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-THE Ontario Bank opened a branch at Fort William on 14th inst.

-A GREAT combination for the purchase of tobacco growing lands in the United States and Cuba is proposed in London.

QUEENSLAND is agitating for a direct line of steamship between Australia and Canada.

-J. R. Bootn, Ottawa, has purchased the Mattawa limits of the Rathbun Co., Deseronto-127 miles on the Ottawa river --for \$45 000

-THE list of postoffices in the United States now include Hobson, Va.; Sigsbee, Ark.; Dewey, N.C.; Sampson, Fla., and Manila, Ky.

-THREE hundred carloads of fruit out of the Leamington district were handled this season by the Dominion Express Company.

-APPLICATION has been made in London for a patent for a new method of obtaining by precipitation white lead of increased density.

-A PROMINENT leaf tobacco merchant in New York has been arraigned on a charge of smuggling phenacetin, purchased from a druggist named Haley, in Milltown, N.B.

-Debens to extent of \$9,607 of the firm of Reid, Taylor & Bayne, Toronto, were offered for sale on 18th inst., and \$7,000 bid, which the Master-in Ordinary will consider.

-THE Canadian-Australian Steamship line are applying for an increase to their mail subsidy. Between 300 and 400 bags of mail matter are carried on each trip from New Zealand.

-NEW BRUNSWICK lumbermen are sending twoship loads of lumber to New South Wales for the purpose of seeing if they cannot compete with British Columbia in that market. They also desire to find a new outlet, now that exports to the U.S. are at

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—Mr. ROBERT G. REID, who recently obtained important concessions from the Government of Newfoundland, has under contemplation the building of a gigantic wood pulp mill. The proposed scheme also embraces the erection of paper mills.

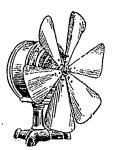
—From 1871 to 1896 Great Britain's share in the world's production of pig iron, has shrunk from 40.03 per cent to 27.05 per cent, while the United States has increased its production from 16.1 per cent to 30.09 per cent.

—The Government, which voted \$5,000 for the purpose, has chartered a sailing vessel to convey Canadian exhibits to the South Africa Exhibition which opens at Grahamstown in December. She will load at Quebec. Freight charges have been fixed nominally at about \$6.85 per ton.

—Whiler Montreal and Toronto donated \$1,000 each to the New Westminster fire sufferers, Rossland got together \$5,000 for the same purpose. A visitor from the West now in Ontario, commenting on the comparison tersely passes judgment in the phrase "Folks have bigger hearts out there." It is evidently the prorogative of the West to be bumptious in more than money giving.

—The official announcement is made that the Crow's Nest Pass railway will be in operation to Kootenay Lake about October 1st. The speed at which this line has been built is flattering to the contractors concerned, even though the accomplishment will live in history along with some things it would be convenient to forget.

—The making of wood into wood pulp and thence into paper, set inventors thinking, says Paper and Pulp, and a result is the discovery of the transformation of wood fibre into strong and handsome cloth. The wood is boiled, crushed, and the fibres separated in parallel lines, dried and spun, the same as cotton or wool. Oak, hickory, and locust make a very handsome cloth, whilst bamboo produces one that is almost iron-like in its strength and elasticity. The cost of the new process is not large, but is still a little above that of converting cotton or linen into substantial tissues.



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—An audit of the affairs of the B.C. Iron Works, Victoria, which recently went into insolvency reveals much looseness and discrepancy. For example, one account shows a balance to the company of over \$11,000, when the correct balance is about \$5,000. In another case there is a balance of over \$9,000, while the amount actually due to the company is about \$1,900. In framing the balance sheet, the auditor found a contract of over \$5,000 had not been debited to one of the company's customers, the amount in the ledger simply showing that 10 per cent (\$540) had been received from this customer. It will take three weeks more to get the books in shape. The company in its career lost five vessels valued at \$82,000 and contracted bad debts to the extent of \$20,000.

The British Board of Trade returns for August show the influence of the new Canadian tariff. British exports to Canada increased eleven per cent during August, and fifteen per cent for eight months. British exports to all countries only increased seven and a half per cent and decreased three per cent respectively. British imports from Canada increased ten per cent for the month and decreased five per cent for the eight months. Imports from all countries increased eleven and a half for the month, and five per cent for the eight months. The chief increases in imports from Canada for the eight months are: Butter, \$365,000; eggs, \$117,500; fish, \$740,000; wheat, \$490,000; wheat flour, \$880,000; bacon, \$1,590,000. The chief decreases were: Hams, \$10,000; cheese, \$1,105,000; animals, \$505,000; metals, \$90,000; wood, \$4,050,000.

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-Cargoes of New Zealand and Australian butter recently shipped to London have been reshipped to their starting-points, as the home price for butter is now much higher than the English prices obtainable.

-THE city of Toronto is about to tax the incomes from mortgages held by residents. This will bear hardly on some persons but will catch many who have escaped taxation of income by having none that was legally assessable.

-The tender of the Ontario Loan & Debenture Company for \$70,000 worth of 31/2 per cent London hospital debentures has been accepted, being \$70,847. This bid was the best out of seven. The debentures run for 30 years.

-The interesting announcement is made that the whole cost of the Nile campaign since 1896 has been only \$13,000,000, the sum including \$5,000,000 spent upon the Soudan railroads, of which 500 miles have been constructed during that time.

-THE Angle-American Fire Insurance Co., with head office in Toronto has been formed with a capital of \$1,000,000. The directors are S. F. McKinnon, Rev. D. Hossack, Dr. J. Orlando Orr, J. A. McIntosh, J. H. Sheenstone, of Toronto and John Knox, of Hamilton.

THE Belfast "News Letter" prints an interview of over a column with a prominent flax dealer of Belfast who two years ago received from Winnipeg a quantity of Manitoba flax seed. Since that time he has experimented with it and finds that in every case the results are superior to those obtained where Belgian French or German seed had been used.

-CANADIAN sealers are taking more interest in the catches being secured in the Behring Sea, owing to the enhanced value of skins in London, where at the last sale these brought in the neighborhood of \$15 or about 3 per cent over last years figures. With higher prices on salmon also, and the payment of sealers claims coast merchants should be in good humour.

-WHETHER or not a peaceful solution will be found to dispose of the little difficulty confronting Sirdar Kitchener by the presence of Marchand's men at Fashoda, certain it is the pacification of the Soudan, and the opening up of the dark continent along the valley of the Nile, will not be impeded by any neglect

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of Great Britain to carry out the old "Roundhead" maxim "Trust in God and keep your powder dry."

-From a paper read before the American Pharmaceutical Association on a new Philippine drug, it is probable we shall hear more of what sis called by the natives "gogo root," now that the Philippines are shaping to become Americanized. This drug is said to be an excellent remedy for dandruff and skin diseases, and is used as a soap in the Philippines and other eastern islands where it grows profusely. The seed is also used by the natives as a food after being soaked in water and roasted. It is also an emetic, and it grows abundantly in Mindona and the other Philippine Islands.

-OCEAN grain freights from American ports have advanced since Sept 1st, 21/4c per bushel for wheat, or from 3s to 3s 9d. The highest freight rates during the fall of last year from New York were 4s 31 for grain steamers to Cork for orders and 2s 6d to direct ports in the United Kingdom and Continent. These figures will, perhaps, be best appreciated by those outside active shipping circles when it is stated that 2s 6d per quarter for grain is, as a rule accepted by U.S. shipping agents as a figure at which even if a steamship is making no decided profits it is, nevertheless, not incurring a decided loss.

-THE ordering of the regiment of which William Jennings Bryan is colonel to Cuba to do garrison duty, whilst possessing a flavor of Republican mischief if not meanness, is tantamount to the desire to deport a political firebrand of whom it could be said "He left his country for his country's good." The silver orator is on the horns of a dilemma. If he goes to Cuba he will be cut off from participating in the campaign, and if he resigns his command, he will be cut off from any possibility of winning the nomination. A "bolter" from the army could never be a "hero." Bryan is evidently doomed to be "crucified on a cross of gold" himself. That is gold lace of the Republican war office pattern.

-The presence of the Governor of the Bermuda in the city this week calls attention to the coral island from which he comes. Out of a total of 10,642 acres in Bermuda only 3,000 are under cultivation. The ground often yields four crops of different vegetables within a year, but the majority of the farmers are ignorant and shiftless and fail to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the fertility of the soil. In contrast with the general condition are the estates of the skilled planters. Upon one such estate one acre planted intomatoes yielded a crop worth \$1,500, and an acre of lilies brought a return of \$1,800. The principal exports are of course onions, which Mark Twain says the Bermudans live for, and dream upon, and set such store by that onions are the currency standard of the island. "It is worth so many bags of onions" they say when selling calico and the buyer comprehends at once. Potatoes and lilies are the other exports. Bermuda formerly produced a great number of fruit trees, including the peach, pear, plum, orange, lemon, and others more tropical in their nature. The banana is the only remaining, the others having perished through disease.

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-The imports last year into the United States were \$261,000,-000 less than in twelve months ending with July, 1893; \$54,000,-000 less than in the same months of 1893-'94, \$136,000,000 less than in 1894-'95, \$155,000,000 less than in 1895-96, and \$153,000,-000 less than in 1896-'97. The exports have increased in much greater proportion as compared with earlier years. It must be very distressing to economic theorists to see how obstinately trade returns refuse to work according to their ideas. We have been told innumerable times, that according to the extent of our purchases from any country so will be the extent of our sales in that country. This is one of the fundamental ideas of Free Trade. Yet for a long series of years the States have been increasing their export of goods to Great Britain enormously in excess of the increased imports of British goods.

-THE Liverpool "Daily Post" recently printed a dispatch from the Vancouver correspondent of the "Daily Mail" setting forth certain extensions about to be made at the Imperial dockyard, and fortifications of Esquimalt in which the following occurred, "It is now proposed to absorb for Imperial purposes the whole site of Victoria, a suburban village of Esquimalt, the home of some 500 people." Little wonder the enlightenment of English people as regards things Canadian is a heart breaking task, when the country is misrepresented so grossly by its own citizens. The new provincial Government lately come to power, which has dismissed its Agent General in London, and contemplates also the abolition of the position altogether, would do well to reconsider its decision in the light of there being abundant use for that official while such statements as the above require to be contradicted.

PIGMENTS THAT ARE DANGEROUS - Explosions caused by paints containing petroleum ether have repeatedly occurred abroad of late, according to a German technical journal. It seems that the ether is added for the purpose of quicker drying. but the volatile vapors emitted from these paints have caused no end of trouble, particularly when the paints are applied in closed rooms. Thus a man lost his life by an explosion of the water tanks on the Cunard steamship Servia. On the steamer Scotia a tin flask containing such paint became leaky during a storm, the contents flowing out on the floor. When a sailor entered that compartment of the hold where the paint had been spilled, an explosion occurred of such violence that some of the plates in the side of the ship were rent apart and there was actually danger of the ship sinking in consequence of the damage. An investigation followed, and it was found that these quick-drying paints containing petroleum ether to about one-quarter of their weight. Similar explosions have taken place elsewhere, for instance in Germany and France, and even on warships; thus on the Doterel, when 151 lives were lost. Such quick-drying paints should therefore be used with the greatest of care in the open air, but in closed rooms it would be best to avoid them altogether.

-"Every year fewer and fewer French Canadian shantymen," says the Ottawa Journal, "are seen in the capital, and agents in order to get a supply of labor for the woods have to seek it in Quebec." Lower town storekeepers view this passing of the picturesque shantymen with alarm. In former years his return to civilization in the spring, brought them good custom, and furnished a considerable item in each years receipts. Wide brimmed hats and habitant toques soon gave place to more "natty" headwear, and the faded colored shirt was cast aside for a bran new one, elaborate in silk stitching and rosebuds. He was a liberal patron also of hose and boots and shoes. In fact the shantyman spared no expense in decking himself out from head to foot, and as belitted a man of such imposing exterior, spent money freely in other ways to live up to the character of the veritable Monte Cristo, which he was. Now Ottawa merchants will have to develop their trade in other directions, since these hewers of wood are fast becoming obsolete. If they were of a waggish turn of mind they might assert that the scarcity of the shantyman nowadays is owing to the popularity of Dr. Drummond's poetry,

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#### GROCERY NOTES.

