was mainly to agree in keeping up the price of soap, and the trade and public would have none of it. It was forced by a public dpinion averse to any kind of monopoly "arrangement" to abandon its scheme.
This shows the power of public opinioa, when it is/sound and chooses to assert itself, to prevent or even to cure a dangerous evil; but prevention is proverbially easier and cheapar and therefore worth much more than cure. England has had a great advantage both in maintaining a sound public opinion on the "trust," or monopoly. question, and in giving it force when it finds occasion for asserting itself. In the first plaze, it haw had no protective tariff behind which trusts and monopolies could be built up. and could defend themselves with the cry that the tariff was for the benefit of domestic industries and labour. They could not shipld themblees from attack with the pretence that any stones thrown at then would hit workingmen on the head and demolish work-hops all over the land. Free competition from the outside had stimulated industry and trade for two generations and made it impossible to form "combines" to monopolize the home market and put up prices on the consumer. So public opinion bad not been demoralized by false theories and fallacious argmments, and when the "soap combine" was attempted it was a simple matter of prevention, not of cure.
In the U.S. public opinion is aroused on the subject of trusts and monopolies, but it has a different task to accomphish. It has a virulent disease already developed to combat. U.S. defective patent laws have been a prolific mother of trusts, says the N.Y. Journal of Commerce. Protective duties, keeping off foreign competition, and railroad discrimination tor restraining or perverting domestic competition, consorted together a long time begetting and fostering all sorts of "combines" whereby some profited to the loss of others, and con-
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## DENATUKED ALCOHOL

The U.S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue issucd last week a list of instructions supplemental to those formerly announced relative to denatured alcohol. Supplemental to these instructions, which are for the guidance of internal revenue officers, he answers several queries from persons commercially interested. One of these asks, "Will adding $\overline{5}$ per cent. of oil lemon to alcohol be considered as being denatured?" the purpose being to determine whether the law applies to the manufacture of flavouring extracts in general.
The Commissioner replies that flavouring extracts or essences such as lemon, vanilla, etc., while not ordinarily sold or used as beverages are readily susceptible of being used in this way. They are so much better adapted to beverage purposes than most alcoholic liquid medicinal preparations, that to allow the use of tax free alcohol in such a line of manufacture would lead to senious frauds on the reyenues and gross abuse of the privileges of the law by unscrupulous persons; hence a negative answer is given.
Another asked for information as to the use of tax free alcohol in the manufacture of sulphuric ether. The Commissioner replies that alcohol so used is expressly excluded from the benefits of the Act.
Another question brought up concerns a specific case as to the premises for storing denatured alcohol, to which the Commissioner replies in general that "the question of whether or not two buildings or parts of the same constitute the same premises will have to be determined in a large measure by the Collector of Internal Revenue or his deputy. Manufacturers should file with the Collector for the district an application for a permit to deal in denatured alcohol and submit therewith a diagram of the premises showing connection between the several buildings parts thereaf.
A question is asked as to the special tax liability of persons employed by wholesale liquor dealers in other States to take orlers for whiskey and to send these orders in to the wholesate house, they recelving a commission for all orders which are accepted when shipped to the parties C.O.D. through express offices. The answer is that persons thus acting on commission neither receive nor have any hand in the delivery of the whiskey to the customers. whose orders they have taken therefore. but merely solicit these orders and send them on to the wholesale dealers. These agents are not in any way charged for the shipments, and are not, in the opinion of the Internal Revenue Ottice, involved in any special tax liability ander the internal revenue laws.
-Elmma ratepayers carried a by-law to expend $\$ 25,000$ for waterworks.

## RAILWAY STATISTICS.

The enormous extent of the railway busiress of this continent was exhibited by the recently published annual report of the Inter-state Commerce Commission, which showed that during the year the railroads of the United States had earned well over two and a quarter billions of dollars, while their profits amounted to three-quarters of a billion. Even these figures did not represent the whole financial operations of the ralways, as the report only covered the "trackage rights" lines, which, however, represent about 95 per cent. of the lines in the country.
The report covers the returns of railways operating 220,028 mites of line, and the gross earnings per mile were $\$ 10.543$, with net profits of $\$ 3,580$ per mile. These figures represent not only the greatest but the most protitable year in the history of American railroading.

The total gross earnings of the roads were $\$ 2.319 .760 .030$, being equivalent to $\$ 10,543$, per mile. Passenger earnings were $\$ 618,5 \pi 5,934$, or $\$ 2,811$ per mile, and freight earnings $\$ 1$,640.942 .862 , or $\$ 7.458$ per mile. Operating expenses were $\$ 1$,$532.163,153$. or $\$ 6.963$ per mile. The net earnings of the rods were $\$ 787.596 .877$, being $\$ 3,580$ per mile, and nearly $\$ 9,000,000$ more than the corresponding amount reported for the previous year. The amount reported as income from sources other than operation was $\$ 132,624.982$. This amount includes a few duplications, due to the method of accounting followed by certain reporting carriers. Adding this amount to net earnings from operation gives $\$ 920,221,859$. Against this amount were charged as interest, rents, betterments, taxes and miscellaneous items the sum of $\$ 590,386.554$, and as dividends the sum of $\$ 229,406.598$, leaving a surplus for the year of $\$ 100$,428,707 . The taxes paid during the year were $\$ 68.903,288$.
The final report for the year ended June 30, 1905, showed a surplus of $\$ 89,043,490$. The amount of dividends declared in 1906 was $\$ 34,248,605$ more than that shown tor the dividends of practically the same roads in 1905 . This preliminary report relates to operating roads only, and does not include the statement of any diivdends paid by leased lines from the income they recelved as rent. The dividends declared by the subsidiary leased lines for the year 1905 were about $\$ 35$.750.000.

