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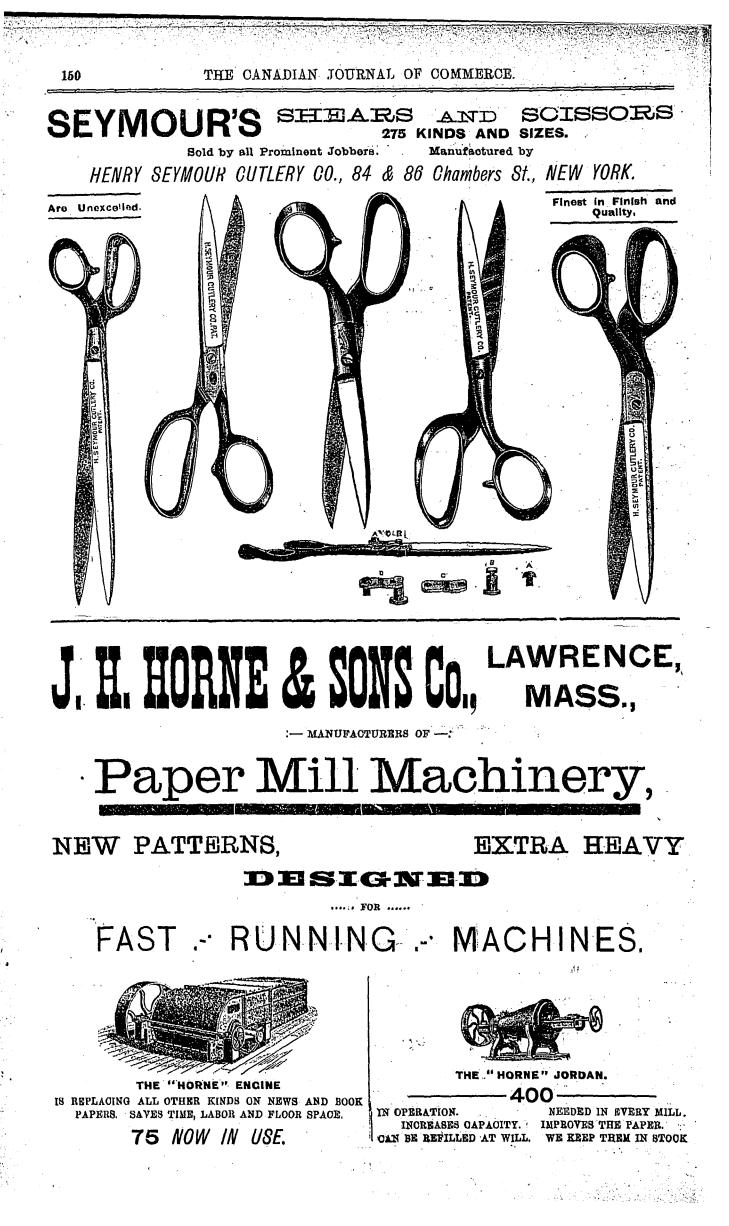
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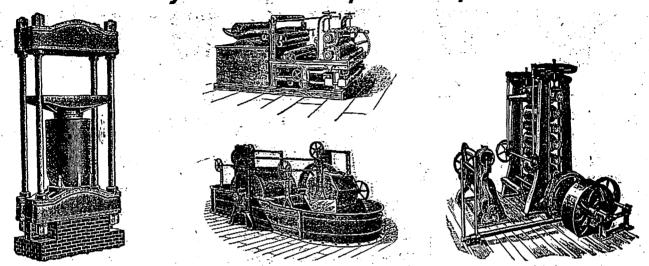
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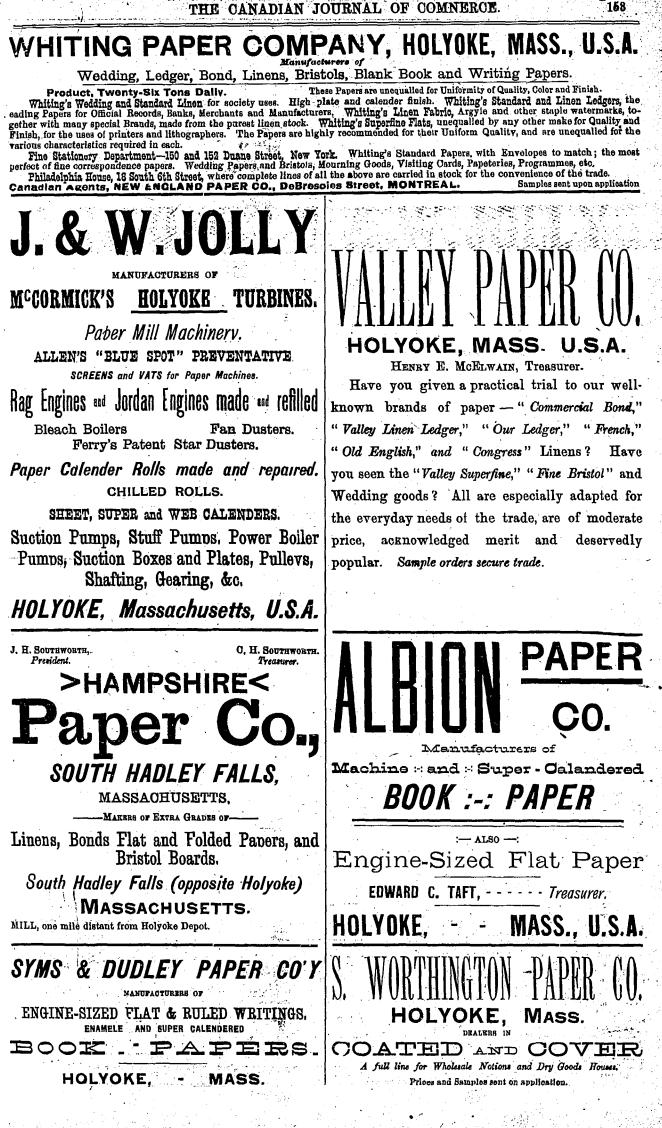
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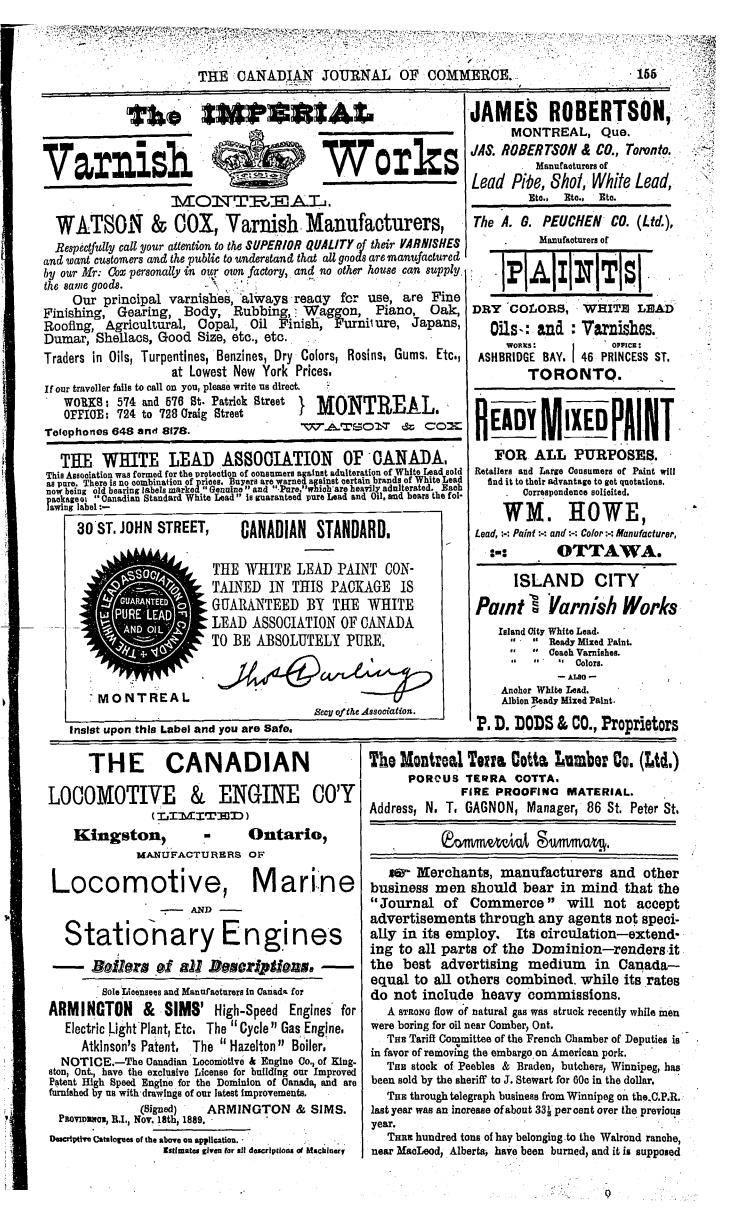
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the fire was caused by some of the settlers in retaliation for harsh treatment by the ranche company.

THE bill imposing a tax on bank deposits in Buenos Ayres has been adopted by both houses of Congress.

THE directors of the Bank of New Brunswick have re-elected Senator Lewin as president for the thirty-seventh time,

THERE has been a steady improvement in the demand for Irish mackerel, and good stock is selling now at \$16@17 per bbl in New York.

SEVERAL hundred deluded negroes have reached Atlanta, Ga., bearing with them cards entitling them to go to Africa for one dollar per head.

PETITIONS are being circulated in Iowa asking Congress to enact a law prohibiting the sale of oleomargarine except in the original package.

CLOVIS N. DERAGON, butcher of Knowlton, has assigned. He started two years ago and has since done a small business in meat, fish and fruit.

OWING to want of work, many Ottawa families are suffering from destitution, and a movement has been made to extend them charitable assistance.

A BOOM in real estate is predicted for Sault aux Recollet next summer and it is said that preparations for building on an extensive scale are already on foot.

THE next annual meeting of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario, will be held in the Town Hall, at Woodstock, on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of January.

GLUCOSE is produced in the United States at the rate of one million pounds per day, principally in the Western states. The bulk of it enters into home consumption.



LATEST reports from Paris say that velvets are in great demand as also are plushes, although the latter is used more extensively as a trimming than as the basis fabric of costumes.

At a meeting held in Rochester an agreement was signed by every salt producing firm and company in western New York that the prices of 1890 shall be maintained through 1891.

FROM the report of the Registrar-General for Ireland it appears that in 1890 there were 780,901 acres of potatoes, as against 787,234 acres the year before, while the yield decreased 1,037,193 tons.

It is stated on very good authority that there are about 12, 000 bbls of Irish mackerel in first hands in New York, Boston and Philadelphia. There are no signs yet of a Lenten "boom" in the fish market.

MR. BISSON has informed the workmen at Valleyfield and Coteau, who lost their wages through the failure of a sub-contractor on the bridge, that they will be paid out of the \$200,000 grant to the Canada Atlantic.

BROWN & SANGSTER, general storekeepers, of Westville, N.S., have assigned with liabilities of \$2,000. They were burnt out last week and their assets consist of an insurance policy for \$1,500 and \$900 in book debts.

THEOFHILE CHAMBERLAND, has been a hotel keeper in Quebec for nearly 20 years. He is supposed to have done a little note shaving also, and was credited with lending money, yet, nevertheless, we now hear of his assignment.

T. WALSH & Co., painters and paper hangers, of Halifax, N.S., have assigned. Their liabilities are \$6,000, of which \$1,000 is preferred. Ther assets are placed at \$5,000. Walsh was in difficulties before in 1883, when he settled at 50 cents in the dollar.





poses to go over the Falls of Niagara has appeared rather early this season, but does not state where he intends to locate his Manufacturers of high-class Meats & Sausages. saloon after he has been sufficiently advertised.

THE following bankrupt stocks have been sold during the week in the West. The stock of Geo. Angus, London, to H. Macklin, at 53c; stock of J. C. Reeves, to G. Trick, at 70c; stock of D. Suhler, Sarnia, to J. Johnson, Palmerston, at 60c.

OLIVER LAMONTAGNE, a small confectioner in Quebec, has assigned. He was only in a very small way. His wife keeps a millinery store there, but, even between the two, they do not seem to have been able to keep their heads above water.

On the application of Mr. Clougher, who is a shareholder largely interested in the Empire Brewing Company, Winnipeg, an order was made by Chief Justice Taylor, for winding up the company. Mr. Newton was appointed provisional liquidator.

LOUIS ABINOVITCH, a Russian peddler doing business in this city and on the road, has assigned. He has been in this country only a few years and lately started a small store in which he has proved unsuccessful. His liabilities will amount to about \$3,500.

E. Sr. AMOUR & Co., shoe dealers of this city, have assigned. The only partner is his wife, Mary Louise Poitras, in whose name the business has been run since his failure last March. His liabilities will not exceed \$500 as his credit has been very restrict. ed since his last troubles.

succeeded in effecting a compromise with their creditors on the basis of 50 cents in the dollar, cash, on liabilities of \$32,000. They claim assets nominally worth \$35,000.-A. Goyette, a very small shoemaker, of Ottawa, has assigned. His means are estimated at \$130.



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WM. F. MOUNT, boarding housekeeper of Point Claire, has

assigned with liabilities of \$3,500. He has been running the

"Grove," a suburban boarding house there, and does not seem

to have made much of a success of it. He formerly kept a Tem-

Louis de Mile End, has assigned .- F. X. A. Trudel, a general

storekeeper of St. Stanislas, has assigned. He had very little capital and report says that his habits were against him. He was

only credited by those who handled his account.

