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## Commercial Summary.

Staysbr, Ont, has organizod a Board of Trade.
Watbr when mixed with sole leather is worth $12 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound wholesale.

Mrlbourns, (Australin) Stock Exchange seats cost $\$ 8,250$, and they are in demand at that figure.

Mr. Erastus Wiman has instructed his counsel to appeal the cabe againat the Montreal Telegraph Company at once.

Ax Arrow River, Man, correspondent of the Winnipeg Free Press says there is a good opening for a country storekeepor in that vicinity.

Traz American Tobacco Company bill, which granted a charter to the alleged cigarette trust, has been repealed by the Virginia Legialalature.

Brantrord, Oat, has 24 factories, employing 2,250 hands. The town's population is 14,280 and the municipal asbessments approximates $\$ 5,500,000$.

Jafpray \& Ryan have succeeded in repurchasing the stock of their business from the assignee at 30 cents in the dollar. A settlement will now be in order.

- Doring the past week a great many seals have been seen in the river near Point de Monts, and quite a number have been killed by ${ }^{\wedge}$ the hunters from shore.

Mr. Henay O'Hara, managing diroctor of the Temporance and General Life Asfurance Oo., has resigned his position and gone into the brokerage business in Toronto.

Tan Pan-American delegates have been invited to visit this city

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some time during the present month by the City Clork, acting under instructions from the municipal council.

Tuens is a yery large accumulation of flour in New York. All the warehouses are full. Mild weather has interfered greatly with shipments of buttor and cheese from the aame city.

Tur market for jute goods in Germany is at presant vary strong and an advance in prices of nbout 2 per cent. has taken place since January 1at. Tbo tendency is toward higher prices.

Cosi, is scarcent New Westmingter, B O., on necount of the Frager river being blocked up with ice, and conl dealers have advanced their prices to $\$ 10$ a ton, with prospects of a further riso.

Langr numbers of Canadian lumbermen aro now returaing to their homes from tho Michigan woods, penailess and on foot. Owing to tho open winter they have failed to secure their usual work.

A camiond of grapee from Sacramento, Cal., was recently sold in New York for $\$ 2,406$, one grower clearing 13 eents per lb. on bis Tokay grapea and another neting $\$ 160$ to $\$ 215$ per ton on his Muscats and Emperors.

Quantitiks of butterino and olcomargarine it is alleged aro boing smuggled finto Wiadsor, Ont, and Esbex county. The importation of these substitutes for butter into Canads is prohibited aud a heavy fine is lovied on transgrensors

In tue Lake Megantic District lumbermen are satisfied; they say thoy havo unough snow and think they will have an average hanl. The Nantais mills have got over four million feet already and the Berlin mills are not far behiud.

Nor for mauy jears has the business in textile fabrice been go good in Bugland as it is now. Factories nre all running on full time and there seems to bo a steadily growing demand for goods. Unfortunately we cimnot say the amme here.

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An item in the London Free Press informs ne that the Gas Inspector had the manager of the Gas Works up before the Police Magistrate, who fined him $\$ 1285$ for supplying the town with gas containing more sulphur than the law allows.
Tak improved tone of the tea market appears to have staying qualities. As yet the movemont has shown no unusual proportions, but there is a great denl of picking around among all gradea, and the bidding is on an upward scale for desirable goods.

Propribtors of our leading public hotels complain that the Journal of Commerce is not allowed to remain for half an hour after being placed on file. We do not exohange with two or three periodicals which, we hear, occasionally favor us with a little attention.

Gendus \& Co, of Hamilton are about chenging their business in ${ }^{\circ} 0$ into a joint stock cos., to take over and carry on their cartage basinees. The capital is to be $\$ 300,000$. It is not thought any of the capital will be sought outeide the family and their connections.

It is roported that the Dartmouth Sugar refluery at Halifax, N.S, which has been idlo for some years, will again be started in a fow weeke. Tro cargoss of sugar are now on route for Halifax to be refined at this factory. Its capacity is nearly 1,000 barrols per week:

Mr. Erastos Wiman has lost his suil to reduce the rate of interest payable by his company to the shareholders of the Montreal Telegraph Co., on the ground that the latter company had granted telegraphic privileges to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to the detriment of the G. N. W. Telegraph Co. The verdict produced but little excitement on the Stock Exchnuge as it had been already well discounted.

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Tas last reported sale of the stock of the Liverpool and London aud Globe Insurance Oo., shows the market price to be $\mathbf{£ 4} \mathbf{2}$ 10g. per share-an advance of nearly 2,000 per cent on th3 original $£ 2$ paid in. This is solid testimony to the progress of that old and roliable comging.

Wiaghan Advance:-" Wood is now a drag on the market. Good dry beach and miple is selling at $\$ 1.50$ por cord and green at $\$ 1.25$. But so much is coming in that the owners cannot always tind buyers even at those low prices, and have to give it away or take it home."