## LIFE INSURANCE OFFICERS' ASCOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above named association was held at Toronto toward the close of last week. The officers of the previous year were all re-elected, with Mr. David Burke, A.I.A., F.s.S., General Manager of the Royal Victoria Life. as P'resident. The meeting, which adjourned to meet again, was chiefly devoted to the discussion of questions arising from the insurance investigation. The Royal Commission had asked for a more detailed memorial than the one presented by the assoclation a few weeks ago, and the matter was tak'en into consideration, the question of what returns and reports should be made to the Government receiving minute attention.
The President, Mr. Burke, is of opinion that the Ámstrong Commission, in the New York investigation, asked for reports in/matters which never before were touched upon. The result has been to throw a great deal of extra work on the insurance companies, much of which in the opinion of the officers is not justified by its usefulness. The Canadian Officers, Association favours greater publicity in the affairs of the companies, but bot greater restrictions. "We are anxious," says Mr. Burke, "to see as mush responsibility as possible thrown on the officers and directors of the companies, but not to see the companies thed down by hampering legislation. The system of holding the directors responsible has worked very well in England, where it is generally practiced; while in the United states, where they have hampered the companies with lepislation, the greatist scandals of the industry have arisen."

## BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES

In Ontario the following have assigned:-IV. B. Hampton, grocer, fort brep; J. L. Thomas, civil engineer, London; C. St. Onge, et. al., general store, Russell Township; G. H. Morris, Jr., blackomith, Catheart; W. G. Winfrey, florist, Midland; R. A. Couley tailor, Ottawa; F. J. Malton, groced, Bothwell; B. G. Burk, general store, Buxton; Disney and Devin Mtg. C'o., Lat.. mirs, chairs, Hanover; Wm. Vair, confectioner', St. Thomas; Smith and Frame, electricians, Toronto; J. D. Smith. planing mill, Woodstock. Application has been made for a winding-up order against the Commercial Art Co, Ltd., Toronto.
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In this Province, recent assignments include Nap. Couture general store, Murray Bay, J. (loutier and fils, grocers, Que ber: E. Gervais and Co., paints, etc., (Quebec; L. A. Robitalle and (o., hardware. Queber.
Ine Canadian Trading Co., Sorel, is offering 2.ec on the dollar. cash.
Irwin Harris and Co.. wholesale fruits, city, have assigned. The business was conducted by Mr. Irwin Harris under the name of his wife, he having been unsuccessful on a former occasion. Exdessive competition, bad debts and too moderate a capital are given as the cause of the trouble. Mr. Harris is popular in the trade, and much sympathy is felt for him. The lialilities will not be much in excess of $\$ 5.000$.
In the North-West. the usual number of firms are reported to have sold out, showing a somewhat restless condition of affairs among retailers. T. Oliver, meats, Medicine Hat, has assugned. At Vancouver, the sheriff is in possession of the British Columbia Flemish Finishing Co. The Thre-hers Supply Co., Ltd., Winnipeg. has assigned
Nova Scotia advices report that a winding up order has been applied for in the matter of the Maritime Gasoline Engine and Supply Co., of Halifax.
Commercial failures last week in the U.S., as reported by Dun and ( $\%$.. are 264, against 236 a week ago, 172 the preceding week, and 228 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 32, against 34 a week ago. 31 the preceding week and 34 last year. 95 report liabilities of $\$ 5,000$ or more. Labilities of commercial fallures reported for November to date are $\$ 4.111,944$. compared with $\$ 6.797,791$, a year ago.

## JIM HILLSS Christmas gift

That men of vast acquisitions can be as munificent in their gifts as the most exacting mortal or moderate socialist, /eould desire, has just been proven/by one of the most triking examples in business or industrial history. Mr. J. I. Hill, one of the ablest men of his own or any generation, has decided to give the shareholders in the (ireat Northern (U.S.) Railway, the Hill ore properties, which, as already noted in these columns, the U.S. steel Corporation announced early in October were the subject of a contract for their acquisition on a royalty basis.
It was then' stated. in the contract signed on 5th Oct. that the price to be paid was $\$ 1.65$ per ton delivered on the docks at the l'pper Lake ports, with an increase of 3.4 cents per ton with each succeeding, year. The minimum quantity of ore to be mined is 750,000 tons for the year 1907 , with an increase of 750,000 tons per year for each succeding year until the aggregate per annum reaches $8,250.000$ tons and thereafter the amount mined is to continue on that basis. The lease of the lands is a perpetual one-that is, lasts mitil the ore has been exhausted. It has also transpired that out of the price to be paid for the ore delivered at the docks on Lake Superior 80 cents is to go to the Great Northern Co. for hauling the ore. This leaves the amount of the royalty which will pass to the trustees under the trust just created, 85 cents a ton for the first year, with an increase of 3.4 cents for each year there-
after indefinitely. This 3.4 cents, it will be noticed, is exactly 4 per cent. on the 85 cents; and thus in effect the Steel Corporation take the whole of the ore on a basis of 85 cents a ton, with 4 per cent. simple interest up to the date when the ore shall be taken out of the ground.

The certificates of beneficial interest to be issued to represent these ore lands, while having no par or specified value, will be, says the New York Chronicle, for the same number of shares in the aggregate as the present share capital of the Great Northern Co., namely $1,500,000$ shares, and may hence farly be taken as the nominal equivalent of $\$ 150,000,000$.