J. B. CADIEUX, a small grocer and dealer in cordwood of St.

GRAHAM BROS., general storekeepers, of Norland, have assigned. They succeeded John Barshaw in the February of 1889.

Last November they were burned out, when their loss amounted

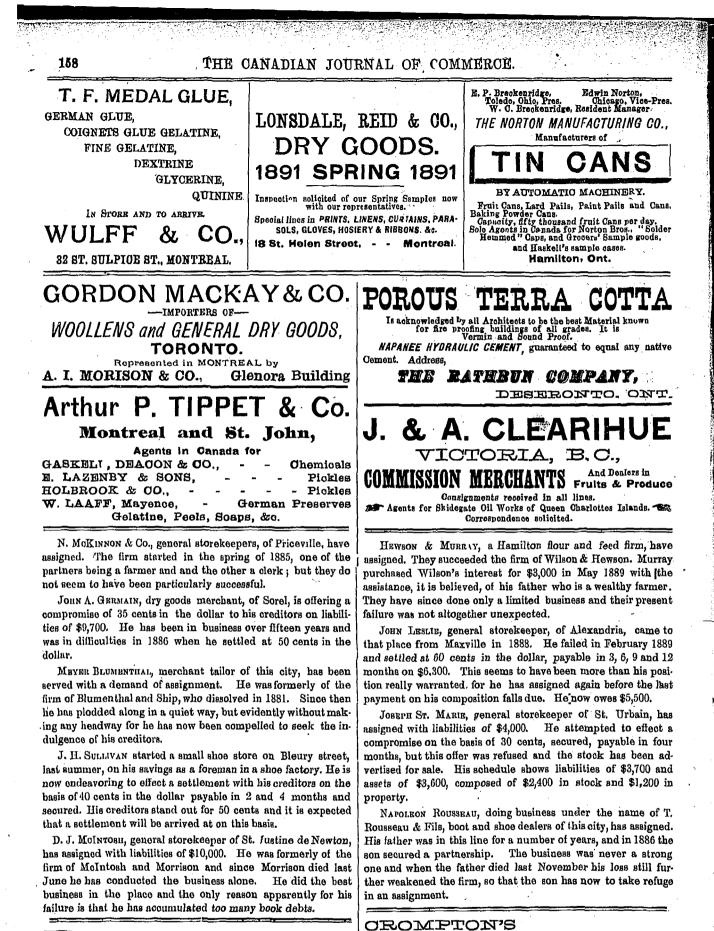
to some \$5,000 against which their insurance was only \$2,000.

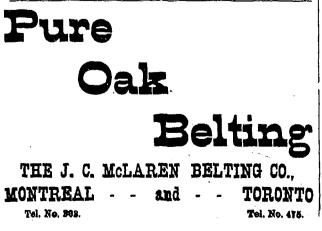
This heavy loss crippled them and an assignment became inevit-

ation, held in Cincinnati last week, papers were read relative to the merits of the different mediums afforded for gaining public.

AT the national convention of the Business Writers' Associ-

perance Hotel in this city.





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such an amount of goods would require at least the operation of 6000 looms and, even if we deduct from the total the value of those goods of which the Canadian consumption is too small to permit of their profitable production in this country, the residue should at least employ 3000 looms. Now the total number of looms in Canada is only in the vicinity of 11,420, of which about 4400 are controlled by the syndicate, and, could our mills secure even a fair proportion of the manufacture of the goods we now im port, there would be no reason to complain of the scarcity of orders or of the slackness of demand. But these consist chiefly of a variety of goods which owing to our limited market, it will not pay us for many years yet to manufacture in Canada. At present the value of the cotton goods manufactured in Canada may be roughly put at \$9,000,000. Were it possible to secure for our mills, in addition, the \$4,-000.000 worth now imported from England, and concentrate the production of the whole \$13,000,000 worth of cotton goods annually used in the Dominion within our own borders, the cotton industry would once more take its place among the most profitable in Canada. But this would only be practicable were all the mills placed under one competent and intelligent management, and although the formation of the syndicate is certainly a step, and a long one, in this direction, it is a long way yet from the required goal.

Now as to the price paid for the mills controlled by the syndicate. As we have already shown, the cost of a sheeting mill should not exceed at most \$14 per spindle, while the syndicate have apparently paid \$16.48 for the mills they have secured. This would at first sight look as though they had paid more than they were worth, and thus had hampered themselves by a loss to start with. But against this we must remember that they have purchased works and machinery outside of that necessary to make sheetings only. For instance, they have secured the print works at Magog, the bleach house at Hochelaga, and the yarn-dyeing house-at Halifax, besides land and dwellings at Halifax, Moncton and Magog. These all have to be deducted from the purchase price before we cau estimate the cost per spindle, and if this were done possibly the figure paid will not appear so excessive as at first sight.

No doubt the cotton industry suffers, like most of our other [manufacturing industries, from the unfair

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competition of foreign goods either smuggled into this country, or entered at an undervaluation. In the large centres the presence of expert appraisers checks this evil to a great extent, but in the smaller ports of entry, where the invoice, perforce, forms the basis of valuation, this must always occur. Stories are frequent in manufacturing circles of importing firms finding it cheaper to import goods on through bills of lading to country points, and freight them back to Montreal, in order to enter them at the cheaper rate of duty obtainable from the local appraisers and avoid any uncomfortable enquiries from the Customs experts at the large importing centres. No doubt some of these stories are exaggerated, but where there is smoke there is usually fire, and that there is not a genuine substratum of truth underlying most of these statements it is difficult to believe. Many people are naturally smugglers, and a long and practically defenceless frontier like our own, especially along the borders of Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, &c., forms a constant temptation to defraud the revenue. Against these unfair advantages the mills are naturally compelled to struggle, but every merchant is aware that it is not to these causes alone that the present depressed condition of Canadian cotton manufacturing is due. It is to the multiplication of small mills, the overproduction in certain lines. the expensive and often incompetent system of management, and the senseless competition in values. that the existing condition of this important industry must be ascribed. If the mills could be united under one intelligent head some of these troubles would doubtless cease. The cost of production would be less, the cost of the raw material might be reduced, the output could be kept within reasonable limits, and a fair living price could be secured. The formation of the cotton syndicate is a step in this direction, but it is only a

step. It falls far short of the required end, and, until it secures control of a larger number of mills than it has at present, its prospects of success will be always more or less dubious, in face of the fierce competition it will be compelled to encounter.

#### WATCH YOUR STOCKS.

The most irritating, because the most unnecessary, of all answers a retail merchant can give to a customer enquiring for a staple or semi-staple article, is, "We are just out of it, but shall have some in in a few days." It is certain to lose him trade, and more than probably the customer also, for the latter is perfectly well aware that, had the merchant been attending to his business and keeping a proper run of his stock, he would never have needed to make such a reply. There is no necessity for a merchant to be "out" of the most trivial article of his stock to-day, when all the advantages of express, fast freight, telegraphic and telephonic communication are at his disposal, and when hardly a day passes that one or more drummers are not in his store. To be "out" argues carelessness and inattention, for every merchant should keep a sufficiently careful eye upon his stock to detect when any article is running light and to at once take measures to replace it on the shelves with a fresh supply before the old stock is exhausted.

This does not involve the purchase of large quantities at a time. Nowadays the wholesaler carries the stock, not the retailer. The latter can place the most jobbing orders and can rely upon their being filled promptly and faithfully. There is no reason whatsoever to stock up heavily in any particular line just because the public happen to be running upon it at the time. Purchase moderately, watch the stock closely, and with present traffic facilities you will never run short. Your wholesaler will carry your stock for you just as he makes the mills now carry his stock for him, and unless you are a very poor account indeed he will be only too glad to afford you every convenience and dispatch in his power.

It may be objected that this method will largely increase the percentage of freight expenses on the goods. To a certain extent it will; but not to the extent that the average storekeeper imagines. If a watchful eye be kept upon the shelves the orders may be so bunched that it will not be necessary to have any small shipments made separately. Undoubtedly every unnecessary package reduces the profit of the year by the amount of the freight charged upon it. But this is a very small item compared with the loss of a customer, or of your reputation for shrewdness on the one hand, or the danger of overstocking on the other.

Which of the two evils is the greatest it is difficult to say. Each are responsible for a greater number of failures than even the insolvents themselves are willing to admit. Not only does overstocking cripple a merchants resources, but it eventually compels him to earry a stock of old, faded, dirty-looking goods, and thereby loses him custom. He cannot afford to buy fresh goods while these are in stock, and he finds the public purchase them with reluctance. His dry goods become shop-worn and out of date, and his package or canned goods become dirty and fly-blown. The contents may be as good as ever, but his customers do not care to buy an article in a faded time-bleached cover, and they will generally find a way to refuse it. It is the same in other lines. An overstock of the cheaper grades of jewellery or novelties results in a

precisely identical way. The show cases soon become filled with tarnished old-fashioned articles and all chance of their sale is practically lost. They are simply valuable as "assets."

These are the two great besetting evils of the retail trade and, that they are so, is simply the result of the lack of system with which many stores are run. As we have pointed out already both are entirely unnecessary. There is no necessity in these days of rapid transit and keen competition for a retailer's stock to be anything but compact and well assorted. If it is either too small or too large it is his own fault, and he has no one to blame but himself if his carelessness and lack of business forethought result in his failure. Wholesalers will readily fill the smallest order. Indeed they would much sooner sell to a man who purchases cautiously, and in smallparcels, than to a large buyer, because they know that his orders are warranted by his business, and that a merchant with a small and well-assorted stock is the best and safest account they can carry upon their books.

#### THE LUMBER REVIEW FOR 1890.

The past year has proved a most unsatisfactory one for all connected with the lumber trade. Turn which way one would, there was no silver lining to the cloud. The result of the year's business with the United Kingdom must prove disastrous to shippers. The South American trade dwindled down to very small dimensions; say about seven million feet board measure, as compared with over 35 million in 1889, while the small quantity shipped had better not been sent at all, as it was not wanted. In the United States markets buyers being well informed how matters stood in Europe and South America, determined to utilise this state of things for their advantage, and were very hard to please in quality and much harder in price. The year 1890 all through has been the roughest year manufacturers have had to face for a long time. It has also been a most unfortunate one for exporters. 1889 had proved a good year for manufacturers, and must have also proved fairly good for exporters. The year closed with pretty full stocks all round and the prospects for 1890 seemed fairly promising. Unfortunately too many built their hopes too high, as the sequel has proved. Sales in Europe were difficult to make in the beginning of the year, and became more difficult as the season progressed. Buyers seemingly were determined to do a hand to mouth business, to buy only as required and then only in such quantity as they could see their way clear to turn over quickly. The result, however, was a pretty hard time for exporters, who made very slow progress in disposing of their heavy stocks. We say heavy, because apart from the considerable stocks wintering at Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, and at the different mills on the Lower Ottawa and St. Lawrence, contracts had been made, both for timber and deals, with manufacturers for further large supplies, deliverable during the summer of 1890 and at full prices.

Timely information from England advised us of the unfortunate troubles in the C. E. Davies affair, which brought down the firm of John S. Murphy & Co., and so seriously embarrassed the firm of Smith Wade & Co., that their fate has been wavering in the balance since. These troubles have had a very damaging effect on the trans-atlantic wood trade, the question with English buyers naturally being, where ഡ

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will it all end? and whether these troubles would not ultimately result in large consignments being thrown on the English markets? It is not therefore surprising to learn that early in the season sales had become almost impossible in Great Britain. The demand for tonnage, as a consequence, almost ceased in Canada, and the few unfortunate vessels which found themselves in the St. Lawrence could only find cargoes at very low rates—but tempting to shippers. Toward the end of the season several vessels had to go away in ballast, an almost unprecedented event in the history of the St. Lawrence trade. The imprudent consignments thus induced could not fail to be most damaging to the English markets, though they must have proved profitable to the consumers.

At the end of the year, therefore, the wood trade at home and abroad was in a most depressed condition. In England the condition was full stocks and a very sluggish demand, and on this side very considerable stocks wintering. The remedy is not far to seek. Production must be largely diminished for at least a year, or perhaps two. This is inevitable, and if manufacturers do not willingly yield, it will not be very long before the force of circumstances will compel them. Shippers have not been without their share of responsibility; and a policy of studying rather the amount of profit to be made, rather than the volume of business done, we think would be wise and advantageous to them all. We are glad to say that manufacturers and shippers seem to recognize the force of these principles. There will be a much curtailment in deals, and a large decrease in the quantity of square timber to be got out this winter. Should this be firmly adhered to, we have hopes for a better state of things across the ocean, as 1891 wanes old. It will enable old stocks to be marked off and give the new goods a chance of meeting satisfactory markets for all in the trade.

The earliest charters made in 1890 were at 60s to 65s a standard, and closing figure s35s to 40s! The shipments from Quebec for the season 1890 were made in 250 vessels, 238,162 tons register. The shipments from the port of Montreal were:

#### UNSUSPECTED DANGERS .--- II.

In our last issue, under this caption, was given a brief account of the composition of commercial fruit essences and of the adulteration of lime and lemonjuices. From these to the lime syrups and cordials is but a step, since the adulterations in the basic juice consist, as before, in acetic and the two mineral acids, hydrochloric and sulphuric. The syrup itself is adulterated with glucose or starch sugar, and as this substance forms a prominent adulterant in many food products—as for instance in vinegar, in beer, in wine, in honey, and in fancy sugars, candies and jams—it may be well to give its composition and characteristics before proceeding further.