Tlas list of defaulters and embezzlers in the United States for lust month is unusually large, the nggregate of the stealings being over $\$ 500,000$. The Chicago Tribune sees in this an indication that the rascals aro making the best of their timo before the ratification of the extradition treaty.

A new shirt factory has been opened in Galt by Mebser \& Ward. It is anderstood they own a patent for a valuable invention on the ueckband of $\begin{array}{ll}\text { birts. If their invention will provent buttons coming }\end{array}$ off they will command a large trade amongst the bachelors and widowers of the country.
C. C. Fostar, manager of the London Absurance Co., for Oanads, has resigned, and Mangger Marks of New York has received instructious from the home office in London to appoint a successor.-There were 204 fires in Ottnwa, Ont., last yerr, causing $\$ 460,424$ daraage. The insurance on these conflagrations was $\$ 164,728$.

Evgrated glassifare is to be the fashion during the coming season. All the leading glass frme aro engaging engravers and are making new lines of ware purposely for engraving. Vory little of this work has been called for for the past two years so that glass engravers are jubilant over the prospect of more work and better pay.
Tus Ontario Orown Lands Department realized $\$ 1,079,000$ last year from woods, and forests and $\$ 126,000$ from Orown lande, including mining location fees, making the total rocoipts $\$ 1,205,000$. No tim-
ber limits have been sold since the great sale of 1887, in which \$1, 300,000 was oltained in bonuses upon 450 miles of timber.

The following assessment companies have registered under tho Insurance Act and received permission to tranenct business in Canada : The Ganadian Mutaal Aid Association of Toconto; Commercial Travellers' Mulual Benefit Society, of Toronto; the Mutual Relief Society, of Nova Scotia; the Provincial Provident Institute, of St. Thomas, Ontario.

During the month of December a total of 20,518 cars crossed the river at Port Huron an average of 27 cars every hour-nearly one every two minutes. This gives some iden of the freight handled by the Chicago and Grand Truak Railway at that'point. The approaching completion of the tunnol caunot fail to promote trafic largely over this line.

Tas Dutch Government give the following comparative statement of the stocks and movemont of Banca and Billiton tin for the paist year. Imports have decreased 955 tons of which 607 tons took place in December. Deliveries have increased 912 tons. The stock in second hands has incrasased 106 tons, uasold stock 452 tons, and total stock 558 tons.

A Reoent report of of the director of the Paris Exposition placos the final figures covering the amount of money brought into Paris by out-af-town peoplo at $\$ 250,000,000$ The French financiors say that this amount of money is a gift to the city of Paris, since it came from out of town tourists and provincial Frenchman, with whom a visit to Paris is a very infrequent occurrence.

Tar California orango crop now being harvested is the largeat ever known and will reach $1,000,000$ boxes out of which it is estimated 3,500 carloads will be shipped east. Prices are higher than heretofore and producers will realize fully $\$ 2,000,000$ this season. Estimates of the Riverside crop, alone place it at 360,060 boxes. Nearly half the counties of the State produce oranges, but the bulk of the crop comes from San Bernardino and Los Angeles. Returns of the total
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nereage under orange cultivation put it at 60,000 acres. The planting of new groven has been greatly stimulated by present high prices.

Prom Maituba come only two small failures during the present week. Is Clenboro' a emall hoot and shoe man, named J. L. Wheeler, has assignel; and another Wheeler, whose Christian nume is Alexander, and whoso trade is that of a furrier, has left Winnipeg suddenly for the domaine of Uncle Sam.

In Now Brunswick tusiness troubles are fow and far between. F. McOnlongh \& Co. Btarted business in the clothing linein St. John, N. B., in 1888. They did not seem to be "live" men, and had very little capital. Thoy did only a limited trade and their presontassignment has taken no one by surprise.-Eben E. Olive, a small druggist of Móncton, in in dfficulties.

Mr R. B. Angos has returned to the city after a tour of some monthe in Great Britnin and the Continent, looking as though his well earnud respite from active service, in the responsible positions which he so ably filled duing the best years of hid life, were fully onjoyod Mr. Donald Macmaster was Mr. Angus' companion during the continental trip. As the great Webster once said to the iaquiring young man about to study law, "there is plenty of room at the top."
It is no wondor, says tho Mail, that our neighbors are anxious to encourage the dovelopment of their shipping industry when we learn that is is entimated that last year the twenty two foreign steamship lines which carry passengers to and from New York received upwards of $\$ 30,000,000$ in fares alone. Not ono dollar of this enormous sum was carned by $3 n$ American vessel. The United States Government evidently beliaves that it canalter the state of affairs by granting subbidion to Amurican ateamship lines.