## FIRE RECORD

The town of Sturgeon Falls was visited by a disastrous fire On Sunday last, which destroyed the principal business block, and did damage to the extent of $\$ 50,000$. The principal losers are the tollowing:-Nell McArthur, plumber, bullding, house hold \&ffects and stock, $\$ 17,000$, insurance $\$ 3,600 /$ P. S. Thomas, diuggist and jeweller, loss $\$ 10,000$, insurance $\$ \overline{5}, 500 ; G$. H. "elghtman, baker and confectioner, loss $\$ 1,500$, insurance; II. J. Roche, hardware, loss $\$ 4,000$, no insurance; J. L. Baker, tailor, loss $\$ 5.000$, insurance $\$ 3.000$; Miss Pigeon, music teacher, loss $\$, 500$, insurance $\$ 300$; W. Parlament, grocer, loss $\$ 1,000$, covered by insurance; Robert Lillie, hardware, loss $\$ 200$, covered by insurance. The insurance companies affected are:-Anglo-American $\$ 1,740$; Merchants $\$ 1,000$; Standard $\$ 1,000$; Iork Mutual $\$ 1,500$; Montreal Canada $\$ 1,500$; Wellington $\$ 1$, ( 000 ; London Mutual $\$ 1,300$; Standard $\$ 1,000$; Traders $\$ 500$
Fire destroyed the store of the Union Supply Co., Rosthern, Sask., Saturday. Loss $\$ 15,000$; insurance $\$ 13.500$.
The barns of Dr. J. D. Reid. Prescott, were burned Saturday. Loss covered by insurance
Fire broke out Saturday in the establishment of the NorthWestern Fur Manufacturing Co., St. Paul Street. city, and did damage to extent of $\$ 6,000$; covered by insurance.
the mitlial and the new york life in england.
John Bull is not accustomed to turn his back to the plow once he has taken hold. The International Policyholders' Com mittee in London has issued another circular letter concerning the election of new trustees for the Mutual Life Insurance ('o. of New York and the New York Life Insurance Co. They complain that the companies "are coatinuing their course of obstructing in every conceivable way the action of the policyholders to recover control." They instance a circular calling upon servants of the Mutual company to support the administration ticket, and the action of the general manager of the same company in South Africa with regard to proxies whereby polceyholders are otthclally invited to rote in favour of the administration, and no alternative is offered to them, the fact that other tickets had been nominated being suppressed

## THE FARMERS' BANK

The Farmers' Bank of Canada has succes:fully outridden the gale which threatened its peaceful launch while yet in the stocks some weeks ago. The organization meeting of the Bank was held on Monday last at headquarters in Toronto, Dr. W. Beattie Nesbitt, presiding. The following gentlemen werl ellected the first Board of Directors:-Dr. W. B. Nesbitt, CoL James Munro, Col. K. R. McLennan, John Gilchrist, N. M. Devean, Allan Eaton, W. G. Sinclair, Robt. Noble, Dr. A. Groves. The report of the provisonal board was received and approved. After the meeting of the shareholders the directors met and elected Col. McLennan as Honorary President; Dr. W. B. Nesbitt, President; Col. James Munro, Vice-President, and Mr. W. R. Travers, General Manager. With strong Management and a good Board of Directors the new Bank bids fair to prove a success, which we cordially wish it.

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## WHAT CANADA BUYS (B.).

Summary Statement of Foreign Merchandise Imported into Canada; the Quantity and Value entered for Consumption under the cieneral and Preferential Tariffs, the Duty Collected by Articles under each Tariff, and the Total Quantity and Value of each Article entered for Consumption and Amount of Duty Collected thereon during the Fiscal Year 1905:-

Total Imports. -General -Entered for Home Consumption--

Books-Novels or works of tiction, or literature of a simi lar character, unbound or parper bound, on in sheets, in cluding freight rates for railways and telegraph rates, bound in book or pamphlet form, not including Christmas annuals or pubications commonly known as jurenile and toy books, 20 p.c. l. . . . . \$ Bank notes, bonds, bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes, drafts, and all similar work unsigned, and cards or other commercial blank forms printed or lithographed, or printed from steel or copper or other plates, and other printed matter, N.E.S., 35 p.c. .. $\$$
Posters, advertising bills and folders, 15c. per lb. . . . Lbs.
Labels for cigar boxes, fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, confectionery and other goods, also shipping, price or other tags, tickets or labels; and railroad or other tickets whether lithographed or partly printed, N.E.S., 35 p.e.

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Newspapers, or supplemental editions or parts thereof partly printed and intended to be completed and published in Canada, 25 p.c. .. .. .. $\$$ Advertising pamphlets, pictorial show cards, illustrated advertising periodicals, illustrated price books, catalogues and price lists; advertising calendars and almanaes; patent medicine or other advertising circulars, fly sheets or pamphlets, 15c per lb. . .. .. Lbs. Chromos. chromotypes, oleographs, or like work produced by any process other than hand painting or drawing, and having any advertisement or advertising matter printed, lithographed, or stamped thereon, or attached thereto, or other simlar artistic work, lithographed, printed or stamped on paper or cardboard for business or advertisement purposes, N.O. P., 15c per lb. .. .. . . .. .. \$ Printed music, bound or in sheets, 10 p.c. .. . . . . . . . . . . $\$$

