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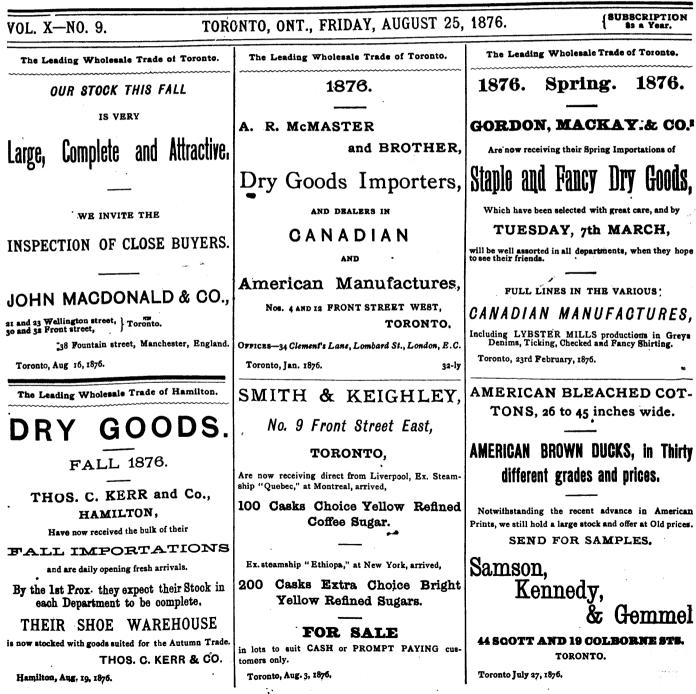
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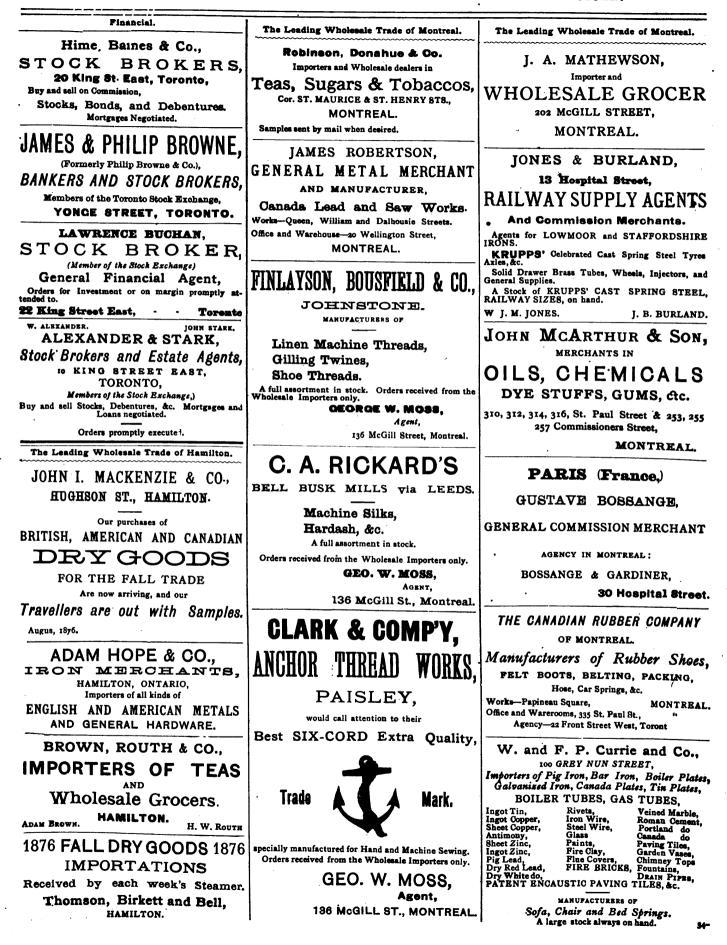
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An Assignee is in possession of the shop and effects of Mr. James Finlay, at Farnham Centre, in the Eastern Townships. The owner found it necessary to take his departure, without leave or apology, for parts unknown.

THE dry goods store of Messrs. L. O. Jodoin & Co., Montreal, is closed by the issue of a writ in insolvency at the instance of Messrs. Adolphe, Roy & Co., of that city. The assets are stated to be eighteen thousand dollars, and the deficiency two thousand.

THE foundry business of Messrs. A. Chagnon & Co., of St. Hyacinthe, Que., is insolvent, and badly so, as appears from a statement of their position, viz : Liabilities, direct and indirect. \$44,600; assets, \$22,000. The creditors are offered $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in cash for a settlement.

MR. D. C. DAIGNEAU, general merchant, of Levis, Que, who, when the firm of Carrier & Diagneau failed in 1875, undertook to pay their creditors forty cents on the dollar, finds now that he had over-estimated the assets and cannot complete his payments. He is therefore seeking another settlement.

For stealing money out of registered letters, the assistant-postmaster at Sorel, Que., has been committed to St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary for five years. After being confronted by the inspector, he confessed the crime and partially restored the money.

A WHALE nearly seventy feet long was taken into the harbour of Yarmouth, N. S., the other day, and some 80 barrels of blubber rewarded the captors.

NEARLY 11,000 tons of raw plaster were shipped from Windsor, N. S., last month. It is not a little singular that some enterprising Nova Scotians do not treat the raw article and export it calcined and ground.

WATER is very scarce in the Magdalen

these islands fog and smoke have so obscured the atmosphere that the fishermen are prevented from getting out to the fishing grounds. Good hauls of mackarel have been made near the group, but codfish are scarce.

GLOUCESTER merchants are about engaging in the direct trade with the West Indies, and are likely to prove formidable rivals to those of Halifax. The fish trade of Gloucester has greatly increased during the past ten years, and ncw glances are being cast around for new fields of husiness

THE currant crop is estimated this season at 75,000 tons, or about three thousand tons more than it was last year. Of the 72,000 tons produced a year back, England purchased 51,000 tons; and it is thought that, of this crop, Britain will take nearly 60,000 tons.

THE ratepayers of Kincardine do not want, it appears, to be protected against fire by water works. At least they voted down a proposal to expend \$20,000 for that purpose.

SMOKE and haze upon the rivers, occasioned by bush-fires both up the Ottawa and along the south shore of the St. Lawrence near Montreal, interfered with navigation during several days last week. Several vessels went ashore in consequence, and steamers were delayed.

THE Hamilton Board of Trade held its annual meeting on Saturday last, when officers for the ensuing year were elected, as under :---President, W. F. Findlay; Vice-president, J. I. Mackenzie; Secretary, E. Hilton. Four members of the Board-Messrs. Sanford, Gurney, Watson, and Wanzer were chosen to join a similar Committee of the Board in this city, in accompanying Hon. Mr. Morris, of New South Wales, to Ottawa, to confer with the Cabinet as to trade with Australia.

THE Lower Province newspapers complain Islands, owing to the hot weather. Around of the roughness of the agricultural implements prices from ten to twenty per cent.

sent there from Ontario in comparison with those from the United States. Our manufacturers should see that their productions do not suffer from careless finishing.

THE imports of fish at Halifax last week were 9,200 quintals of dry fish, 1,000 barrels of herrings, about 1,000 barrels of mackerel and other pickled fish, and 2,000 lbs. of halibut. The exports were 885 tierces, 402 boxes, 316 half boxes, and 89 drums of codfish ; 240 tierces, and 180 boxes of dry fish; and about 2,500 barrels of pickled fish of all kinds.

THE citizens of St. John having got rid of the ballast wharf now want to sell the Suspension bridge over the river. It is thought that by altering and strengthening this structure it can be made available for the passage of trains, and thus connect the Intercolonial with the railway system of the United States.

RANKIN the Post Office clerk, guilty of robbing money letters at St. John, has confessed, and has been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. He has written a very contrite letter to the Judge, and it has been published as a warning to young men in positions of trust.

An American schooner called the Speedwell arrived at Halifax last Thursday with 565 tons of coal for the use of the men of war on the station. We are certain the American Government would not employ a British schooner to carry their coals; and it seems great folly to ship coals across the Atlantic to a country which is teeming with them. But such is "red tape."

A RISE which amounts to fifty per cent. and promises to be permanent, has taken place in This is due to the shortness of raw silks. production in Europe and China, and it will cause a decided advance in the price of manufactured goods. In the Eastern States the manufacturers have already advanced their



and the development of fraud keeps pace with the increase of wealth and commercial enterprise. Where the acquisition of money is made the chief object of life the greatest encouragement is given to thieves to break through and steal. One of the latest instances of successful fraud comes from Montreal. A man calling himself R. Harrison, from Kent, England, took lodgings in a respectable private house, on ·Bleury Street in that city, and advertised money to lend in sums of \$100 to \$5,000. As a matter of course the had plenty of applicants, with whom he would chat and "figure" cleverly, and upon their mentioning the security they proposed to offer, he would, if it satisfied him, obtain, from such as would give it, from five to fifteen dollars to cover expenses of drawing the papers, or to bind the bargain, and would name a day, a week or two ahead, at which he would have the desired loan ready. Quite a few sums were obtained in this way, but before the appointed dates came round, he had changed his mind, and his abode. He is now earnestly sought for by many but is found by none.

A WRIT of attachment in insolvency has been issued against Messrs. Mackenzie & Black, general storekeepers at Sarawack. The principal creditor, who lives in Owen Sound, is well secured by a mortgage.

MESSRS. W. HAMILTON & SON, foundrymen in this city, have notified their creditors that they are unable to meet the payments on their old compromise. The position of their affairs, it is evident, was not improved by the City Council prudently refusing to grant them the loan of \$25,000 which they endeavoured to obtain a short time ago. They now claim that some of their stock and effects have been sold under its value by the receiver appointed by the creditors. The firm has not a beaten road before them, and to bridge over their difficulties a further extension from indulgent creditors will be necessary.