Proar Nova Scotia we hear of the fallure of Ellinon Collishaw, grocer, of Now Glatgow, who has been in business there since 1886 Ho was formerly of the firm of Vaus and Collisbaw, who separated In 1887. Ho sold out to one O. E. Murray in November, 1889, for $\$ 1,300$, and in the following December went to Now York. He has sinco raturned and now assigns.-James II. Graves, a miller, of Granville, has assigned.-.J. D. McOormack, a trador, of Leitche's Creok, is in flmancial dificulties,-Information is to hand that W. B. Gourley, clothitur, of 'Iruro, N.S., who rocontly left the precincts, is supposed to have gone to California. He evidently forgot his dovoirs to this ofice. Our Californin exchauges may perhaps hear of him.

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In tus molarses squabble Messrs. Ward Carter \& Co, have filed an answer to Mr. John Pinder's petition in which they allege that their demand of assignment was on account of the non-payment of $\$ 4,500$ due them by Pinder, and that the $\$ 3,000$ note for which he himeelt took the action against them, although appearing as a debt againat them on the face of $i t$, was actually given to accommodate Pinder. As to the eale en bloc of the stock, they allege that there were two conditions mentioned, 1 st that Pinder should give them a written authorization to sell the stock, and, 20d, that he should make a deposit of $\$ 500$ for the expenses of the sale; that Mr. Pinder did not comply with these conditions, and that they never backed ont. A petition has been presented to the judge to appoint a liquidator to the contract who shall take possession of the molasses, and sell out for the joint bonefit of the two contestiog parties.

A meting of the ureditors of Wm. Fraser, confectioner, and Inabella Fraser, store-keepor, (both of Arnprior) whose assignments were chronicled in our last issue, has boen held. In the case of William Fraser the estate showed liabilities of $\$ 2,246$, and assets of $\$ 868$ only and inspectors wero appointed. Igabella Fraser showed liabilities of $\$ 2,276$ and assets of $\$ 2,364$, nomiually. An offor of 35 cents in the dollar was made which was racommended for acceptance.-Alex. Taylor, tailor, of Fergus, whose failure wos also recorded last week, has succeeded in effecting a settlement with his creditore at 60 cents in the dollar, payable in three, six, nine and twelve months on liabilities of $\$ 2,800$.-A meeting of the creditors of F. S. Short, boot and shoe dealer of Sarnia was held in Toronto last week. The circumstances of the assignment are somewhat unusual. In October, 1889, Mr. Short sold the stock of his business, receiving $\$ 325$ in cash, and three notes of $\$ 1,000$ dollars anch, maturing at three, six, nine months. The first two notes have been honored, but Messrs. F. Smith \& Co., of Chatham, in whose bands the transaction was placed, claim that the third note belongs to them, and refuse payment. At the meeting Mr. C. W. MacMillan was appointed assignee, with inatructions to sue for the amount of the note, and then wind up the estate-A meeting of the creditors of Boyd \& Son, tailors, of London, who were asking an extension, was held in Toronto, and a compromise of 75 conts in the dollar payable in three, six, nine and twelve months was agreed to. The firm has a record of 25 years of straight dealing and the senior member is an alderman of the Forest City.

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ticipated at first, the prolonged drought and repeated fires in the fields having considerably reduced the yield of the cane, planters have enhanced their pretensions, and in order to secure whatever parcels thay needed to complete the cargo of vessels under charter or to fulfil pressing orders, buyers bave been compelled to enhance their offers, owing to which circumstances the market, though quiet as yet especially at this place, has acquited a firmer tone. A fact worthy of special mention is the low test of the greater part of the sugar so far received which generally. ranges below 96 grades; $96 \frac{1}{2}$ deg. and 97 deg being very scarce, are held at higher and irregular prices."

The Province of Quebec is credited with fifteen failures during the present week, besides seversl that are expected momentarily. F. X. Giroux, general storekeeper of Farnham, got an extension of eighteen months in October, 1888. He is now offering his creditors 30 cents in the dollar on liabilities of $\$ 7,000$. This will probably be accepted. - Francis Giroux, manufacturers' agent, of this city, has assigned. His liabilities will reach $\$ 48,000$; principally due to Parisian and other French houses. His stock was seized by the Customs nuthorities Jast May and since then his affairs have been very much mixed,J. W. Hannah \& Oo., have of late beon handling upholsterers' goods in this city, but not doing sufficient business to render it remunerative. They have run behind, until they are now obllged to asaign, owing $\$ 3,600$.-Robert Leggett, a small local dealer in hay and grain, Las assigned. He owes $\$ 600$, -J. H. Ryan, a local butcher, is in difficulties. He offered a composition of 25 cents in the dollar, but the offer was refused, and he then assigned with liabilities of $\$ 2,000$. His stock valued at $\$ 1,000$ is offered for sale.-G. De Sevigny, a steamfitter in a small way, has thrown up the sponge. He owes $\$ 1,450$ to