This starch product is produced and sold under a variety of cognomens. It may be called glucose, saccharum, grape sugar, or starch sugar, but under all these titles it is one and the same thing. It is sold either in the form of a liquid of varying density, in which case it is known as mixing glucose, mixing syrup, corn-syrup or jelly glucose, or as a solid sugar

under the title of grape sugar, either solid, clipped or granulated. It is manufactured by the action of dilute sulphuric acid upon starchy matter or on wood fibre. In Europe potato-starch is principally used, while on this continent corn-starch is the base. The starch, or other amylaceous substance, is either boiled with the dilute acid in an open tank or heated with it in strong copper cylinders under high pressure. If the first method be adopted, and the process be arrested as soon as a cold sample of the liquid ceases to give a blue color with iodine, the product contains a large proportion of dextrin or starch gum; but if high pressure be employed, and the action of the acid pushed farther, dextrose, or raisin sugar is the principal constituent. Ground marble, or chalk; are next added to neutralize the acid, the resultant gypsum is allowed to settle at the bottom of the tank, the liquid decolorized with animal charcoal, and then it is evaporated in a vacuum to any density required, from a solid sugar to a thick syrupy liquid resembling glycerine and containing a large proportion of starch gum.

This is the principal adulterant in all lime fruit syrups and cordials, as the present high cost of gum arabic has put an end to their adulteration with mucilage. In order to keep the syrup clear a varying amount of acetic or hydrochloric acid is added, which precipitates any flocculent particles and assists in keeping the syrup in good condition. In fact in some lime juice syrups the proportion of acetic acid is so large as to give a distinct vinegary odour, and it may be laid down as a rule that any lime juice or syrup of remarkable clearness and keeping qualities contains a certain proportion of added acid.

Next in importance to the public health come the various medecinal compounds employed in alleviating pain and banishing sickness. It would hardly be thought possible that the greed of man would lead him to adulterate remedial agents, and thereby imperil the lives of sufferers whose chances of recovery are often dependent upon the purity of the medecines prescribed for them, and upon their strength and efficacy reaching the proper standard. And yet such is the case. Take for instance the case of paregoric. Every one knows this favorite infantile remedy, and yet possibly few know that there are firms despicable enough to so weaken its composition, in order to save the cost of the spirit it contains, that it fails to relieve the pain of the little sufferer or to carry out the intentions of the physician. Paregoric, or compound tincture of camphor, consists of a solution of 40 grains each of opium and benzoic acid, 30 of camphor and half a fluid drachm of oil of anise dissolved in proof spirit and diluted with the same to the volume of a pint. The spirit being the most costly ingredient the greedy\_ chemist reduces its amount by water, and as the reduced alcohol will not dissolve the whole of the medecinal ingredients he coolly diminishes the quantity of them also, and thus produces an emasculated paregoric that rather injures than helps the baby. In the other tinctures a similar form of adulteration is found. In those directed to be prepared with rectified spirits we find proof spirits substituted, and in those which call for proof spirit a mixture of half rectified spirit and half water is employed, thus reducing the cost of the tincture but at the same time seriously impairing its efficiency.

-Chloroform is another medecinal substance of every day use which, instead of being remedial, may be rendered actively injurious either by carelessness or falsification in its manufacture or by subsequent decomposition or adulteration. Chloroform, or more properly speaking, methenyl trichloride, is usually manufactured by distilling dilute alcohol with bleaching powder and slaked lime. A complicated reaction occurs, requiring very careful purification by treatment with strong sulphuric acid or an alkaline solution of permanganate of potash, to remove the secondary products. If this be carelessly performed, or slurred over to reduce the cost of its production, impurities may remain which will cause its administration to be attended with dangerous and even fatal effects. fact many cases of a fatal termination of the administration of chloroform have been accounted for by the presence of toxic impurities in its composition. Chloroform may contain chlorinated oils, more especially if the alcohol employed in its manufacture be adulterated with wood or potato spirit, and these are most injurious to the human system. Alcohol and aldehyde are added as adulterants, and among the more harmless substitutes are other and acetic ether.

To go through a partial list even, of the ordinary drugs and chemicals, would involve more space than we have at our command, but in a future number it is contemplated to give a brief account of the alcohols especially in their relation to adulteration.

#### HOW THE MONEY GOES.

We are in receipt of three government returns which illustrate in a striking manner the superfluously extravagant manner in which government printing is managed at Quebec. The first is a statement of the annual salary of Mr. Geoffrion, inspector of registry The first is a statement of the offices and his emoluments. It contains eight pages in pamphlet form. The first and third pages contain a precisely identical statement of the contents of the return. The fifth page contains ten lines of print embodying all there is in it. The remaining five pages are blank. The second is a statement of the amounts paid out of the loan of \$3,500,000 and is like the foregoing. One half page out of eight pages contains all there is in it. The figures simply show how the whole amount of the loan was absorbed in paying overdue accounts. The third return contains a statement of the superficial area of Crown Lands for which timber licenses were sold during the years 1880, 1881, 1884. 1888 and 1890. Also the proceeds of each sale, the amount paid and the balance unpaid. It contains one page and a half of printed matter, two pages devoted to repetitions of the title and the remaining four pages blank. The total area sold in the years mentioned was 7,807 square miles, and the balance remaining unpaid thereon \$293,755.53. The costly get up of these returns is absolutely out of all proportion to their contents.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW.

Our London correspondent, writing under date January 10th, says the lesson of the Barings collapse has already been forgotten to such a degree that speculation opens in 1891 with little less force than it did a year ago. The absence of anything appproaching a panic at the time of the crisis—the calm which prevailed all round the over-charged storm-centre—and ignorance more or less of the threatened danger, lulled the great investing public, discontented with 24 per cent Consols, into a feeling of comparative security, and brokers and exploiters point to the seeming pros-

perity prevailing on all hands as a proof that there is nothing to grumble about in the situation. A financial writer in a London review discourses as follows on the leading features of the year:

The year 1890 will long be memorable for the collapse of the greatest English financial and merchant banking house that has ever existed. All over the continent of America the prestige of Baring Brothers was hardly second to that of the Bank of England, and in Europe bankers thought they never could hold Although it was notorious that enough of the Baring's bills. for some time past they had been doing a risky business, even to the very end the most pessimist did not fear a complete breakdown; yet the firm is at present being wound up. The difficul-ties of Baring Brothers originated in their giving too much credit to the Argentine Republic and Uruguay. For some Wyears previously they brought out too many loans and Companies for those States. And they had not contented themselves with doing business for a commission ; often they bought outright the loans and the Companies, trusting to their own influence with investors to sell for higher prices. At last investors refused to buy, and the Barings were left with a vast mass of securities, which were utterly unsaleable, and which were constantly depreciating. For the two Republics had not contented themselves with borrowing overmuch in Europe. They had also issued too much paper money, and they had lent too freely upon the security of land. More especially was this the case with the Argenine Republic. Even in 1889 the crisis had begun there, and the paper had greatly depreciated. The crisis became worse and worse as the present year advanced, and the depreciation more utter. Credit soon disappeared, failures in immense numbers occurred, and prices fell ruinously. Then political disturbance aggravated the crisis, and of course increased the depreciation. The new Government very soon after its installation was obliged to admit publicly in Congress that the provinces and municipali-ties were insolvent, and that it would itself have to assume their liabilities. It had also to acknowledge that the National Bank and the two mortgage banks were in the same plight. And, finally, it had to confess that it would be unable to pay the interest on its own debt, unless it obtained a new loan in Europe. Incerest on us own deot, unless it obtained a new loan in Europe. Seeing all this, Baring Brothers endeavored to prepare for what was coming by selling everything they held for which there was a market, thereby driving down prices, involving speculators in terrible losses, and very nearly bringing on panic. In spite of all, however, they were at last compelled to apply to the Bank of England for help. As a first precaution the Bank of Krance, and a further sum of 14 millions from the Imperial Bank of Russia. Then the Bank on looking into Messrs. Baring's affairs Russia. Then the Bank on looking into Messrs. Baring's affairs found them such that it asked for a guarantee against loss from Russia. the other banks. They responded readily and liberally, and a guarantee fund of 15 or 16 millions was soon formed. The announcement of this was made officially on a Saturday morn-And instantly the banks and discount-houses began to call ing. And instantly the banks and discount houses began to call in loans both from the Discount Market and the Stock Exchange. )n the following Wednesday the result was such universal alarm that it looked as if a panic almost unprecedented in intensity was inevitable. The Governor of the Bank of England, however, averted it by calling together the managers of the joint stock and private banks, and inducing them to give accommodation to their customers. Extreme alarm then subsided, and for a few days there was a wild speculation upon the Stock Exchange. But it was speedily checked by a crisis in New York.

In the United States there had for some years been too much railway building, and too much wild speculation. This year importers, under the influence of the McKinley Tariff, bought European goods far in excess of the demand, and speculators likewise, under the influence of the Silver Act, bought silver beyond their means. There was thus a very dangerous state of things, and a crisis was precipitated by the discredit of bills drawn upon London resulting from the Baring catastrophe. Panic was averted as it had been in London by a combination of the banks in New York, Boston and Philadelphia. In each of the three cities, the banks which could not pay cash were relieved by the issue of Clearing house certificates, which were accepted by the solvent banks in settlement of differences. And about a million sterling in gold was also obtained from London. It seemed only too likely that Germany would suffer from the crisis here and in America, as there also there was a large lock-up of capital and a very wild speculation, and as besides German banks were largely interested in Agontine securitities, and still more largely interested in Agontine securitities, and still more largely in American. But, though there is discredit and uneasiness, the slow crisis through which the country has been passing all the year has not become acute. The bankers, however, whose capital is largely locked up, have of late been selling Italian Rentes in very considerable quantities in Paris to relieve themselves, and there are other signs of increasing difficulties One of these is the heavy fall in Russian rouble notes, which seems to show that Russian trade is suffering seriously from two bad harvests in succession, and there may, therefore, be difficulties in Russia. France, on the other hand, has so far not been much affected. Money has remained cheap and the Bourse confident. But France has her own difficulties, especially those connected with Spanish and Portuguese finance. The Portuguese Government owed to the Baring £800,000, and, when pressed for repayment, was unable to find the funds in London. And, ot course, it has not the means either of paying the January interest on the debt. But it has just been announced that a Paris Syndicate will advance three millions sterling to tide it over for the present. Spanish finance is equally embarrassed, and in Italy there is a fresh crisis.

Trade has borne these adverse influences wonderfully well. Employment is still abundant, wages are high, and the volume of business is large; but there is no room for doubt that a check has been given. In the money market the consequences were felt more immediately. Indeed money in London has been dearer and scarcer throughout the year than for a long time past dearer and scarcer throughout the year than for a long time past. On the second last day of 1889 the Bank of England raised its rate of discount from 5 to 6 per cent., and kept it so till the 20th of February, when it was put down to 5 per cent. By gradual steps it fell to 3 per cent. on the 17th of April. But it was again raised to 4 per cent. on the 26th of June, and to 5 per cent. on the last day of July. It was once more put down to 4 per cent. on the 21st of August, but only to be raised again to 5 per cent on the 25th of September. And it was advanced to 6 per cent on the 7th of November going down once again to 5 6 per cent. on the 7th of November, going down once again to 5 ner cent. on December 4th. Thus the rate has been 6 per cent. per cent. on December 4th. Thus the rate has been 6 per cent. twice, the two periods comprising about ten weeks, 5 per cent. four times, 4 per cent. three time, and 3 per cent. only once. At times, however, when the rate was nominally 6 per cent., the Bank of England was charging all but its regular customers 61 and 7 per cent. and was charging as much as 8 per cent. for loans. Really, then, we have had for a while a 7 per cent. rate, though not avowedly, and the rate would have been even higher still, were it not for the extraordinary measures taken to obtain gold from the State banks of France and Russia. In New York the rate of discount has frequently ranged from 6 to 10 per cent. In the interior it has been still higher, and often accommodation could not be got on any conditions, while in New York, again, the interest rate on one occasion has been as high as 180 per cent. In Berlin the Imperial Bank rate of discount has for over cent. In Bernin the Imperial bank rate of discount has hor over two months been 54 per cent., and its rate of interest 64 per cent. But in Paris the Bank of France has kept its rate at 3 per cent. all through the year. In silver there has been a great rise, a sharp fall, and another advance in consequence of the passing of the Silver Act by the American Congress, and the prospect of further legislation. The lowest price of the year was in February, 43gd per ounce, and the highest in the begin-ning of September, 54gd per ounce, a rise of over 25 per cent. Since September the price has been as low as 45d, and as high as 494d.

--- In the Montreal Clearing House the total clearings for 1890 were \$478,984,000 against \$454,528,000 in 1889.

#### TWO LARGE DRY GOODS FAILURES.

MANY of our readers were doubtless surprised, some perhaps a little puzzled, and a few probably remarked, "I told you so," on noting the significant paragraph in our issue of the 2nd instant concerning the affairs of a wholesale dry goods house on McGill street. To all who were in any degree concerned (except the few referred to) it plainly enough conveyed a fore-knowledge of the failure of McLachlan Bros. & Co. To those acquainted with the repeated but futile endeavors of the widow of a deceased partner to withdraw her interest, the question of their ultimate liquidation or failure was known to be merely one of time. But there were other inside matters gradually developing which may see the light sooner or later, according as the estate is wound up. It is not probable that any of the three large banks interested will, under the circumstances, feel called upon to grant a further lease of life on any terms to such a concern, and the legitimate trade of the country will hardly have any tears to shed over the collapse of a combination that, in one of its parts at least, never hesitated to prefer the expedient where it offered a better return. The central Government, and probably some of the leading houses in the trade, were not at all misled by the (in themselves) laudable efforts during a critical period, of the partner since passed away, to shield others while he sacrificed himself, and who, whatever his shortcomings may have been, was naturally public spirited and responsive, and a free giver to deserving charities, and other causes, when once his sympathics were enlisted.