THE death is announced of Mr. George J. Grange, Sheriff of the County of Wellington. He carried on a farm, a mill, and a distillery, and formerly held the office of President of the Galt and Guelph-Railway.

THE British Dairymen's Association, the first organization of the kind in Britain, was formed at Derby, England, a few days ago. Considering the importance of the cheese trade of the old country it is surprising a movement of this sort should have been so long delayed.

ST. JOHN merchants complain that while the Government railways carry flour at 55 cents a barrel from Toronto to Amhust, the charge from St. John to Amhurst is 32 cents, which, considering the distance, is fourfold higher.

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MUNICIPAL FINANCE.

Last week we insisted on the necessity of maintaining the maximum of two cents in the dollar, to which the Municipal Councils of Ontario are at present obliged to restrict themselves. The suggestion was not made a moment too soon, for we observe that the Treasurer of the city of Toronto has since been credited with the paternity of a proposal to overstep the legal limit. When a lawyer, who has not been a marked success in his own line, is appointed to a financial office, we are prepared to see blundering or incapacity, but we are not prepared for a proposal to set the law at defiance. We may congratulate ourselves that the two-cents limit cannot be passed, as any attempt to exceed that amount would be at once resisted. Alderman Turner will have to be relied on to bridge over the difficulty, and we have no doubt he will succeed.

In other cities besides Toronto municipal financiers are at their wit's end. Montreal has a debt, which has been rapidly run up, of fourteen millions of dollars; an amount as great, as Sir Francis Hincks recently remarked, as the debt of Canada in 1849. The interest account has more than doubled since 1870, the figures being \$312,678 in that year, and \$755,851 in 1876. There is regretted as little as in any with which the But does no share of the blame properly the New South Wales Commissioner to the

city has to deal-that of schools. But that it should have gone up from \$80,747 in 1870 to \$190,000 in the present year is a startling fact for the taxpayers. The cost of maintaining the police has gone up, in the same time, from \$75,843 to \$134,500. The charge for the aqueduct has more than doubled, and at least one item has quadrupled. The necessity of paying increased attention to the preservation of the public health cannot be doubted, when the enormous mortality among the French population is taken into account. The increase in the taxes, in six years, may fairly be described as enormous, the amount having risen from \$805,656 to \$1,325,761. But if the increase in the annual votes was great the amount voted proved sufficient in every year but one, when there was a deficit of \$100,000. This occured last year. It has been found possible to increase the revenue from year to year, without making any great difference in the rate of the taxes. This has been done by vastly increasing the assessed value of the property, an increase which is partly real, but which must also be partly fictitious. The assessed value went up between 1870 and 1875 from \$43,202,240 to \$79,253,565. Whatever be the nominal rate of the taxes, people are finding out that they are paying much more than formerly, and they have got into a critical mood. The estimates for the present year largely exceed those of any previous year. being no less than \$1,740,000.

In such cases, criticism generally begins at the wrong time-after the obligation has been incurred or the money spent. One of the principal sources of embarrassment arises out of the authorization of heavy loans and the consequent increase in the item of interest. Whether the expenditure is directly productive or the reverse, of course makes a great difference. Some English cities derive a large revenue and a considerable profit from gas and water. Here, one of the chief sources of municipal revenue-the supply of gas-is generally in the hands of private companies. If any thing is to be made out of the privilege, the municipality would seem to have the best right to make it. The same remark applies to the supply of water. Private companies were often welcomed when they proposed to supply these wants, and when they have once acquired rights it is not easy to make a change. If cities could manage street railways as well as individuals, they would have the first claim to this source of revenue; but that they could do so has yet to be proved. The general opinion seems to be that what they do now one item, an increase in which ought to be is seldom well, not always honestly done.

belong to the taxpayer? Does he perform his whole duty, by sitting still, with his hands folded, and complaining of the acts of representatives from whom he demands a constant sacrifice? The ordinary municipal councillor probably does as well as we have a right to expect a man will do who discharges a public duty gratuitously, and often at great inconvenience and no inconsiderable sacrifice. It is a delusion to suppose that here, any more than in any other case, unpaid services prove a real economy to those in whose interest they are ostensibly given. The acceptance of such gratuitous services is unquestionably a source of corruption. It is not always all patriotism that induces Aldermen to take charge of public interests with such charming alacrity as they show. The proper mode of managing municipal finances is one of the problems of the time. That we are destined to go on for ever as we are is an assertion that no prudent man would risk. But in what precise direction reform will come there are, at present, no decided indications

Two reforms in municipal finance which are coming, at least in Ontario, it requires no prophetic vision to foresee : the abolition of exemptions and the levying of a frontage tax for all street improvements. There are reasons which will probably prevent the former of these reforms being undertaken in the Province of Quebec; though there is no reason why the adoption of the latter should not become general. And we venture to predict that the adoption of the frontage tax will give the greatest satisfaction, and the only regret will be that it was not adopted before. Men like to see where their money goes, and still better to know that the expenditure directly benefits their own property. There are some street improvements which have an astonishing effect in raising the value of property. The Nicholson pavement has been known to double the value of property, on either side of it, in some American cities. The improvements will be much more rapidly effected, and be of much greater extent, when those who pay for them find the investment a good one, and the return direct and immediate. Further delay will only add to future complications, and there is really no excuse for its continuance.

TRADE WITH THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

The meeting held in this city last week by leading merchants, manufacturers, and other gentlemen, to meet Mr. A. Morris, Centennial Exhibition, and to learn his views in regard to the practicability and best means of increasing the trade between Canada and Australia, has awakened general interest throughout the country. The address delivered by Mr. Morris was at once practical and politic, and could not fail to be gratifying to the people of Canada. No people are insensible to praise; and when that gentleman lauded our exhibit at Philadelphia, when he gave some of our manufactures the palm over those of the United States in excellence and over nearly all in cheapness, and when he clearly pointed out how our trade with the Australian colonies might be largely increased, he struck a chord in the spirit of Canadian enterprise. The remarks of Mr. Morris. however, were not intended as holiday compliments. He is a practical man, the trusted commissioner of a colony which has adopted Free Trade pure and simple as its fiscal policy, and he is earnestly bent on increasing its commerce with the Dominion, which he is convinced can be done to the mutual advantage of both countries.

Heretofore, our transactions with Australia have been comparatively trifling. Since the meeting took place last week, we have carefully examined the returns, and we find that our total imports from and exports to Australia, during the past four years, were as follow:

	IMPORTS.	EXPORTS.
1872	\$ 1,103	\$ 30,823
1873	388,352	40,965
1874	••••	98,733
1875		181.038

It is surprising when so many articles are imported from the United States by the Australians,-articles which Mr. Morris has satisfied himself we can supply better and cheaper-that our trade with them should have been so limited. Our imports from Australia were very trifling except in 1873, and we find that all but a fraction of the \$388.352 mentioned above, consisted of wool brought in during that year. Our exports were largest last year, and consisted chiefly of pickled fish, lumber of various kinds, railroad ties, and sewing machines. The chief value was in lumber, in which article a large business might, we think, be profitably carried on. According to Mr. Morris and other gentlemen present at the meeting, Canadian woollens, boots and shoes, agricultural implements, edged tools, wooden-ware, stoves, salt, cheese and petroleum, might be profitably exported to Australia, more particularly to New South Wales, into which they are permitted to enter, nearly, if not altogether free of duties. Prices here are generally much lower than in Australia. The difference in

agricultural implements, Mr. Morris estimates at from 40 to 50 per cent., and our woollens are certainly better in quality and lower in price. Under these circumstances, whilst possibly some of the views expressed at the meeting were too sanguine, there are undoubted reasons for believing, that with proper effort the commerce between these wealthy and prosperous Colonies and this country, might be largely increased, to the profit and advantage of all concerned.

In the most enterprising spirit, the meeting decided that the practicability of shipping Canadian manufactures to Australia, should be tested. With this object in view, a deputation was appointed to ask the cooperation of the Dominion Government, and it is proposed to send a vessel to Australia during the coming winter, our manufacturers being requested to send samples of their goods. Mr. Morris went to Ottawa immediately after the meeting, had an interview with the Premier, and we trust both the Government .and our manufacturers and merchants will encourage the proposed most praiseworthy enterprise. In any event it cannot but result in some good, and if it should be the means of opening up a foreign field for our manufactures, it will prove a real blessing to Canada, by increasing our commerce, and advancing our manufacturing, shipping and other interests.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS—CAUTION !

On the one hand we see a Fire Record full of accounts of the destruction of property. On the other we find Insurance companies, great and small, old and new, stock and mutual, competing with increasing alacrity for risks, at constantly diminishing rates. We stand aside, as onlookers, wondering what it all may mean.

We know what it must come to. To all the new companies it must bring, as it has already brought to some, losses from which it will take them years to recover. Not a single new company can even now boast of a stock quotation of over fifty cents on the dollar paid in! To the mutuals it means the heaviest of assessments on their premium notes to meet the claims of their "cash" business, which has now in most cases come to mean: ready cash for premiums, but long notes for losses. To the old companies it means diminished or suspended dividends, and an increased load of responsibilities. Nor can the public hope to be benefitted; claims will be more closely scrutinized, technical points more strictly insisted upon, settlements more closely cut down-for if the public grind down the sunny side.

offices, the offices cannot well be blamed for grinding the public when their turn comes.

It seems at present as if skill went for nothing, and cautions were thrown to the four winds. Already we find some of the younger companies getting so badly hit that changes must be made in their management. Some secretaries may think it fun to take at one percentage risks which have been for years on other secretaries' books at a higher rate; but shareholders will ere long, through their Boards of directors, bring such officials to book.