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

the battle of the giants.
A special correspondent, well informed as to local matters in Cape Breton furnishes us with the following resume of the difficulties between the Steel Company and the Coal Company, which have occupied so much public attention during the last fortnight:
While all Canada is interested in watching the battle between the two giants, the Domimon Coal Company, Limited, and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, Limited, still naturally the city of Sydney, with its surrounding towns is the most interested. Even the temporary closing of the steel Works at this season of the year, with the rigors of a cold Cape Breton winter coming on, would be followed by great hardships and sufferng. With the steel Works closed, the Cement Company and the Tar and Chemical Company, both of which depends upon the steel Company for their raw material, and employ a considerable number of men, would also have to close down their plant.
So far, with the exception of a few Hungarians, all the men have been kept employed, and there has betn practically no loss of wages. The employees, however, have commenced to save up and lay by as much as possible, and business in the city has thus been slightly affected. It is true also that the partial closing of some of the collieries necessitated by the cutting off of the Steel Company market, has somewhat effected Sydney. A fair share of the miners' pay usually finds its way directly or indrectly into the city of Sydney.
l'uble opinion here has not been expressed very strongly in favour of either one side or the other, although the general trend seems to be in favour of the Steel Company. Considerable sympathy is expressed for the Coal Company in view of the fact of its being generally understood that the Coal Company is supplying the steel Company at litile or no profit. Coal cannot be mined in Cape Breton for less than one dollar per ton. Add to this the $121 / 2$ cents per ton royalty paid to the Nova sootha Government with other incidental expenses, and little if anything is left out of the one dollar and twentyfour cents per ton which is all the Steel Company pays under its contiact. On the other hand, however, it is pointed out that mimng conditions are the same now as when the contract was made in October 20, 1903, and that this price of $\$ 1.24$ per ton was given by the Coal Company as a "fuid pro quo" for the giving up by the steel Company of its practically perpetmal lease of the Coal Comilina's propertics.
The looal papers have not editorially taken a decided stand on eithar shde, but the Halifax Chronicle, the organ of the Liberal party in Nova Scotia, rather favours the Stesl Company, and lisulus the warming that if the directers cannot settle the matter without injuring the public, that there is a higher authonty than a board of directors, and that the Legislature which formed thi compinies must interiene. At the present time of writhg. Mr. Ross has given his ultimatum, refusing to talk Coal unless the steel Company first admit that the conthact is at an end.
The whole situation depends now on whether the Steel Company can mport enongh coal hefore mavigation closes, to keep it going through the winter. It scems to be admittad here that the local collienes in Nora scotia. ontside of the Aommon Cowal company, cannot supply the Sted 'ompany's regumements. Importations will have to be nalle from the 1 miten stiter and bingland and these importations should rtach here hefore the first of damary. when syduey Harbour usially treeres up, although in mild winters, such as last year, navigation does not close unthl Febratry and frequently the hribour is epen until the middle of dannary. Then too, if the Strel Company can persuade the Dominion Government to send the ice-breaker, "Montcalm" here, this steamer can have no trouble whatever in keeping, the harbour open all winter.
The general opinion in Sydney is that the Steel Company will be able to save the situation without closing down. The question as to whether the contract is alive or dead, and which company should pay for the increased cost of coll used in the meantime: will of course have to be decided by the courts.
The dispute emphasises the importance to the steel Company of possessing its own coal properties, and no doubt the re-
sult will be that, with the strong financial backing now ranged on its side, the Steel Company will purchase ard develop some one of the coal properties in Cape Breton not held by the Dominion Coal Company, one or more of which have been already offered to them. With a few months for development the Steel Company can secure all the coal of the quality desired for years to come.

Sydney, C.B., Nov. 26th, 1906
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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.
ORAL, Waterloo, Ont.-In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick a verbal contract for sale of goods is valid provided the price is under $\$ 40$. If the price is $\$ 40$ or upwards there must be delivery and receipt of part of the goods, or payment of earnest money, or a memorandum in writing.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Montreal, Thursday, Nov. 29th, 1906.
Business on 'Change during the week has been of similar character to that described in our last issue. The conflict between the two great Maritime industries (referred to in the correspondence elsewhere) has had no little influence upon local stock operations, and there seems little prospects of any early settlement between the glants.
Money in Montreal firm at 6 per cent. Montreal exchange rates are as follows:-60 days, 8 to $81-32$; sight $95-32$ to 3-16; cables, $913-32$ to $7-16$; francs, short, 5.20 plus $1-32$; marks, short, $943 / 4$ plus 1-64; New York funds, $3-32$ to $1-16$. Berlin exchange on London, 20 marks $511 / 2$ p.gs.; Paris exchange 25 francs 26 centimes.
London, Spanish 4 's, $951 / 2$. Bar silver, firm, $321 / \mathrm{s}$ d per ounce. Money $43 / 4$ to 5 per cent. Discount rate-short bills, $5 \% / 8$ to 6 per cent.; 3 months' bills, $53 / 4$ to $5 \% / 8$ per cent. Gold pre-mums-Madrid, 9.50; Lisbon, 2.00 .
New York, money on call firm; highest, 7 per cent.; lowest 4 per cent.; ruling rate, $61 / 2$ per cent. Time loans, dull and steady; 60 days', $^{2} 71 / 2$ per cent.; 90 days', 7 to $71 / 2$ per cent.; 6 months', 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 to $61 / 2$ per cent. Sterling exc., steady, at 4.85 .70 to 4.85 .75 for demand, and at 4.80 .50 to 4.80 .55 for 60 -day bills. Posted rates, $4.81 \frac{1}{2}$ to $4.861 / 2$. Commercial bills, $4.801 / 4$. Bar silver, $695 / 8$. Mexican dollars, $531 / 2$. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, irregular.
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The following is a comparative table of stock prices for the week ending November 29, 1906, as compiled by Messrs. Meredith and Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal:
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The property which the cut partly illustrates, is at the junction of the Ottawa and the St. Lawrence Rivers, some 25 miles west of Montreal, within easy reach by two railroads (general and suburban service, at frequent intervals day and night in 40 minutes); also by water.
The current between the mainland and one of the islands (as shown in the cut) is caused by a fall of several feet from the Lake of Two Mountains into the River St. Lawrence.
The mainland portion, on the edge of which the fishers appear in the engraving, contains nearly four acres; the islands nearly three-fourths of an acre. The land slopes from a height of about ten or twelve feet to the lake and river


The spot is quite picturesque, and as it is more or less preserved by the owner, there is scarcely any better fishing with in double the distance of Montreal. . There are excellent boat ing and shelter for yachts and small boats on the property.
With the above cut, the Grand Trunk Railway illustrates one of its recent booklets-that known as "Trains 3 and 4""Travel at Buse," :ge 2.
The place was anciently known as "Lotbiniere Pointe," but has been re-named by the owner "Roslevan" from its peninsular shape and the ancestral elms growing upon it.
The mainland portion is now offered for sale. Plan may be seen on application to the owner,
M. S. FOLEY,

Editor-Proprietor of the
"Journal of Commerce,"
Montreal.