#### MOLAOHLAN BROS. & CO.

Twenty-five years ago two brothers, John S. and William McLachlan, opened a wholesale dry goods business in a small store on St. Paul street. They were both energetic, pushing men, had had useful experience as salesmen behind the counter of large retail establishments, and having a cash capital of \$8,000, of which half was borrowed from friends, they soon began to get

on. At the outset they confined themselves principally to fancy goods, but they gradually extended into staples until at last they developed into a regular dry goods business. From the outset their policy was an aggressive one. They pushed boldly forward and sold with little discrimination, a policy which in the "boom" years that followed proved remarkably successful. Indeed so successful were the firm that eight years after their start they showed a surplus of \$140,000, and this a few years later footed up (on paper) to no less than \$300,000. This seems to have been the culminating point in the firm's career. Fresh houses sprang up, competition became keener, profits were shaved down closer and closer, and the policy of lavish selling which had proved so successful in the good years involved serious losses when the reaction came. In this emergency the firm, or at least the most active partner in it, cast about for some new method of undercutting his rivals and, unfortunately for himself, he sought do so by a system of undervaluing the firm's involces and thereby pulling the wool over the eyes of the Custom House officials. Merchants wondered how McLachlan Bros. could afford to sell imported goods for such prices, but no one suspected that it was the result of a carefully planned system of fraud. Great. then, was the surprise of the community when one day, early in the spring of 1886, the Customs authorities seized the books and papers of the firm on a charge of falsefying their invoices. John S. McLachlan at once confessed his complicity in the fraud. He arranged to pay down \$10,000 to the Government, and bound himself to pay \$26,000 more; at the same time assuming the whole responsibility himself and exonerating his brother from any knowledge of his transactions. This involved a dissolution of the partnership, although his interest was still left in the business, and they still had the benefit of his advice. His place as the working head of the house was taken by Mr. F. W. Radford, who for a long time previous had been the office manager of the firm and was thoroughly conversant with their affairs, and for a while the firm's business went on to all appearances as well as ever. But the death of Mr. John S. McLachlan, who was drowned while on a sporting expedition, followed shortly after, and his loss was a severe one to the firm. He was undoubtedly an excellent man of business, and the lack of his shrewd council soon made itself felt in the firm's affairs. Mr. Radford continued the aggressive policy of his predecessor but, under the altered circumstances of the firm-chiefly the inability to cut prices as of yore-it proved the reverse of successful, and the admission of Mr. Charles Morton to a partnership was a very dubious advantage. Mr. Morton had already proved a failure when trading on his own account, and he was hardly the kind of man to prop the fortunes of a sinking house. Under their joint management things went from bad to worse. The widow of the deceased brother became alarmed, and endeavored to withdraw her inherited interest from the firm. Some of their paper went to protest in England a short time ago, and it soon became apparent that affairs were coming to a crisis; in fact so apparent, that, in our issue of the 2nd of January, we intimated that the firm would shortly go into liquidation. This course, however, was frustrated by the action of the Merchants Bank who lodged a demand of assignment. In compliance with this the firm have made an abandonment of their estate showing liabilities, direct, of \$177,665 and, indirect, of \$515,000. The principal direct creditors in this country are : The Hochelaga Cotton Co., \$4,623; Montreal Cotton Co., \$5,993; D. Morrice, Sons & Co., \$3,813; Stormont Cotton Co., \$2,460; Geo. D. Ross & Co., \$1,162; Canada Cotton Co., \$2,513; Millichamp, Coyle & Co., \$2,840; Merchants Manufacturing Co., \$1,797; Feodor Boas & Co., \$2,504; Paris Wincey Co., \$1,012; Moorehouse, Dodds & Co., \$2,340; J. H. Wylie & Co., \$2,582; St. Hyacinthe Mill Co., \$3,-793; Nova Scotia Cotton Co., \$1,319; Ontario Colton Co., \$1,157; Coaticooke Knitting Co., \$1,454; R. W. McLachlan, (a brother, who was an active employe at the time of the great seizure, and who then occupied the position of Minister of Customs in Montreal's Mock Parliament), \$8,954; sundry open accounts, \$3,720; Mrs. J. S. McLachlan, \$18,000; Estate J. S. McLachlan, \$36,000; Estate late Mrs. Wm. McLachlan, (mother) \$10,000 ; Mrs. Wm. McLachlan, \$16,000. The indirect liabilities are naturally, more or less secured by customer's paper. The largest holders are the Bank of Toronto \$220,000, the Merchants Bank of Canada \$160,000, the Molsons Bank \$100,000, and the Bank of Commerce \$35,000. The assets cover the stock-in-trade and sundry personal

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assets, the book debts, bills payable, mortgages and other securities; stocks including some shares in the Mercant's Cotton Co., the Montreal Cotton Co., the Coaticooke Cotton Co., the Cote St. Antoine Water Works; a house and lot on Mance street; two stores and lots in Napanee, and other properties. They also mention a claim for \$10,000 and interest against the Guarantee Company of North America long in dispute, and which is claimed clearly to have been rendered invalid by the dissolution. Mr. J. Murray Smith, manager of the Bank of Toronto branch here, is appointed provisional guardian.

#### LINDSAY, GILMOUR & CO.

Following upon this failure comes that of Lindsay, Gilmour & Co., also a wholesale dry goods firm of this city, but one which has of late confined itself principally to dealing in bankrupt stocks. This firm was almost, if not wholly, dependent upon McLachlan Bros. & Co., and although none of the members of the firm were directly interested in that of Lindsay, Gilmour & Co., it is known that certain of them participated in the profits of that house. The firm of Lindsay, Gilmour & Co. was a result of the amalgamation of the two firms of W. T. Lindsay & Co. and Gilmour Bros., which took place in October 1886. Lindsay was formerly of the firm of Sutherland, Lindsay & Co., and had been alone for four or five years. The Gilmour Bros. had been in the retail business at Knowlton and Stanbridge and, being fairly successful, were desirous of blossoming out into wholesale merchants. They speedily found that their talents were not such as to secure them success in the wholesale line, and one of the brothers, G. W. Gilmour wisely went back to his former sphere. The new firm consisted of W. T. Lindsay and J. D. Gilmour, and was credited with having a capital of \$30,000 to \$35,000 (in stock) of their own, besides a sum of \$15,000 left in by G. W. Gilmour for five years on interest. It was soon found that J. D. Gilmour was no strength to the firm. He was essentially a retail trader, and unfitted for the wholesale trade. In 1887 they began to be pressed financially; they gradually gave up carrying regular lines and dealt solely in bankrupt stocks, having seven or eight supply accounts scattered throughout the country to dispose of the goods. In July last, J. D. Gilmour retired from the firm; taking over three of the branches-ore in Smith's Falls and two in the Townships-and Mr. Lindsay continued alone under the same style. His last act was to purchase the stock of Gillespie, Roach & Co., of this city, valued at \$75,-000 for a price understood to be about 65 cents in the dollar. For this he was unable to pay, as the banks saw it was high time to call a halt, and the stock has just been resold at public auction to the city wholesale firm of Thibaudeau Bros, for 55 cents in the dollar. This was the first sign of the approaching crash, and no one was surprised to hear that a demand of assignment had been made upon him, or that an abandonment had been signed with with the respectable aggregation of direct liabilities, \$106,133, and indirect \$112,000. His principal creditors are of course McLachlan Bros., who claim that he owes them \$58,100, of which \$26,000 is for goods and \$32,100 for "accommodation paper." To which Lindsay it is said, can probably retort "You're another." The other large creditors are: McKinnon & Liddell, \$10,343; Geo. H. Labbe, \$12,516; Molsens Bank, \$112,000, of which \$42,733 is on McLachlan paper ; M. Vineberg, \$3,300; Bryce, McMurrich & Co., \$1,012; F. X. Cousineau & Co., \$2,400; Windsor Cotton Company, \$1,354; Merchants Bank \$5,000. Mr. James Elliott, assistant manager of the Molson's Bank, has been appointed provisional guardian, and although it is yet too early to form an accurate idea of the estate it is believed the deficiency will not prove a large one.

#### THE CHINA TEA TRADE.

Discussing the position of the American tea market, the Commercial Bulletin, of New York, states that one of the most marked improvements in staple greeeries since the commencement of the year may be found in its present condition. The growth of confidence through the easing of money and a more thorough understanding of the strong statistical position appears to have dispelled the spathy of the preceding three months, and, an excellent daily run of business has resulted. All grades receive more or less attention, but demand is directed chiefly toward blacks, on which there has been a rise of at least 10 per cent from the lowest figures of November and December;

and importers insist that a still further advance must be established before they can afford to freely negotiate upon their holdings. "This claim especially applies to Formosa oclongs, the gain upon which does not yet cover cost of importation and carrying nor would it be possible to replace supplies except at a loss, in view of the firmly held accumulation at Amoy. Furthermore, even were prompt purchases at the primary point thought advisable, they could not be made available here until April; and, in the meanwhile, the increasing consumption must be dependent upon the moderate amounts now held here. Congous that were selling at auction for 9 to 10 cents but a short time ago, are now in demand at 12 cents, this particular grade finding a special stimulus in a strong speculative demand for the common sorts now prevailing in England at 61d, based upon the short export from China, and which must not only prevent importations into New York from London, but may permit of reshipments from this side.

Thus far there has been no decided or general movement in green teas, but they are gradually increasing in value, and, owing to comparative cheapness, appear to be considered property sure to attract greater attention at an early date. Fears of an excessive supply are considered practically dispelled by dispatches received this week from a prominent firm in Shanghai, stating that the season has closed with a shortage, compared with last year's receipts, of 15,000 half-chests, of which 6,000 are Pingsueys and 9,000 country greens. The latest estimates of the colong supply available for this country give the following figures in comparison :

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Of this year's supply of Formosa, 80,000 half chests, or 3,250, 000 lbs, are still in Amoy, unbought and unshipped. Altogether, from present showings, China teas appear to be in healthy and promising condition.

#### THE LATEST WHISPERINGS.

It was only to be expected that the McLachlan failure would set the quidnuncs gossipping about other firms, and the result has been a plentiful crop of rumours. Among the best authenticated is one to the effect that an English creditor is now on his way out to this country to investigate the affairs of a large wholesale dry goods firm, the relations between whose partners have of late been so strained that it was believed a change in the personnel of the firm would have taken place on the first of this month. Another rumour has been spread around town to the effect that one of our largest French Canadian retail stores has just succeeded in securing an extension of one, two and three years from its principal suppliers. The firm in question scom to be making money, and have certainly largely reduced their liabilities within the past twelve months, but the failure of Mc-Lachlan Bros., to whom they owe some \$6,000 or \$7,000, necessitated an appeal to their heaviest creditors for time. Of late the firm have spread their credit as fully as possible, but still their account should be a good one, although it is perhaps safest to leave it in the hands of those who now practically control it.

#### THAT ANTICIPATED AIRSHIP,

It was announced from Chicago, in December last, with a great flourish of trumpets that the new air ship would soon be ready to make its first aerial voyage, and that its captain would strike for New York, carrying as passengers the directors of the air ship corporation. Every one was disposed at once to put faith in a ship that would have for its first passengers its builders and the capitalists who had invested money in its construction and many were the surmises as to its success commercially. But now we hear that it will not be seen until the opening of the Exposition, and that then it will simply float about the grounds carrying two passengers at the outside. In other words it has dwindled into a scientific toy. Instead of being a supermundane ship it has fizzled into a toy balloon. Parturiunt montes, nascitur ridiculus mus.

#### MONTREAL'S HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

The Chief Engineer of Public Works has at last decided upon the plan to be adopted for the improvement of Montreal Harbor. He has chosen plan No. 6; the one adopted by the Harbor Commissioners and the Board of Trade. By this scheme Commissioners and Common streets will be widened east of St. Peter street to a minimum width of 75 feet, by encroaching on harbor property, and to the same width west of McGill street by an acquisition of private property, giving an average width of nearly 90 feet throughout. There will be a total increase of 10,000 lineal feet of frontage in the wharfage and the harbor accommodation. Mr. Perley's report deals with the guard wall to be erected, which is regarded as essential to the succes of the plan. The engineers estimate the total cost of the improvements proposed to be \$2,827,894, of which the city's portion would be \$708,428, leaving to be found by the Harbor Commissioners \$2,119,466.

#### THE HOCHELAGA BANK.

The seventeenth annual report of the Banque D'Hochelaga discloses a very satisfactory year's business. The bank has earned at the rate of 11 per cent upon its capital, and, after paying \$42,606 in dividends to its shareholders, has been able to tranter \$35,000 to its rest account which now amounts to \$160,000, or 22½ per cent of the paid-up capital. The report also shows that the deposits bearing interest of the bank have increased by \$165,000; a tangible evidence of the increasing confidence of the outside public in the ability of its management. Alogether the report breathes an air of confidence and stability and bears substantial evidence to the skill and prudence with which the bank's affairs have been handled during the period under review.