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his suppliers.-Zoel Turcotte, general storekeeper of St. Thomas de Pierreville, compromised in 1886 at 75 conts in the dollar on liabilities of $\$ 11,000$. He paid the composition; but since then has not done well and now assigus again. He seoms to have locked up too much of his capital in real estate.-Joseph Dageanie, dry goods merchant of this city, was formerly of the firm of Turgeon and Dagenais, who dissolved in 1882. In Febraary, 1888, he obtaiued an extension of 15 months, which he duly paid; but since then he has run behind, principally owing to a tandency to overstock, and ho now assigns. owing $\$ 18,000$. He is well spoken of in the trade.-Hormisdas Gariepy, grocer, of this city, was formerly of the firm of Villeneuve and Gariepy, who dissolved in 1882. His store was exactly opposite Bonsecours Market, and he appeared to do a good trade with farmers. He also bottled beer to a small oxtent. Nevortheless we now hear. of his assignment, and it is believed he owes naarly $\$ 25,000$.-G. H. Henshaw started early last year in the lumber business. Ho had a cash capital and owned some property in the city. Apparently he lan not found the business lucrative for we hear of his assignment.-Jos. Leduc \& Co, dry goods merchants, of this city, are offering their creditors a compromise of 50 cents in the dollar, payable in 4,8 and 12 months, and secured, on liabilition of $\$ 7,000$.-Isnio Rivat, dry goods merchant, of Montreal, suiceeded Rivet and St. Jean in 1884. Since then he has had severe competition to face and has never more than held his own. He now assigns owing \$18,000.--Giguere \& Co., dry goods merchants, of Qnebec, have been served with a demand of assignment. F. Giguere was apparently the only partner. He has been some years in business, but seems to have been hardly the stuff of which a successful merchant is mado.--A. Paradis \& Co., wholesale

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From Ontano we hear of the followiug assignments:-R. Simmons \& Co, hats and caps, of Burrie, had also a branch store al Lindsay. lhoy appenred to do a fair business but evidently hat not onough capital to run two stores, for we now hear of their ussigument.-Wm. patison, saw miller of Culross in in difficulties.-MeLaren Bros., general storekecpers of Erin, have aнвigned. They have been in busiaess fur three years, but as they were working langely on borrowed capital they were hardiy likely to succecd.-Dart \& McKelvey, genaral storekeop ers of Hatiburton and Wiblerforce have assigued. Dart was a farmer's son and his partner a clerk. They did only a living business from the start.-T. L. Steele, general storekeeper of Kinlough, was at one time a peddler. He bas been in the store buainess at different places for about six yenrs. Since 1888 he has been at Kinlough where he dees tot appear to have been succeseful, as we now hear of his afsignment.- Michael Carroll, a restamrant-keeper of Smith's Falls, had a judgment for Siroo registered agnibst him last December. He has now ansigned.-Weir \& Co, boots and ahoce, Toronto, have assigned. Weir failed in 1886 when a seitlement was made at 20 cents in thodolar. Since then Mrs, Weir has been the nole proprietor, with himself as mangeer, As $n$ matter of course bis acconnt has not heon sought after,-A. P. Caggrain, hardivaro merchant of Windsor, started in businese Jaumary of last year. Ho is roported to have neglected lis buriness and lost what little capital

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he had, and ho has now been closed out under chattel mortgage by a London house to whom he owes $\$ 300,-$ W. H. Thompson, general storekeeper of Cayuga, succeeded to the business about a year ago. He has been sick for the past four months and unable to attend to business and so has run behiad until an assignment is necessary. Ho may possibly pay his creditors in full-S. Thorne \& Co, dry goods merchants of Hamilton, have assigned. They have ren behind for some time past and houses interested have been compelled to give them considerable asbistance. In fact they do not appear to have made expenses of late. They will owo close on $\$ 30,000$, and it is doubtrul how the estate will turn out--Kilbourne, Bishop \& $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{o}}$. general storekeepers of Owen Sound, aro oftering their creditors 65 cents in the dollar payable in three, siz, nine and twelve months on liabilities of $\$ 28,000,-W \mathrm{~m}$. Olow, hotolkeeper of Toronto, held a meeting of creditors last January, when no decision was arrived at. He now assigus owing $\$ 10,000$. - W. H. Davis, boot and shoe dealer of Toronto, hay been in business for the past ten years. He failed in 1884 when he compromised at 30 cents in the doliar. Since then high rent and severe competition havo crippled him, and he has been always slow in his payments. We now hear of his assignment.-Among small failures aro the following: D Kennedy, storekeeper, Oaledonla; Gco. Ostrander, grocer, Picton; Mrs. Cochrane, fancy goods, Woodstock; Audrew Oameron, baker, Ailsa Craig; Ohas. Barfett, contractor, London, and James Rogere, plumber, of the same city.-E. Cooper Gravonhurst, Ont, liquor store, has made an assigument to the Sheriff of the district. He formerly kept a hotel thereand did very well. He was burnt out at the time of the fire and subsequently built a store

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nud went into the shop liquor business，but appears to have had ve：y little success，while expenses have been heavy．Creditors meet on the 14th．If his real estate can ba turaed to account it is probably the dehts will be fairly paid．－W．J．Kilmer，dry goods merchant，also of Grarenharst，assigned after a few months＇business there．He moved last summer from Bobcapgeon．Ho carried too much stock and did littlo trade．