Stocks, Bonds and Securities dealt in on the Montreal Stock ${ }^{\prime}$ Exchange.

montreal wholesale markets.
Montreal. Thursday. Nor. 29, 1906
Navigation has now practically closed tor the season, and shipments of goorls have to be made at winter rates, which have been in force on the railways since the 15th. On some lines of bulky goods this figures out an advance in freights of about ${ }^{20}$ per cent. The weather has been broken and di*agree able, but has tended to hasten purchases of fall and winter wear and a very good beginning has been made on holiday goods by the wholevalers. The large manufacturing plants are fully employed, but deliveries ate still backward, and the railways are blamed to some extent for this. Prices of all commodities are steady. but no special changes have occurred. It is considered probable that certain United States manufactures which have proved detrimental to domestic interests will feel the effect of the new Ottawa tariff shortly to be announced The extremely high priee of dry white lead seems to foreshado an advance in lead paints in spite of the approaching dull season in this lime. All monthly records of fortign commerce were eclipsed in the L'inted states during October.

APPLAC. - I good busmess has been glone. Baldwins, Greemngs. Kusets. Wagners. etc., No. 1, $\$ 3.50$; do. No. 2 $\$ 2.15$; fancy Sples $\$ 4$ to $\$ t .50$; finest Fameuse $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ t$.

ASHES. Business quiet and steady, with light offerings.
 $\$ 4.70$ to $\$ 4.80$ per 100 lbs

BMLED HAY.-Active with firm undertene. No. $1 \$ 13$ to $\$ 13.50$; No. $2 \$ 12$ to $\$ 12.50$; clover, mixed. $\$ 11$ to $\$ 11.50$, and pure clover $\$ 10$ to $\$ 10.50$ per ton.

BICNS:-Quiet and steady at $\$ 1.25$ per bushel for three pound pickers in car lots and $\$ 1.30$ for small quantities.

BLItIR.-The tone was strong and prices rule high. Fancy Townships creamery sells at $2.51 / 4$ to $2.51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, and good to fine at $243 / 4$ to $25 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c}$, seconds at 24 to $241 / 4$ or $241 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, and daries at 21 to 23 c , according to quality. Shipments from Montreal last week amounted to 235 packages, against 845 for the corresponding week of last year. Total shipments since the first of the season amounted to 361.400 packages. against 554.041 for the corresponding period of last season.
(HLERA-Busmess quiet at $113 / \mathrm{c}$ to $117 / \mathrm{s}^{\mathrm{c}}$ for Quebec make and 12 c to $121 / 2^{c}$ for Western. Shipments of cheese from the port of Montreal last week amounted to 37,870 boxes, against 42,933 for the corresponding week of last year. Total shipments since the first of the season amounted to $2,202,496$ boxes, as against $2,119,920$ for the corresponding period of last year.

HRESELD POULIKI. -The weather was somewhat too mild. but a good business was done. Quotations as fol-lows:-Choice turkeys at $131 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to 14 c ; medium at 12 c to $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, geese at 9 c to 10 c , chickens at 9 c to 10 c , ducks at 10 c to 11 c , and fowls at $61 / 2 \mathrm{e}$ to 7 c per lb .

DRI GOODS.-The amount of business has been satisfactory considering the undecided state of the weather. Travellers report the outlook good, and have been sending in numerous orders for the spring trade. Prices are firm in all lines, and some makers of underwear, etc., have been threatening to withdraw quotations looking to an advance. There was a sensational advance in November contracts on the New York Cotton Exchange on covering of belated shorts who purchased about 2.000 bales and sent the price 90 points, or $\$ 4.50$ a bals, over previous closing figures. The sales were made at 11.70 , the highest price of the season. The rest of the list sympathized only sightly with the strength of November, owing to heary realizing by professional longs. A New York despatch said:-The southern spot situation appears to be growing more acute with the approach of the end of the month, and in New Orleans private wires say that there is little short of a scarcity of December shorts. It appears that the penalties imposed upon the low grades by the New Orleans market are severe enough to shut out any hope of tenders considering the scarcity of the higher grades, and sellers of Dec. are finding it very difficult to maintain their position. Liverpool, due 5 higher, opened steady, 4 advance; 12.15 , steady, net, $71 / 2$ to 8 higher on near and 4 to 7 higher on distant positions; spot cotton quiet, 13 higher; mid. up. 6.2ld.

LidiS.-Firm and fairly active. Selected sell in a jobbing way at 25 c , and seconds $221 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; No. 1 candled 21c; and Mont. real limed 20 c .

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FEED.-Bran still over sold. $\$ 22$ per ton; Onta to $\$ 23$; milled mo $\$ 28$ to $\$ 30$.

FISH.-The lis for the Adsent t per $\mathrm{Ib} ., 41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; fre pike, $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; white 9c; Gaspe salmon $81 / 2$ c; sea trout $\$ 1.50$; selects, bu $\$ 9$ to $\$ 9.50$; oyste $\$ 1.30$. Boneless cod 6c; boneless fis ess cod, $100-\mathrm{lb}$. kitts. \$1. Herrin

FLOUR.-Deale Mantoba spring wheat patents, $\$ 4$. do., in bags, $\$ 1.65$ GRAIN.-There Prices are firm an grades of oats has prices are high. $3,411 / 2$ to 42 c , and indicate that the end. There was $g$ May difference na with a $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ spread ence was due to t wheat by elevator

## Stocks, Bonds and Securities dealt in on the Montreal Stock Exchange.



FEED.-Bran and shorts are unchanged, with millers still over sold. Mantoba bran, in bag., $\$ \geq 0$; shorts, $\$ 2.2$ per ton; Ontariof bran, in bags, $\$ 20$ to $\$ 20.50$; shorts, $\$ 2.20$ to $\$ 23$; milled mouillie, $\$ 21$ to $\$ 2.5$ per ton, and straight grain $\$ 28$ to $\$ 30$.