It is said there is only one small lot of Barbadoes molasses in the Halifax market, stocks held there are principally Porto Rico. Importations to Halifax this year were heavier than last. Still, stocks while amply sufficient for local requirements, are not such as to make it possible to export largely to other points. fact together with but small quantity coming forward to Montreal, has firmed up the situation and for single puncheons price has advanced to 33c for Barbadoes.

The result of the quarterly cinnamon sales held last week in London was far from satisfactory, and no doubt, proved a great surprise to most people interested in the article. In view of the small quantity, 1,733 packages, offered and the steady tone ruling just previous to the sales, a fair competition and steady prices, if not an advance, had been generally anticipated. Instead of this buyers held off; and not more than 800 packages were sold. Sales registered a decline of ½d to 1d per pound for plantation, and about 2d per pound for five sorts. It is evident from this that the trade are inclined to enter upon a hand to mouth policy.

The "Miowera" inward at Vancouver last week brought 750 tons of sugar for the B.C. Refinery.

Queensland will send ten to fifteen thousand tons sugar to Canada this year. A special steamer is to be put on to carry this

Cables from Spain report a stronger and higher market on Valencia raisins owing to the fact that the crop is turning out smaller than was expected.

The last cables from Smyrna state that the fig crop will not exceed 17,000 camel loads, against 67,000 last year. The shortage in this year's output is confirmed by reports from Liverpool.

We have been asked the question relative to frequent mention of late in this column of "camel loads" of figs. What is a camel load? A camel load is equal to four Turkish quintals of 125 lbs. each, which when the figs rejected are deducted gives 4 cases of 100 lbs. each. The fig crop this season will be about 17,000 cases.

The new crop of lemons is being harvested in California, but no heavy shipments will be made east until December.

Chicago canned meat packers propose making a great exhibit at the Paris Exposition of 1900 in order to overcome finally the prejudice against American meats on the continent.

According to California advices, the lima bean crop will be practically non est this year. One report says "the crop is usually harvested in October, but there will be no use of trying it

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this year. Every indication points to higher prices. Some holders expect the price to go to 4 cents per pound on the Coast.

The agreement between the N.Y. Sugar Trust and the Mollenhauer independent refinery has come to an end. This was an arrangement to sell upon the factor plan, and also governed meltings. The result will probably be severe competition and cutting of prices in that market.

New Sicily lemons will not begin to arrive here until early November. The price now asked on the first three shipments is 8s and 6d c. and f.

Owing to the countervailing duty on beet sugars the Java planters this year obtained prices nearly one shilling higher than those they obtained last year, and although beets have ruled at about the same figures in both years the premium on cane sugars has been sufficient to induce the planters to sell, hence the fact that such a large portion of the Java crop has already been marketed. The Louisiana crop is larger this year than last, but the increase is not so much as to be of great importance. From the above it will be seen that the cane sugars will be scarce this fall and should the recent advices from Europe be confirme; that the dry weather is reducing the weight of the beets so much that the crop may show a decrease of 12 per cent from that of last year, values will certainly be greatly influenced.

Cables report a further advance of 3d per cwt. on old crop Persian dates.

P.E.I. lobster talls are obtainable in N.Y. at \$2.45,

Cable advices from both Spain and Sicily report an advance in shelled almonds of 1s to 4s on the different grades. From all almond producing centres on the other side reports come that the crop is very short and that prices are tending upward.

The exports of spices from Singapore and Penang from Jany. 1st to middle of present month, and comparisons with former years are :-

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#### THE SHIP CHANNEL,

In our reference last week to harbour matters and the frequent groundings and touching of bottom by vessels in the dredged channel between Montreal and Quebec, we deprecated the too common custom of throwing most of the blame for these accidents on the negligence of the Government for not sweeping the channel more frequently, and for not improving it generally so as to keep up with the requirements of the trade and the ever increasing size of the ocean-ships coming to this port. We stated that the river pilots were largely to blame for these recurring accidents and that, in many cases, the ship agents and captains were equally responsible with the pilots.

The recent accident to that fine vessel, the "Laurentian," has again given rise to comment on the channel in some of the daily papers, much of which is beside the mark. We do not desire to anticipate the result of any enquiry that may follow-but it has been stated that a fog settled down suddenly when the ship was in the dredged channel where it was only 300 feet wide, and consequently there was not room to anchor from the bow and swing round. A similar incident occurred two or three weeks ago in Lake St. Peter when, for some cause or other, a vessel nearly 500 feet long found it necessary to anchor in a dredged channel of something over 400 feet wide, and throwing out her bow anchor, naturally swung round and grounded, blocking the channel until relieved. The use of a stern anchor

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would have saved a great deal of trouble in both these and many similar cases. Stern anchors used to be and should be now a part of every ship's equipment: if they are on board, why are they not used on such occasions as those we have alluded to?

The pilot service is justly condemned all round, and measures will undoubtedly be taken before long to make the pilots more careful and amenable to-wholesome discipline, or else to throw the service entirely open.

What we desire is, to emphasize our objection to the frequent depreciation of the approaches to our own port by our own people. The ship channel is not by any means perfect, or what the ocean traffic of the Dominion in the present and future calls for. But all interested must recognise the fact that ever since the ship channel was assumed by the late government as a Dominion work, its completion and further improvement has been steadily prosecuted both by the late and present governments, and in justice all must admit that at the present time strenuous efforts are being made, and successfully, to make the river useable for the largest vessels of the future. It-is a large work, of course, and takes time to accomplish it, but even when the end is reached, it will require care in the handling of ships, and much of the happy-go-lucky style of many interested parties will have to be abandoned.

It would seem to be the part of wisdom to acknowledge that much has been-and is being done, and by a kindly word encourage the powers that be to go forward, if possible, still more rapidly, rather than by persistent nagging and urging the expenditure of time and money in the vain search for mythical boulders that will never turn up, to bring about the necessary remedy.

We frequently see comparisons made between this and other seaports on the Atlantic coast; notably that of New York. In making that comparison it must be remembered that vessels of the largest draught such as frequent Montreal, have there as well as elsewhere, to wait for the tide before they can either enter or leave the harbour, when loaded. In our case the only really dangerous places are in the tidal waters, and a wait of an hour or two would with ordinary care, reduce the danger of grounding to a minimum. We are impatient people. Our season of navigation is short and that may, perhaps, possibly partially account for it.

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#### THE AUGUST BANK STATEMENT.

The August bank statement has no features of special interest beyond the evidences which the leading items give of a large expansion as compared with same month last year. Relatively to the preceding month in each year there is however little difference. The. circulation of August always shows the first signs of the annual autumnal increase. This year the amount went up from \$36,553,546 to \$37,299,496, an increase of \$745,950. Last year the advance in August was \$1,744,911, but in 1897 the point at which the noteissues stood at end of July was \$32,709,475, while this year it was \$36,553,546, or \$3,844,071 higher than last year. Starting at so much higher a point, we could hardly expect an advance as great as it was when a so much lower one had been reached. Last year the circulation in August reached the maximum on record for that month, yet, as the figures given above show, the note-issues this year have exceeded that maximum by nearly four millions.

The steadiness with which the circulation has kept up and gone beyond the exceptionally high level reached last year, is evidence of the improvement in business which set in during 1897 not being a temporary "boom" but a continuous movement. Although the harvest this year is an abundant one, its saleable value will not equal that of last year's. There is more money too now in the hands of farmers and others, so that probably there will not be as large an expansion after August as there was last autumn. The current loans decreased from \$220,193,092 to \$218,077,369, a decline of \$2,115,723 last month. In August, 1897, the decline in these loans was \$2,123,657. The practical coincidence of these amounts is remarkable.

Deposits continue to expand. Those on demand, being credit balances of current accounts, went up from \$81,886,549 to \$84,306,117, an increase of \$2,419,568, although the discounts fell off by two millions. This corresponds closely to what occurred last year. This is in marked contrast with August, 1895, when a decline in discounts took place of 3 millions, and a decrease in demand deposits of 1 million. Manifestly the improvement in trade since then has made the extent of current balances less dependent for their amount upon the proceeds of discounts. The deposits proper, those held subject to notice, went from \$81,886,549 to \$84,-306,117, an increase of \$2,419,568. The position in which the main items of the bank returns stood in August for the past seven years, is shown below;

<sup>-</sup>The insurance on the Brandon Felt Factory, recently burned was :- Quebec, \$3,500; Canadian, \$2,000; Mercantile, \$2,500; North American, \$2,000; Scottish Union, \$1,000.

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August.	Total Circulation.	Circulation,	Current Loans and Discounts,	Percent Current to Depor
1892	162,822,763	32,646,187	186,312,886	
			$\dots 205,956,200\dots$	
1894	176,388,133	$\dots 30.270.366\dots$	199,908,340	97
1895	188,103,036	$\dots 30,737,622\dots$	$\dots 197,526,285\dots$	92
1896	188,416,185	$\dots 31,509,154\dots$	207,410,954	94
1897	210,018,196	34,454,380	$\dots 202,457,187\dots$	83
1898	234,279,101	$\dots 87,299,496\dots$	$\dots 218,077,369\dots$	80
Increase o 1898 ove 1892	$r \geq 71,456,338\dots$	4,653,309	31,764,483	

The gradual reduction in the proportion between the aggregate of deposits and circulation and the total amount of current loans and discounts, is not an agreeable exhibit for bankers. Our usual comparative table is appended:—

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BA	MK STATE	MENTS.		
	Aug. 1898.	July 1898,	Aug. 1897.	Aug. 1888,
Capital authorized		8 75,258,681	78,258,654	75,779,999
Capital anbacribed	63,773,248	63,050,148	62,895,868	62,143,349
Capital paid up	62,407,759	63,303,449	61,959,517	60,126,297
Amount of Rest	27,555,666	27,555,666	27,070,799	18,765,565
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LIABILITIES.				
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Notes in Circulation	37,299,496	36,553.546	34,454,886	30,448,815
Balance due Dominion Govt	2,956 944	2,111,813	2,780,000	10,125,072
Bal, due to Provincial Govis	2,591,469	3,214,171	3,857,438	4,295,193
Deposits on demand	84,306,117	\$1,886,549	74,919,375	52,119,514
after notice	149,972,984	117,169,605	135,068,821	t6,181,326
Loans from banks in Can. sec.		• • • • •	100,000	. 510,000
Dop, on demand, in Can, banks	3,418,628	2,590,918	3,855,637	1,582, 158
Bal, due Can, banks dly exch.	133,783	117,496	126,619	678,137
Bal, due agencies, &c., abroad	502,360	542,116	360,692	148,004
Bal, due agencies, &c., in U.K.	2,557,089	2,922,629	2.116,546	1,977,621
Other liabilities	223,523	390,700	359,491	216,095
Total liabilities	વકા,16૨,45૩	277,499,629	258,032,070	169,715,568
ASSETS.				
Specie	9,656,747	9,465,955	8,721,780	7,303,807
Dominion notes	17,579,203	16,023,154	17,613,363	10,654,413
Deposits securing circulation.	1,983,983	1,989 645	1,880 678	
Notes & cheques on other baks	9,055,625	8,223,217	7,909,618	5,057,190
Loans to other bks. in Can.sec	25,000	50,600	29,677	
Dep. on demand in Can, bks.	1,188,193	3,457,505	41,598,522	3,127,822
Bal, due from b'ks dly exchgs.	201,478	183,989	165,951	
Bala's, due from for'n bks, &c.	25,553,817	19,327,662	27,913,770	24,517,663
Bal, due from bke &c. in U.K.	11,453,170	10,513,602	12 249,663	2,741,578
Dominion Govt. Deb. Stocks	4,899,314	1,898,566	2,767,379	2,400,449
Can. Municipal & public segs.				
(not Dominion)	16,181,362	16,868,730	13,320,590	4,051,296
Cana., Brit. & other R.R. secs.	15,136,123	18,430,179	14,035,928	
Call loans on bonds & stocks.	21475,173	21,885,337	16,606,104	11,531,283
Current Loans & Discounts	215,077,369	220,193,052	202,457,187	138,210,045
Loans to the Govt. of Canada.			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,150,790
" to Provincial Govts	1,777,447	1,127,009	1,297,002	451,312
Overdno debts	3,127,450	3,139,163	3,636,793	2,846,416
R. E. besides bank premises	2,071,962	2,074,619	2,047,917	982,535
Mortgages on real estate	559,135	570,512	561,170	717,855
Bank premises	5,830,126	5,82 ) 351	5,541,235	3,671,471
Other assets	2,019,555	2,601,062	2,815,854	5,357,523
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Total Assets	374,685,895	366,948,842	345,505,474	247,871,200
L'as to directors & their firms	7,255,148	7,559,666	6,678,798	8,277,015
A verage specie for month	9,727,955	7,559,666	9,492,800	7,124,276
A vge Dominion notes for mo	16,459,260	9,502,007	16,586,384	10,539,779
Greent circulation during mo	38,138,731	37,699 706	34,928,862	