We suppose this is what it all means that when either some of the English offices withdraw, or the juvenile Canadian offices find their wings too much scorched to keep on soaring—neither of which are improbable contingencies—then there will be a harvest time for the conservative offices, and a moderate increase of rates, lasting for a considerable time, will give them the profit they now find themselves unable to make.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF CAN-ADA DURING 1875-6.

It was well known during the past year that our import trade was declining, and that, consequently, the revenue of the Dominion would show a corresponding decrease. Whether we should have a surplus or deficit became an interesting question at one time to those who are acquainted with fiscal affairs, but we are glad to say that the 30th of June last found a moderate balance on the right side of the account. According to the monthly returns published in the Official Gazette the surplus of receipts over expenditures during 1875-6 was close upon one million of dollars. These figures are necessarily only approximate, for it is a work of time to separate the receipts and expenditures as between income and capital, and entry warrants are from time to time issued modifying the distribution. Up to the 31st ot July, the Consolidated Fund Account for the fiscal year 1875-6 stood as follows:

Receipts Expenditures							
Surplus	 	•		• •	• • •	 261,447	

When the figures are exactly ascertained we fancy they will not vary much from those given above. The surplus is small, but considering the large decrease of \$24,-562,125 which took place in our importations during the year, over two-thirds of which were of goods chargeable with $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. duty, it is fortunate that the balance is not on the shady instead of the sunny side.

Compared with the receipts and expenditures of the two preceding years, those of 1875-6 are considerably less. The statement is as follows :---

	Receipts.	Payments.
1873-4	. \$24,205,092	\$23,316,316
1874-5		23,713,071
1875-6	. 22,334,159	22,072,711
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According to these statistics, the revenue declined \$2,314,556 during the last twelve months. The falling off in the customs receipts was \$2,531,611, so that there must have been a small increase in the other sources of income. The expenditure of the Government was less than in 1874.5 by the sum of \$1,640,360. In view of the falling revenue, some of the expenditures contemplated by the Government when the estimates passed were doubtless postponed. This was prudent. For a deficit under present circumstances, when the Dominion has such costly public works to construct, is highly undesirable.

It should not be forgotten that the expenditures on account of consolidated fund do not embrace all of the Dominion's annual outlay. There is also the expenditure on capital account, for such works as railways and canals, the latter being frequently called the extraordinary, and the former the ordinary, revenue and expenditure. It is satisfactory to note that a check has been given to the growth of the ordinary expenditure of the Government, and even if this should only prove temporary it will be beneficial. The capital expenditure, however, continues large, and is likely to increase rather than diminish as the Pacific Railway is proceeded with. The Dominion will no doubt grow and develop, and become better able to bear financial burdens than at present, but it is not wise for a young country like Canada to calculate too largely upon its future prosperity.

The nett public debt at the present time may be set down at \$120,000,000. This is a large increase since Confederation, and adds to the reasons why a cautious and economical financial policy is much needed under present circumstances. We have more than once pointed out how heavy and burdensome a public debt, with its accompanying taxation, the bargain with British Columbia may entail upon us. Unless great care is taken, this unpalatable result is inevitable, and we should be glad to see the legislative bodies, the people, and the press, more alive to the necessity of keeping our annual expenditure, both income and capital, within moderate limits.

FINANCIAL	REVIEW.	
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The following is the official return of the banks of Ontario and Quebec for July last. LIABILITIES

DIADI	DITIES.	
	June 30,'76.	July 31,'76.
	68,966,666	68,966,666
Capital paid up	61,596,758	61,596,758
Circulation	18,067,137	17,278,169
Government deposits	8,898,643	8,565,966
mand	35.005.371	33,915,423
Public deposits at		
	24,420,593	25,088,325
Canada	1,837,979	1,768,707
		2,942,094
Sundries	87,392	82,052
	\$91,706,488	\$89,640,736
	SETS.	
Notes and cheques of	14,439,262	14,132,852
other Banks	4,958,816	3,716,509
Due from other Banks		3,7 ,3-3
	3,215,168	2,935,234
in Canada	7,858,346	7,632,026
Available assets .:	\$30,471,502	\$28,316,621
Government stock	1,162,2 62	1,162,262
	124,251	151,554
Loans to corporations	3,691,619	3,763,169
Notes overdue	122,086,161	120,723,654
	5,938,076	5,482,694
Rank premises	920,348	871,421
Other assets	2,945,105 1,897,271	2,750,850 1,654,331
	Government deposits Public deposits on de- mand Public deposits at notice Due other Banks in Canada Due Banks not in Canada Sundries Notes and Provincial Notes Notes and cheques of other Banks Due from other Banks in Canada Due from Banks not in Canada	Capital authorized 68,966,666 Capital paid up 61,596,758 Circulation 18,067,137 Government deposits 8,898,643 Public deposits on de- mand 35,095,371 Public deposits at notice 24,420,593 Due other Banks in Canada 1,837,979 Due Banks not in Canada 1,837,979 Due Banks not in Canada 1,837,979 Sundries 1,837,979 Sundries 1,837,979 Sundries 1,837,979 Sundries 1,837,979 Due Banks not in Canada 1,837,979 Due Banks not in Canada 1,837,979 Sundries 1,837,979 Due Banks not in Canada 1,837,979 Due Banks not in Canada 1,837,979 Sundries 1,837,979 Due Banks not in Canada 3,299,373 Sundries 14,439,262 Notes and cheques of other Banks 4,958,816 Due from other Banks in Canada 7,858,346 Available assets .: \$30,471,592 Government stock 1,162,262 Loans to Government 124,251 Loans to Government 124,261 Notes overdue 5,938,076

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The last Official Gazette contained the return of all the banks with the exception of the Bank of British North America, through the courtesy, however, of the manager of that institution we are able to present the returns in advance of the Gazette. The returns present much the same general features which have prevailed for some time. indicating a sluggish state of business, and a steady accumulation of means by the banks in excess of the demand for accomodation. The average amount of circulation at the end of July, for some years past, has been five millions in excess of the present year at this date. On the other hand, the deposits held by the banks are more by about this sum than the average on hand while circulation was so much higher, so that the loaning capacity of the banks is now over ten millions beyond that which they have had on an average for the five past years. Indeed the reserve circulation, estimating the absorbing power of the country at the average of the highest amounts called forth after the harvests of late years, is about grows older and stronger it becomes \$10,000,000, of which probably little over more conservative in its management, one third will be needed for moving the gnd consequently more prosperous. For it present harvest. While, however, we hear is not the largest business that always of rates being accepted which leave no yields the most profit. And it evidently profitable margin between them and the has not been the policy of the Royal to do

probability of monev being less plentiful later on in the year. It is stated, by a credible observer, that the quantity of square timber passed through the Chaudiere Slides, this season, exceeds last years' stock by about three That this trade remains million feet. so depressed is no mystery while such a perverse policy is pursued, and every foot of that lumber means a prolongation of the troubles and disasters of this business.

The proposal to open up a trade between Canada and Australia is one of great interest and pregnant with results most advantageous to this country. The sailing distance from our coast to Australia is the same as from England, or close upon it. The whole question turns upon our capacity to make the goods which will sell there; if so, return freights will not be wanting, as vessels could make such a route homewards as would secure these. The prospect, however, of our making large importations of wine from that colony, which has been dwelt upon as a hopeful feature in this new enterprise, is very remote indeed. as equally good wine is made at our own door. Australia is a large buyer of hardware such as we are making, of woollens and other clothing and also of goods such as we might make: so that there is the opening for an exchange of products between these two great colonies, which might beldeveloped to the immense advantage of both, but especially of the Dominion.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

The wisdom of accumulating large reserves to provide for all the possible contingencies in business, especially in a class so perilous as insurance, cannot be doubted. This has for years been the settled policy of the Royal Insurance Company. The premium income in the Fire department was £742,553; out of this sum £355,161 was expended in the payment of losses, or about forty-eight per cent. of its premium receipts. This is the lowest percentage the company has experienced during the past twenty-five years. The annual report, a large portion of which may be found in another part of this paper, states that the average losses during the last twelve years were sixty-three per cent. of its premiums. This rate has been reduced during the past eight years to an average of fifty-nine per cent., which indicates that as the company rate allowed on deposits, there is every business without deriving some benefit

⁻It is stated that work will begin on the Sarnia, Chatham, and Erie Railway on the first day of October next. Workmen are being placed at the above named points, and also at Blenheim on the Lake.

therefrom. For we find that in the fire department, after the payment of the losses and all expenses, the profits have been $f_{216,460}$. The Reserve fund has been increased £150,000, and now amounts to £400,000, while the Life fund has reached half a million. Its total funds in both departments, including capital, now stand at the enormous sum of £3,258,437, which is invested in the best available securities. The Life department, too, appears to have been very fortunate. The result of the year's operations has been to add f 123,135 to its funds, which makes the total accumulations in this branch, £ 1,976,146. The directors have increased their dividend from ten to fifteen shillings per share this year, which is an increase of fifty per cent. The chairman in his speech at the meeting very properly remarked that he thought "it would be very disastrous were we at any time to raise our dividend to that point that we could not see our way in future years either to maintain it there or to increase it. I think we should place ourselves in that position with respect to our reserves that we should never have occasion to reduce the dividend, inasmuch as I believe there could be nothing which could affect the interests of the company more in the eves of our constituents than the reduction of our dividend." These remarks might be studied with profit by many of our monetary institutions. The management have much reason to complain of the great reduction in rates and the completely demoralized condition of the business on this side of the Atlantic. Considering all the circumstances it is really extraordinary that in a time of general depression throughout Europe and America, this company should find the past year the most profitable in its history. And the Canadian managers cannot but feel proud to represent an institution which presents the most undoubted security to its policyholders.