Flsil.-The list of fresh frozen fish will be increased for the Adsent trade, which promses well. Freslr haddock, per $1 \mathrm{~b} ., 4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$; fresh steak cod 6 c ; halibut 9 to 10 c ; grass pike, $61 / \mathrm{c}$; white fish, $81 / 2 \mathrm{e}$; weakfish, 8 c ; B.C. salmon frozen, 9 c ; Gaspe salmon l6c; mackerel lle; dore loc; lake trout $81 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; sea trout 12c. Standard bulk oysters, imperial gallon, $\$ 1.50$; selects, bulk, $\$ 1.70$; shell oysters in bbls., Malpeques, $\$ 9$ to $\$ 9.50$; oyster pails or carriers pints, per $100, \$ 1$; quarts $\$ 1.30$. Boneless fish, in 2 - lb . bricks, per $\mathrm{lb} ., 51 / 2 c$; boneless cod 6 c ; boneless fish. loose, in $25-\mathrm{lb}$ boxes, per lb., $41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; skinless cod, 100-lb. boxes, $\$ 5.5{ }^{0}$; Scotch cured herring, $25-\mathrm{lb}$. kitts, $\$ 1$. Herring, new, per $100, \$ 1.90$.
FLOUR.-Dealers reported a good business at firm prices. Manitoba spring wheat, $\$ 4.60$; strong bakers, $\$ 4.10$; winter wheat patents, $\$ 4.10$ to $\$ 4.25$; straight rollers, $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 3.80$; do., in bags, $\$ 1.65$ to $\$ 1.75$; extras, $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.60$.

GRAIN.-There is a quiet movement locaidy in all lines. Prices are firm and the margin between the lower and higher grades of oats has closed up somewhat, as is customary when prices are high. No. 2 oats in store are quoted at $42 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$; No. $3,411 / 2$ to 42 c , and No. $4,401 / 2$ to 41c. In Chicago, conditions indicate that the December wheat liquidation is about at an end. There was good buying of that option. The DecemberMay difference narrowed down to $51 / 8$ to $51 / 4 \mathrm{c}$, as compared with a $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ spread previously. The narrowing, of the difference was due to the taking off of hedges against low grade wheat by elevator men. North-Western and South-Western
receipts were less than last year's. Winnipeg cars, only 14 short of last years. Wimnipeg was $1 / 8 \mathrm{c}$ higher on Nov. wheat at $763 / 4 \mathrm{c}$, and $1 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ down on Dec. at $73 \mathrm{~s} / \mathrm{c}$, and steady on May at $771 / 4 \mathrm{c} .1$ Dec. oats were steady at $333 / 8 \mathrm{c}$, and May $1 / \mathrm{sc}$ up at $35 \% \mathrm{~s}$. Chicago was $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ down on Dec., at 73 e , and $1 / \mathrm{s}$ down on May, at $i 81 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Dec. corn was steady at noon, at $42 \% / 3 \mathrm{c}$, and $433 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ on May. Dec. oats were $1 / 8 \mathrm{c}$ up, at $333 / \mathrm{s}$ c.
GREEN FRUITS.-Oranges: Fresh sweet Floridas, 126, 150, 176, 200, 216, $\$ 3.25$; Jámaica oranges, barrels repacked sound $\$ 4$.-Grape fruit: Finest Florida grape fruit, 64, 80, 96, $\$ 4$. -Lemons: In the Mount Royal brand lemons we offer the finest stock imported into Canada without exception, are specially selected and packed and really are the cream of Sicily, These are $\$ 4$ for 300 s ; Statue of Republic, fancy, $300 \mathrm{~s}, \$ 3.75$; do., $360 \mathrm{~s}, \$ 3.75$.-Cranberries: Cape Cod cranberries, fine stock, per bbl., $\$ 10$.-Grapes: Almerias, large stock, $\$ 5$ per bbl., do. medium, $\$ 4.50$.-Dried fruit: New Hallow1 dates, 5 c pєr lb.; new figs, $10-\mathrm{lb}$. boxes net weight, 6 cawn, $\$ 1.10$; do. 5 crown, 90 c ; do. 3 crown, 80 c ; glove boxes, $16-\mathrm{oz}$. size, 9 c . -Onions: Spanish onions, cases, $\$ 2.25$; red onions, in $100-\mathrm{lb}$. sacks, $\$ 1.65$.

GROCERIES.-A fair amount of business is in progress, and prices for all staples are firm. The trouble is to get delivery prompt enough and buyers are pushing jobbers for stock, which the latter in some cases have not received from first hands. Molasses are firmer owing to the colder weather. New nuts have been arriving and are in demand. Tapioca on the spot is firm at $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to 8 c , but the market is weaker for distant deliverles. Raisins are reported to be well out of the hands of growers and in possession of jobbers, who are holding stiffly to prices. The Pacific Coast has been well cleaned up. Some slightly rain damaged Valencias have been sold at a moderate price, but delivery will not be made before January. In prunes, 40 's to 50 's are said to be scarce, but some lines are
selling at about 9 c . Evaporated apples are firm at $81 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to 9 c . hetined sugar is steady at the old basis. Teas in fair demand and unchanged. Collees quiet. In New York thonsses were stady with New Orleans open kettle, good to choice at 30 c . The 1.s. market for colfee futures opened steady at unchanged pricess to a declene of $\overline{5}$ points, and immediately weakcoled ats a result of hedary. December notices, and liquidation, under which prices sold off to a net decline of about 10 to 15 pornts. Thure was some selling for European account, isut muot of the busimen was local, and largely in the way of witclu $\rightarrow$ th arnid the notices, which were estimated at about 2.inc:ain bigs. The close was steady at a net decline of $\overline{5}$ 1.5 pormts. Sales were reported of 292.250 bags, including:December at 5 .80c to 5.95 c , March at 6.1 .5 c to 6.2 sc , May at $4 \mathrm{Ci}: 30 \mathrm{e}$ to 6.4 .5 c . July at 6.50 e to 6.55 c , and Sept. at $6.6 \overline{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{c}$ to 6.īc. Spot Rio, steady; No. 7 invoice, $71 / 2^{\mathrm{c}}$ to $77-1 \mathrm{fe}$; mild, quet; Cordova. 9e to 12c. New York, sugar. raw. qujet; tair relimmg. :3 j-lfic; centrifugal $9 /$ test. 3 13-16ic; molass s
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IIIDES AND TMLLOW:-Market stealy, and unchanged. Calfskins. No. 1 are quoted at 13 c and No. ${ }^{2}$ at 11 c Becf hides are steady under a fair demand. Dealers are prying $101 \ldots .11 / 2$ and $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per lb . for Nos. 3,2 and 1 , respecticely, and sslling to tanners at an advance of $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per lb . Lambinis are steady at 90c each. Horse hides are ateady at $\$ 1.5$ " each for No. 2 and $\$ 2$ for No. 1. Tallow is moving alont the vame as nisual. prices being unchanged at $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to 3 c per 1 l . for rough 3 to 5 c for rendered.