#### CHAMPLAIN.

The erection of a statue in Quebec to the greatest of the early explorers of Canada, is an eminently appropriate tribute to his memory, as he founded that city. The story of the career of Champlain in old Canada is one of the romances of history. After a heroic but futile struggle to found a colony in Arcadia, he was induced by the zeal and generosity of a French lady-Madame de Guercherville-to push his way up the St. Lawrence with the same intention, this being his third voyage from France. He fixed upon the site of Quebec in 1608 as the basis of his plans, and from his pioneer work there has sprung the present city, so romantic in situation, and so rich in historic memories. He came to Montreal by canoe, went west until he reached the Ottawa river, of which he was the first white man to see. Thence he passed on up to Lake Nipissing, which was then wholly unknown save to Indians, and turning south along French river he came to the Georgian Bay, touched at Parry Sound, and penetrated the country as far as the site of Orillia. From thence he canoed his way to Quebec. In his marvellous travels he explored the lake to which he gave his own name. In 1620 he was appointed Governor of Canada. He fortified Quebec after the manner of the time, but, in 1627, was

compelled to surrender the city to the English. His first visit to this continent in 1603 was made at the instigation of the French King, Henry IV, of popular memory, by whom he was commissioned to found colonies owing to his achievements in the maritime war against Spain in 1595. When we consider that in his explorations in Canada he was traversing an unknown region peopled only by Indians, and that he passed over a route which even to-day a solitary tourist with modern equipments would regard as most arduous, we must regard Champlain as having been one of the bravest of explorers. All Canada joins in paying homage to the great soul and great sailor who founded Quebec.

#### CANADIAN FIRE UNDERWRITERS' ASSO-CIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association was opened at Kingsville, Essex County, on the 21st inst., and is expected to close today. This early closing of the business will, however depend to some extent upon the members attending to it more assiduously than has been the case in some years. The temptation to make these meetings a holiday time when held in some attractive place, is doubtless pressing. When a number of members scatter themselves for the purpose of personal enjoyment the business of the meeting is liable to be transacted by only a section of the members of the Association who attend to it, which is not fair to them, nor is it fair to the Association.

The business before the meeting relates to matters rather bearing upon the mutual relations of the members to themselves and the Association, than of direct interest to the public. In a body composed of persons whose interests are not invariably mutual, there must necessarily arise occasional friction and the elements which cause it are subjects for consideration at each annual meeting. Some objection has been felt by the Montreal members at the meeting being held at so distant a place as Kingsville, which is in no sense a central location. As the place of business of the great bulk of the members is either Montreal or Toronto, it would seem more convenient to meet at some point between those cities. The social feature of the gathering. though liable to be made too prominent, is a valuable one, as it is not only recreative to hard workers who have grave anxieties at times, but it develops a friendliness of feeling which softens the asperities of life and facilitates mutual action on behalf of the common interests of the underwriters.

—Trades Unionism in Great Britain has now given its attention to newspapers who use foreign paper and propose to boycott these. It would no doubt be eminently desirable for Great Britain to supply its own paper if it could do so at a price, and of same quality as can be supplied by foreigners, but the trades unionists will make a stupid blunder if they attempt to govern newspaper proprietors in the conduct of their business. But for the goodwill and charity of the gentlemen of the Fourth Estate, labor agitators and their grievances would fare badly. As a whole, none do greater work to espouse the laborer as being worthy of his hire, than the press, and to antagonize this staunch ally would be equivalent to "killing the goose that laid the golden egg." There is a nugget of suggestion however in this attitude worth while impressing on Canada. Against Canadian paper, the British workman could reasonably have no objection. If the movement ever crystalized into serious proportion British newspaper owners in order to placate an "ugly" adversary would welcome an opportunity to compromise by using the Canadian paper we hope some day to manufacture for export on a large scale—when we have grown tired of exporting the raw product which enables our American friends to relieve us of the task.

THE RIGHT HON. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.

There is no person living who occupies an eminent public position who is so essentially "a man of the time" as the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. He is an embodiment of the ideas which are characteristic of the close of the nineteenth century. Although a member of what those who are fond of using obsolete phrases, out of which their proper meaning has wholly evaporated, call a "Tory" Government, he is a "Radical" to the core, if we use that term with philological precision. For mere precedents he has no respect, beyond the lessons they convey. A road which has been used for centuries Mr. Chamberlain regards as one to be abandoned if one more adapted to modern requirements can be constructed. His political ideas are inspired by the Benthamite philosophy, "The greatest good for the greatest

number" is the basal principle of his political creed. He is a Reformer who zealous of initiating and developing such reforms as are needthe better for government of the country; for the development of national strength; for the higher efficiency of the public service; for the extension of its trade; and the amelioration of those conditions which obstruct the intellectual. social. material and progress of the people.

He was born in London in 1836. He received an excellent education, which only stopped short at a University career. In early life he became associated with his

father who had a large screw factory at Birmingham, known as "Nethercliffs," the business of which was highly profitable. To the political and intellectual atmosphere of Birmingham, he is indebted for his leading characteristics as a public man. Birmingham is the most intellectual, artistic, and radical town in England. It has the most richly endowed and equipped public schools; the largest public libraries; the best periodical picture exhibitions, outside London, and its triennial musical festivals have an unrivalled reputation. Its artisans are the most intelligent and independent in England, as the local manufacturers demand a high degree of skill, and some artistic taste. Much of their work is done at home, or in small shops, not in large factories. The leading articles made are guns, electro-plate, jewellery, steel pens, papier mache, glass, indeed every class of metal goods from pins to anchors are made in Birmingham or its suburbs. Its public life is exceedingly democratic and vigorous, national sentiment is intense. Your Birmingham man is a Britisher-"first, last, and all the time," hence Mr.

Chamberlain's pronounced Imperialism, hence too his popularity as a Unionist in spite of his association with a so-called "Tory" Premier.

Entering the Town Council in 1868 he won his spurs at once. He held the office of Mayor from 1878 to 1876. In that period he literally re-formed Birmingham by street improvements and extensions on a large and very costly scale. The central street, which was narrow and crooked, he caused to be rebuilt in modern style, and right through a large district of the poorest classes of houses, and tortuous lanes, he drove a wide street in a direct line from the centre of the town to the rural boundary. The cost was enormous, but, to their infinite credit, the bold schemes of their aggressive Mayor were supported by the people. They had the wisdom to recognise how the sanitacion of their town and its appearance, as well as its dignity were en-

hanced by the Chamimproveberlain ments, which proved to be also a financial success as he had the prescience to foresee in spite of the forebodings of property When the owners. Wales Prince of was about to visit Birmingham early in Nov. 1874 it was much discussed whether Mr. Chamberlain would pay the homage due to his Royal Highness being heir to the Throne, for the Mayor was known to entertain Republican ideas which were prevalent in those days in radical circles. He, however, met the Prince at the boundary of the town received him with all the courtesy of an

English gentleman welcoming a distinguished guest, and paid all the hospitable attentions becoming the Mayor of an English town. For two years he acted as Chairman of the School Board, which was a most congenial position as popular education had in him ever a vigorous advocate. In 1874 he contested Sheffield with the late John Arthur Roebuck, a man much of the same type and opinions, Roebuck being an avowed disciple of Bentham. The "watch dog" of the House of Commons, as Roebuck was justly called, for he had the alertness and snappishness too of an English terrier, with a touch of its ferocity when attacked, beat his rival. The fight was severe, as Roebuck had injured his popularity by eulogising Austria. In 1876 he was elected as Member for one of the divisions of Birmingham by acclamation. This is one of the rarest and greatest of English political honours, for the constituents in Birmingham are not only a highly intelligent but a most pugnacious class, who dearly love the excitement of an electoral contest, into which they throw their whole energies—as the late Mr. Bright once found to his cost when his ultra-peace ideas gave local offence.



In 1880 he became President of the Board of Trade, in which office he did an excellent work by introducing a Bankruptcy Bill and the Merchant Shipping Act. He resigned office in 1886 owing to disagreement with Mr. Gladstone on the Irish question. His course was thoroughly approved by his constituents who have sent him back to the House steadily to support the Unionist cause. At a later date he was appointed one of the High Commission to settle the fishery question between His visit to Toronto was the the States and Canada. occasion of a most hospitable reception by the Board of Trade and citizens. Since occupying his present office as Colonial Secretary, Mr. Chamberlain has had a distinguished career, officially and as one of the leading debaters in the House of Commons. To his suggestion and his earnest desire to bring all parts of the Empire into closer touch with the mother country, are due the splendid display made by the colonies at the Diamond Jubilee celebration. His public addresses for some years have been eloquent with pleas for the development of Imperial sentiments and an Imperial policy. All measures and policies calculated to increase the trade of British colonies; to develop their resources; to increase their political dignity; to elevate their public life; to stimulate deeper attachment to British institutions, loyalty to the mother land, and inter-colonial good-will, have had in Mr. Chamberlain their most capable exponent and most eloquent advocate.

As a public speaker, Mr. Chamberlain shines most in the lucid and logical exposition of political principles. From verbiage, or mere rhetorical displays he is wholly free. He is an ideal speaker from the business man's standpoint, as he goes at once to the very heart of his subject, and illuminates it by the light of common sense, experience, and the logic of facts. As a debater he has eminent gifts, as he can first present an opponent's case with precision and fairness, then expose its fallacies with convincing clearness, while showing all the coolness of a surgeon dissecting a cadavere. In sarcastic, but not offensive repartee, Mr. Chamberlain has few equals. His cuts are so clean the victim hardly feels the knife, but he realizes the wound.

In private life he is one of the most hospitable and genial of hosts, as he is also a most kindly neighbour, a generous friend of the poor, and very liberal supporter of educational and charitable institutions. Of such citizens and of such statesmen as the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain the old land has great reason to be proud, and the whole Empire is honoured by having so distinguished an advocate of its interests.

#### A PLEBISCITE PROBLEM.

One of the side issues raised by the Plebiscite is the problem suggested by the old saying, "Silence gives consent." The electorate are called upon to vote "Yes" or "No" to the question whether they approve of legislation being enacted by which the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic beverages would be prohibited. The "Yes" voters will doubtless turn out in force as the Plebiscite has been arranged at their request, to use a common phrase, it is their show or funeral, not that of those who object to prohibition, or of those who are indifferent.

Those who do not poll their vote certainly cannot be reckoned as having shown approval of the legislation in question. Will it be fair to count them on the other side? It seems reasonable to conclude that

silence in this case does not give consent to the prohibitive proposal, for there are two issues presented for a verdict to be given upon. When a man is given an opportunity to vote "Yes," in order to express his desire, to secure a certain thing, and he declines to express such a desire, it seems reasonable to conclude that he does not desire the thing in question. The "Yes" vote implies a wish for a change. Such a change being made is indeed contingent upon the extent of the vote in its favour. Those who abstain from voting will thus no show wish for the change proposed. Their attitude as non-voters may be described as that of persons who prefer to leave matters alone, which necessarily and logically means that they do not desire any new legislation of a prohibitive character. Those who abstain from voting must therefore be counted as having voted " No."

So far as the cause of the prohibitionists goes this puts it in serious jeopardy, because the result of the Plebiscite will not depend upon the "Yes" vote exceeding in numbers the "No" vote, but upon the respective proportion of each vote to the number of possible voters. For instance, suppose the total possible voters number say 500,000, and the "Yes" voters number 200,000 and the "No" voters only 100,000, the vote for prohibition if decided by a mere majority of the votes cast pro and con would be very decisive in favour of that policy. But, such an aggregate vote being only a verdict of three-fifths of the jury and the affirmative section being only that of two-fifths, the result of the plebiscite would be a nullity. This view of the possible result of the plebiscite was expressed a few days ago by Mr. George Casey, M.P., who is and for many years has been one of the prominent and most able members of the Liberal party and an ardent prohibitionist. He said: "If the poll is small and does not truly show the will of the majority of the people, its results will be inconclusive, misleading and disastrous."