-The Royal Commission which was appointed to investigate the affairs of the Northern Railway has begun its enquiry. It is based on the ground that the Government, having a lien of \pounds 425,000 on the property, is warranted in seeing there is no misappropriation of the funds. There seems to be a refusal on the part of some of the principal witnesses to give evidence, and thus far nothing of interest has come to light. The obstruction offered in this way may carry the matter into the Courts to settle the legality of the Commission but it will in the meantime prejudice public opinion against the company.

-A despatch from London to Mr. Prentice states that of the Quebec Loan of four millions, £503,000 sterling were subscribed in a few hours, and that the balance, £357,000 sterling, will only be sold at par. The fact shows that there is a public in England which thinks for itself, and does not allow itself to be moved by the depreciatory remarks of the *Times*.

-We learn from the Insurance Chronicle that the total losses from fire in Canada and the United States during July, amounted to \$5,947,-100, as compared with \$5,114,700 in the same month last year. The loss to insurance companies was \$2,831,600, as against \$2,540,200 for the same period. There was \$4,305,100 lost by the burning of special hazards, and of these the companies bear \$1,871,800. The number of fires was 903, or about 30 a day. Hotels, saw mills, groceries, and livery stables were the most inflamable. In Canada there was a total loss of \$441,100, of which the companies bore \$217,700: the specials footed up to \$300,600, causing a loss of \$128,200 to the companies. Hotels, saw-mills and groceries, as in the past, appear to have suffered most heavily.

-The corporation of St. John has sold to the Dominion Government for \$40.000 the property known as the Ballast wharf as a deep water shipping place. The branch rails of the Intercolonial will be laid and the property put in working order at once. At Halifax the new depot is being rapidly pushed to completion, and at Richmond the piers and station grounds are being extended to meet the increase of business

—The City Council of Hamilton has refused to allow the Hamilton and North Western Railway Company to set aside the terms of the original contract, which specifies the construction of the road on the Bay side of the Beach. Should the directors depart from the contract, or fail to carry out their obligations, the Council has decided to withold the money voted to the line. The company can scarcely afford to part with such assistance, and it is likely it will find it necessary to fulfil its pledges.

--The United States Treasury Department has decided that American fishermen must not fish on the north shore of Lake Superior; and moreover, that any fish caught there cannot be entered in any U. S. Custom House unless permission to fish be granted by the Canadian Government.

—The contract has been awarded for the construction of the Extension of the Whitby Railway from Port Perry to Lindsay. The time set for the completion is the 1st of August next year. The contractors expect to finish the grading before winter, and bring the work to an end by the commencement of June.

-The Quebec city fire committee asked the council to grant twenty-five thousand dollars for improving the fire brigade and for other fire purposes; which sum does not seem an excessive one, considering Quebec's late experience and the admitted condition of such affairs. The council, however, would only vote \$15,000, and Mr. Russell, the chairman of the committee, resigned in consequence.

—It is but a few years since the first thousand Life policies were in force in the United States, while to-day eight hundred and twenty thousand attast the growth and magnitude of the business. Over three millions of people thus look to the two thousand millions of protection assured by the companies. Four hundred and twenty-two millions of dollars in assets have been accumulated within this comparatively short period of time, and sixty millions of surplus testify to the stability and and security of the trust. Within only the past five years, three hundred millions of dollars have been disbursed by the Life companies of the United States to their patrons, and during the same period from six to seven millions of dollars contributed to State and local taxation.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, Aug. 21, 1876.

The Oil Association of London have paid their first month's rent for the new year, and appears to run smoothly for the present, but trouble is anticipated later, when rents begin to rise, as the Association think that they will have to make a reduction or give up. Although they have settled with the Crude Oil Association, still there appears to be something wrong, and I don't think that it is by any means as strongly formed as it was last year. Oil, both crude and refined is rising in price rapidly in the United States; this must give an impetus to the trade here.

The shipments for the week up to 18th August were—Crude, 3,142 brls; distillate, 800 brls. Development about the same, but great talk about new wells. Business, generally, is better. The price of crude oil at \$1.00 per barrel well sustained; refined about the same.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

12 o'clock, Aug. 23rd, 1876.

Transact'ni in Week. Buyers. Sellers STOCKS. .5 198 191] 103 615 1882 Montreal 189 Ontario Consolidated 40 43 102 103 102 102 B C Peoples 6 Molsons 109 187 Jacques Cartier Merchants 321 911 124 50 33 91 914 124 206 91ª 125 Commerce Metropolitan 154 55 Maritime..... 73 100 Exchange Hamilton 20 IOI 86 Union Montreal Telegraph. Dominion Telegraph 204 159 87 1663 159 City Pass..... 168 1671 45 227 Sterling Exchange ... 109 109 109 109 110 Gold M. Telegraph (xd)

meetings.

THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Royal Insurance Company was held in the company's offices, London, on the 4th inst. when the following report was submitted :

REPORT.

Fire Department .- The directors have 'the pleasure of reporting that the results of the operations for the year 1875 have been highly satisfactory as respects the amount of profit. The fire premiums for the year amounted to $f_{742,553}$, and the losses to $f_{355,161}$, 128. 8d. After the deduction of agents' commission and all management expenses, the net profit for the period, including interest on fire fund and current balances, amounted $\pounds_{216,459}$. 148. 1d. During the year there has been a considerable diminution of the revenue of the North American branches—in great measure attributable to a further important reduction in the high rates of premium which were current, after the great conflagrations in Chicago and Boston. It may be anticipated that this reduction will still further impair the revenue of these branches during the year 1876.

Life Department .- During the year new proposals were accepted for £504,347, and the cor-responding annual premiums obtained to the closing of the accounts were £16,441. 16s. 9d. The proposals declined during the period amounted to \pounds 74,034. The total income from from premiums, after deducting the reassurances, amounted to £240,963. 14s., and the interest received from investments, exclusive of that on the Annnity Funds, was \$75,699. 1s. 6d :--- The claims during the year were by death :- Original Original sums assured, $f_{4,600}$; bonus additions thereon, $\pounds 682$; making a total of $\pounds 144,916$. 8s. 5d. In the Annuity Branch the purchasemoney received for new annuities, together with the premiums on contingent annuities, amounted to £10,527. 28. 5d', and the interest to £7,294. 16s. 5d. Twenty-nine annuitants have died during the year, the annual payments to whom amounted to £888. 168. 4.d The result of the operations for the year is that, after payment of all claims, annuities, bonuses in cash, and expenses of every description, £124,135. 98. 9d. has been added to the Life Funds, making the total accumulations of Life and Annuity branches of the company £1.076.-146. 118. od.

Profit and Loss.-The amount at credit of the Profit and Loss Account, after payment of the Dividend and Income-tax for the year 1874, was \pounds 109,104. 3s. 2d.; to which have been added—Fire Profit for the year, \pounds 216,459. 14s. add 1 in the rest, ξ_{24} , ξ_{34} , ξ_{36} , ξ_{36} , ξ_{36} , ξ_{34} , ξ_{36} , $\xi_{$ amounts to \pounds 500,000; and \pounds 45,362. Ios. has been added to Fire Fund, thereby raised to \pounds 400,000, leaving \pounds 165,132. 48. at the credit of the account at the end of 1875. Dividend and Bonus.—In addition to the

Interim Dividend of 5s. per share paid in February last, the directors now recommend a further payment from profit and loss of 5s. dividend, and 5s. by way of bonus, making together 15s. per share, free of income-tax.

Funds.—After providing for payment of the dividend and bonus, the funds of the company will stand as tollows :--Capital paid up, £289,-545; Fire fund £400,000; Reserve fund, £500,ooo; Balance of profit and loss, $\pounds 92,745$. 198.; Life funds, $\pounds 1,976,146$. 118. 9d.; making a total of $\pounds 3,258,437$. 108. 9d.

Directors.-The board has to record, with much regret, the death of three directors long connected with the company and deeply interested in its welfare, viz. :- Mr. Charles Turner, for many years its chairman ; Mr. Thomas Bouch, for many years one of its deputy-chairmen; and Mr. Lloyd Rayner. During the past year, Mr. Josias Booker, and Mr. William Cliff, have been elected as directors, and they, and also the following directors retire, and are eligible for re-election, viz. .--Mr. Michael Belcher, Mr. David Duncan, Mr. George H. Horsfall, Mr. Ralph Brocklebank, Chairman.