#### THE ALLEN SUSPENSION.

It is stated that the firm of J. C. Allen & Co., of Buffalo, whose suspension involved the closing of the three bucket shops running in this city, will shortly be resuscitated by some Boston capitalists and that the agencies will all be reopened. In fact, one of them was opened, for about half an hour, as the agency of a firm called Platt & Co., of Buffalo; but the wire was soon cut off again, and the tickers are once more as silent as the grave. Just what connection Mr. J. C. Allen will have with the new firm is not yet established, but it is probable he will manage the business of the concern, which will have its headquarters in Buffalo as heretofore—that is, if it ever starts again.

EXCHANGES .-- A Morrisburg correspondent wants to know what newspaper writers mean by "Exchanges." They are simply papers which editors more or less agree to exchange with one another. The JOURNAL OF COMMERCE exchanges with about two hundred newspapers, daily, weekly and monthly. All journals are more or less beholden to their exchanges, but it is understood that matter copied directly, or original ideas transferred, shall be duly credited. The rule is often violated. The editorials and sub-editorials in the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE are sometimes transferred bodily, without a word of acknowledgement, into the columns of papers in remote districts where they figure occasionally even as leading editorials. "The loudest disclaimer against the practice of editing with scissors and paste is not unfrequently the worst offender. . Of the twelve rules posted up in the editorial offices of the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE, the 10th, to put it mildly, forbids the free use of exchanges. Readers are invited 'to examine the duo-decalogue. Even the advertisements in the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE are occasionally copied into other papers where they perform the functions of "decoy ducks." The advertisement of a Toronto manufacturer in our columns was a few months ago transferred, typographical errors and all, into a city paper ; and an American Thread firm advertising in our columns has recently been treated in a simi lar manner. All newspapers have a number of exchanges more or less, many of them valueless on one side or, both, but exchanged through courtesy. The custom is more common on this side of the Atlantic than in Europe. It were much to be preferred that free exchanges be discontinued for good, and each paper pay for what it requires. We should not then so often witness the case of an editor who is his own man of all work, editor, proof reader, messenger and mail clerk, a variety

of occupations that seldom accompanies much skill or use in any one of them." Let us all ask ourselves the question, why do we exchange, and to what use do we put our exchanges? If any body is curious enough to find out for himself to what uses the Correspondent of a worthy Toronto exchange puts the Journal of COMMERCE, he need only turn to the *Globe* of the 17th inst., where under the head of Montreal Correspondence (by telegraph), will be found word for word our editorial of the previous Friday on the "Civic Loan," but written by us on Thursday and printed the same evening,—all tranferred from our columns without a word of credit.

SIDEWALK DANGERS AND DISCOMFORTS .-- We heartily echo the aspiration of our neighbor the Star that the city fathers look more closely into the architecture, if it deserve the name, of some of the older buildings fronting on our public streets. The condition of the fronts along St. James street, our most frequented business thoroughfare, is such that pedestrians are almost daily in danger of their lives from falling masses of ice or snow. Every owner should be compelled to so to alter his warehouse front that there should be no possibility of large icicles. forming on the edge of the roof. Gutters or hollow eaves should be banished for ever, and all roofs made to drain into a centre pipe leading to the sewer. Our heads and arms should then be free of falling icicles,-clogged down spout pipes would not threaten pedestrians in thawing days with their loosened aggregation of thick ice formed of the overflow-and after our snow and ice had all disappeared, we should not be dodging the shower and foot baths so well known to our citizens. So well was this necessity recognized by the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE at the beginning of its career in Montreal in 1875, that it always chose premises which people could pass without danger. from overhanging icicles or heavy snow-slides. Not many months after we moved into our present premises, in May 1889, roofers called to arrange for winter's work on roof as usual. The landlord was called in, and as the roof (the old toboggan slide shape). was out of repair, arrangements were soon perfected for a new flat roof sloping to the centre and draining into the sewer. . We agreed to pay half the expenses, and the result is the present almost perpendicular front which must be blameless of any casualties meantime-notwithstanding the rather severe accident of a few days ago in the vicinity, apparently to the contrary.

A NEW YORK grain exporter who has lately completed a three months' tour in the wheat regions, says that the thrashing. is practically done, that only straw stacks are now left in the fields in the Northwest, and that the bulk of the crop is already marketed, not over 30 per cent of the crop being in spring wheat farmers' hands and 15 per cent of the winter crop east of the Mississippi River, except in Michigan, which still has 40 per eent of a good crop back. Kansas has a good crop and Nebraska a fair one, but the winter wheat mills of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois are all drawing on these two States. Iowa has raised but little wheat, having gone into other crops. As to the spring crop, Mr. Giles said that he drove through the beds of lakes in the Jim River Valley, where the drouth has not been thoroughly brokenin two years, and that the highest yield he found in this whole valley was six bushels per acre, while much yielded nothing and the average is not over three bushels from Devil's Lake, on the north, to Nebraska, on the south. The Red River Valley yielded thirteen bushels and the balance of the spring area twelve bushels to the acre. The winter wheat mills are importing wheat to supply their local demand for fiour.

The last issue of the McLeod Gazette says: "Wherever one sees cattle on the ranges in Southern Alberta, there is the same story to tell. They are looking fat and sleek, and in the pink of condition. Throughout the length and breadth of the country. it is the same. There is positively no exception. The loss this, winter will be practically nil, and all that stockmen have to fear now is the late spring storms. We have reached the 8th of January without any winter at all, and whatever may come from now on, there can be little or no damage to cattle. The feed is good; the cattle are strong and in prime condition and stockmen feel:that the rest of the winter can have but little terror for them. If matters turn out as they promise, the spring branding should be the biggest on record."

A WHOLESALE OFFENDER. Since writing the article on "Exchanges" elsewhere, we are in receipt of a communication from "A Reader" in London, Ont., pointing out the raid perpetrated on our columns by the Toronto Globe in its issue of Saturday the 17th inst., under the caption "News from Montreal." After the usual heraldic announcement of the subject-matter in three or four inches of capitals, the purpose of the purloiner is masked by an introduction of nearly five lines. On the 5th line it begins with the article to be found on page 118 of the JOURNAL OF COM-MERCE of the previous date (printed by us on Thursday night) under the heading, "The Latest Civic Loan," and transfers the whole article to its columns, passing it off upon its readers as original matter prepared specially by "our own correspondent." We hesitate to believe that our worthy Toronto contemporary is cognizant of such wholesale literary piracy on the part of its representative in Montreal, and trust it will make due reparation. The correspondent referred to, in common with one or two others of a gang of local writers for the press known by some such name as the "Press Despatch Association," may be seen every Friday a.m. watching for the first issue of the JOURNAL OF COM-MERCE that he may his with it to the nearest telegraph office and mutilate its articles and paragraphs into press despatches, " from our own correspondent," to be forwarded instanter east, west and south to other newspaper centres on both sides of the We are, as a matter of course, highly complimented by line. this use of the product of our labor and, consequently, perhaps, have for years overlooked petty thieving from our pages, but when it reaches from half a column to a column at a swoop, people will not wonder that we deem it proper to draw the line.

GREAT interest is being manifested in the elections of the Board of Trade, which take place on the 27th instant, and nearly fifty gentlemen have been nominated for office. At a special meeting of the council the tollowing official ticket was decided upon: President, Robert Archer, representing general interests; first vice president, H. A. Budden, coal interests; second vicepresident, Edgar Judge, flour interest; treasurer, H. A. Allan, shipping interest; and for council members, W. C. Munderloh, shipping; A. Ayer, provisions; J. A. Cantlie, manufactures; George Childs and C. P. Hebert, groceries; J. Slessor and A. Racine, dry goods; A. G. McBean, grain; T. Peck, irou; Hon. L. Tourville, lumber, and R. Bickerdike, live stock. The annual report will be out in a few days and the election of officers of the Corn Exchange will be held about a week after the Board of Trade elections.

The Argentine Government has notified Lord Rothschild as President of the London Committee, that with certain reservations, it has accepted the recommendation to fund for three years all payments due for interest and guarantees, the amount so funded to be represented by 6 per cent bonds, secured upon the customs revenue. The arrangement is very favorable of course for the Governmennt, as it gives it three years' breathing time. It is favorable, also, for the guarantors of the Baring Bros. A large part of the Baring assets consists of the debentures and shares of the Buenos Ayres Drainage & Waterworks Company. As part of the plan the Government buys back the works, giving 5 per cent bonds of the nominal value of  $6\frac{3}{4}$  millions sterling. Practically, that is to say, the Government engages to pay an annuity of £337,500 a year to the company, the company on its side being bound to complete the works.

The floth capes introduced last summer appear destined to come to the front again this spring. The favorites are capes with ruche folds and with velvet breast and back insertion; they are gotten up with Stuart collar of either velvet or cloth, embroidered outside, within quilted with silk. There are also capes of colored ottoman silk, with embroidered breast and back insertions; also capes with ribbon garniture, which passes over the back and in front down to the waist, and ends in long ends for tying. There are also capes with short or long revers, the revers trimmed with silk or velvet and richly embroidered. A novelty are capes with heavy ruche plaited silk ruches. Single colored cloth and oheviot are used for jackets and capes, and for jackets are also used mixtures and English chinchillas; also large and small oheckered material; the check, however, is fairly indistinct.

NEXT Tuesday will decide who shall occupy the comfortable plush covered chairs in the civic council room during the coming year. The following will be the contestants — For mayor, Mayor Grenier and Mr. James McShane. East ward—Ald. Perresult and ex-Ald. Beausoleil. Centre ward—Ald. Rainville and Mr. Lucien Huot. West ward—Ald. Stevenson and Mr. George Wait. St. Antoine ward—Ald. Clendinneng by acclamation. St. Lawrence ward—Ald. Griffin, Mr. James Baxter, Mr. L. Drapeau and Mr. T. C. O'Brien. St. Louis ward—Ald. Dubuc, Mr. T. F. G. Foisy and Mr. R. Latimer. St. Jean Baptiste ward— Ald. Germain and Mr. L. Ouimet. St. Gabriel ward—Ald. Thompson and Mr. H. Hadley. St. Ann's ward—Ald. Conroy and Mr. M. F. Nolan.

HENNY FORSTER & Co. write from Pernambuco as follows: Our market has been active; all sugar offered has found eager buyers (at lower figures than those last quoted), the fall in exchange having allowed exporters to pay prices asked. Sales amount to 10,000 tons, of which less than half goes to the United States, the rest to Canada or the United Kingdom. Stock in first hands, 700 tons, including 300 tons Goyannas now on board two vessels loading Eight cargoes of Rio Grandes have been purchased at 9s 0 1 to 9± 1 Jd. We quote: Good Brutos, 10s 4d; Goyannas, 10s; Rio Grandes, 9s 3d to United States, 1 Jd more to Halifax; No. 10 by steam to Liverpool, 12s 4 Jd ex quay.

IT looks as if the monetary situation in the United States were destined to be easier and if this prove to be the case it is to be hoped that this market will benefit by the change for the better. According to the New York Commercial Bulletin five millions of currency came into New York banks last week from the interior, and this will be found to be but the beginning of an influx that will produce an absolute glut of money and cause a decline in the rate of interest to an abnormally low point. Next month there will not be a bit of evidence in any part of the United States that money is scarce.

MR. JOHN LOVELL has perfected arrangements for his census of this city. He has engaged sixty men, who are being sworn as enumerators. The forms, if properly filled in as requested by the compiler, will show the nationality, place of birth, religion, profession, sex and private residence of citizens and in case of church, factories, foundries, railways, etc., the number of employees, material of buildings, capacity, etc. Vehicles and horses will also be enumerated. The forms are being issued, and will be collected between the 22nd and 29th of January by the enumerators.

THE Supreme Court have set aside a judgment granted in favor of the Crown (Province of Quebec), declaring a certain undivided portion of the Seignory of Grondines escheated to the Crown. The judgment set aside was obtained in 1884 after a delay of ninety years, there having been no proceedings taken by the Crown since 1794. The conduct of the barristers who purchased the rights of the Crown for the nominal sum of \$300 while this litigation was coming on, was severely commented on by the judges.

THE following companies have been incorporated by the Ontario Government: —The Novelty Manufacturing Company of Newmarket (limited), with a capital of \$12,000; the Milton Pressed Brick and Pipe Company (limited), with a capital of \$50,000; the Copp Brothers Company (limited), to acquire the business now carried on under the name of Copp Bros., Hamilton, and to manufacture stoves, agricultural implements, etc., with a capital of \$100,000.

THE endeavor of American wine merchants to put up the retail price of champagne fifty cents a bottle, on account of an increased duty of eight cents per bottle has proved a failure. Champagne agents are flooding the cities with circulars calling attention to the fact that their price has been advanced only one dollar per case.

The Cltizens' Insurance 'Company give notice that on the opening of Parliament application will be made to reduce its subscribed capital, and a call will doubtless be made on the shareholders to increase the paid-up capital of the company. At a recent meeting of the Farmer's Alliance of Kansas, it was shown that of thirteen thousand farmers in the State only 7,500 were the owners of unincumbered lands, and of these onehalf had given chattel mortgages. There were in the State 2,100 tenant farmers on lands 'formerly owned by them, but which have been lost by foreclosures, and 4,400 more who have deferred payment of interest, and, consequently, may have their lands foreclosed at any time.

OVER \$61,000, the largest sum on record, was paid as tax on oleomargarine manufactured in Chicago during December. Ever since the passage of the oleomargarine bill the cutput has been steadily and rapidly increasing. When that bill became a law the expectation, particularly among the farmers, was that the industry would languish and in a few years cease altogether. Exactly the contrary is what has happened.