Most persons are under the impression that the question will be decided in the same way as that of an ordinary election contest. In such affairs, the voters may number 10,000, but if candidate A. gets only 2 votes and candidate B. only 1 vote, the former is elected, although 9,997 voters out of 10,000 were absent from the polls. The Plebiscite is a wholly different matter, as it is morally and reasonably certain that unless those who desire prohibition secure a decided majority of the total possible vote, the verdict on the 29th inst. will have no result beyond, to some extent, satisfying curiosity. We regard this as an undesirable outcome of the Plebiscite, because in this matter, as in all public elections, we regard it as better to have the judgment of the constituency expressed by the great bulk of the electors rather than by a section.

#### FAILURE OF A SALOON KEEPER.

In our issue of 14th November, 1890, we gave statistics showing the large profits made by retail liquor dealers. The range of profit runs from 400 per cent on the ordinary class of beer sold at 5 cents per glass, down to 200 per cent on finer liquors and 100 per cent on cigars. The natural question, "How then is it that he does not always succeed," we answered by detailing the financial drawbacks incident to the trade, such as the lack of business knowledge requisite for the adjustment of expenditure to net income, the numerous calls on his purse incident to his calling, the perpetual

blackmailing to which he is exposed by petty authorities in connection with renewing his license, and the temptations to expend freely which abound in a calling of this class. Although then profits are large a considerable proportion of those engaged in the saloon business do not succeed. The losses made by brewers, distillers and cigar makers are well known to be very numerous and large. For what is chiefly a cash business the extent of credit given is extraordinary. is, as in other classes of business, a result of competition, as a retail liquor seller has a large choice of breweries, distilleries and cigar-makers to choose from who are all too ready to keep up his supplies. In too many instances the wholesale supply house encourages the retailer to get heavily into its debt, as when this is the situation the screws are put on the latter to compel him to confine his purchases to his creditor's liquors. One of the weak points in the conduct, of this business, is the general neglect of those in the trade to keep any books of account. They have no exact knowledge of their position at any time, and estimate their profits by a rough and ready guess based upon cash receipts, which in many cases, do not tally with their cash sales. The neglect of a personal superintendence of their business, is also far too common. It is one requiring only moderate ability, none at all of a strictly business nature, and it is not, as a rule, attractive to subordinates of high character. The ease with which a retail liquor business can be run while the proprietor is absent, is a very dangerous temptation to persons who are unduly fond of amusements of an expensive character, and which cannot be enjoyed by any one of good business habits. Hence we find business left wholly to servants while the master is driving a fast horse, attending races, playing billiards, or cards, or otherwise spending time and money imprudently.

One of the worst failures in this trade occurred recently in Toronto. A schedule of the liabilities and assets of the estate of Mary McConnell, saloonkeeper, is before us. The debts due to supply houses show the insolvent to have been far from exclusive in her dealings. The creditors number five brewers, with a number of distillers and tobacco manufacturers. The World Publishing Co. is down for a claim of \$846 for advertising, so obscurity was not a cause of failure, indeed no place of the kind was better known, nor at one time better patronised than the "Hub" kept by Mc-Connell. These claims aggregate \$12,747, which ordinarily would imply a very large stock of liquors and cigars, especially when the other debts amounted to \$29,077. The stock, however, at the time of failure amounted to \$224, which is about a fiftieth part of the indebtness for goods. The furniture and fittings are valued at \$1,874, which indicate a luxurious equipment. The book accounts are \$43?, of which the collectable value is stated to be \$95. The house furniture is given as \$754, these with \$250 equity in goods pledged, and an interest in a lake steamer make the total assets \$3,535, to meet liabilities of \$41,824, leaving a deficit of \$38,289. The estate is estimated to yield 8 cents in the dollar, which when expenses are deducted will probably be brought down to 6 cents, quite worthy indeed to rank amongst the assets of the Banque du Peuple. The customer's paper—for the Hub did an outside business—is stated to be \$8,875, which will yield \$2,000. The insolvent's own paper is given as \$4,030. The course of a business which shows a stock on hand of

\$224 against supply debts of \$12,747 will bear investigating, the dispersion of so large a stock of liquors and cigars as cost \$12,747 until only \$224 worth of them remained would be an interesting record and throw light upon the saloonkeeping business. We note that over \$4,800 is due to Montreal creditors, chiefly for cigars. The insolvent we believe is a widow, so that considerable charity will be exercised in judging this affair. We suspect that she and her creditors also have been victimised by some person or persons who could explain how the stock disappeared.

#### INEBRIATED ENTHUSIASM.

If our prohibitionist friends intend to put an end to all things whatsoever which are intoxicating, as for consistency's sake they should, they will have to extend their campaign against several articles not included in the plebiscite voting list, which are exclusively beverages.

We submit that amongst other things they will have to take a pledge against their own inebriated enthusiasm. One of their foremost advocates recently declared that if he had heard the late Hon. Joseph Howe defend the use of wine he would have "shot him." Such a declaration certainly indicated the utterer of such a murderous idea being anything but sober. He must have been fou in excelsis. Another prohibition speaker declared that he would rejoice to see the breweries of Carling, & Labatt, in London, Ont., "go up in smoke." Remembering what horrible crimes have been inspired by suggestive language of this class, such as assassination and arson, the use of it is highly reprehensible, especially when we reflect that if those breweries went up in smoke to the delectation of the prohibitionist clergyman, there would probably be a sacrifice of human life. Another orator recently denounced all who vend or imbibe vinous beverages as "minions of hell," which clearly shows that he was under some intoxicating influence. Such violent, irrational words make us exclaim with Cassio, "It hath pleased the devil drunkenness to give place to the devil wrath," or his other words, "O God, that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains!" A public speaker who declares he would have murdered one who defended the use of wine must have been possessed by the "devil wrath," and have also imbibed ideas which stole away his brains and self-control.

In his Essay on Criticism Pope alludes to another "influence" of this dangerous class in the lines:

"A little learning is a dangerous thing; Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring; There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain, And drinking largely sobers us again."

This is on the homeopathic principle, similia similibus curantur, like cures like, and that "a hair of the dog that bit him" is the proper treatment for a wound so caused. Cowper tells us of a king being inebriated by vanity caused by the splendour of his crown. The sarcastic phrase of Disraeli indicates another "influence," other than the "invisible spirit of wine" which calls for prohibition; "The honourable Member is intoxicated with the exuberance of his own verbosity." If this form of intoxication, and that arising from shallowness of knowledge could be effectively prevented by some form of prohibition what a relief it would be to the victims of popular oratory, especially on the stump and in Parliament!

We would suggest then, that when the prohibition of all exhilerating beverages has become effective, the triumphant victors should undertake the absolute suppression of violent language; displays of pretentious ignorance; and verbosity in public harangues. These three forms of intoxication create "abhorrent conditions" which justify a war being entered upon for their suppression. The virulent language used by some prohibition advocates raises a suspicion that prohibition itself is one of the intoxicating elements. Such violent vituperation of non-sympathisers is most harmful to the cause of temperance.

#### BANQUE DU PEUPLE ASSETS.

We doubt if ever a more scandalous revelation of worthless assets was ever made than was exhibited last week at the auction sale of the debts due to the Banque du Peuple. The principal one was the debt of \$608,000 due by the late firm of William Clendinneng & Son-For this the topmost bid was 25 cents in the dollar which was not accepted. It would be interesting to know where the assets of this firm went to when they began to vanish below the amount of the liabilities, as we presume there was a time when the firm was solvent. It would also be highly interesting to hear a narrative of the dealings of the firm with the Banque du Peuple which resulted in an indebtedness of \$608,-000, the value of which is estimated at \$152,000, involving a loss of \$456,000, or 75 per cent of this enormous debt.

The principal other debts sold and what they fetched were as follow: Pierre Dansereau, \$19,236, 5 cents in the dollar; A. Prevost, \$10,000, 7½ cents; H. Divers, \$6,200, 2½ cents; A. G. Chaput, \$5,270, 1½ cents; Succession F. X. Beaudry, \$3,488, 12½ cents; G. R. Bourdon, \$2,816, 1½ cents; N. H. Thibault & Co., \$2,472, 7 cents; J. M. Beausoleil, \$2,100, 3 cents; H. P. Labelle, \$1,950, 1 cent; Melancon Estate, \$1,600, 1 cent; Little Estate, \$1,442, 1½ cents; A. Gareau, \$1,250, 1½ cents. These debts aggregated \$57,824, and they were disposed of for \$2,728.58, the average being less than  $4\frac{3}{4}$  cents in the dollar.

There were 17 other smaller debts amounting to \$7,683, which realized \$460.56, the average being 6 cents in the dollar. Taking these three groups together they aggregate \$673,507, and they were sold for \$155,189.14, leaving the Banque du Peuple with a loss of \$518,317.86, as the result of realizing on between 30 and 40 accounts.

There is something behind such an exhibit which has not been disclosed. Besides the Clendinneng debt, there are those of Messrs. Quintal, and Brosseau & Chaput to be disposed of. The sooner these scandals cease to be ventilated by the final closure of the affairs of the Banque du Peuple the better for this city and the country at large.

#### MERCHANT'S EXCURSIONS.

The Merchants' Association of New York, which was organized for the purpose of attracting buyers to the metropolis on the low railway fare principle, has had a short lease of life. It has announced that unless local business interests support it better, the Association must wind up its affairs. It is behind \$9,000 on the operations of the past year.

The fate of the Merchants' Association will cause no surprise to those who have found out by experience that theo-

retic plans to attract business never amount to much. Say what one will, the country merchant in these days of frequent visits from commercial travellers, is more likely to avail himself of a cheap railway rate to the city to see the sights than to do business. He is not in touch with the merchant, nor is the merchant in touch with him, only so far as the financial question goes, and this is a topic which oftentimes produces a strained feeling for no reason at all except that the country customer, because of his smaller environment is prone to exaggerate the power of money which he sees all around him, and correspondingly to dwarf his own size in his own eyes. No merchant who has ever felt this insignificance, this snuffing out of his own individuality, can look upon a visit to the head house with whom he deals, as an event at all to be compared to dealing with that house's representative, on the "road," whom long familiarity has made his friend. In his own store he is in his own castle, a stronghold which permits him the privilege of bringing into force some atom of that independence which is sweet to him. He can barter in his own way, and give reasons for desiring certain goods at a certain price, which are at once understood by the traveller who knows the circumstances on the spot. He can also negotiate discounts and short extensions through the same source without fear-if he clearly represents the case-that his credit will be impaired. In fact for a thousand and one reasons, the country buyer prefers to buy from the traveller, and cheap railway rates will not induce him to depart from this

Once a year he will visit the city and will pay the ordinary railway fare. He would not come a second time, though the railway rate was half, because his visit is more of a relaxation than a duty, and once a year is enough. This fact was abundantly proved during the late season of cut rates when the increase of travel came principally from pleasure seekers, and not from merchants.

There is one possible exception however to the general inutility of merchant excursion schemes. The failure of these in attracting an increased wholesale trade, does not extend to the retail branch. It has been observed that visiting merchants are usually accompanied by their wives and daughters who are extensive patrons of the city stores. But here again as the stores patronized are usually the large departmental ones, the advantage is perhaps more abstract than real.

Broadly speaking such custom succeeds only in disintegrating the business of those interior communities which are so vital to the prosperity of the wholesaler. These are already handicapped by the competition of the city stores, which divert trade by the agency of advertising and the parcel post. So much so indeed, that we know of one large Toronto house which does an extensive trade through the mails with towns in the Gaspe peninsula.

Cheap railway rates only serve to heighten this condition, and he would be foolish who would assert that the centralizing of such trade in the cities is desirable when carried to such an extreme. On the contrary the traces of this undue tribute which the large centres in Canada are laying upon the smaller towns and villages, are even now having the effect of transforming good territory in past years for commercial travellers to cover, into territory that does not offer enough business to pay hotel expenses.

The theory of confining local trade as much as possible within its own borders, is much the same as the relation of marriage to the wealth of the State. The State in its wisdom concedes to the married a higher value than to the single because the former are a permanent asset, whilst the latters value is evanescent. The simile applied to the subject in hand, points to the need of conserving fixed communities by closing the channels which drain their strength without giving commensurate return. To use a homely old saw, "The mill will never grind with the water that has passed."