HONに. Business quiet, and prices steady. White clover (...mb) at $13 \cdot \mathrm{c}$ to 14 c; white extracted at 10 c to $10 \% \mathrm{c}$ : buckwheat se to $81 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per 1 l .
HROX NND HARDWARE-Business was brisk right up to the cluse of navigation in shipping circless and there are plenty of orders to fill for rail pomts. Prices contime firm in all hales. New look. pig irom, firm; northern $\$ 22.50$ to $\$ 26.25 ;$ shuthern $* 21$ to $\$ 27.50$. Copper firm, $\$ 2.2 .25$ to $w_{22} .7 .5$. Lead steally, $\$ 6$. 17n. quet; strats $\$ 42$ to $\$ 42.25$; plates, quiet. spelter steady; domestic $* 6.40$ to $\$ 6.45$. As for several weeks most of the iron for quick delivery has been covered by foreign metal. One cargo lot has been dioposed of in New York to one con-mmer: another calg, has been distributed in small lot , fand still another cargo has arrived, some of which probably will be stored. There will be an enormous increase in production of pig iron in 1907. mainly by the large steel companies. The carnegie steel co. now owns and operates thirty blast furnaces in the patt-burg district, and has under construction two more hast furnaces at the Carrie plant. which will lac completed in April or May of next year, each of which will turn out frem suo to din0 tons per day. The Carnegie Co. has also broken ground for another blast furnace at the Duquesne steel Workw. Which will make a total of five at this plant, the new stack to have a daily ontput of about 600 tons. The market for pig iron certificates has been quiet, but firm. On call. for cash. Norember and December, regular toundry certificates *19.00 was bid and December offerel at $\$ 19.50$, with $\$ 19.00$ bid. For January, February and March standard foundry $\$ 21.50$ was bid. Bar iron has been strong, with a fail demand. The so-called "official" price of the Eastern Bar Iron Association has been fixed at 1.60 c base, but most of the current lusiness is on the basis of 1.75 c Pittsburg or $1.891 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ tidewater, base half extras, although some connu.... bars are selling at 1.70 c base. The jobbing trade is demanding $21 / 4$ to $21 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ base full extras from store. The principal features in pig tin durng the week have been the buying by the U.S. Steel Corporation of spot metal and the announcement that the next London steamer for New York with tin has been withdrawn. In lead. London has advanced 5s, soft Spanish closing at £19 5 s , against $£ 19$ on the preceding week and against $£ 16$ 6s 3 d at the corresponding period a year ago. Refined spelter has
been in moderate demand and firmer at 6.35 c for shipment/from the West. Spot is held at 6.40 to 6.45 c at New York. London has advanced 5 s, G.M.B. closing at $£ 28$, against $£ 2715 \mathrm{~s}$ on the preceding week, and against $£ 28$ 10s at the corresponding time last year. European demand for copper has been active, and prices advanced. In London standard copper, spot, closed at $£ 10115 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ months $£ 1032 \mathrm{~s}$. Tin spot, closed at £197; 3 months $£ 198$.
LIVE SHOCK. -Hogs were higher probably owing to improvement in the English market for bacon. Prices were up to $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ and even $63 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Cattle are being held back for the Chistmas trade. Prices for hent ranged from 4 to $41 / 1 / \mathrm{c}$, with an occasional sale at $41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, good being $33 / 4$ to 4 c , medium 3 to $31 / \mathrm{c}$. common at $21 / 4$ to $23 / 4$ c. and inferior under 2 c. The demand for lambs for export across the border as well as for other purposes was good, and prices were firm at 5 to $53 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ for best. -heep being in fair/demand at $31 / 4$ to $41 / 4 \mathrm{c}$, and sometimes $41 / 2$ e. The market for Canadian cattle in England shows a decline as compared with a week ago. Liverpool cabled best stores at $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, and ranchers at $91 / 4$ to $91 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, London being $93 / 8$ to $10 \% / \mathrm{e}$ e according to quality. The Glasgow market was waiting on the arrival of shipments from this side. Shipments from the port of Montreal for the week ending November 26, were 4.980 cattle, against 3,884 the previous wefek.

NAL STORES.-Pine pitch, $\$ 3.75$ brl.; pine tar, $\$ 4.50$; oakim, 4 c to 7 c e per lb .; coal tar, $\$ 4$ brl.; roofing pitch, $\$$ per 100 lbs .; cotton waste, colored, 5 c to 7 c per lb. ; white, 8 c to 11c. Rope:-Sisal $7-16$ and upwards, $101 / 2^{\text {e }}$ $3 / 8$, 11c; 3.16, $11 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. Manilla, $7-16$ and larger, $15 \mathrm{c} ; 3 / 8,151 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; $1 / 4$ and $5-16,16 \mathrm{c}$. Lath yarn, 10 c to $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.

OHS ETC.-New York, Calcutta linseed, Novemler and December. $43 \mathrm{~s} \quad 71 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Linseed oil. $21 \mathrm{~s} 11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Sperm oil, $\mathfrak{£} 34$. Petroleum, American, refined, 63 -16id; do., spirits, $73 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. Turpentine spirits, 49s $71 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Rosin, American, strained, 10 s 3 d ; do.. fine. 14s. New York, rosin firm; strained common to good, $\$ 4.25$. Turpentine, firm, 70 c to $701 / \mathrm{c}$.