The Chairman, Mr. Ralph Brocklebank, moved the adoption of the report, and said: Perhaps you will permit me very briefly to make a few observations on the report which has been submitted to you; likewise on the accounts of the general business of the Royal Insurance Company for the last year. You will remember that at our last meeting I congratulated you upon the result of our operations during the year. The balance-sheet showed the largest amount of profit ever realized in a like period during the whole time of the existence of this company. But upon this occasion I am even able to state to you that a still larger amount of profit has been realized than that realized in the year 1874, the surplus of the fire realized in the year 1374, the surpus of the me account being the large sum of $\pounds_{251,000}$, including interest, against $\pounds_{224,700}$, including interest, during the year 1874. This you will consider, I am sure, a large sum to show for one year's transactions, but you have been reminded from time to time that twelve months is too short a period to show any fair average of losses, and, on the other hand, too short a period to show a fair average of our gains or profit. The ratio of loss during the past year is about 48 per cent., a lower rate than any we have experienced during twenty-five years. If we refer to the past eight years, we shall find that the average will be for this period 59 per cent.; and if we go back for a further four years, making twelve, we shall find the average of our losses were at that period more than 63 per cent. Now, with these facts and figures before you, you may reasonably consider that the large profits of the last two years are not likely to be continued in the year upon which we have just entered, nor are they to be taken, I may say, as average of the profits for the next period of four years. Indeed, I may say that the losses for the year already commenced, 1876, have been somewhat larger-in fact, considerably largerthan they were in 1875, and something larger than they were in 1874. But you must not despond on that account, because there has been a very reasonable profit realized after all in the course of the first six months of this year which, I am sure, you will consider to be a very satisfactory result so far of the year's proceedings. I may here mention that the most disturbing element we have had during the past year is the continued reduction of the rates of premium in the whole of the North American Continent, and this renders it almost certain that the profit on our business for the next few vears must be less than the unparallelled gains we have had during the year 1874, and especially during the year 1875. In the fire department you will find the reduction of the revenue is attributable to what I have spoken of in the North American business, partly to the depression of trade which has existed during the past three years on that Continent, and partly to the competition to which we, as well as all English companies, are subject. You will notice from the report that a still further reduction may be expected from this cause in 1876. I will now for a moment call your attention to a portion of our proceedings which perhaps you will consider more interesting than any other part of it, and that is the dividend. The recommendation of

year should be 15s. per share. Last year the dividend from the fire profits was 10s. per share ; and I think you must be very well satisfied, at least, I myself am very well satisfied-being a shareholder, like yourselves—with the increase of dividend, amounting, as it does, to 50 per cent. The directors have always been anxious to pay such a dividend as they could reasonably hope to be continued. I think it would be very disastrous to us if we were at any time to raise our dividend to that point that we could not see our way in future years either to maintain it at that point or to increase it. I think we should place ourselves in that position with respect to our reserves that we should never have occasion to reduce the dividend, inasmuch as I believe there could be nothing which could affect the interests of the company more in the eyes of our constituents than the reduction of our dividend. This increase of which I have been speaking is larger than any increase we have had in any larger than any increase we have have in any in any single year; but the funds have increased by no less a sum than \pounds 179,000, leaving your directors, as I have before said, in the full expectation unless some very great calamity takes place-that at least this dividend will be maintained. The fire fund reserve and the balance of profit and loss, after payment of the dividend will amount to £992,745, 198. This you will consider a very large sum simply taken as an accumulation of money, but by no means larger than that we ought to have in our hands if we take into consideration the risks and liabilities which attached to this large sum. The accumulation of funds of an insurance company has this effect : it gives us a power of selection of the very best risks that are in existence. I am sure that any gentleman present, if he has large insurances to effect, would look to the office that has the largest surplus fund to meet the probable losses that he might sustain, and therefore it is the wish of the directors to continue to build up a reserve fund for the power that it gives us in obtaining, as I have said before, the business which yields the largest profit. Gentlemen, there is no diffi-culty in getting ordinary business for any company; but what we seek for is that sort of business which is secure as far as human knowledge and human inquiry and careful inspection of risks can ascertain. That description of business it is our desire to obtain. And now I come to a subject which has been upon more than one occasion, I think, mentioned in this room, that it is the market value for our [securities. I am under the impression that an erroneous opinion has been abroad for some time past that the market value for our securities is more by several hundreds and thousands of pounds than is really the fact; and there appears to have been a desire on the part of our shareholders—and I think a reasonable desire—to be made acquainted to a certain extent with what the increased value of our securities is, for which credit is not given in our annual statement. You are aware that we are now passing through what I may call a dear period for approved securities, and although the valuation of our securities on the 31st December-the day on which we take the valuation of the securities of which I am now speaking-might fluctuate very considerably, we can hardly expect them to be of the same value on the 31st December next year. They might be considerably less; therefore I don't think it is desirable that the shareholders should run away with the idea that the statement I am going to make of the value of those securities will always be the same, because as I have just said, they are securities of a somewhat fluctuating character. Should there arise any special demand for money in the course of the year, from a revival of trade and other circum-stances, it is just possible that those securities, that is the dividend. The recommendation of beieg fluctuating securities, we might the directors is that the dividend for the past have to value them somewhat differently to what we have done on the present occasion. I will now come to the real point as to these figures. The funds we hold in United States Stocks stand in our office books at £346,820. The market value of those stocks, on the 31st of December, we made to be £378,280, showing an increase upon the values of those securities of £31.460. I may mention here, that those securities are held in America for the purpose of enabling us to do business in the different States. Then the British India and Colonial Securities amount in our books to £ 108,734. Their marketable value was $\pounds III.981$, which gives an increased value of $\pounds 3.246$. But the largest amount that we hold is in railway stocks. These are not common stocks, but all preference stocks, and they stand with us at $\pounds_{1,158,416}$. The market value on the 31st of December was $\pounds_{1,249,550}$, making an increase of $f_{91,703}$. Thus the total increase in value this year is $f_{125,810}$. Now, there has likewise been, from time to time, some inquiry made as to the value of the buildings which we hold for the purpose of conducting our business, and I may tell you that the orignal cost of the building was $\pounds 242,272$. All that I can say, gentle-men, in conclusion is, that I hope you will be satisfied with the statement laid before you on behalf of the directors of the Royal Insurance Company, and that you will agree with me that, seeing we are doing business in every part of the world-on the Continent of Europe, on the American Continent, in India, China, Japan, and South Amerca—that by your agreeing with the resolutions which we shall bring forward to-day, and to the sum proposed to be set aside to meet our obligations and engagements, it will give us a power and strength wherever we are doing business that the Royal Insurance Company has never had before.

The report was adopted.

The following motion was also carried : That this meeting approves of the declaration by the directors of a dividend of 5s. per share and a bonus of 5s. per share out of the points of the company to the 31st of December, 1875, the same to be payable on or after Friday, the 11th of August instant, making. with the interim dividend paid in February last, 15s. per share for the year 1875, free of income tax.

The customary congratulatory speeches terminated the proceedings.

The retiring directors were re elected.

Insurance.

FIRE RECORD .--- Garafraxa, Aug.--- The shingle factory of Hugh Black was destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,500 ; no insurance.

Aurora, Aug. 20.-The saw mill of Mr. Major was burned together with a large quantity of lumber owned by M. B. Faughner and worth \$3,000. Machinery insured for \$800. The other property a total loss.

Ottawa, Aug. 15.-The house and buildings of Mr. Tremblay were destroyed by bush fires. Loss \$3,000. Insurance \$1,000.

Belleville, Aug. 17.—The barn and sheds of James Brentnell, in Sidney township, were consumed by fire. Loss \$, 500; no insurance.

St. Catharines, Aug. 17.—The barn of Mr. Wyatt, was destroyed by fire along with contents. Loss \$1,000; insured. St. Catharines, Aug. 17.—The frame building

of the race course, occupied by D. Gillis, was burned. Loss \$800; insurance \$400.

Hamilton, Aug. 18.—The stable of Michael Hayes, with contents, was consumed by fire.

Loss \$800; no insurance. Montreal, Aug. 18.—A fire damaged the premises of James Stanford, cabinet maker.

Halifax, Aug. 19 .--- A fire consumed the barn and about \$1,000 worth of property belonging to the clerk of licences.

Singhampton, Aug. 22.—A fire consumed the barn of Edward Gosneld. No insurance.

Morpeth, Ont., Aug. 21.-The barn of Charles Richardson, together with contents, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$2,500; no insurance. Wellesley, Ont., Aug. 21.—The Lutheran church was destroyed by fire. Loss \$2,000.

Brockville, Aug. 22 .-- A fire at Lyn destroyed large warehouse, several sheds and a quantity of bark. The bark was worth \$14,000, and was owned by Messrs. Cassels & Co. No. insurance.

MONTREAL, Aug. 22.—A fire completely gut-ted the foundry of E. H. C. Lionais. Loss between \$6000 and \$7000. Fully insured in Provincial ane Royal Canadian.

CHATHAM, N. B., Aug. 22.-A fire consumed consumed a large quantity of lumber and dials in the yards of Alexander Morrison, about two miles from this place. The loss is very heavy and is said to be partially covered by insurance.

Markham, Aug. 18.—The Ringwood shingle factory together with machinery and 1,200 bunches of shingles owned by Joel Baker was burned. Loss \$3,500; insured in the Waterloo Mutual for \$1,200.

Ingersoll, Aug. 18.—The cabinet factory of E. Nichols together with machinery, tools, and a large quantity of lumber was destroyed by fire. Loss \$4,000; insured for \$1,500. The dwelling of A. McKay was damaged to the extent of \$100; and a barn belonging to D. Choate was also consumed.

Stayner, Aug. 18.—A fire consumed the flour mill and dwelling of W. Buch; the carriage shop of Bell & Perkins, and the residence of Mr. Bell. Buch's loss is about \$4,000, insured for \$1,000on mill, \$800 on stock, and \$300 on dwelling in Citizens and Stadacona. Bell & Perkins insured in a local Mutual.

in a local Mutual. BARRIE, Aug. 22.—A fire broke out this morning destroying three stables and four sheds, besides damaging the Queen's Hotel and two or three other buildings. Total loss, including removal of goods, about \$15,000, divided as follows:--Western \$1,500; Lancashire, \$1,000; Stadaeae & coo: Bouel Canadian Stadacona, \$1,000; Royal Canadian, \$1,1000; Imperial, \$1,500; Royal Canadian, \$1,1700 Imperial, \$1,500; Citizens, \$800; London and Liverpool and Globe, \$400.

Quebec, Aug. 16 .- A fire destroyed twentyfour buildings on Passage street, Levis, most of which were occupied as shops and dwellings. The total loss of property is estimated at **The total loss of property is commarce the** \$75,000. The insurance companies state their losses as follows: Royal Canadian \$8,000; Queen \$7,000; Scottish Commercial \$6,000; Western \$5,000; Stadacona \$5,000; Quebec \$4,600; Royal \$2,000, and National \$1,000; besides small amounts in other offices.