For the city's recompense in this undoubted "cast iron" view of the matter, it is worth remembering that large units of electricity are only subservient to ordinary uses, when having passed through a transformer, and in like manner a country's trade must be controlled. To take the analogy a point further, the electric current will kill if not prudently handled.

#### HARBOUR STATISTICS.

The following comparative statement of revenue for August, and from the opening of navigation to Sept. 1, in the years 1897 and 1898, was submitted at last meeting of the Harbour Commissioners:

	1897.	1898.
ImportsExports	\$13,000 18,500	\$ 16,000 18,000
Total	\$31,500 7,231	\$ 84,000 6,254
Total for August	\$38,731 \$76,612	\$ 40,254 \$100,456
Total to Sept. 1	\$115,343	\$140,710
Imports Exports Local traffic	\$ 45,000 56,200 14,143	\$ 62,500 64,000 14,210
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A comparative statement of Trinity dues (being 7 per cent out of all pilotage fees paid on vessels entering and leaving Montreal barbor, 5 per cent of which for the Montreal Decayed Pilots' Fund, and 2 per cent for Montreal district pilotage expenses) was also read as follows:

	1897	1898
August Amount previously reported	\$ 805 1,983	\$ 937 2,365
Total	\$2,788	<b>\$3,302</b>

The acting harbor-master submitted an interesting statement, showing the number and tonnage of sea-going vessels that arrived in port, from the opening of navigation up to September 1, the following years:—

Y ears.	Steamships	Tonnage	Sail	Tonnage	Total Vessels.	Total Tonnage.
1895	380	669,389	26	8,066	405	677,495
1896	428	757,041	27	13,372	455	770,413
1897	461	853,598	34	9,407	495	863,005
1898	543	1,014,899	22	10,634	565	1,025,533

Increase over last year, 70 sea-going vessels and 162,528 tons.

#### CLASSIFICATION.

Years.	Steamships	Ships	Barques	Brigs	Brigantines	Schooners	Number Vessels
1895 1896 1897 1898	380 428 461 543	4	5 8 9		6 7 5 5	14 11 21 8	406 455 405 565

Number of inland vessels that arrived in port from the opening of navigation up to September 1st, the following years:---

Year.	Vessels	Ton.
1895	2,877	
1896	3,095	****
1897	. 3,083	628,265
1898		1.172.016

Depth of water in ship channel through harbor on September 1st, the following years:—

1895	 	26.2 271/6 1	t. channel.
1896	 	26.3 í í	t. channel.
1897	 	28.8 f	t. channel.
1898	 <i>.</i>	28.3	t. channel.

#### U.S. TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

The Bureau of Statistics at Washington has issued a report on the trade between the United States and Great Britain. The trend of this trade for years has been an increase of U.S. exports to England and a decrease of its imports from the old land. Last year the exports from the States increased 12 per cent while the imports fell off 35 per cent. The exports from America to Great Britain last year were \$540,860,152, and the imports from thence \$109,138,365, that is, for every dollar's worth of goods bought by Great Britain in American markets, the American people only purchase 20 cents worth in British markets. The following returns are given which show how the United States has been buying less in Great Britain in the year ending 30th June last:—

U.S. IMPORTS FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

•	1898	1897	Decrease in 1898
•	\$	\$	\$
Malt liquors	679,970	S26,845	146.875
Spirits	513,465	902,465	389,000
Wool	2,833,500	4,775,700	1,942,200
Woollen tissues	1,089,300	6,183,900	5,044,600
Worsted "	4,134,240	13,754,900	9,620,660
Cotton goods	5,797,500	7,974,100	2,176,600
Jute "	3,757,200	7,208,800	3,151,600
Linen "	7,134,000	10,150,000	4,016,000
Tin plates	3,935,700	5,819,000	1,883,300
Totals	29,874,875	58,545,710	28,670,885

The above shows a reduction of 50 per cent in the imports into America of the above classes of English goods in 1897-98. The exports show a reverse course:—

#### U. S. EXPORTS TO GREAT BRITAIN.

•	1898.	1897.	Increaso.
•	\$	\$	\$
Cattle	85,043,000	34,237,000	806,000
Wheat	74,926,000	57,048,000	17,878,000
Flour	46,508,000	33,630,000	12,878,000
Oats	12,330,000	7,472,000	4,858,000
Corn	38,650,000	30,410,000	8,240,000
Bacon	30,759,000	23,218,000	7,541,000
Beef	24,086,000	22,102,000	1,984,000
Totals	262,802,000	208.117.000	54 185 000

Thus during 1897-98 in which England bought \$54,185,000 more from America than in 1896-97, America bought from England less by \$28,670,835. The exhibit is a very unsatisfactory one for the old country.

#### BRITISH FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE.

A committee has been organized in England entitled The British Fire Prevention Committee, the objects of which are indicated by its name. It is somewhat anomalous that the list of members does not include any who are officially associated with fire insurance companies. Why they should stand aloof from an organization which directs its efforts to promoting fire protection is not clear as underwriters might naturally be supposed to be chiefly interested in such work. It cannot be from any distrust of the members of the Committee, as they comprise persons distinguished for scientific attainments, such as Sir Norman Lockyer and Mr. Siemens, whose associates are chiefly civil engineers and architects of good standing in their profession. There are others who are members of Parliament, and occupants of prominent social positions. The Committee states its objects to be:

To direct attention to the urgent need for increased protection of life and property from fire by the adoption of preventive measures.

To use its influence in every direction towards minimising the possibilities and dangers of fires.

To bring together those scientifically interested in the subject of Fire Prevention.

To arrange periodical meetings for the discussion of practical questions bearing on the same.

To establish a reading-room, library and collections for purposes of research, and for supplying recent and authentic

information on the subject of Fire Prevention.

To publish from time to time papers specially prepared for the committee, together with records, extracts and translations.

To undertake such independent investigations and tests of materials, methods and appliances as may be considered advisable.

These objects are not open to any objection on the ground of their being in any way inimical to the fire insurance business. Such a body in Canada might do good service by eliciting the opinions of scientific and building experts in regard to fire protection methods.

#### RECKLESS FOREST DESTRUCTION.

The St. James Gazette has some remarks on the recklessness with which forests are being destroyed in the United States and elsewhere, which are pertinent to the question of our exports of logs for conversion into lumber and pulp. It is not sufficiently realised that a few strokes of an axe may destroy a tree which cannot be replaced under some years' growth. Our neighbours have destroyed their fisheries by recklessness, and are coveting the right to destroy those of Canada by the same processes. So also with our forests, they are making strenuous efforts to clear out our timber, and leave us shorn of a supply for our own industries. The preservation of these supplies is one of the most important questions of the day. Our London contemporary says: Forests in America are being gradually destroyed to make wood pulp for the "Yellow Press." In a book published thirty years ago, on "Man and Nature," this same wanton destruction of "the gardens of God" is pointed out as largely responsible for the deterioration of Spain from its position as a first-class Power. Its author, George Marsh, solemnly warned his American countrymen against the fate that had overtaken the Mediterranean nations. They are rapidly forgetting his counsels under the pressure of the war, and an attempt is being made by Congress to abolish the new forest reserves created by President Cleveland in February, 1897, and reduce the total area of reservation by one-half. Even the magnificently wooded hills of California and the Pacific slope will not be able to resist the wanton and continued onslaught of generations of reckless lumbermen. The Indian Department of Woods and Forests has fortunately realised its grave responsibilities. But there is not sufficient care yet exercised in England to provide for a new crop of trees in place of every acreage of timber cut down for the contractors' yard. The preservation of our rarer animals is intimately connected with the same question, and the water supply of hundreds of dry districts vitally depends upon the care taken of its forests. The treeless and barren wastes of Spain and Italy should be sufficient warning against improvident destruction either in the United States or in Great Britain.

—M. J. Bowles, drygoods, Windsor Mills, Que., is offering 35c on the dollar cash, upon liabilities of about \$7,500 and assets one-half that amount. This business was formerly Miller & Bowles, who obtained an extension in March, '89. They thereupon dissolved, Bowles continuing alone. Shortly after two brothers joined him when the style of the firm was changed to Bowles Bros. The new firm got into difficulties in the spring of '93 and made an offer of 35c, which was refused, 40c being finally accepted and paid. Jas. Bowles then took charge without incident until early in '96 when he was succeeded by the present owner.

—The W. R. Gardiner Tool Co. Ltd., Sherbrooke, has gone into liquidation. This business was located in Brockville prior to the fall of '96 at which time an incorporated company was formed, and the business moved to the Eastern Townships' capital. Apparently the inducements have not been ample to offset competition, and to carry the business on successfully upon the scale attempted.

—The Colonial Mutual Life Association is applying to the Federal Government for authority to increase its capital to \$1,000,000. As it will be necessary to deposit \$50,000 with the Government for additional guarantee, appeal is made by circular to members to assist by every means in their power in promoting the object in view, namely to strengthen the position of the Association.

- —MARITIME province failures recorded this week are:—Burns Bros., general store and lumber merchants, Northport, N.S.—Reserve & Conway Co-operative Store Co., Reserve Mines, N.S., suspended payment—McLeod & Spence, general store, Port-Elgin, N.B. also suspended payment.
- —J. A. Jamison, grocer, Cobourg, has assigned. He started in the spring of '95 having bought out the business of the late Thos. Battell, with whom he clerked for fifteen years. Insufficient capital was the trouble.
- —D. W. HOWARD, shoes, Vancouver, who came to the coast from Parrsboro, N.S., and opened up a store there last June has had a short career. A meeting of his creditors is called for the 26th inst. Howard doubtless has discovered that "all is not gold that glitters" especially when it is Klondike gold.
- —Samuel Duncan, teas, Notre Dame street west, Montreal, has assigned owing \$1,900. He was at one time in partnership with A. G. Crawford, but since October last year, when Crawford retired, Duncan has been alone.
- —J. S. FLYNN, dry goods, Montreal, has compromised at 40c in the dollar cash. His liabilities were \$8,000, and assets about \$6,500. Flynn commenced in '89, and for five or six years did fairly well. In '95 he was obliged to seek settlement on the basis of 60c.
- —EUGENE SAUVAGEAU, grocer, Montreal, has assigned to Bilodeau & Renaud with liabilities of \$3,000. He is offering 20 cents in the dollar. Sauvageau was formerly of the firm Sauvageau & Freres, who dissolved in '94.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TORONTO SHAREHOLDER. The stock is still a good purchase.

MERCATOR, Ottawa.—The man who is so anxious to show you the way to make a fortune is very generous. Tell him you are willing to wait the result of his investment on his own account.

Lux, Sherbrooke.—It is the most money making business of the day; but go slow as yet.

ELECTRICITY, Montreal.—It may be that on the issue of new stock, the first series will experience a change; bookkeeping tactics to the contrary notwithstanding. Dividends—as some people have ascertained to their cost—may continue to be paid even after they have ceased to be earned—and long after. Shareholders are sometimes lucky in getting their capital back that way.

J.R., London—Accountants are busy with their affairs. The result is not likely to be unsatisfactory in view of all the circumstances. There is exaggeration somewhere.

#### GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

#### DRY GOODS NOTES.

Decrease.....

U. S. silk manufacturers say it is imperative to realize higher prices on silks for the coming spring. They have to face a material rise in raws and demands for higher wages.

The largest kid glove importers in New York are abandoning the dollar glove owing to their poor wearing qualities, and are striving to get customers to pay a little more for an immeasurably better article. The curtailment in the production of low-priced goods which this attitude will bring about is expected to lift values to a higher level, as the cheaper grades will be scarce, thus diverting attention to the better goods.

John W. Lawrence, inspector for many years in the firm of John McDonald & Co., wholesale drygoods, Toronto, has accepted a position with the wholesale clothing firm of W. R. Johnston & Co. that city.

The condition of the cotton-spinning industry in Nagaski (Japan) is now characterised by the same depression as in other parts of the Empire, caused by over-production and bad management. More than 80,000 bales of yarn, from all the mills in Japan, remained unsold in 1897, and while the present outturn of the yarns spun in them is more than is required for the needs of Japan, the roseate hopes entertained at the inauguration of this industry, of finding a practically limitless market in China, have now well nigh vanished.

From the Ayrshire lace curtain trade centre we learn that shipping orders for Canada are in an ascending scale.

Chemnitz advices state black goods are having a great run in all hose fabrics. Manufacturers are very firm, and hold out for higher prices all round. Lace hosiery is coming largely in fashion, and many orders have been placed in some very pretty designs. Printed goods in cheaper material are also likely to have a great run.