Tine Waterloo Mutval Fire Ingoranoe Co．The twenty－seventh ammal report of the Waterloo Mutual shows that the steady tide of prosperity which that company has enjoyed for years back still flows on undiminished．In every branch it shows marked progress from last yours flgures．During the year the company havo issued 0,309 policies，making the total number now in force 13,949 covering nn aggregate amount of $\$ 12,577,030$（legs re－insurance）aud bave paid the sutn of $\$ 70,850$ out in claims．Their tota aseets are $\$ 264,549$ ，and after deducting the amonnt necessary for roinsurance and adding thercto the unadjusted lasses at the close of the year，the assets show a surplus of $\$ 204,328$ over all liabilities．During the past yenr death has removed Messrs．Wm．Hawk and Cyrus Bowers from the Board of Directors and Messrs．J．L．Wideman and John Allchin were elected to their positions．The retiring directors were all unanimouely re－ elected．

The oprning of the new premisos of the Canadian Bank of Com－ merco in Toronto was ce＇ebrated on Saturday evening last by a＂house warming＂in which the staff of the Head Office aud the city branches

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[^2]participated．The officers of tho Bank in Toronto number about 75， and these were entortained at dinner，the table being eot out in the banking room which formed an admirable banqueting hall for the occasion．The event was much enioyed by all，and was graced by the presonce in the galleries of a number of lady friends of the officors The building was well lighted and decorated and its beautiful propor－ tions showed to good advantago．

At tee first merting of the United States Guarantee Co．which was recently organized in New York under the most favorable aus－ pices，Mr．Edward Rawlings of this city was elected president．Tho new company will act in entire harmony with the Guarantee Com－ pany of North America．The success attending the organization has decided the Company to increase the capital to a quarter of a million． The vice－presidents are L．C．Mlurray，president U．S．National Bank， aud H．W．Cannon，pres．Chase National Bank．Mr．Rawlinga is receiving the congratulations of his many friends on the succestful launching of this new enterprise．

Mr．R．Moffat，the ex－accountant of the Ontario Bank has been committed for trial．Tbe case of Godwin，the asbistant accountant atands over．The Bank have igsued a writ against W．A Lee \＆Son for $\$ 77,000$ ，the amount of their over－draft

Tex oase of the Moleons Bank againet Stoddart for \＄133，133，bas been decided in favor of the bank．Mr．Stoddart is a shareholder in the St．Maurice Lnmber and Land Company and wns sued individually by the bank，which also sued the Company．


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## THE BANKING ACT．

Since our previous articles on this subject were written the mosi important event in connection therewith has been the interview between the Minister of Finance and delegates from the various banking institutions throughout Canada，all of which with the exception of the bank of Montreal，and the local banks in Manitoba and British Columbia were，we undorstand repre－ sented．Tho interview was strictly private，but it is generally understood that the circulation was the chief topic of discussion， that the Minister adhered to the programme which he presented to the banks in his memorable speech before the Toronto Board of Trade，and that satisfactory proposals looking to the removal of the two blots on the present system，namely the temporary discount on the bills of a suspended bank，and the want of cur－ rency of bank notes throughout the Dominion，were assented to by the banks．This is of course altogether in the line of our recommendations，and we may dismiss this part of the subject until the Government＇s proposal is made public，and we can judge how far the provisions suggested cover these two import－ ant points．

The interesting figures in our article of 17 th ulto．，showing the overwhelming amount of assets available for the payment of the outstanding circulation，have been criticised as showing only the average condition，and merging the weak and the strong together．We stated that taken in detail，the proportion would not be seriously altered，＂and in proof of this we submit to our readers the following figures，compiled from the bank state－

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ments for December. They represent the propartion borne by the circulation of each bank to the assets on which it is the first charge, and may be read as indicating in dollars and cents the assets held for each dollar of circulation outstanding at that date. The Bankg are taken in the order ot the Government statement:


We nead not continue the list through the other Provinces. The figures range from 5.30 upwards, and it is further to be noted that the circulation of the banks whose notes are largest in proportion to the assets, are but a very small proportion in volume of the aggregate circulation of the banks.

There is, as might be expected, a considerable variation between the highest and lowest figures, but even in the lower range there is the amplest margin of safety. Pat in another Way, the losses of any of the banks having the largest circulation in proportion to its assets would have to exceed four-ffihs of its entire assets before the note holders could suffer.

But this point, too, may rest unill we see the new bill. If the proposed provision for the notes of suspended banks means anything tangible to that end, it must at the same time remove this question of sacurity from the arena of controversy, for if the notes of any bank are sure to be taken care of when it suspends, that is all that is needed.