Woodstock, Aug. 22.—A frame block of buildings was destroyed by fire. Most of the loss was covered by insurance. The sufferers and insurances are as follows :- H. Prior, tinsmith, \$400 on stock, \$400 on building; Paul and Nisbitt, tinsmiths, \$1,000 on stock, \$200 on building; Dr. Scott, \$1,000 on building; Hugh Gunn, harness maker, no insurance; Munroe Bros., shoemakers, no insurance; Mott & Coker livery stable, \$600 on contents; Roderick McKay, merchant tailor, \$500 on building, \$600 on stock ; Thompson & McLaren, general storekeepers, \$900 on stock ; and D. Mathews. hotelkeeper.

Brussels, Ont., Aug. 21.—A fire consumed the greater portion of the village, and destroyed property valued at \$100,000. The following is property valued at \$100,000. The following is a list of the sufferers with the amount of their a list of the sufferers with the amount of their losses and insurances:—T. English, loss \$3, 000, insurance \$1,000; W. T. Hunter, loss \$1,400, insurance \$500; Harrison's Bank, loss \$200; J. Alexander, \$200; W. H. McCracken \$4,000, insurance \$2,000; Thos. Tait, loss \$100; J. J. Lynn, loss \$7,500, insurance \$2,500; T. Fletcher, \$500, covered by insurance \$2,500; T. Fletcher, \$500, covered by insurance \$2,500; Covered by insurance \$2,000; J. Dun-can \$2,000, insurance \$2,000; J. Dun-can \$2,000, insurance; Mark Cardiff, \$500, no insurance; Mrs. Wallace, \$400, insurance not known; John Grewer, \$4,500, insurance \$1,000;

J. A. Gortick, \$1,000, covered by insurance ; D. Ross, \$2,000, insurance \$1,000; John Wynn, \$1,000, no insurance; Jas. Laird, \$300, no insurance; A. Duncan \$800, insurance \$400; T. Anderson \$1,200, no insurance; W. Glynn, Anderson \$1,200, no insurance; W. Giffin, ance; Geo Baker \$1,200, insurance \$800; Mr. Moore \$3,000, insurance \$1.200; W. Knechtel, \$200, no insurance; J. Mannel, \$300, no insurance; A. Hood, \$600, covered by insurance; W. Ormes, \$100, no insurance; R. T. Uren, \$100; no insurance; I. O. O. F., \$75, covered by insurance; Corporation, \$200, no insurance; damage to town hall, \$7,000, covered by insurance; S. Smale, \$4,000, insurance \$1,800; J. Ward, loss not ascertained.

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MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

Montreal, August 22, 1876. The heavy thunder and rain storm which passed over this region last Tuesday has reduced the Temperature to a degree which almost makes people complain of cold being too severe, the average of the thermometer yesterday having been about 45 ° lower than the previous Monday. In some districts near the city there was frost yesterday morning.

In general business there is not much change to notice; things are very quiet and are likely to continue so for some weeks yet. In the Grocery trade the only notiecable features are more firmness in tea, and a tendency to lower prices in sugar, large stocks of scotch yellows having been ordered on speculation and are now close at hand. Holders both of thas sort and also of American Whites are more disposed to press sales at a shade under last weeks prices. Breadshiffs are quiet. Grain difficult to sell. Butter is rather dearer but not much demand. Ashes steady. Freights are declining. Tonnage is not abundant but sufficient for the present demand.

ASHES.—Pots—There has hardly been so much doing in ashes this week as during the previous one, and although there have been some sales over our outside quotation they were for extra tares. Price of Firsts are steady at \$4.30 to 4.372. In Seconds a moderate business has been done at \$3 to 5.35. Thirds are nominal. *Pearls* are quiet, few transactions re-ported. Firsts, \$4.75 to 4.85; Seconds are worth about \$3.75, but very little doing. Stocks at present in store are, Pots 4,280 brls.; Pearls 1,053 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES .--- There is a decided tendency to lower prices for heavy goods, and for large orders our quotations would be considerably shaded. Business has been moderately active and manufacturers are kept busy with orders on hand. We quote Men's kip boots \$2.50 to 3.00; do. French calf \$3.00 to 3.75; do. Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; do. split Brogans 90c to \$1.25; do. kip; do. \$1.30 to 1.50; Boy's split Brogans 75c to \$1.00; do. Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1.40 to 1.50; Womens Buff and pebbled Balmorals \$1.15 to 1.80; do. prunella Bals. 75c to \$1.75 do. do. Congress 75c to 1.75; Misses Buff and Pebbled Balmorals 00c to \$1.15: do. prunella Bals. and Congress active and manufacturers are kept busy with 75c to \$1.25; childrens do. do.; foc to \$1.00. CATTLE.—The cool weather which has pre-vailed since last Wednesday has caused quite

Our quotations show little change of any consequence and may be considered to a great extent as nominal. We quote Bi Carb \$3.35 to 3.60; firm Bleaching Powder 2c; Sal Soda is steady at \$1.20 to \$1.25; Caustic Soda 3½ to 3½, Soda Ash \$1.90 to \$2.00; Alum 2 to 2½c; Epsom Salts \$2.00. Blue Vitrol 6½ to 7c; Copperas I to 1½c; Saltpeter \$7.00 to 8.00; Sulphur \$3.50 Brimstone \$2.75 to 3.00 Gream Tartar Crystals 24c, to 25c do. ground 27c to 28c.

DRY GOODS.—The increased activity noticed last week has been maintained but we cannot report any increased movement this week. Travellers who are out are not quite so sanguine as they were sometime ago and find orders somewhat difficult to secure. Clothing is in fair demand and alsrge and satisfactory business is reported as having been done. Remittances are not coming in so regularly as could be desired.

FISH.—We have no change to report; stocks of all kinds are small as yet, with the exception of Dry Cod, which is now beginning to come to hand and sells at \$5.50. Salmon continues to be asked for at \$13.00, 14.00, and 11.00 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3. No other kinds of fish in stock.

FURS.—This market is still in a lifeless condition and quotations are entirely hominal and likely to be so for a couple of weeks yet, by which time the result of the early September sales will be known.

FREIGHTS.—Although the supply of tonnage is small, the demand is light, and the tendency is to lower rates. There have been engagements by steamer to Liverpool for heavy grain at 4/6 to 4/9, and to Glasgow at 5/0 to 5/1. Flour, 3/0 to 3/3. Butter and cheese to Glasgow, 50/0; to Liverpool, 35/0 to 40/0.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week, 19,-646 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date, 504,267 brls, being a decrease of 75,269 brls on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1875. Shipments during the week, 10,970 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date, 361,733 brls, being a decrease of 50,834 brls on the corresponding period of 1875. In the early part of the week the market was quiet, but on Friday and Saturday there was a somewhat better demand. Attendance on change to-day was good and an improved demand for flour was expressed, and a good deal changed hands within our range of quotations. Superior Extra \$5.35 to 5.40 nominal; Extra Superfine \$5.25 to 5.30; Fancy \$4.95 to 5.00; Spring Extra \$4.60 to 4.65; Superfine \$4.25 to 4.35; Strong Baker's flour \$4.80 to 5.00; Fine \$3.80 to 3.90; Middlings \$3.25 to 3.50; Volerds \$2.75 to 3.00; City Bags \$2.45 to 2.50; Upper Canada Bags \$2.30 to 2.32¹; Oatmeal dull at \$4.05 to 4.10; Cornmeal 3.00 per brl.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—Receipts for the past week 299,168 bushels: total receipts from 1st January to date 4261.715 bush. being a decrease of 741,567 bush. on the receipts for the same period of 1875; shipments during the week were 263,048 bushels, and the total shipments from fist of Jannary to date were 3,294,331 bush., being a decrease of 582,833 on shipments for the corresponding period of 1875. This has been a very dull week in the market for all kinds of grain, buyers and sellers are apart in their views. In the early part of the week Canada spring was quoted at \$1.07 to 1.10 market closing unsettled at \$1.06 to 1.08; Maize is nominal at 52 to 53; Peas 83 to 84c per 60 lbs.; equal to 91 92¹/₂c per 66 lbs; Oats quiet but steady at 34¹/₂ to 35¹/₂c. Barley unchanged.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*—The firmness noted last week in Japans has been maintained, and it is questionable if teas could be bought now at the same figure, which would have purchased them last week, and holders are not disposed to press their goods on the market, their has been a fair demand for medium kinds from 45 to 50c. Old

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season's Japans are difficult to move, and sales taking place are at prices not satisfactory to importers. Blacks and greens are dull and neglected. Coffee is not in much demand, only a small jobbing trade transpiring within our range of quotations, which are firm. Java, 29 23G; Laguayra 22c; Maracaibo, 21 to 22c. Sugar-Stocks are increasing, and there has been more disposition shown to press sales, and the article can now be purchased in quan-tity under our quotation of last week. Scotch Refined is offering at $\frac{1}{4}$ c under last week's price, say at $7\frac{1}{4}$ to $8\frac{1}{4}$ c. American Granulated is in steady demand at 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ to $7\frac{1}{4}$ c. Raw Sugars are firm, and maintain their values at 7 to $7\frac{1}{4}$ c. Molasses-Stocks held here are generally light, and full prices are obtained. Sugar House 27 and full prices are obtained. Sugar House 27 to 32c; Barbadoes, 474c; Trinidad 374 to 40c. *Rice*—We quote \$3.80 to 4; round lots of the best quality are. however, obtainable under our outside figure. *Spices*—There is nothing doing beyond the supply of the usual jobbing demand within our range of quotations. Black Pepper Io to Io²/₄; White do, 18¹/₄; Jamaica Ginger 18 to 20c for unbleached; Pimento 8²/₄ to Ioc; Cloves 371 to 421; Cassia 15 to 18; Nutmegs 65c to \$1, according to quality. Mace goc to \$1.10. Fruit.— Are in limited supply awaiting new arrivals and prices generally rule firm. Layer raisins \$2.25 to 2.30; Sultanas 12 to 14c; Valencias 71 to 74c; Currants are very firm and held for 61 to 7c; Figs dull of sale at 10 to 12c; Tarragona Almonds 12 to 131c; Languedoe ditto 12 to 14c ; Walnuts 61 to 7c.