The hosiery branch in the South of Scotland at the present time is on the whole very good. Llama goods are much asked for, and to some extent are taking the place of the better qualities of lambs' wool goods.

In the Leeds cloth market all descriptions of new worsted fabrics show improvement and prices are steady. Heavy serges for winter purposes are taking a front place as overcoatings, being moderate in price. Dealings in Saxony styles are larger and to some extent supplanting cheviots, which have had an unusually long run.

#### BUSINESS CHANGES.

Quebec-Lahance & Vermette, mfrs. shoes, Quebec, partnership registered; Chaput & Co., traders, Montreal, Mrs. Thos. Daoust sole owner; Marcotte & Martel, grocers, Montreal, new co-partnership; Careau & Grenier, contrs., Montreal, new copartnership; C. E. Lamoureux & Co., tailors, Montreal, Mrs. Edouard Lamoureux sole owner; Ouellette & Tougas, refrigerators, Montreal, new co-partnership; Ross Bros. grocers, Montreal, dissolved; F. H. Andrews & Son, oils, Quebec, new firm formed composed of G. H. Andrews & Maria Boyd; Geo. Leduc, general store, St. Anne de Bellevue, has sold out; W. Blackley & Co., whol. millinery, Montreal, J. M. Blackley sole owner; John Brown, tanner, St. Agapet, removing to United States; Louis Chicoine & Co., shoes, St. Henri, Mrs. Louis Chicoine sole owner; Page-Hersey Iron Tube Co. Ltd., St. Henri, applying for incorporation; Eli Ruiter, general store, Cowansville, has sold out; Ledoux & Frere, grocers, Montreal, new co-partnership.

Ontario-Hamilton Fire Escape Mfg. Co., Hamilton, offer. ing business for sale; J. A. Seybold & Co., whol. drygoods, Ottawa, retiring from business Dec. 1st; Macintosh Mfg. Co., Otterville, dissolved, J. J. McIntosh continues under same style; Rogers Electrical Co., London, opening at Toronto; Wm. A. Day, grocer, Port Stanley, sold out to W. Mitchell; John Dulong, tailor. Thamesville, advertises business for sale; C. J. White, shoes, Trenton, sold out here; Poustie, Stewart & Burgess, dry goods, etc., Aylmer, succeeded by Poustie & Leeson; A. W. Brodie, woollen mill, Hespeler, fire loss \$4,000, partly insured; Miss Delion, millinery, Lucan, moved to Kingsville; J. D. Miller, general store, Mildmay, moved to Kincardine; John Mackensie & Son, groceries and shoes, Ripley, sold out to John Humberstone; T. Hutton, general store, St. Mary's dead; Thompson & Co., tailors, Sarnia, sold out to W. G. Oldham; Andrew Little, grist mill, Teeswater, Ont., has bought out the business of Mr. Kirby, who for many years has carried on a bakery and grocery business in that town; Peter McTaggart, general store, Bellefountain, dead; Estate of Chas. Drennan, grocer, Campbellford, stock sold to E. Crow; Booth & Hale, lumber, Pembroke, Thos. Hale dead; A. W. Cressman, general store, Norwich, moved to

Nova Scotia-Leo Grindon & Co., clothing, Kentville, stock advertised for sale by tender; Cumberland Mnfg. Co. Ltd., furniture, etc., Oxford, business and plant sold to J. A. Dewolfe; Dunsmore Bros, hardware and groceries, Oxford, sold out to Brannon & Peel; B. N. Mattinson, grocer, etc., Springhill, sold out grocery business to Wilson & Anderson; A. B. Wilson & Co., grocers, Springhill, new co-partnership, Alex. B. Wilson & John Anderson, Sr.; D. D. Morton & Sons, general store, fish, etc., Centreville, succeeded by Morton-Bros.; Bishop & Co., crockery, Truro, sold out to J. C. Mills; John Pugh & Son, whol. liquors, Halifax, closing out business.

MANITOBA-Hill & Dill Co. Ltd., general store, Wolseley, opening branch at Chickney; Emerson & Hague, tents, etc., Brandon, sold out to Jas. Ferguson & Co.; S. K. Colquhoun, general store, Hartney, sold out; E. G. Hipwell, general store, Westbourne, advertises business for sale.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Smith & Ford, grocers, Vancouver, new co-partnership; W. S. Fletcher, drugs, Greenwood City, reported to have transferred stock to M. E. Miller.

NEW BRUNSWICK-A. J. Grey, men's furnishings, Woodstock, sold out to C. M. Sherwood.

#### LEGAL RECORD, åc.

Week ended Sept. 20, 1898.

The following is a record of transactions and cases in our Canadian courts of law, comprising Writs Issued and Judgments Rendered for sums of \$300 and upwards, (Montreal, from \$175, and upwards), and Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale for sums of \$550 and upwards), as taken from the public records. It will be understood that the actions or items do not necessarily affect the credit and soundness of the persons or concerns named, as they may have been paid or otherwise settled, and that good defences may exist in cases of writs. &c.

WRITS ISSUED, ONT.	
Sept. 18 Blandford—W. Robertson et al exrs. vs E. S. Eden Colborne—Flora & J. Small vs Geo. Bradford Cornwall—J. Graham vs A. A. Brewer Goderich—J. J. Andrews vs Michael Cray Melanchton Tp—J. Richardson vs G. B. Richardson Orillia—S. G. Crawford vs R. D. Dunn Peterboro—T. Shearer vs Robert Dickenson et al Toronto—H. L. Hime vs Fredk. Brendon et al., \$477; W Bullock vs H. J. Hamilton. \$5,000; G. Chessum vs Queen, \$1,000; Killey-Beckett Engine Co., vs M. Sin	\$ 881 500 330 500 8,029 500 1,149 V. G.
\$2,066. Wellesley Tp.—Ontario Mutual Life Assur. Co. vs Thos. ferty, \$3,859. Woodstock.—W. A. McKay vs John Ovens Zorra E.—G. Hotson vs Joseph Watton	Raf- 2,525 382
Sept. 1	
Belleville—G. Palmer vs H. F. Hampton et al Cavan—Central Can. L. & S. Co. vs James Gardiner \$1,188.	401
Cornwall Tp.—E. McLennan vs Alex. Kennedy Derby Tp.—S. Johnston vs Wm. Brown Forest.—A. Delmage vs John Marshall, \$1,242; A. Rawlin John Marshall, \$1,021.	541 375 ngs vs
Jarvis—H. E. Forster vs Jos. Ivey & A. Gracey	3,625 305 1,060 958 1,00 1,497 5,908 350 Gee,
Toronto—Centaur Cycle Co, vs E. C. Hill & Co., \$2,911; G. vs Elzth. Middleton, \$2,589; E. Bray vs Pelly Yuko Mining Co. Ltd., \$875. Whitby Tp—T. W. Leggatt vs B. F. Campbell London, Eng.—H. Soultharp & Sons vs Howcroft & W \$1,569—Clarissa Brown et al, exrs. vs Mary J. Adam	n Gold 520 alkins
\$922.	
Alvinston—Wyld, Grasett & Darling vs Young & Co Brant Tp—The Harvey—Van Norman Co. vs J. J. Mc \$599. Cambridge Tp—A. F. Macdonald et al exrs. vs J. J. I	319 EIndoe,
\$309.  Hamilton—T. A. Lenfecty vs John McPherson Co  Markham Tp—L. H. Bowerman vs R. G. Armstrong, \$8 Sewell vs D. H. Brown et al, \$331.  Ottawa—J. C. Murray vs J. W. Wurtele, B.A.C. & John	325; J.
tele, \$2,096.  Port Arthur—Toronto General Trusts Co. vs Port Arthur luth & Western Rly. Co., \$22,224.  Toronto—M. Blackwell vs Harriet Badgerow, \$2,892; R. vs Chas. Brewer et al, \$4,349; Q. M.Wellin vs F. dell, \$4,965; Hutchinson, Nisbet & Auld vs Geo.	Davies V. Clis-
Toronto Junct—I. Montgomery vs F. M. & J. Johnston. Waubaushene—Irwin & McLeod vs Tanner Bros Windsor—M. Lottridge vs E. Bedford & A. McKay, Curry & Robinet vs Wm. Lyons, \$338.	3,593
WRITS ISSUED, B.C. Sept.	** *
Nelson-A. N. Johnson et al	300
WRITS ISSUED, N.S.	
Sept. Kentville—Fenwick Margeson	20. 8,073
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Brandon-C. & F. Sinkbeil.

Selkirk-David Fraser

Portage La Prairie—Jas. Bell......

Winnipeg—Edward O'Reilly et al....

Sept. 20.

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14 A	JUDGMENTS RENDERED, ONTARIO.	CHATTEL MORTGAGES, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Berlin-Art	Sept. 15.  '. D. Maclachlan agt W. H. Adams et al \$2,580 hur Co. agt Boehner Co	Sept. 15.  Carleton Place—C. F. Burgess to Anna R. Merick
Horton-F.	D. Maclachlan agt Henry & S. A. Shaw 2.792 redit Foncler agt P. B. McIlhargey 4,270	\$767. London-W. A. & Janette Gammage to Canadian L. & S.
Newmarket Ottawa—Ho Duha Stews		Co., \$3,500.  Morrison Tp—W. fl. Hughes to W. B. Tisdale
Bank Ruffalo, N	Dalglish agt Mary McConnell, \$1,032; Imperial agt G. P. Wagner, \$7,434. Y—J. R. Stratton et al agt H. C. Copeland 1,058 Mich—M. Moerscheinier agt Geo. Gildner 942	Tilsonburg—F. J. & David Barkey et al to Imperial Bank, \$3,492. Toronto—J. E. Chester & wife to J. A. Carlow, \$2,708; Geo. Clatworthy to J. W. Carter, \$1,076; Elizth. Hill to A. H.
Alexandria \$710.	Atlas Loan Co. agt Napoleon & Albina Bray,	Smith, \$603; Adam & Jessie Lynd to R. Lynd, \$800.           Watt Tp—August Briese to A. A. Mahaffy
Wallace—S	wis Rice & Son agt J. S. Williams	Sept. 17.  Darlington—James Leask to Ontario Loan & S. Co
Bathurst T <sub>1</sub> London—W	Sept. 20.  —Margt. McDonald agt J. L. Palmer et ux 377  "E. Sanford agt Margt. Powell	Paris—C. W. Lawton to J. B. Henderson
Radi Parry Soun	nore, \$1,002. d—Mnfrs, Life Ins. Co. agt Edward Jordan 1,719	Sept. 20.
	JUDGMENTS RENDERED, QUEBEC. Sept. 15.	Belleville—F. L. Blood to J. C. Woods
Nati agt J J. M	L. Marchand agt Pierre Dansereau, \$1,284; Merchants onal Bank agt Featherston Piano Co., \$180; S. Carsley . B. D. Francoeur et al, \$260; A. Racine agt Dme. O. onday, \$217; Dme. Annie H. Moley esql. agt Jas.	Hamilton—Rosa Jacobson to Rachael Wolf. 2,006 Preston—Jas. Fenwick to F. Weiberg. 751 Sandwich W—Arthur Rankin to D. Dougall. 2,065 Toronto—J. I. Thompson to E. R. C. Clarkson. 767 Walkerton—W. R. Telford to Hy. Cargill. 1,184
Riviere des	a, \$224. Praires—C. Dupras et al agt Jean Desjardins Fils,	Woodstock—Mrs. S. E. Ovens to W. A. McKay 2,156 Chattel Mortgages, Man. & N.W.T.
St Henri-	E. Robilliard et al vs Napoleon Peladeau et al 400 s Chaillons—C. J. Marchildon agt A. G. Gaumont,	McGregor—F. J. Moeckel \$ 600
•	Sept. 17. tion—J. Drummend agt Antoine David	CHATTEL MORTGAGES, N.S. Sept. 15.
Montreal— son a Desl	A. Ross agt A. MacDonnell Cowie, \$500; D. Robert- gt Edmond David et al, \$240; A. Campbell agt J. E. auriers et al, \$899; The Queen agt Leopold Desrives, ; Can. Bk. of Commerce agt G. A. Mooney, \$15,238; ooke agt J. R. Paquin, \$383; T. C. Hood agt Dme. A.	Halifax—Agnes Tait
W. St. Henri-	Wood et al, \$590. -A. Corbeil agt Pierre Chicoine	Stratford—Ephraim Downing to J. D McCrimmon 3,278 Sept. 17.  Marmora—Zadock Lafontaine to R. Snell 600
	les-W. Cowan et al vs Alphouse Rloux 327 Sept. 20. pinte-Royal Institution agt Dmc. G. K. II. Tate,	Stafford Tp-Wm. Dobson to J. H. & D. I. Dobson 600 Sept 20. Onelda-Robert Fleming to Elizth. J. Fleming 1,100
\$6,8 Montreal-	57. G. Deserres agt A. P. Bald, \$1,003; H. McLennan et	BILLS OF SALE, B.C.
al ag Hag Trois Rivi	yt John Fairbairn, \$5,126; T. F. Leurseneur agt Wm. gerty esql., \$1,089; B. Tooke agt J. E. Parant, \$485. eros—Nova Scotia Steel Co. agt Three Rivers Iron	Sept 15. Vancouver—R. A. McMorran
	RS Co., \$5,216. H. Hamilton et al agt Geo. De Beaujeu et al. 938  JUDGMENTS RENDERED, B.C.	Nelson—Emma C. Booth
	Sept. 15.	Rossland—C. G. Geamo 723
Vancouve	minster—John Patterson et al	Bills of Salk Newfoundland. Sept. 20.
Vancouve	Sept. 20. r—R. A. Muskett	Bay St. George—M. F. Hayse
	JUDGMENTS RENDERED, N. B. Sept. 17.	TRADE OPPORTUNITIES.
Coldstreat Nackawic	n-M, E, Thornton	a view to selecting a site to start a Canadian tobacco factory.
	Sept. 15. J. A. Butler, \$636; J. A. Mackassey 403 Sept. 20.	Tenders are being called by the naval authorities at Esquimalt for a small steamer to assist H. M. S. Egeria in making a survey of the coast waters of British Columbia.
Halifax— Middleton	1—H. B. Gentles. 531 E. P. Forbes. 4,510 —Geo. Smith. 8,075 -Alex, Anderson. 568	Sound, to manufacture chairs. They want to borrow \$10,000
	Executions Quebec.	The London Electric Company has peen awarded the contract
. Rar	Sept. 15.  -I. D. Lafleur agt Dmc. Caroline Lefort et al, \$531; A. beau agt T. Lerrault, \$190; J. Grier et al agt Isaie on et al, \$478: Dme Hortonce Leduc agt Joseph	<u> </u>
Jagar Que	willon, \$11,290; C. Rasconi agt Pierre Riel et al., \$240. Sept. 17.	tract for the heating of the alms house. The commissioners have decided to do away with the old system and put in an en-