The advocates "of the National bank system, however, are still in the field, and their arguments in its favor seem to call for further remark. First, it seems well again to say that the sole qualities for which the Gazette recommends a " bond-based currency," namely, unquestioned security and free circulation throughout the Dominion, may be attained, and no doubt will be attained, by the amendments which the Government now has under consideration. If so, surely there can be no object in further disturbing the existing system, which admittedly possesses most excellent qualities in all other respects, and, in proper hands should be a potent heIp in building up the business of the country. The Gazetle admits that any interference with the profits on circulation would react injuriously on the whole business community, and that "by making the notes a frat lien the risk of ultimate loss was practicaliy removed." Why then interfere, if interference is uncalled for, on the

ground of insecurity, if it would be against the public interests in other respects, and if perfect convertibility and currency are added to the qualities which the bank circulation already possesses? This is the lowest ground we can take, for as we shall show, much more serious evils than a mere interference with bankers' profits would result from a change in the direction suggested.
'Ihe Gazette thinks our statement as to the amount of secured circulation which a bank might be expected to take up, to be unsound, and that our argument is based on an extreme case. The proportion named was, however, worked out in our columns some months ago, after enquiry among bankers, and is practically correct when allowance is made for the necessary reserves, etc.'; and as we shall presently point out there are factors adverse to the banks which we have not taken into account at all. Our statement was that banks would not take up the maximum amount of their circulation, because they would find that on about 20 per cent of the amount they would make an annual loss, and to quote again the N Y. Commercial Butletin, the banks may be relied on to abandon an unprofitable business with surprising alacrity.

From the returns for 1889 we gather the following:
Maximum circulation during the year ........ $\$ 35,230,000$
Minimum do do ..........30,000,000
Average cirnulation for the two highest month $. . \cdot 35,065,000$
do do do remaining ten months.... 31.633,000
From these figures we learn that a considerable proportion of the amount of circulation required when the maximum is reached is used for two months only, and for ten months lies idle in the bank vaults. The proportion, on the face of the returns is not quite so large as we named; but, large or small, the principle is the same, and as we have shown that there would be no profit, but the reverse on secured notes used only for two months in each year, we may regard our point as proved by the returns, namely that there would be no provision for the additional circulation needed every fall.

These flgures, howover deal with the circulation in the hands of the public only, and leave out of consideration the amount required as the stockin-trade of every branch office in the country, the parcels in transit between parent banks and their agencies, the accumulations at certain points which cannot at once be despatched to the oflices requiriug them, the mutil. ated and unissuable notes, and so on. We think, after careful enquiry among those who have means of lormidg a judgment on this point, that a supply of currency exceeding the maximum amount required for actual use by the community by at least $\$ 5,000,000$ would be necessary merely to keep the machinery in motion, and this oxcess, in the same sense we have now underconsideration, would be idle the whole year round, a bare in. vestment at 3 or $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent, less all the attending expenses.

We fail to see then any reason for believing that flexibility could possibly be provided for under this system, Nor is there anything to justify the Gazelle's deduction that " if one or two institutions of importance adopted that course [i.c. it took up the maximum] the other bands would of necessity be compelled to
follow them in order to retain business." How the relraining from an unprofitable investment in Government bonds is to af. fect a bank's ability to retain business we are not informed. We should have supposed the contrary effect to follow, since the bank would have its moncy in hand to lend, rather than notes which it might or might not be called to redeem at once.

But let us assume for a moment that the Gazelle's contention is well-founded, and that enough circulation would be taken up to provide the maximum circulation required during the year. What would be the result when the maximum was not needed? What was the result under similar conditions in the United States? Simply that the banks holding the excess did their best to forco it out, thus stimulating speculation and speculative enterpises to an enormous degree. We need look for no other result bere. It is to be remembered, in considering this aspeot of the case that with secured notes the regular and ceaseless current of circulation back to the issuing bank for redemption would almost wholly cense. The notes being secured and a legal tender overywhere, would be generally held by the banks where they accumulated, until they could be paid out. If indeed such redemption as we have at present were to go on at all times under a" bond-based " system, a supply of notes equal to nearly twice tho average circulation would be required by the banks, which is obviously out of the question.

If on the other hand our contention is sound, and the banks took up little more currency than they could rely on keeping afloat at all times, what would follow?

In the first place many small bernches would be closed. The mere" lill money" would represeni a dead loss of interest, where it now represents only a small portion of the bank note engraver's bill, aud the minimum circulation could be kept afloat without the aid of branches.

In the second place thero would be high rates, a stringent money market, and a dearth of currency every fall. The moving of the crops would no longer be effected by the simple machinery of hank notes which pass from haod to hand until the relurns from abrom provide means for their redemption, but by loans of actual capital trenching heavily on the fund which now keeps the market supphied with reasonable equality, throughout the year. Wo nead not enlarge on the outcome of these conditions.
On cither sido then weseo reason to expect grave disturbances und loss of profits which, as the Gazelle lostifies, falls ultimately on the borrowors from the banks. We would have a currency on the one hand entirely inadeguate to our wants, or on the othor bo redundant at most times as to lead to inflation and other ovils. We would have at best a currency whose volume aud measure would be based, not on the daily needs of business but on arulo of thumb deduced from previous experience, and incupable of being tested until too late to remedy any error; and last, but not least, a currency which, instead of being based as now on quick, living assets, daily being turned into money to neet the daily demands, would rest on a dead debt due by the Government. This last distinction is of the most vital kind, but our space will not permit of our following that branch of our subject further.