It is stated that a Russian baker has patented a process for making bread direct from the grain without requiring the latter to be ground into flour first. By this new method, says a St. Petersburg daily, the grain is washed only to clean it from dust, and immediately afterward it is turned into dough and baked in the usual manner. Those who have tasted this bread say that it cannot be distinguished from the bread made of flour.

The Star says the display of tin pots at Washingston "wholly of American manufacture," will remind the student of political economy that Spain, after many year's endeavor, severe restriction and the assistance of English machinists, built a locomotive. The Dons proudly sent it to England as a proof of what they could do. Nevertheless, all the locomotives in Spain to day are of English make.

THERE small assignments were made in this city on Thursday last. They were J. C. Duclos, a crockery dealer who owes about \$3,500, J. A. & O. Cote, a small grocery firm with liabilities of \$1,200, and H. O. Senecal who keeps a small glassware store and owes \$650. He was one of Duclos' customers, and the failure of his supplier brought him down also.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Marine Underwriters was held last week in the Board of Trade, to nominate one of their number to represent the Underwriters on the Council of the Board of Trade. Mr. Archibald Nicoll, of the Royal Canadian, was chosen. Mr. Robert Bickerdike was also nominated for the Council to represent the live stock interests.

At a meeting of the directors of the Sherbrooke Farmers' club it was decided to take up the project, as commenced in Richmond a year ago of forming a dairymen's association for the district of St. Francis. At an early date a two days convention will be called at Sherbrooke in connection with the movement, when competent lecturers will be present,

An English cable construction company has offered to lay a submarine cable connecting Sable Island with Nova Scotia and operate it for ten years for an annual subsidy of \$12,000 a year, the cable to become the property of the Government at the expiration of the ten years. The cost of constructing and laying is estimated at \$100,000.

A CUBAN report upon the sugar market says.: "The domand for Spain, which is generally brisk at the commencement of the year, is unimportant, owing to the strong competition the Cuban sugars have to contend with, as those produced in the Peninsula and the Canary Islands are not subjected to the heavy duties levied on the former."

DURING 1890 the moneys deposited in the Savings Bank under the management of the Dominion Government aggregated \$9, 854,332, while the total amount withdrawn from these banks was.\$13,273,517. The interest allowed to depositors amounted to \$1,475,292.

NATURAL gas is frightened the inhabitants of Ruthven. Last week a house was burned down, through leakage in the pipes, and later two more buildings had a close call from the same gause.

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THE stockholders of the Edison General Electric Light Company have ratified the action of the directors in increasing the capital stock from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000. It is stipulated, that \$1,000,000 shall be kept in the treasury as a reserve fund.

ADVIORS from San Francisco state that owners of sealing vessels are making preparations for the coming season. A new departure will be the introduction of steam launches in the business, two of which will be carried by each schooner.

SILK dealers are inclined to believe that swivel, or rather broche patterns, will have a large spring sale. Recent economic improvements in methods of manufacture have materially reduced the cost of these heretofore very high priced goods.

An Amherst candy dealer offered an award of \$10 to the person who could eat two pounds of candy in 30 minutes. J. R Trenholm, of St. John, N.B., is the owner of the \$10, having disposed of two pounds of chocolate within the time specified.

FOREST, Ont., has long struggled along without the telephone but is now going to have it. An exchange will be epened there by the Bell Telephone Company and a line run to Sarnia. Connection will also be made with Camlachie, Thedford and Parkhill.

THE mining business along the line of the Kingston and Pembroke railway is not as brisk as it was last winter. Very little ore is being mined and phosphate is scarce. Men are prospecting at the Mississippi iron ore mines with a diamond drill.

It is said Austria and Great Britain have signed a secret convention allowing the former Government to occupy the seaport of Salonica, in European Turkey, on condition that Austria will support the British policy in regard to Turkey, Armenia, and Egypt.

BALTIMORE letters and circulars continue to emphasize the fact that the pack of oysters has been very light this season, but standard goods may yet be had there at 95c per dozen for 5ounce, \$1.85 for 10-ounce and corresponding prices for lighter weights.

THE Commercial states that there is little or no snow over a large portion of Manitoba, and not enough for sleighing anywhere. Cattle are feeding out on the prairie. Very little hay will be needed this winter, and a good deal will be held over for next year.

THE Alliance Bond and Investment Company of Ontario has issued a writ against Dr. Rea, of Toronto, claiming ten thousand dollars damages for libel and slander. The allegation is that Dr. Rea made a statement reflecting on the standing of the company.

One of the peculiar features of the past season in the hat trade is the marked falling off in the consumptive demand for silk hats. There appears to be no accounting for this unexpected decline in the popularity of a line that was regarded as "fixed" in favor.

Orrostrion seems to be the life of trade among telephone companies as in mercantile pursuits. During the past two years that the Bell Telephone Co. have had an opponent, their subscription roll in this city has increased from eighteen hundred to five thousand names.

ENGINEERS are now laying out the course of the Grand Trunk extension to Owen Sound. The grade from the rock in the township of Sarawak to the west of the Sydenham river presents no obstacle to the construction of the line. It is hoped the road will be in operation in six months.

A LONDON special announces that the silk trade of Italy is in a critical condition, and the demand has fallen off to such an extent that numerous failures are occurring. Three large silk factories at Milan and the vicinity have been forced to make assignments, with liabilities aggregating eight million lire.

GAUZE ribbons are particularly well thought of for the opening season. In the new offering of these goods the cream shade prevails, but light blues, delicate pinks and soft greys are also given a handsome representation. Loop edge ribbons form a new and prominent feature of the spring offering.

THERE were fewer buildings erected in the city last year than in 1889, but the value of them did not differ much from those of the previous year. In 1889 there were 1033 buildings; constructed, valued at \$3,608,500, while for last year the buildings erected numbered 937, and are valued at \$3,308,606.

The ice harvest on Burlington bay this winter is expected to amount to fully 130,000 tons. To harvest this 500 men will be required. At least 30,000 tons will be shipped to the States. The southern division of the G. T. R. has placed an order for 6,000 tons. The ice generally is of excellent guality.

It is not often that we hear of the import of raw cotton into the United States, but last week the steamer Fitzroy arrived in New York with 2,150 bales of Egyptain cotton on board, - The cargo is valued at \$350,600. It is for some of the big New England mills, which find that Egyptian cotton gives a higher lustre and softer fabrics.

For three years the size of the tyable scarf has been steadily increasing, but it now looks as though the limits had been reached and that the new offering would show a slight curtainent in dimensions and an improvement in quality. The demand for high-cost neckwear is increasing steadily from season to season.

'Гив manufacturers of negligee shirts are making preparations for an unusually vigorous pring campaign. Their offering pro-mises to be large and conspicuously diversified. The fabrics most prominently to be utilized are the following: Madras, most prominently to be utilized at the the informag. Hadrag-silkenes, Madrasenes, satines, surfins, paramattas, zephyrs, New-markets, silk weits, plain and silk-stripe flannels, rajahs, pongees and cheviots. The last-named promises to occupy the position of honor both as to the offering and the demand.

JUDGE DAVIDSON has rendered judgment in three different actions, arising out of conflicting interests, with regard to the sale of the Island of Anticosti. The first was that of Murray against Bury for breach of contract, in so far as the latter had failed to fulfil his promise to turn over to the former two sevenths of the numbers price regiond by him on his provent bits with failed to full his promise to turn over to the former two seventines of the purchase price received by him on his seventhisty-sixth interest in the property. To this the defendant pleaded that Murray was only a prete nom for Forsythe, who, he claimed, was indebted to him in several amounts. The Court, held, however, that there was no proof that Murray was a prete nom. It had been shown too that Bury had acquired the judgment of Car-ima section for the set up as a claim in this case been shown too that Bury had acquired the judgment of Car-riere against Forsythe, which he set up as a claim in this case, only after the present proceedings were introduced, and more-over, there had been nothing given in evidence that Bury had paid Forsythe anything after his agreement with Murray. The Court, therefore, decided that of the \$13,000 which Bury had drawn from the Government as his share of the purchase, Murdrawn from the Government as his share of the purchase, Mur-ray was entitled to the share agreed to by Bury, and, after de-ducting a few minor expenses, he fixed the claim at \$3,855. With reference to the two other actions, which were each taken by Bury against Murray for \$5000 damages for having caused two capiases to be issued against plaintiff and upon one of which Bury was arrested and the capias subsequently quashed. His Honor decided that Bury was entitled to damage, but as the whole of the litigation had been provoked by the unwarranted breach of contract on his part, Murray could be excused to some oxtent for proceeding so far in his fit of anger. He, therefore, accorded Bury on his two actions simply \$150 damages and the costs in both cases. costs in both cases.

MONTREAL OLEARING HOUSE .-- Olearings and balances week ending 22nd

	uniy, 109	Clearings.	Balances,
16th	January	1891\$1,700,783	\$177,830
17th	"	1891 1,409052,	128,450
19th	4	1891 1,262,605	228,142
20th	11	1891 1,507,246	170,595
21th	11	1891 1,353,855	244,806
22 <b>n</b> d	"	1891 1,250,518	178,886
To	tal	\$8,484,059	\$1,228,759
Last	week	\$9,434,747	\$1,884,573
		year, \$7,734,727	\$1,309 915

Meetings, Reports, &c.

#### LA BANQUE D'HOCHELAGA.

The sevent centh annual meeting of the Banque d'Hochelaga was held on the 15th ulto in the bank offices. On motion of Mr. Adolphe Roy, seconded by Mr. F. H. Montmarquet. Mr. F. X. St. Charles was called to the chair and Mr. J. A. Prendergastr equested to

act as secretary. On motion of Dr. N. H. Ladouceur, seconded by Mr. Candide Roy, Messrs. Joseph Mercler, J. A. Vaillancourt and Joseph Richard were appointed scrutineers,

#### THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The seventeenth annual report, reading as follows, was submitted :-To the Shareholders of the Banque d'Hochelaga :

GENTLEMEN, — The report that your directors have the honor of sub-mitting to you for 1800, shows at once, that in spite of the bad times, your bank has not only been able to maintain its position, but to make some progress.

make some progress. Not having, as in years of abundance, the advantages of employing with profit a part of your capital in the movement of the harvest, we have been obliged to seek other uses for it. Nevertheless, we have been enabled to pay the ordinary dividends, forty-two thousand, six hundred and six dollars (\$42,606), and to place thirty-five thousand dollars in the reserve fund, this, altogether representing an interest of elovon per cent (11 p. c.) upon the capital, and bringing our reserve up to twenty-two and a half per cent (22 p. c.) We have also provided for probable losses. The prices current for our stock are mach higher than during for-mer years and our deposits bearing interest have increased by one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000) since our last re-port; important facts which indicate the appreciative confidence with which the public honors us.

which the public honors us. The amount immediately realizable of our assets will show you

bosidos that we have always acted with great prudence.

The Inspector of the Bank has, during the year, verified with care the values and accounts of the Montreal bank and the branches. The resume of the Profit and Loss account, as well as the balance sheet of December 31, will give you fuller details :---

## PROFIT AND LOBA ACCOUNT, 1890.

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Dividend No. 28	\$21,303	
Dividend No. 29	5 21,303	
Carried to Reserve Fund	35,000	00
Balance of Profit and Loss, 31st December, 1890	7,313	13
	\$84,949	13
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Balance Brofit and Loss, 31st December, 1889	\$7,509	61
ment, interest on deposits, bad debts and provisions for doubtful debts	77,439	52
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$84,949	13
The whole respectfully submitted,		
(Signed.) F. X. ST. CHARLES,		
	sident.	
ANNUAL STATEMENT.		
The annual statement of the Bank to 31st December, 1	390 shows	;
Liabilities.		
Paid in canital	\$710,100	00
Paid up capital Beserve fund	160,000	
Profit and loss,	7,343	
Dividend No. 29-payable January 2nd, 1891	21,303	
Dividend No. 29-payable Sandary 2nd, 1051	21,000	

Profit and loss,	7,343	13	
Dividend No. 29-payable January 2nd, 1891	21,303	00	
Unclaimed dividends	920	90	
Notes in circulation	581,970	00	
Deposits payable on demand	465,104	41	
Deposits bearing interest	1,017,135	40	
Branch drafts unpaid	11,219	11	

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Specie	\$65,277	10
Legal tenders		00
Notes and cheques on other banks		25
Due by other banks in Canada	12,972	56
Due by other banks in foreign countries	98,831	91
Call loans	381,513	03
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ASSETS.

Amount immediately available	\$826,902	75
Bills discounted	1,991,555	51
Bills overdue	1,540	42 ~
Claims in liquidation	58,443	99
Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank		00
Real estate		93
Furniture and fixtures	17,729	
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THE REPORT ADOPTED. .....

Proposed by Mr. F. X. St. Oharles, seconded by Mr. M. Laurent, That the report just read be adopted. Carried. Proposed by Mr. Adolphe Roy, seconded by Mr. F. X. Roy, That the thanks of the shareholders are due to the president, vice-president and the directors for their good administration of the affairs of the bank during the past year. Carried.