Sept. 20.

Montreal—Credit Foncier F.C. agt J. A. Cousineau et al, 11,852; J. P. Marion agt H. B. Desrochers, \$1,000; City of Montreal agt Montreal Park & Island Railway, \$629.

Montreal E. F. Lariviere et al agt Alphonse Brunelle, \$208; Consolidated Plate Glass Co. vs Damase Legault, \$197.

J. L. Fitzgerald, St. John, N.B., has been awarded the contract for the heating of the alms house. The commissioners have decided to do away with the old system and put in an entirely new steam plant.

In connection with the St John, N.B. harbor improvements, Mr. Jameson, the elevator builder, is preparing some plans for the proposed structure on the east side, which will probably be placed on the Harris property.

F. Davis, contractor, Kingston, intends building a brick dwelling.

There is prospect of several additions to the industries of Amherstburg, a tomato canning works, is being projected by Michigan men. Tomatoes are grown by the thousands of bushels in that section, and a great portion of them are never marketed.—J. H. Bishop, the Wyandotte furrier, has decided upon Amherstburg as a site for a Canadian branch, and, next, the Chicago Quarry Company, it is said, will soon take hold of the old quarry and give it a boom. The stone is of fine quality, and the new company expect to find a much larger market for it in western Canadian markets.

The installation of improved ventillation appliances, electric fans, etc. is to be largely undertaken on ocean liners sailing from Montreal, during the fall.

Robt. Brown, E. W. Clarke and Geo. E. Kidd are to build an abbattoir in Nepean Township, Ottawa.

Tenders are called for the construction of the new Normal School, London, Ont. F. R. Heaks, architect.

The Bank of Montreal has purchased the lot on which the Y.M.C.A. hall stood, in the burnt city of New Westminster, B.C. and will erect a solid brick building thereon for banking purposes.

A pulp industry is to be started at Parrsboro, N.S.

Alex. Morrison, Halifax, who recently purchased the old Wilson property on Gottingen street, that city, is asking for tenders for the erection of a modern structure on the site.

A representative of an English company is buying furniture from Grey County factories.

The old Bixel Brewery, Ingersoll, which has been idle for a number of years, will soon again resound with business activity. Messrs. O. E. Robinson & Co. have purchased the property and are now busily engaged in converting it into an evaporating factory.

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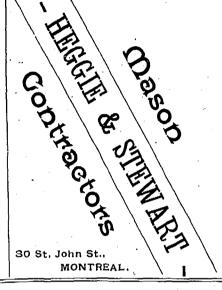
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#### Financial.

Thursday E'vg. September 22nd, 1898.

As this issue contains the bank statement table with comments thereon there may be sufficient financial material this week. There is indeed little novelty in the situation, or in any of the events of the week. The annual demand for money at this season for harvest moving purposes may tend to tighten money somewhat, but we doubt there being any advance in rates. The slight flutter in London over rumours of a difficulty with the French in Africa has

proved to have been caused by a mare's nest, as the French expedition seen at Fashoda turns out to have been a scientific one, or it was turned into one after our victory at Khartoum. The local stock market has been quiet. Pacific and Toronto Street have been chiefly to the fare, the former ranging from 86½ to 87½, and the latter from 102½ to 102½.

Spain is reported to have secured a loan of \$25,000.000 from the Rothschilds, secured by the national silver mines.

Rates for loans remain as last week and the exchange market is without any new features.

The following comparative table for w. e. Sept. 21st, is supplied by Chas. Meredith & Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal.

BANKS.

Montreal	4 2 1	245 204 180 100 90 103 144	244 204 17834 160 90 103 1423	80
Miscellaneous.				
Can. Pacific xd2	,978	875%	861/4	75
Comm. Cable xd.	300	1841/	1841/	181
Cable Reg Bonds \$	1,000	104	104	1051/8
Telegraph	138	1781	178	
Rich, & Ont	85	1043	102	97
M. S. R	450	279	2773/	.223
" (New Stock)	101	274	-271	217
" (New Stock) Montreal Gas Co	235	19514	194%	193 -
Gas Bonds	33.100	101	<b>½</b> 101	۶
Bell Telephone	65	178	109	172
" " Bonds	\$500	115	115	114
Royal Electric xd.	475	160 1/2	158%	135
Toronto St. Ry xd.	4860	1013	102	831/4

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Land Grant Bonds \$2,000 112 112 ....
N. Wst. Ln. Pref. 160 56 55½ ....
Can. Col'd Cot Mills 115 55 55 48
Color'd C.J. Bonds \$2000 96 96 90
Dom. Cotton Mills 1,391 99% 96% 91½
Dom. Coai Pfd... 152 112 111½ 100
Peoples H. & L. 25 26 26 40
War Eagle .... 15,800 294 293 ....

Brazilian exchange for the week ending the 21st, is as follows:

Sept.	15	7 23-32d
"	16	
	17	7¥d
66	19	
"	20	73/d
**	21	7 28-32d

MONTREAL CLEARING HOUSE.

Total for week End-

ing Sept. 22, 1898. Clearings. Balances. \$14,221,482 \$1,897,344

Corresponding

 Week of 1897
 12,333,657
 1,862,960

 " "1896
 11,071,684
 1,665,400

 " "1805
 10,777,814
 1,933,867

#### MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS

MONTREAL, September 22th, 1898.

Whilst the railroads report doing a larger business than at same time last year, there is little to choose between the amount of distribution going on from this centre, now and at same date in 1897. The inference is that railroads in their wider sphere are enabled to absorb business at many points, and to make up decreases by increases, just as the trade "cat" of the country jumps from section to section and province to province. This being so freight earnings, whilst a general trade criterion have comparitively no value in a local way. To lose sight of this makes it hard to understand why business in Montreal is this week as dull as midsummer, seeing that the popular-impression gives this city the honor for being the pulse of Canada in all things pertaining to trade. The fact is that the current of interior commerce has been dammed like a river by reason of the holding of autumn fairs, think at this surft will to dald.

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#### Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

The undermentioned dividends have been declared for the half-year ending June 30th, 1898:

On the Preference Stock two per cent.
On the Common Stock two per cent.

The Common Stock Transfer books will close in London at 3 p.m. on Friday, 26th August, and in Montreal and New York on Friday, 9th September, The Preference Stock Books will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, 2nd September.

All books will be re-opened on Monday, 3rd October 18 p.m. on Catalogue 19 p.m. on Catalogue 19 p.m. on Priday, 2nd September.

October.
Warrants for the Common Stock dividend will be mailed on or about 1st October to Shareholders of record at the closing of the books in New York and London respectively. The Preference Stock dividend will be paid on Saturday, 1st October, to Shareholders of record at the closing of the books and the warrants will be posted from the Company's London collect. By order of the Board,

order of the Bossis, CHARLES DRINKWATER, Secretary..

Montreal, 8th August, 1898.

as blackberries throughout Canada, and when this does not explain, a very palpable reason is forthcoming in the reminder that the advent of new crops is invariably a waiting time, or rather an expectant time with all traders whose business is governed by practical and not speculative circum stances. This weeks dulness in brief is that "darkest hour before the dawn," and no anxiety is felt that the usual stream of business will be resumed when existing checks upon, its flow are removed. Other features which call for notice at this writing are the boom in butter and cheese and the advance in glass.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.—The dairy product market has been galvanized into new life this week. Ever responsive to even slight fluctuations of the barometer, dealers in butter and choose go off at a tangent when the finger points plainly in their favor. Thus it is that with advancing English cables on cheese, and rumoured shortage of stock in Montreal compared shortage of stock in Montreal compared with a year ago, together with the belief of country holders that September cheese will soon see 9c., something like a boom has been in course, and at the close this is still in progress, though the main wave has passed. Business has largely been confined to August make at 8% to 8% c. for eastern coloured, western closed 8% with 8% c asked. Liverpool public cable quotes 38s. 6d for white, and 39s. 6d, for coloured. At this date last year cable was 45s. so it can be seen further increases would be legitimate. seen further increases would be legitimate. Buttor is higher than last week, some fancy lots of choice creamery having brought as much as 20½c. latterly, but the range for September make, as a rule, is between 19½ and 20c. Held, finest creamery in boxes is selling at 14½c to 14¾c, and in tubs at

17% c. to 18c., with dairy butter in good demand at 14% to 16c. as to size and quality.

CEMENT.-The arrivals this week of cement were the heaviest on record, 30,745 brls German and Belgian and 850 English. The greater proportion of the former have been distributed to fill Govt. contracts. There was one sale besides of 8,000 brls on western account for prompt delivery. The discrimination in price for immediate delivery, already reported, still holds good.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Out of town orders for drugs are comparitively few, and almost wholly for quantities to tide over immediate wants. Opium is at present lower in N. Y. than primary points. Ouinine is receiving comparitively very little attention. The chemical market on spot remains as for several weeks past. United Kingdom advices say of the situation there. Soda ash quotations vary considerably, according to market. The maximum range for tierces is about £4 5s. to £4 15s. per ton, net cash. Ammonia ash, £4 to £4 10s. per ton, net cash; Soda crystals firm, at £2 17s. 6d. to £3 per ton, less 5 per cent. for barrels, with an allowance of 7s. per ton if taken in bags. Caustic soda rather neglected and easier, the spot range being about as follows: 60 per cent., £6 to £6 5s. per ton; 70 per cent., £7 to £7 5s. per ton; 74 per cent., £7 to £7 5s. per ton; 74 per cent., £7 los. to £7 12s. 6d. per ton, net cash. Bleaching powder flat and prices quite nominal at about £5 10s. to £5 12s. 6d. per ton, net cash, for hardwood packages. Chlorate of potash is firm at 33%d to 3%d. Chlorate of potash is firm at 3%d to 3%d per lb. for crystals, and %d. extra for powdered, but not much going on. Bicarb. soda in fair request, while quotations vary, according to market, from £5 15s. to £6 15s. per ton, less 2% per cent. for the finest quality in 1 cwt. kegs, with usual allowances for larger packages. Sulphate of ammonia meeting with less inquiry and a shade off at about £10 3s. 9d, to £10 5s. per ton, less 2% per cent. for good grey 24 and 25 per cent. in double bags f. o. b. here, as to quality. Nitrate of soda is also rather easier, at £7 15s. to £7 17s. 6d. per ton, less 2% per cent. for double bags f.o.b. here, as to quality and quantity.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Sales of old wheat flour have been on fairly large scale this week, which may be accounted for by the somewhat stronger inclination of wheat and the desire of users to secure stocks of flour which can reasonably be held to be freer from mixing than early lots of the new crop flour soon to be offered. Quotations remain unchanged as per prices current. The demand for meal is still quiet.