A good deal has been made in the controversy of the late Mr. Smither's opinions on this point. We yield to no one in our apprecintion of the sagncity and soundness of judgment which characterised him, but we must point out that his experience of Canulian banking was, as far as this question is concerned, necessarily of a limiterl and special kind, and when we find, as we do, an almost unanimous opinion on the other side of the question amoug the other banks of the country, we think that thoir opinion is entitled to the greatest woight, for as a whole they aro in most diroct touch with every channel of business in Cauada.

## a US'RALLAN WOOL.

'Ihe demand for Australian wool on this continent, owing to tho falling of in tho quantity of wool produced both in this country and the Uaited States, has steadily increased. Every year the number of buyers in Australia catering for the American market increases, mat their purchases of light, sound fleeces of a good length of staple, have now secured the bulk of this grade for their market. In crose-bred wools their induence is slso
marked, and in many instances, owing to their competition, these wools have realized better prices than merino wools.

The feature of last season was the great improvement in the quality of the clip from all the Australian colonies; especially in that from New Zealand where the cross-bred wools were unusually choice. They are described as free from dust and sand lustrous, deep.grom, of light condition and particularly sought after by buyers. The total exports from the colonies, iacluding New Zealand and Tasmania, were the largest known in the history of Australia and amounted to $1,364,798$ bales; an excess of 02,049 bales over the preceding year ; although the colonies of Victoria and South Australia showed an aggregate decrease of 20,384 bales during the twelve months.

The number of sheep in the whole of Australasia at the close of 1888 was estimated at $96,487,811$, against $95,368,400$ for 1887. New South Wales heads the list with 46,503,469; New Zealand comes next with $15,042,198$; Queensland with 13,444 ,. 005 ; Victoria with $10,805,682$, and South Australia wifh 7,150, 000. Of course in one or two of these colonies the number of sheep has been practically at a stand-still for some years past; simply because the land has become so valuable for agricultural purposes that it can no longer be used for purposes of sheep pasturage, and also because some breeders have found it profitable to devote their attention to the raising of stud flocks. But still there is hardly any doubt that, considering the vast area yet available for sheep raising, and the wonderful growth of the wool industry during the past few years, there is still abundant room for its expansion. A still more important feature in the question has been the success of the American apparatus for artesian well-boring throughout Australia. By its means the vast waterless deserts of the interior are being rendered more and more available for sheep raising; until in the future we may possibly see the whole of the hitherto barren and desolate regions in the centre of the island-continent dotted with thriving sheep farms.
So far as this country is concerned the imports of Australian wool are comparatively trilling. Probably not more than 4000 bales in all find their way to Canadn, and, of this total, 3000 bales are now on the way to the three mills who alone use this class of wool in the Dominion. With the others the high price of Australian wools overbalances the superior length and strength of their staple. They find Cape wools cheaper and quite as suitable for their use, and therefore when some timo ago an enterprising firm imported two cargoes of Australian wool and placed them on the market, they experienced some difficulty in disposing of them and did not care to repeat the experiment. The mills who use use Australian wools purchase merino grades almost exclusively; although they occasionally take a few cross-breds. They use them for warps; for which purpose their fine, long, and strong staple especially fits them.

## reciprocity in wreckage.

For the third time the question of Reciprocity in Wrecknge has been brought before the House of Commons of Canada. In 1888 it was introduced and met with no little opposition, resulting in its defeat. This recult was due largely to the statement by the government that the bill was prejudical to the success of efforts which were being wade to obtain reciprocity in coasting.

Last year the bill waa again introduced, and met with greater success, being defeated only in the Senate. This was probably a last effort to win consting privileges from the United States. It is again brought forward this year byits peraistant advocato in company with other bills on the same subject but of broader scope.
The question is of no little importance; and much can be advanced for and against the bill. A wreck, like a fire, demands immedinte assistance. Even when property and not lifo is at stake it is to be remembered that every loss of this kind robs the world of the produce of man's labor and leaves it so much the poorre. It has been the custom of the Canadian authorities whenever immediate assistance has been an imperative necessily to stretch the law and permit wreckage in Canadian watera by American tugs. And when life has been at stake the United States have followed our example. The humane side of the question may therefore be ignored in a discussion of the merits.
of the bill now before the House and consideration be given only to the business side of the subject.