#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

Proposed by Mr. Joseph White, seconded by Mr. Gedeon Thibau-deau, That this meeting proceed to the election of directors. After the taking of the vote the scrutineers made the following

report :-

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#### DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

DATH OF THE ANNUAL MEETING. Proposed by Mr. F. L. Beique, seconded by Mr. Jos. Molancon: That in the hope of offering to the shareholders of this bank greater facili-tics for assisting in the annual general meetings the date of these meetings be chauged for the future to the 15th of June (or the judicial day following if the 15th of June be a legal holiday), the next meet-ing being held on the 15th of June, 1892; that the dividends be paid the 1st of June and the 1st of December each year, beginning the 1st of June, 1891; and that the transfer books be closed during the fifteen days precoding such payments. Carried.

of June, 1891; and that the transfer books be closed during the fifteen days precoding such payments. Carried. Proposed by Mr. J. A. Vaillancourt, seconded by Mr. Joseph Richard : That for the special end of authorizing the board of directors to create, under the provisions of the new Banking act (53 Victoria, chap 31; coming into force July 1, 1891), a guarantee fund and a needed relief fund for the officers of this bank, and to appropriate to this and such amounts as they believe necessary; that this meeting adjourn to Wednesday, the 8th of July, 1891, at 3 o'clock of the afternoon, in this place, to take this question into consideration. Carried. Proposed by Mr. Joseph Merciër, seconded by Mr. Elie Plante: That the report of this meeting be printed and distributed to the shareholders for their information. Carried. The meeting then adjourned.

The meeting then adjourned. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. F. X. St. Charles was re-elected president and Mr. M. Laurent vice-president.

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## Financial.

MONTERAL, Thursday Evening, 22nd January, 1891.

Money is decidedly easier on call, and abundance can be secured at 5@82 per cent; while commercial paper is readily discounted at 6@71 per cent according to name and date. In London money was plentiful at 13 per cent on the street, and in New York 2/03 per cent has been the ruling figure. Sterling exchange is dull but steady. Sixties bring 9/0 81 and demand drafts 9 7-16@9 9-16. New York funds are at par @ 1-16 premium. Posted rates in New York are 4 851 and 4 88. Actual rates are 4.841@3 and 4.863@487. The heavy failures naturally affected the stock market adversely, but as the demand is principally for investment, the market soon recovered tone. The feature of the week has been the steady buying of Street Railway stock by one broker. It was at first thought he was simply buying in order to form a market on which to sell, but this has proved not to be the case. Opinions are divided as to his clients. Some hold that he is buying for an outside syndicate who desire to control for an outside syndicate who desire to control the company, while others say that he is the broker for the wealthy sugar ring who made so much money out of this stock before and are trying to repeat the experiment. At all events he has succeeded in forcing its value up 45 points. The other transactions do not call for comment. The following are the bished and prices of the weak to highest and lowest prices of the week to-gether with our usual comparison with last year.

Banks	No. Sharea.	Highest price.	Lowest price.	this weak last year
Commerce	309	1271	1264	1237
Hochelaga	47	102 <del>]</del>	102	
Merchants	112	141	140	1423
Montreal	200	225	222	228 <u>3</u>
Ontario	9	115	1123	133
Peoples	39	99	98 .	1021
Quebec	12	1181	1187	
Miscellaneous.	•			
Bell Telephone	22	105	105	
Commercial cable.	50	1061	1064	
Gas	90	206	205 <del>]</del>	2024
North West Land.	150	774	76	
Oan. Pacific	1,990	751	741	771
Richelieu	200	56	56	61
<b>Boyal Electric</b>	100	107	107	
Street Railway	214	185	180	1971
New Street Ry	152	170	165	
Telegraph	1,269	102	99	97

# MONTREAL WHOLESALE TRADE. MONTREAL, THUBSDAY EVENING,

THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF COMMERCE.

- 4 Jan. 22nd, 1891. The condition of wholesale trade cannot be said to be satisfactory in any branch, still the holiday feeling has worked off and more business is being done. Collections are as hard to get in as ever and concerns with limited capital must find financing irksome indeed. The dry-goods trade has received a shake-up this week and the atmosphere is not yet clear in that line. Fortunately the early formation of the ice bridge and good sleigh roads have given the district and provincial trade a chance and considerable produce has been marketed at paying prices. The factories are getting into full working order once more and the steady distribution of wages, interfered with by the bolidays, will be a relief to suburban storekeepers.

DERESED HOGS.—A fair business has been done. Considerable hogs have come forward, but just at the moment receipts are not excessive. Buyers are inclined to hold off, but holders are firm. Car lots \$6 25/00\$6.40 and jobbing quantities \$6,50/00\$6.75.

DAIRY PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS -The market for butter is steady with no great accumulation of any line of stocks. Good table butter commands its price and holders are indifferent. There has been little change of late except in value of Kamouraska which is now held fully one cent higher, and reports have been confirmed of little more to come forward. Prices for the Newfoundland trade, Ci.f. St Johns are as follows : Oreamery, 26c, Townships 21c, western 16½c, and Kamouraska 16c. Cheese firm and stocks moderate. Fancy late makes are nominally quoted at loc, but some holders want as high as i0jc@l2c, but this would mean small quantities of choice for fancy grocery trade. Our prices current are probably rather within the mark but there is very little doing of importance at the moment, An improved demand would likely cause a speedy advance. A Liverpool firm write: Cheese—There has been a marked improvement in the enquiry, running principally upon finest descriptions, quotations for which are advanced fully 1s per owt There has also been more doing in medium sorts, but holders being free sellers, buyers have had the advantge. General market closes very steady. Quotations are: Extra fine fall makes, white and colored, 48\*@52s; some pet factories are hed for 55s and 56s; summer makes, 35s@40s; ripe old summer makes, 20s @25s; half-meats, white or colored, 30s@35s skims, according to quality, 3s@15. New York quotation is 50s c.i.f. In provisions there has been some stir in lardjinduced by a cut in prices but these are now steadier. A leading Montreal firm is responsible for the following: Pork.-Since last report market advanced fully one dollar, owing to the general confidence in low prices offered. Prices are somewhat easier past few days, on account of the exceedingly large supply of hogs being pushed forward. The repacked mess pork is pussion forward. The topacted mess points a great bargain, and we can arrange to suit the requirements of all buyers, either to ship it at once, direct to St. John's, or hold it here without drawing on you for same, and ship by first boat at opening of navigation. It is only called "Old" because we are now into a now season's packing. We have been trying now season's packing. We have been trying to get prices from packers for future delivery, but they do not expect to have any after another month, and will not quote price." The Ohlcago market is thus reported : Receipts of hogs are large and we are advised by packers, having the best facilities of knowing, that they are likely to continue so. Outside traders are larger holders. At the present price of hogs and product there is a large manufacturing profit. Stocks here are the largest ever known at this time of the year. These facts 22c@25c, good dairy butter 19c@22c, cheese

12c@14c, eggs, strictly new laid 40c@50c, eggs, fresh per doz. 25c@28c, eggs limed 23c @25c,

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS,-Trade generally 18 quiet and is only slowly picking up; buyers. are displaying caution about large quantities, Quinine is considered good value as further importations cannot be made at anything less than jobbing values here. Oplum draws little interest and importers are seeking buyers. Norwegian cod-liver oil has been in better, demand. At New York Belladonna leaves are scarce and firmer, with 18c asked in most instances. Balram fir is held rather better, with small solve of orecons of \$1.10. and On with small sales of Oregon at \$1.10 and Can ads \$1.95@\$2.00; these values are generally regarded as bottom. Balsam Peru has sold at \$1 45 but holders are somewhat firmer in their ideas, the majority now asking \$1.50/@ \$1,55. Juniper berries are reported as firmer in Leghorn, due to the scarcity. The market there is firm at 85 per cwt f. o. b., with sales at that figure. The market for Russian hemp seed has further advanced, and is now at 31c. Sales have been made of 1,300 bags on p. t., though up to 3c was paid. Subsequently this price was bid and declined. The stock is very small, and shipments from the other is very small, and shipments from the other side have been checked by the ice embargo. Chemicals.—For English heavy goods there continues a generally quiet market here; Bleaching powder is held ht \$1.721@\$1.75 for Liverpool and \$1.621@\$1.671 for New-castle, with small sales at these figures in the States. Sal soda is selling or wharf at \$1.071 and ex store \$1.10@\$1.121 New York. Soda ash, 48 per cent carbonated, 'realizes' \$1.69@ \$1.65 and 58 per cent \$1.521@\$1.572. Quick-silver is again lower, there being sellers to-day at 671@68c. Nitrato soda has been in active demand, with sales reported of 15,000 bags spot and to arrive at \$1.70@\$1.80. Later \$1.80@\$1.85 was quoted as inside; with ater \$1,80@\$1,85 was quoted as inside; with sellers indifferent regarding both spot and forward goods,

DRY GOODS.—The failure of two large wholesale dry goods houses, the report that others are in trouble, and the fact that a large retail firm is applying for an extension, have not been calculated to improve the feeling in the dry goods market and everything is dull and depressed. Remittances continue unsatisfactory; although money has come in more freely from the city and suburban trade, The number of small failuros throughout the country augurs ill for the paper maturing on the coming fourth, and merchants do not speak hopfully of the immediate outlook. Still travellers report greater confidence among their customers and the volume of orders is certainly better and, although there are certain to be a number of insolvencies during the coming weeks, the feeling generally is more hopful,

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#### Colorado Mining Investment Co., -8 CONGRESS STREET, BOSTON. : ł - 1

EGGS AND POULTRY .- Eggs have ruled firm during the week at 26c/@28c for fresh, held frush 240 and fine limed 23cm24c. Dressed poultry in light receipt and good demand. Turkeys 10cm120, ducks 9cm10c, geose 61cm 80, ohickens 7cm8c, partridge 50cm55c.

FISH AND OLS,-There are indications of more demand soon, but buyers are reluctant to open the ball. A leading Montreal firm recently reviewed the position as follows and affairs are much the same at writing. Steam Refined Pale Scal Oil.--Firm, 52cimp; gallon,

Cod Oll.—Very little demand and prices de-cline, Choice lots offered at 34c Imp. gallon and probably 32c would be accepted. Cod Liver Oll.—Some round lots of Norwegian have been sold at 80c, but prices are now higher. No enquiries for Nfid. oil. Dry Cod-fish.—Demand just opening up; prices \$4.50 to \$5 per 112 lb. bdls. Green Oodfish.—Mar-ket very bare, and prices sume to advauce. No. 1 now held at \$5.25, and No. 1 Large \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 200 lbs. Any holders would do well to advise promptly, Herrings, —Trade now commencing, and favorable re-ports shortly. Stocks are small in all quart-Cod Oil. -Very little demand and prices de-

ers, and if the dealers had a little more confidence in regard to Lenten requirements, we would have them buying car lots instead of ten barrels at a time; holding at \$4.25 to \$4.75 according to quality.

FLOUB AND GRAIN .--- In flour there has only been a small local business passing here at about our range of quotations. There has been some enquiry for export, but offers have been slightly under local market values. Grain quiet with quotations more or less nominal. No number one Manitoba wheat is offering, but No. 2 is quoted at 97c@98c and No. 3 at 88c@90c. Manitoba oats 44c@ and No. 3 at 88c@90c. Manitoba oats 44c@ 45c and Ontario 47½c@48c per 34 lbs, Peas 72c@73c per 66 lbs in store, Feed barley is worth 50c and good malting 65c@70c. A local firm is quoting flour for the Newfound-land trade as follows, c.i.f. St. Johns via Hall-fax or New York :--Highest Winter Patent, "Palace," \$5.95 cif.; Choice Patent, "Sup-reme," \$5.55 cif.; Choice Oanadian Patent, \$5.15 cif.; Straight Roller, "Reliable," \$5.25 cif.; Choice Canadian Extra, \$4.90 cif.; Choice Extra, "Topaz" and "Saratogo," \$4.60 cif.; Choice Oanadian Superfine, "Sparkling River," \$4.50 cif. The total quantity of wheat in sight on this continent and afloat to Europe is 46,857,000 bushels, an increase of 477,000 is 46,857,000 bushels, an increase of A77,000 bushels compared with a week ago, and a de-crease of 5,318,000 bushels compared with the corresponding date last year. At Chicago wheat has been irregular, but there is a strong undertone. Solas have hear mode recently at undertone. . Sales have been made recently at 943c May, 904c July. The total quantity of wheat and flour, reduced to wheat, afloat to Europe, is 21,928,000 bushels, compared with 21,112,000 bushels for a week ago, 20,448,000 bushels for two weeks sgo, and 19,720,000 bushels for a year ago. English cables report wheat and corn carges quiet but steady. Spot wheat and corn carges quiet but steady. Spot wheat and corn carges quiet but steady. Spot wheat in England rather easier. Standard California 's 9d; fair average red winter 's 6½d; white Michigan, 's 6½d; Liverpool mixed maize 5s 7d. A Chicago writer says: Wheat opened weak, selling at 93½c in the first min-ute, and ranged between this and 93½c until within an hour of the close. It is the same old story—everybody getting bearish on the end of a big break, and consequently short interest getting too large. Parties who have been bullish all the way down were noticed trading on the short side and the advance to-wards the close was largely due to buying by this class of operators. Telegrams from Cali-fornia report damage to wheat by drought. This had a strengthening effect on our mar-ket. Two hundred thousand bushels were re-ported sold at Duluth for foreigh trade. Oats ported sold at Duluth for foreigh trade. Oats were firmer and higher, shorts bought all they could get and this and light receipts put the

GREEN FROITS, E. C .- The English market is firm for Canadian apples, cables quoting 30s @398. American apples are cabled at 208@ 26s. Local trade in green fruits, nuts, and similar goods is quiet at the movement, but prices of apples and onions are firm and likely to be much higher. Bed and yellow onions are getting scarcer. There have been several car loads shipped to the States even with the increased duty. They sold here for \$300 \$3.50 per brl. Lemons, \$2.75/0\$3.25, Mes-sinas and Palermos; oranges, Valencias, \$400 \$4.25 case; Floridas, \$3 50(0\$4,25 according to sizes and quality; Messinas, boxes, \$2 50(0) \$3 box; cranberries, \$15 for good common. The range is from all prices under \$15; cocoanuts, \$6 per 100. Apples, firsts \$5(0\$5; 2nds \$3(0)\$4; common \$2.50(0\$2; pine-apples, small, \$2.50(0\$3 dozen; large, \$3.50 (0)\$4.50; Spanish onions, case, \$3.50(0\$4; crates, \$1 per crate of 50 lbs; figs, boxes, loc; layers, 12c(015c; bags, 5c(06c; dates, 5]c(0 6c; Grenoble walnuts, 15c(01c; peanuts, 10(20130; Bordeaux, 10c(01c); peanuts, soft shell, 14c(015c; Filberts, Sicily, 9]c(0) 10]c; Turkey, 7c(736). prices of apples and onions are firm and likely 101c ; Turkey, 7c/780.