FEED .- Bran continues active but for shorts, the high price retards the same amount of business. We quote Ontario winter wheat bran, \$11.50 to \$12, and shorts \$14.50 to \$15 per ton in bulk, Manitoba bran, \$11 to \$11.50, shorts \$14. The market for hay is still glutted, and inferior grades are weak. We quote shipping hay \$4 to \$5, good to choice \$6.50 to \$7.50, No. 2 at \$5 to \$6 per ton in car lots.

GRAIN -Manitoba No. 1 hard wheat afloat Fort William has been sold at 75c. There is an absence of transactions in Ontario red winter wheat owing to this being fully taken np by Ontario millers who are paying 66c to 67c. Peas are stronger and supplies offering are limited, holders being disposed to wait for a good profit. These are quoted at 61c to 61½c in store. Oats in store sell at 271/20 to 280. Advices from the United Kingdom indicate a weaker feeling there for this cereal.

#### TRADE SALE

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GREEN FRUIT .- Canadian grapes are offering abundantly, and prices are very low, viz. 12c to 15c per small basket, and 25c to 30c for choice large. Canadian peaches scarce and dear at 75c \$1 a basket. Plums—last of season -50c to 60c a basket. Canadian pears are in small receipt and bring 40c to 60c per basket. Apples are tending higher and fine fall varieties have no difficulty in finding buyers at \$1.50 to \$2.25 a barrel. A recent heavy sale in Ontario netted \$1.25 per barrel for 10,000 brls, a price which shows where the market is at present, and where it is likely to get before long. California fruits are finished and what stock is here, commands and wriges passbas \$1.10 to \$1.35 a hore. good prices, peaches \$1.10 to \$1.35 a box pears \$2.85 to \$8 a box. Bananas are in small supply at the moment, the United States having absorbed recent arrivals from the West Indies, and prices run fairly high, \$1 to \$1.50 a bunch. Musk melous and water melous are in less request, and the season has about closed.

LIVE STOCK .- Offerings at the abbatoir this week were rather small, and in con-sequence the market was stronger. Late comers found it impossible to buy anything choice, the select animals being few and these were picked up early. Best stock sold at 41/2 a pound. Good cattle brought

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GROCERIES.—The demand for sugars is not large, not anything near what was expected, and the same can be said of every other grocery line, dulness being the prevailing feature in all. For the third week in September this is to say the least rather depressing and is unaccountable, when winter rates of freight and closing of navigation are in sight. Brokers are experiencing the brunt of the dulness, and a good sized order coming suddenly upon them might cause them to pinch them-selves to find if such was really so or only a dream. Those grocery houses with whom liquor is a feature of their business, are also doing little, which is passing strange, seeing the "dreadful" contingency ahead of them in the victory of the probibition cause on the 29th inst. Apparently tion cause on the 29th inst. Apparently there is no apprehension that Thanksgiving and Christmas will be celebrated with water. Foreign advices are not recommended. water. Foreign advices are not suggestive of any radical influence at work to cause anyimmediate change in values of grocery staples, other than those which our readers have been fully posted upon to date.

LEATHER AND HIDES. - "The dullest week in our experience," is the almost general opinion as to the week's business among leather jobbers, and manufacturers among leather jobbers, and manufacturers echo a similar plaint, somewhat sarcastically in the words: "The boot and shoe trade of the country is on its 'uppers,' and the people must be going around in their bare feet." Of course there is hope ahead there always is in the leather trade, and a week's cold wave might bring a change. The hide market is quiet in sympathy, and without change from last week.

METALS AND HARDWARE. - Little or nothing more than ordinary distribution has been effected during the past week and prices have remained unusully even in metals of all kinds. The position of the hemp market, although this has sunk away to an indifferent subject as affecting rope and binder twine for near at hand requirements, is nevertheless interesting. The raw markets, according to London advices are stagnant, and everybody is waiting for some new development before changing their present attitude. Holders are offering hemp moderately at 7c. for nearly all positions, but are firm in their refusal to make further concessions. Manufacturers are well supplied at present and maintain their former cautious policy. Sisal hemp rules very dull with hardly any inquiry, and large holders are not offering hemp at prices currently quoted.

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PAINTS AND OILS .- The strong undertone noted in glass in recent reviews has culminated in an advance of 10c. on 50 ft culminated in an advance of 10c. on 30 fb break, and 30c on 100 ft. break, but it is doubtful if this would have materialized this week, had it not been for the phenomenal storm of last Sunday, when hail did so much damage to windows. We quote 1st break \$1.60, 2nd break \$1.70 for 50 ft. and for 100 ft. 1st break, \$3.50c, 2nd, \$3.75; 3rd \$4.00; 4th, \$4.50; 5th, \$5.00. The demand is brisk. For other lines there is a satisfactory, amount doing perhaps a trifle more tory amount doing, perhaps a trille more than recently, and values remain steady

PRODUCE.-Receipts are dwindling, and market has quite a strong undertone. Fresh laid eggs are in good demand at 16%c per dozen, No. 1 candled also are selling well at 13c to 13 1/2c, No. 2 at 10c to selling woll at 13c to 13/2c, No. 2 at 10c to 11c. The English market is firm at 7s 3d per long hundred. The demand for beans is dull at former prices. Honey is in slow request, and as stocks are large, prices are nominal. White clover comb 7c to 7/2c, dark 5/2c to 6c, white strained 6c to 7c, dark 5c to 6c. Maple products are entirely neglected. Sugar 5/2c to 6c, syrup in wood, 4/2c per lb, in tins, 40c to 45.

#### MARKET NOTES.

According to the latest advices from the Belgian glass market. The price of raw materials, together with the labor cost, is said to be increasing in such a manner as to almost exceed the selling price. For window glass, 1897 was not a good year. The production was less than in 1896, the The production was less than in 1896, the decrease amounting to about 2.8 per cert. The selling price, on the other hand, was better than 1896. The average price per square meter in 1896 was .93 francs, in 1897.49 francs. But the cost of materials and labor increased in almost the same properties. proportion.

Exports of clive oil from Naples have been small, stocks, of course, after the failure of last crop, remain unusually low, notwithstanding the smallness of exports, and it is feared they may not even be sufficient to carry over the few months before the new thick result for which the provider of the second convention. the new oil is ready for market.

In a report on lavender oil, the Chemist and Druggist, London, of recent date, says: "The English crops have turned out highly "The English crops have turned out highly satisfactory and the distillation now going on is yieding a good quality of oil. The supply is also large and as a result the price has fallen to 45s per lb. The reports from the South of France are not yet of a conclusive nature, but they incline to shortage. Oil of spike lavender has been scarce in England recently that most of the large consumers have ordered new crop in advance, and after their wants have been met a rise may take place."

#### STOCKS AND BONDS.

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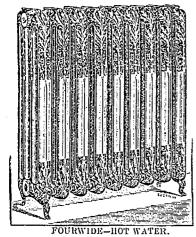
Assurance stocks stronger. Latest sales: -Bank of Commerce 144, Merchants 178, Traders 107, Western Assurance 1694, British America 180, General Electric 128, Cable 18234 xd, Northwest Land pr. 56, C.P.R. 8614, Toronto Electric 13636 xd, Toronto Ry. 102%.

BUTTER, &c -The demand for butter is moderate, and prices continue unchanged. The best dairy tub is quoted at 14 to 16c and medium at 10 to 12c. Pound rolls of best quality 16 to 18c. Creamery rules at 18 to 21c, the latter for choice rolls. Eggs continue firm at 15c per doz. in case lots for fresh, and 11 to 12c for held stock. Cheese is firm at 8% to

DRESSED Hogs - Offerings continue light and prices are easy, there being no special demand. The market is \$5:50 to \$5.75.

#### MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT-THURSDAY, SEPT. 22, 1898

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GROCERIES-Trade is fair, with prices generally firm. Sugars are quoted at 4 0-16 to 45% for granulated and at 3% to 44 e for yellows. Teas in good demand and firm. Rio coffee is quoted 8 to 12c, according to quality. Dried fruits firm:

Valencia raisins 5 to 51/2c and selections 61% to 7c. Currants are unchanged at 534 to 61% c. Canned goods are firm; salmon (Cohoes) \$1.25 to \$1.35; tomatoes 85 to 90c; peas 75 to 80c; corn 80 to 85c.

HARDWARE-Business this week was fairly active and prices are unchanged.

HIDES AND SKINS-The hide market is easy, with cured quoted at 9 to 91/4c. Green are steady at 81/2c for No. 1, 71/2c for No. 2, and 61/2 for No. 3. Calfskins 10c for No. 1, and Sc for No. 2. Lambskins 60c. Tallow rules at 31/2 to 41/4 c.

LIVE STOCK-The cattle market was quiet this week. Shipping demand is curtailed owing to difficulty in obtaining ocean space. The best exporters bring \$4.25 to \$4.50, and ordinary \$4.00 to \$4.10. Bulls \$3.25 to \$4.00, the latter for heavy. Butchers' cattle firm, the best selling at  $4\frac{1}{8}$  to  $4\frac{1}{8}$ c, medium at  $3\frac{1}{8}$ c and inferior at  $3\frac{1}{8}$ c. Heavy feeders  $3\frac{1}{8}$  to 8%c, and stockers 34c to 3%c. Calves

\$3 to \$6 each. Milch cows \$28 to \$45 each. Sheep are unchanged, with ewes 3% to 3½c, and bucks 2½ to 2½c. Lambs 4 to 4½c per 1b. Hogs are unchanged, the best bacon lots bringing \$4.75 per cwt. and heavy shippers \$4.25 to \$4.85.

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Wheat	102.3	88.5	106.3	76.3	94.5	82.2
Barley	97.6	91.1	88.3	85	96.7	77.0
Oats,	94	90.8	84.4	79	101.9	80.9
Beans	94.3	91.8	79.2	70.6	98.7	59.1
Peas	91	94.2	80.9	74	91.7	71.5
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BAY OF QUINTE NOTES-At Picton last week 840 boxes of cheese were boarded; 290 were sold at 8 3-16c -At Tweed last week 855 cheese were boarded; sales at 8c-A new mica mine has been discovered in Bedford township—Finnigan's carriage factory in Belleville was damaged by fire last week-A Bloomfield farmer has sold his crop of winter wheat at 65c per bushel It is said there are 100 farmers in Prince Edward County, each with 1,000 bushels of wheat to sell—It has been known for some time that the Standard Chemical Co. of Canada has taken over the chemical works plant in Deseronto, from the Rathbun Co. They will be run on a much more extensive scale than heretofore. The new company is composed of representative business men, among them Mr. Mackenzie, the well known capitalist and railway contractor of Toronto. The company broke ground for the extension of the works on Monday last. The large brick kilns used for carbonizing the wood will be supplemented by forty iron retorts, which are now being constructed for the purpose. Other valuable machinery will also be introduced, and it is hoped that the new plant, the erection of which will involve an expenditure of some \$30,000, will be in operation by December 1st. The new company expects to manufacture in Deseronto, wood alcohol, acetic acid, chloroform, paris green and other high grade products. The works will have a capacity of about seventy cords of wood a day for conversion into charcoal and other by-products. The erection of the plant will give employment to many hands, and their operations when completed, must also afford additional employment to no small number of workmen.

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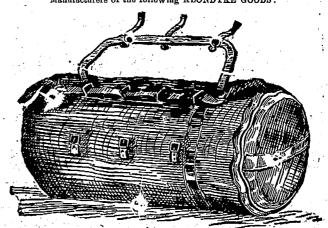
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