HIDES AND PELTS.—There has been a moderate demand for hides but no change in prices. We quote No. 1 hides \$6.00; No. 2 \$5; No. 3 \$4.00. Lambskins 50 to 60c according to quantity of wool.

HARDWARE.—Although a few orders are coming in by mail, business is very quiet which state of things is always looked for at this season of the year. The accounts of a partial failure in the crops has had a depressing effect on this trade, still the prospects are moderately good for a fair fall business, quotations show no quotable change but if anything they are in buyers favour, and are still to some extent nominal. We quote :- Pig Iron-Eglinton and Clyde \$18.00 to 19.00; Carnbroe \$19.00 to 20.00; American \$21. to 23. ; Summer-lie and Calder \$19.00 to 20.00; Langloan & Gartsherrie \$20.00 to 21.00; Coltness \$20.50 to 21.00 Hematite \$26.00 to 27.00. *Bar*, per 100; lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.00 to 2.15; best do., \$2.30 to 2.35, Swedes and Norway \$4.75 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7.00. Canada Plates per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$4.00 to 4.20; Garth and Penn \$4.00 to 4.20; Arrow \$4.25 to 4.50; Hatton \$3.75 to 4.00. *Tin Plates* per box—Charcoal IC, \$7.00 to 7.50; ditto, IX. \$9.00 to 9.50; ditto DC, \$6.00 to 6.50; Coke IC, \$6.00 to 6.50; 14 x 20, 25C extra. *Tinned sheets* Charcoal best No. 26, 13C. Galvanized sheets best brands No. 28, 94 to 104c. Hoops and Bands \$2.70 to 2.80; Sheets best brands, \$3.00 to 3.25; Boiler Plates ordinary brands \$3.00to3.25do; Best brands \$3.25 to 3.50; Russian Sheet Iron 13 to 14c; Cul Nails, manufacturers list 3rd February, 2 D Lath, \$4.60; ditto, 2¹/₂d to 4d shingle \$3.80; do., 5d to 10d, \$3.30; do. 12d & larger \$3.; 100 keg 5d to 1od, \$3.30; do. 12d & larger \$3.; 100 keg order 5 per cent. discount. Cut nails patent Chisel pointed 25C extra. Pressed Spikes \$4.25 to 5.00; Shot Canadian \$7 to 7.25. Lead-Pig, per 100 lbs 6.50 to \$7.00; do sheets 6.50 to \$7.00; do Bar, 6.50 to \$7.00; Steel cast, 12 to 14C; Spring \$4.25 to 4.50; Sleigh Shoe \$3.50 to 3.70; Tire ditto, \$3.75 to 4.00. Ingot Tin 22 to 23C; Ingot Copper, 21 to 22C. Horse Skoes \$4.50 to 4.75; Proved Coil Chain, § in., \$5.50 to 6.00; Anchors 7 to 8C; Anvils 10 to 12C. Iron wire \$2.30 to 2.40; G.ass to 25 ubited Iron wire \$2.30 to 2.40; Glass to 25 ubited inches \$2.00.

LEATHER.—There has been a steady demand from the city trade for seasonable goods and prices are supposed to have about reached bottom. Best Spanish Sole, Medium, and Heavy-weights are not plentiful, and prices are firm. Light and inferior stock continues dull and slow of sale. Slaughter Sole is the turn firmer in price and best stock commands outside quotations. Upper and Harness are still in over supply and prices favour buyers. Medium and Heavy Splits are scarce and firm. No change in other lines. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. I B. A. 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 18 to 19c; No. I Orinoco 20 to 21c; No. 2 ditto 17 to 18c; Zanibar Spanish sole No. 1 20 to 21c; do. No. 2 17 to 18c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 171 to 19c; do. No. 2, 16 to 18c; Hemlock slaughter 22 to 23c; waxed upper light and medium 29 to 33c; do. heavy 28 to 30c; grained upper 31 to 33c; splits large 22 to 29c; do. small 15 to 20c; calfskins 30 to 36 lbs, 55 to 75c; do 20 to 20 lbs 50 to 65c; sheepskin linings 20 to 30c; harness 21 to 26c; buffed cow 13 to 16c per ft.; enamelled cow 17 to 18c ; patent cow 16 to 18c; pebbled cow 12c to15c; rough leather 22 to 22C.

OILS.—There has been a mederately good demand for Cod Oil, which is not in over supply, and sales continue to be made at 60 to 624c in quantity. Seal Oil, pale-None in the market. Straw Seal, 474 to 50c. Refined Seal is firm at 60c for round lots. Menhadden Oil, 40 to 424c. Olive, 95c to \$1.10, according to quality. Linseed, raw, 52 to 54c; ditto, boiled, 56 to 58c. In *Petroleum* there is not much do-ing, but prices favour buyers. Car loads are procurable at 24 to 26c; broken lots and single barrels, 261 to 29c.

PROVISIONS .- Butter .- Receipts during the week 1772 kegs; Shipmenrs 1623 kegs although the demand has been not very heavy, prices have advanced IC. and 2IC is now easily obtained for choice samples, now that the weather has become cool an active demand is looked for. Cheese .-Receipts 15,557 boxes; shipments 23,546 boxes. The market during the past week has been quite active and large transactions have taken place from 81 to 81c closing quiet at 8 to 81c; Lard steady fair demand at 121 to 131c for tubs and pails. Pork.-Receipts 160 brls; shipments 187 brls; not much doing, market closing quiet at \$21.50 to 22.00 for new mess, and \$20.50 to 21.00 for thin mess. Tallow 71 to 8c for rendered and 5 to 51c in the rough.

SALT .--- Has been in good demand and some large sales of coarse at 55 57 c. 10 to the Ton. Factory filled 1.00 1.10, some fair sales within our range of quotations.

Wool.-Business in this department is not improving, a few sales continue to be reported, but only of a hand to mouth character, but not sufficient to establish quotations. Reliable buyers could buy large lots at present at prices below what we have been lately quoting.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, Aug. 24, 1876.

The trade of the past week has not developed a more satisfactory state of affairs for the present, or any better prospects for the future. Most branches of business are uniformly quiet withont showing a single sign on which hopes for the removal of dullness can be built. This is in great part a result of the chief attention being turned to the harvest. What it will usher in, present circumstances do not tend to reyeal. But we do not expect to see any great increase in the prices of farm productions.

CATTLE .- Beeves-Receipts have undergone

advancing. First-class are scaace and in good demand at \$4.50 to 4.75. Second-class are barely sufficient and bring \$3.75 to 4.00. Third-class sell at \$3 to 3.25. Sheep—The demand is somewhat in excess of the supply, and all good qualities are well sought after. First-class have advanced to \$5 and 5.25; second class bring \$3.75 to 4.25; and third-class are not in re-quest. Lambs—The supply is below the wants of the market, and prices keep firm at \$3.50 to 3.75 for first class, \$3 to 3.25 for second-class and \$2.50 for third-class.

FLOUR AND MEAL.-Flour.-Stocks in store on the 21st inst. 5,529 brls. against 5,130 brls. last week and 3,125 brls, on this date last year. The market has advanced about five cents since our last and closes firm. There is a steady demand but very little offering. No transactions are reported in Superior extra but \$5.20 has been refused. Extra has changed hands at \$4.95 and 5.00 f.o.b., and some sales have been made at equal to the latter figure. Nothing is reported in fancy and the market is nominal. Spring extra sold early in the week at \$4.40 f.o.b., but subsequently at 4.45 on the spot. Superfine is worth \$3.95 to 4.00. Oatmeal.—The market is quiet at \$5.90 to 4.00 for car lots and \$4.25 to 4.50 for smaller quantities.

FREIGHTS .--- No rates to Lake Erie ports. Rates to Oswego remain unchanged at 11c. American currency, and to Kingston at 11c gold. Lumber to Oswego goc per thousand. Grand Trunk Railway rates are as follows; Flour to Montreal 174c, to Point Levis 35c, to St. John via the Intercolonial 45c, to Halifax 5oc per barrel; to St. John via Portland 45c, and to Halifax by the same route 45c. Rates by Steamer-Rates per the Jacques line to Mon-treal are 171c on flour, and 41c on grain; and 121c on flour, and 4c on grain, to Kingston, Prescott or Brockville. The Royal Mail line carries flour to Montreal at 20c. Through rates to Britain-Flour to Liverpool via Allan Line is nil per bbl.; or in bags 55s. od. per ton; grain, nil, exclusive of bagging ; butter and cheese 65s. 6d. per ton; boxed meats, tallow, pork, and beef in barrels, 60s. od.; lard, 60s od.; oil-cake, 65s. od. per ton. To Glasgow via Mon-treal, flour is nil per bbl.; wheat, nil per cental, and boxed meats and pork, 65s. od.; cheese and butter, 65s. od. per ton; tallow 65s. od.; lard 65s. od. per ton ; flour and oatmeal 55s. od. per ton

GRAIN.-Stocks in store on the 21th inst. Fall wheat, 102,977 bush; spring wheat, 157,-509 bush; oats, 6,410 bush; barley, 11,298 bush; peas, 4,078 bush; against fall wheat, 19,120 bush; spring wheat, 28,857 bush; oats, 26,308 bush; barley, 3,371 bush, and peas, 765 bush, on the same date last year. Wheat—We note an advance of about three cents, since our last, but the market is almost inactive. No. 1 and 2 fall-are purely nominal, but No. 3 sold at 98c f.o.b. Some transactions took place in No. I spring at \$1 and \$1.02 f.o.b. for car lots. At the close holders are asking \$1.07 to 1.08 for No. 2 fall, and \$1.05 for No. 1 spring. Oats .--Prices remain steady, but supplies are small and the enquiry not very brisk. There have been sales of car lots at 34 to 35c on the track. Bar-ley.—A load of No. 2 sold at 55c. This was the only transaction since our last reference. Peas. -The market steady with sales of No. 1 in lots at 781c f.o.b. For cars lots 76 to 77c would have been paid.