GROCERIES .- There has been a fair trade for the season with more enquiry for staples especially sugar and tea. During the past ten days granulated has advanced in the States from 5 15-16c/@6]c and raws are up inproportion. Foreign markets are strong. In

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of syrup has been such a successful venture that to meet the demands of the trade an 8 lb.

tin of the same quality of syrup has bren in-troduced. The refinery is also putting up

London on the 19th instant, 62,766 beaver skins were sold at an advance of 10 per cent over last January : 541,000 muskrat were placed, the firsts bringing 5 per cent higher then last January, but the winter and fall skins did not realize any advance. The O. M.



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## Corporation of the City of Three Rivers.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the office of the undersigned, until 4 o'clock P. M. on Monday, the twenty-sixth (26th) day of January instant, for the purchase of Debentures of the said city, to the amount of Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) redeemable in 30 years from the 1st November, 1890, and bearing interest at the rate of (5 p.c.) five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

L. T. DESAULNIERS, Sect.-Treas. T. R. Gorp. Oity Hall, Three Rivers, 18th Jan., 1891.

is an improvement in local trade. Straight rollers are quoted at 415@3425 and extra at 4.00 Ontario patents are quoted at 4.40@4.75 according to quality. Wheat is fairly active and steady; sales of  $60^{-1}bs$  white at  $96^{-1}c$  to arrive, and of 58-lb spring at 85coutside on Northern. Sixty-lbs white at 92con the Northern. Manitoba wheat steady; No 2 hard sold at  $97c@97^{-1}c$ , No. 3 hard at 87c No. 2 Northern at 91c@92c, No. 1 frosted at 79c and No. 2 frosted at 69c. Barley is firm, with sales of No. 3 extra at 52c on track and of No. 3 at equal to 50c here. Oats are easier; sales of mixed outside at 41c and here at 45c on track. White sold at 43c on Midland. Peas are firmer with sales at  $61\frac{1}{2}c@$ 62c north and west and at 63c on the Midland. Rye steady at 61c here. Corn firm at 61c for Canadian. Oatmeal quoted at 4.75 for ordinary brands and at 4.85 for granulated. Bran is steady, with sales at \$17.50 on track, and offering at \$16 outside west. Middlangs \$19

GROOBRIES.—A good business is reported. Sugars are higher, with sales of granulated at 63c@63c, the former for 15 burrel lots and over; yellows also firmer at 53c@64c. Fruits and nuts in moderate demand and firm. Valoncia raisins, 63c@63c; Sultanas at 16@17c, and currents 63c@64c. Malega fruit firm; Black Basket \$4, Blue do \$5. Dates sell at 64c@64c. Rio coffee unchanged at 22c@234c according to quality. Teas in good demandand firm.

HARDWARE.—Trade is fairly active. Copper is weaker, and tin plates firm.

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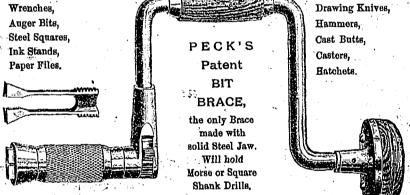
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HIDES AND SEINS.—The hide market is quiet with prices generally steady. Oured are quoted at 6c. Green unchanged at 5c for No. 1 and 4c for No. 2. Sheep-skins are in fair receipt and firm at \$1.10/@\$1 30 for the best. Callskins nominal at 6c to 8c, the latter for No. 1.

Live STOCK.—Receipts are large, and prices in some cases rather easier. Good butchers cattle sold at 3½c@3½c per lb, and inferior at 2½c@3c. Springers \$35/@\$45 a head and calves \$6@\$3.00 a head. Sheep are casier, sales at \$5@\$6 a head. Lambs sold at \$4.25 @\$5. Hogs firm with sales at 4½c@4½c per lb.

PROVISIONS. — This trade is quiet and prices generally stendy. Car lots of long clear bacon are quoted at  $7\frac{4}{3}7/m_4^3c$ , and ton and case lots at  $8c/m_4^3c$  (0. C. at  $7\frac{4}{3}c/m_4^3c$ ), and ton and case lots at  $8c/m_4^3c$  (0. C. at  $7\frac{4}{3}c/m_4^3c$ ). Rolls 9c $(m_9)c$ ; backs 10c and bellies  $10\frac{4}{3}c/m_1^3c$ . Rolls 9c $(m_9)c$ ; backs 10c and bellies  $10\frac{4}{3}c/m_1^3c$ . Rolls 9c $(m_9)c$ ; backs 10c and bellies  $10\frac{4}{3}c/m_1^3c$ . Rolls 9c $(m_9)c$ ; backs 10c and bellies  $10\frac{4}{3}c/m_1^3c$ . Rolls 9c $(m_9)c$ ; backs 10c and bellies  $10\frac{4}{3}c/m_1^3c$ . Beams lower at \$1.50 for small lots. Onions sell at  $$2.75/m_3^3 00$  per barrel. Apples, choice are quoted at  $35.6/m_3^3c$ . Hops are quoted at  $35c/m_3^3c$ .

Woot.-Trade remains very quiet and featureless. Fleece is quoted at 20c. Pulled wool, sells at 221c for supers and at 271c for extras.

#### SPECIAL NOTICES.

Two of J.& J. Taylor's celebrated safes were subjected to a very severe practical test in the fire that occured in the Augus building on Oralg street last week. After being twelve houses in that seething furnace of flame when they were taken out the contents were found to be uninjured.

FULTON & MILLS, dealers in farming implements, machinery, carriages, feeds, etc., of Truro, N S., are making active preparations for the coming year's business. They are agents for A. Harris & Son, of Brantford, and report that their business with this house has actually doubled during the past year. They are also large dealers in seeds. Western manufacturers desiring to bring their goods under popular notice in the Maritime Provinces cannot do better than communicate with Fulton & Mills.

#### HOT WATER AND STEAM RADIATORS.

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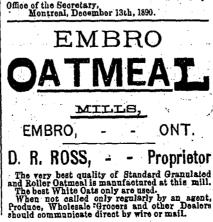
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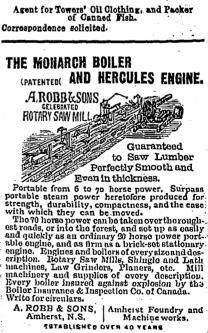
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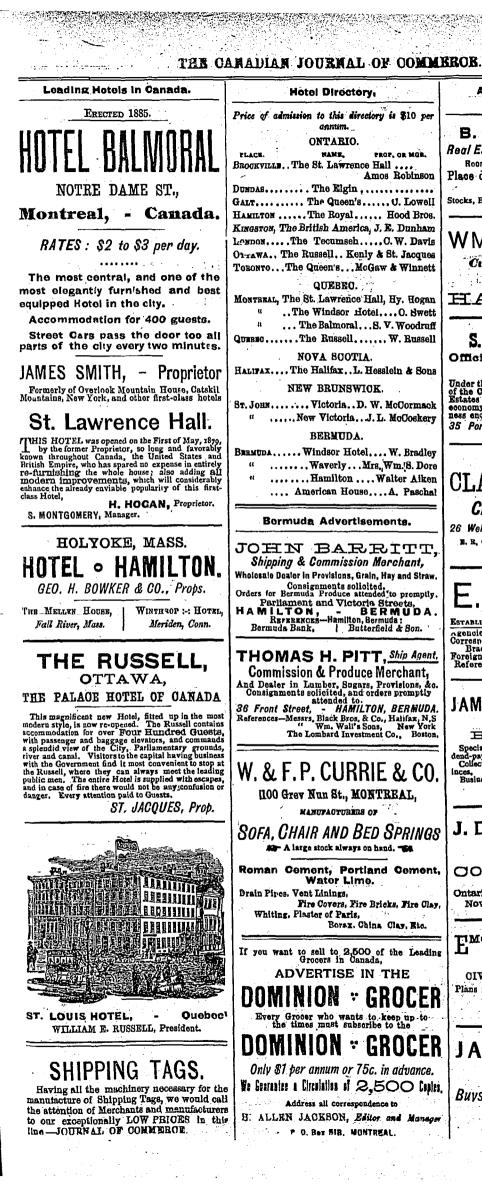
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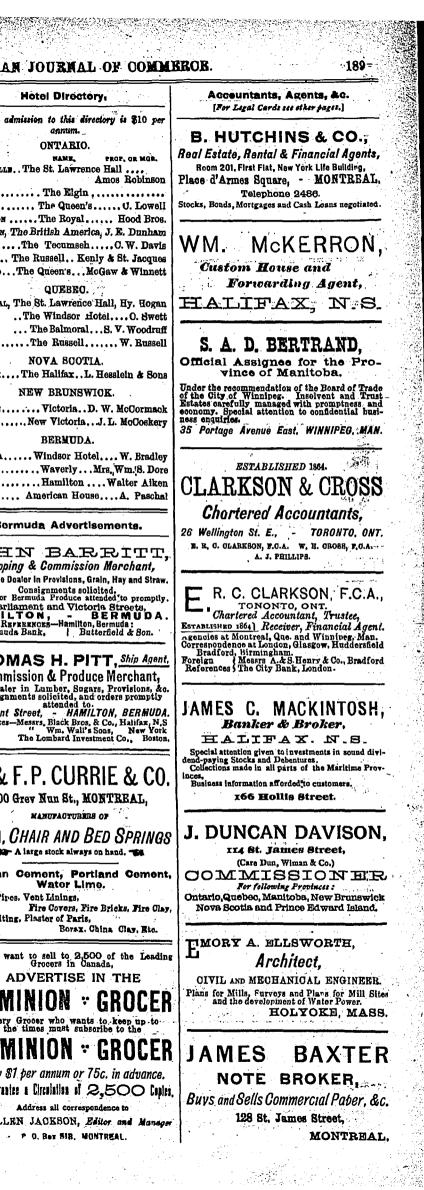








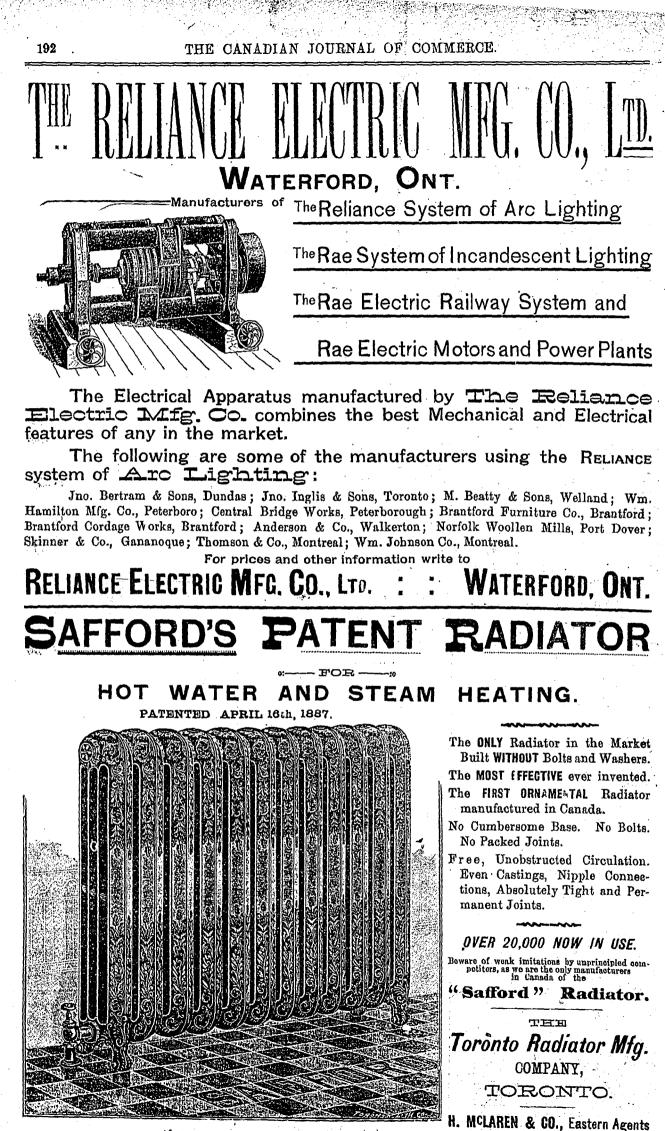
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