POTATOES.-A good business is being done at steady prices. Traders pay 6.ec to 7 㐌 per 90 lbs . for car lots, as to quality and sell at an advance of 10 c in large lots, and 15 c im small lots.
R'kU\NIUNS.-This murket is firmer. Lard and pork n fair demand, and other lines are quiet. Abattoir' fresh killed hogs quoued at $\$ 9.00$ to $\$ 9.25$ per 100 pounds. Live hogs have ruled higher at $\$ 6.50$ to 6.60 per 100 pounds weighed off cars. Heary Canada short cut mess pork in tierces $\$ 33.00$ to $\$ 34.00$ brls $\$ 22.50$ to $\$ 23$. Compound lard in tierces, 375 lbs ., Se to $81 / 4 \mathrm{c}$; tubs 50 lls ., parchment lined $81 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ to $81 / 2^{\mathrm{c}}$; kettle lard tierces $123 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ to lïc; pure lard tierces 12c. Hams, extra large sizes, 25 lbs ., upwards, $133 / 4$ to 14 c ; large sizes, 18 to 25 lbs ., $141 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ to $14 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$; medium sizes, selected weights, 12 to 18 lbs. , 15 c ; extra small sizes, 8 to $12 \mathrm{lbs} ., 15 \mathrm{c}$; hams, bone out, rolled, large 15c; do. small, 16c; English boneless breaktast bacon, 15 c ; Wiltshire bacon backs, 15 c .

ROLLED OATS.-Demand continues quiet at $\$ 2.00$ per bag. A fair business is passing in cornmeal at $\$ 1.35$ to $\$ 1.45$ per bag.

WOOL-Pulled lamb wool continues in fair demand. These are offering at 30 to 32 c for brushed, and 30 c unbrushed. Canada fleece is 26 to 28 c for tub washed and 18 to 20 c in the grease; Canada pulled, brushed, 30c and unbrushed 27 to 29 c . North-West merinos are 18 to 20 c per lb . The sixth series of the 1906 wool sales opened this week in London. During the first five days of the sales, 57,700 bales will be offered. The arrivals for the first series of next year's sales amount to 2,000 bales. During the week the following imports were re-ported:-New South Wales, 12,900 bales; Queensland 9,100 bales. Victoria 5,700 bales; South Australia 4,300 bu Zealand 000 bales; Cape of Good Hope and Natal 400 bales; various 6,600 bales.

WHOLESALE


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## FARM PRODUCTS

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straight bags.
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## FARM PRODUCTS.-Con.-

Cheese- 8 c. 8 c


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Sundries-
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Honey, White Clover, comb


Beans-
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PAINTS. \&c.-
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Fire Bricks, per 1,000 Fire Clay, 200 lb . pkg
Rosin, per 100 lbs .

Glue-
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French, barrels American White, bar Brunswick Green French Imperial Green
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the general report and statistics relating to the output and value of the mmerals raised in the United Kingdom have just been issued as a Bluebook. The total value of the minerals raised during last year amounted to E!9.5.870.723. a decrase of $\mathrm{t} 1,606,916$ as compared with $1: 04$. This decrease is to be accounted for by a further fall in the average price of coal from 7s 2.58 d per ton in 1904 to (is 11.38 d in 190.
The total output of coal was the highest hitherto recorded, viz., $236,128.936$ tons but the value was only $£ 82,038,553$, as against $\mathfrak{t} 938.81 .78 t$ in 1904 and $£ 88,227$,547 in 1903, when the output was less by more than $3.500,000$ and $5,500.080$ tons. respectively. The quantity of coll ex ported, exclusive of coke and patent fuel and of coal shipped for the use of steamers engaged in foreign trade, was 47.476,707 tons, an increase of nearly $1,250,000$ tons on the exports of 1904 . Germany received over $7,500,000$ tons, France and

Haly each over $6,000,000$ tons, Sweden over $3,000,000$ tons, and Russia, Spain, Jemmaik and Egypt each over $2,000,000$ tons. Adding the $2,287,792$ tons export ed in the form of coke and patent fuel and the $17,396,146$ tons shipped for the use or British and foreign steamers enfaged in foreign trade, the total quantity of coal which left the country was $64,160,645$ tons

The amount of coal remaining for home consumption was $168,968,291$ tons, or 3 ,910 tons per head of the population; 19, $25.5 .5 \%$-tons were used in the blast fur naces for the manufacture of pig iron, as against $17,53.5,337$ tons in the previous year; $33,452,943$ tons were used in the manufacture of coke and 1,109,797 tons in the manufacture of briquettes in 1905; 18,037.985 toas of coke were obtained in 190.5. valued at tilo, 625.7:9; 31,060 cookng ovens we.e in use durng the year; l, $219.58(5$ tons of bripuettes were produced, valued at E 717.671 . The output of iron are. $14.590, \bar{i} 03$ tons. shows an increase of $\$ 16.421$ tons; and the value $£ 3,482,184$, on increase of $£ 356,370$ on that of 1904 . The ore yielded $4.760,187$ tons of iron, or nearly one-half of the total quantity of pig iron made in the country; $7,344,786$ tons of iron ore were imported during the year, ${ }^{\circ}$ over 78 per cent. of which came from Spain. Copper, iron, lead, sllver and tin show an increase on the figures of 1904 both in the amount and value of the metal obtained. The total values of the mmerals produced in Scotland in 1905 amounted to $£ 12,408,347$, as against £12.526.392 in 1904.
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Life Insurance - Insurable Interest. One has the right to procure insurance on his own life and assign the policy to mother, who has no insurable interest in the life insured, provided it be done by way of cover for a wager policy.-Rylander vs. Allen, 53 S.E. (Ga.) 1032.
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Lite Insurance - Bankruptoy - Policies of life insurance of a bankrupt having an actual value pass to his trustee, and the bankrupt is divested of all interest theren. unless he retains the same under the proviso to Bankr. Act Jily 1. 1898. c. 541 ec. 70a (5). 30 Stat. 56.5 (U.S. Comp it. 1901. p. 3451), by paying the cash surrender value.-Clark vs. Equitable Life Issur. Soce., 143 F. (U.S.) 175.

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