GROCERIES .- Coffee .- The movement of lots among jobbers is still of a very trifling nature and there is not much indication of improvement in the market. Prices are ruling quite low in some kinds while in the better grades past figures are pretty well maintained. A quite consumptive demand from retailers keeps up a

Fish.-The 24C. warm weather prevents merchants from laying in their and there does not appear to supplies be any kind in the market, except dry cod, which it selling at\$5.25; some might be; purch asedlow as \$5.00. Fruit-But little interest is manifested in old fruits, and supplies of new, though on the way, will not arrive for four wecks to come. Layers in this market are of the poorest kind, and would be sold at low figures. In New York they are worth \$1.00 per box. Here they can be had at\$1.75, or probably less. Valencias are quoted at 7 to 8c. Currants continue to sell at $6\frac{1}{5}$ to $7\frac{1}{4}$ c. The crop this season in the East will amount to fully 75,000 tons, or about 3,000 more than the crop of last year. Nuts and other fruits are quiet and unchanged. Liquors -The partial failure of the vintage in France has caused a firmness in brandies, but sales are very small on this market. Wines and whiskies are without change and sell steadily. Tobacco -The trade has not developed any new features; the movement is steady and prices are unchanged. Sugar—The movement of are unchanged. Sugar-ine movement of all kinds continues quite as active as it was, and prices in some instances have advanced fully another 25c per hundred pounds. Ground is about that much higher in price, and stocks, though small, appear quite sufficient for buyer's wants. Small lots to retailers cannot be had under 111c, and larger quantities are worth IIC. Dry crushed has been steady with moderate sales at 111c, and larger quantities are worth 11C. Drv crushed has been steady with moderate sales at 112c. Scotch continues to sell steadily at the former range 8¹/₄ to 9¹/₂c for common to bright. Bright Porto Rico is worth 8³/₄c in small lots, but dark can be had at 81c for dark, and 81 to 8% for bright. There is some Cuba in the market at 8 to 8¹/₂c. *Tea*—The New York market is considerably firmer, and offers that would have been accepted a couple of weeks' back are now refused. This has not tended to increase business either in that market or here. It would appear that dealers have seen the worst of the comparatively low prices. Sales continue on the hand to mouth principle to satisfy the ordinary demand, and retailers are not apparently in any hurry to make purchases or buy more than they want for immediate consump. tion. Low grade and medium Japans and Young Hysons are about the only kinds moving.

HARDWARE.—Business shows unmistakably the caprice of buyers. One week it will be dull, as it was last, and the following quite active. During the past few days there has been a considerable amount of goods moved, as much if not more than at this time last year. Some of these may have been sold imprudently but dealers generally are very careful whom they ingot tin, nails, galvanized iron, tin and Canada plates, glass &c. Shelf goods have not shewn the same sasisfactory state of business, but sales are fair. There is no appreciable change to record in quotations.

HIDES AND SKINS .- Hides --- The trade appears to be very steady, with very little fluctuation in supplies and none whatever in price. Dealers are paying 51c. for No. 1 steers and cows; and 12c for No. 2 of both kinds. Cured are slightly improved in price and sales have been made at 61 and 62c. Sheepskins-The market is quiet and dealers are paying 55 to 6oc as formerly. Calfskins are worth 8 and 11c. as in the past.

LEATHER .- Trade has not improved any and operations are very small. Prices have not changed and the general aspect is the same as it has been for some time. Native stocks are very quiet and sales are small. The trade is only buying what it cannot do without. And a considerable reduction, and the shipping de-mand has also fallen off. All coming in seem to be wanted, and prices are firm with signs of 28 to 29 c Singapore 25 to 27c and Rio 21 to there is more stock in hand than can be sold for

some time. Tanning materials are unchanged. Straits oil is in Cod oil is saleable and scarce. fair supply and good demand.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Quite a number of transactions are reported from the country but sales here are small. Prices continue firm. Select qualities are worth 18c. Shipping lots of good quality would bring 161 to 17c, and poor medium changes hands at 142 to 152c. Cheese. -But little doing; small lots are worth 8 to 90. Eggs.-Are offering in sufficient quantities to keep prices weak at 11 to 12c for lots. Pork .-Is quiet and unchanged at \$21 to 21.50 in small lots. Hums .- Stocks are getting into limited compass and prices are firm at 14 to 14¹/₂c for canvassed and 13¹/₂ for smoked. Bacon.—Remains steady and is rather quieter than last week. Car lots of Cumberland are worth 91c, and tons and under 9⁴/₂ to 10⁴/₂c. Long clear brings 11 to 11⁴/₂c. Smoked shoulders are worth 9 to 91c, and green 8 to 81c. Lard.-Is almost hogs.—Are in demand at \$7 to 7.50, but none are offering. Hops.—The new crop is just beginning to arrive and prices are not fixed. The samples appear to be of good appearance and well developed, but is it thought the general yield will be light.

SALT.—The condition of the market has undergone no change. Canadian brings \$1.05 per barrel, and Liverpool 75 to 80c per bag. Wool.—The season is just about over. Buy-

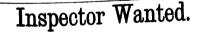
ers continue to take lots at 27c, and in some instances 28c has been paid for choice combing. The prospect is slightly improved, but no important improvement is possible.

UNION LOAN AND SAVINGS CO. DIVIDEND NO. 28.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of ten per cent per annum has been declared on the capital stock of this Company for the half year ending the 3sat instant, and that the same will be payable at the Com-pany's office, Union Block, Toronto Street, on and after FRIDAY, the 8th day of September, prox.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 22nd to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

. W. M.LEAN, Secretary.



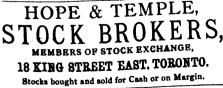
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Insolvent Act of 1875.

In the matter of Abraham Cahoon, an Insolvent. A First Dividend Sheet has been prepared open to objection until the 28th day of August, 1876, after whi h Dividend will be paid.

-JOHN E. MITCHELL Assignce

Toronto, August 10, 1876.

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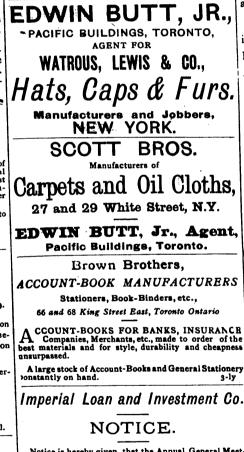
The Partnership hitherto existing between MUR-DOCH & DONALDSON, as Accountants, &c., at To-ronto, having been dissolved by mutual consent, the un-dersigned have entered into Partnership under the firm name of

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JOHN DONALDSON. J. C. LAIDLAW. Witness-JNO. EDW. ROSE. Dated at Toronto, July 1st, A.D. 1876.



Notice is hereby given, that the Annual General Meet-ing of the Sharehol ers of the Imperial Loan and Invest-ment Company will be hel i at their offices, on Adelaide atreet east, in the City of Toronto, on

Wednesday, the 30th day of August next, at Twelve o'clock noon, for the election of Directors, and other general purposes.

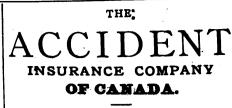
By order of the Board,

E. H. KERTLAND, Secretary.

July 31st, 1876.

At the above meeting, it is intended to move a resolu-tion POSTPONING the same until MONDAY, the r6th day of OCTOBER next, at the same hour and place, on account of the absence of the President in England. E. H. KERTLAND. Secretary.

Toronto, 4th Aug., 1876.



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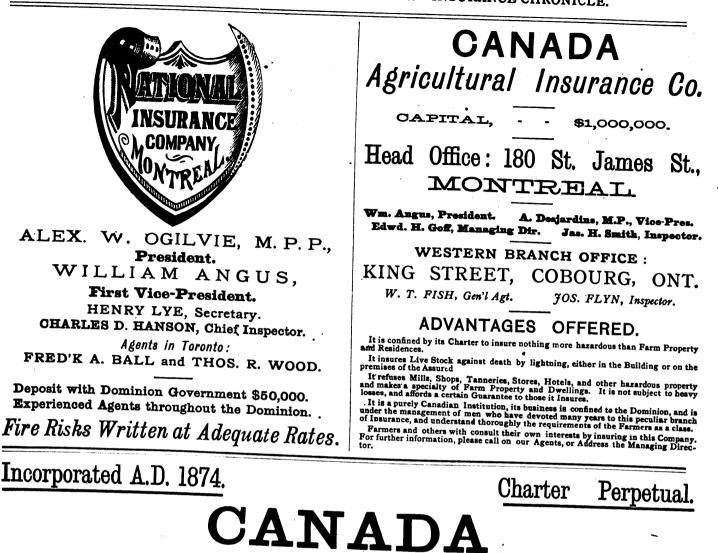
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CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

The great increase in the business of Canadian Life Companies was recently alluded to in Parliament, by the Minister of Finance, and the following figures from the last Government Returns, show that the Canada Life still maintains its lead and pre-eminence of all other companies:

BUSINESS OF LIFE COMPANIES IN CANADA FOR 1875.

COMPANY.	PREMIUMS OF THE YEAR.	NO. OF Policies New.	AM'T OF Policies New.	Amount • of Risk.	COMPANY.	Premiums of the Year.		AM'T OF Policies New.	Amount at Risk.
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