The origin of the bill may be found in an American statute passed in 1878 makes a standing offer to Canada. By it Canadian ressels of all description.
"May render aid or assistance to Canadian or other vessels wrecked or disabled in the water's of the United States contiguous to the Dominion of Canada, provided that this act shall not take effect until the proclamation of the President declaring that the privileges of aiding American or other vessels weecked in Canadian paters contiguous to the United States, has been extended Dy the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and declaring this act to be in force."

The Canadian bill has been framed upon this and has evoled two criticisms, namely, that it does not ensure reciprocal rights of wreskage in internal waters merely but yields them also upon ocean coasts where they are not needed, and secondly, that it does not give nor gain reciprocity of towage to any port after salvage, without which the rights of wreckage will be of little advantage.

It must not be supposed that Canada is to blame for the existing state of affairs. It was the United States which did what it has since 1878 been eager to undo. In 1870, eight years belore the Americans made a move, Canada placed upon her statute books a standing offer of reciprocity in the coasting trade, an offer not merely to the States but to all countries. The bills introduced in the Dominion Parliament this year are three, each being broader in scope than the other. There is the bill of 1888 amended meeting the offer of the United States; there is the bill, defeated last year, for reciprocity in wrecking and towing of rafts and vessels; and there is the bill, defeated last year when offered as an amendment to the firsi, to admit american vessels to wrecking, towing and coasting privileges in Canadian waters if Canadian vessels be granted like privileges in the waters of the United States. The last two bills are morely a renewal, more or less limited, of Canada's standing offer of 1870, and have ecarcely any greater probability of acceptance by the United Statez.

There is no doubt that reciprocity in wrecking is to the advantage of lake shipping. The wreck of the Algoma is a good example of the bardships sometimes caused by the existing laws. She was wrecked in American waters, and although the Canadian Pacific Railway company had wreckage plant only fify miles avay they had to send for A merican plant, a distance of six hundred miles. Another instance was the wreck of the Spartan which was relieved by an American tug. The Americans could not tow the vebsel to any Canadian port, so they took her to Detroit and all the cost of repairing, $\$ 26,000$, went to American firms. All that Canada obtained was the duty on the new material when the Spartan returned to this country. If the bill under deliberation goes into force it will enable ship owners to send assistance to their vessels from the nearest wreckage station whether in Canada or the United States, and as Canadiads have some of the most complete plant on the lakes their chances will be good, while the fact that the greater number of wrechages take place in Canadian waters will add to their advantage.
At the same time the contra arguments are strong. The greater number of wrecks being in Canada, it may be said that we shall bo relinquishing greater advantages than wo shall receive, for the underwriters are chiefly Americans and will send plant from their own cities, while since the major part of the lake shipping is also American the owners will be likely to favor their countrymen. Again the American tugs will be able to compete more favorably thau Cauadian, for they will have no duty to pay unon their coal, and will be able to tow their salvage to an American port, which Canadians may not do, so far as the Anserican bill is concerned, unless, indeed, the term wreckage includes the delivery of the wrecked vessel and her cargo at whatever port her owners may desire.

To grant universal rights of towage not merely as an adjunct to wreckage but as a matier of trade might practically band over the Welland canal to American tugs, and whether the ad. vantage to Canada in other places would counterbalance this dieadvantage is a question of some moment.

On the whole if disatisfaction exists with regard to the pres. ent state of affairs, the bill of 1888 and 1889 seems the best one,
though the fact that it is an acceptance of an Amerioan offer gives us little doubt that it will leave the advantage to a greater or less extent withour neighbors who individuslly or collectively seldom drive a disadivantageous bargain.

## bank circulation.

In view of the suggestion that the circulation of each of the chartered banks to limited to seventy-five per cent of its paidup capital, the following table, taken from the Statement for December, 1859, will not be lacking in interest :-

| BANKS. | Crnital Authorizod. | Canital <br> Paid up. | Notes in Circuiation. 31st Dec. '89. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Toronto.............. | \$2,000,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$1,320,963 | 66 |
| Oommerce..... ...... | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 | 2,736,533 | 43.2 |
| Dominion | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,333,009 | $921-5$ |
| Ontario | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,002,578 | 66 4-5 |
| Standard | 2,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 790,356 | 79 |
| Federal | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 25,774 |  |
| Imperial | 2,000,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,409,681 | 94 |
| 'Trader8 . . . . . . . . . . . | 1,000,000 | 525,600 | 517,050 | 99 |
| Hamilton | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 988,888 | 983 |
| Ottawa. | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 792,744 | 79 1-5 |
| Westera. | 1,000,000 | 345,867 | 331,545 | 96 |
| London, Cau | 1,000,000 | 86,239 | 1,285 |  |
| Total, Ontario. | 21,250,000 | 17,709,707 | 11,247,946 | 632 |
| Montrial . . . . . . . . . | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | 5,446,225 | 452.5 |
| Britioh North Am rica | 4,866,666 | 4,866,666 | 1,224,833 | 25 |
| Peoples . . . . . . . . . . . | 1,200,000 | 1,200,000 | 832,164 | 6913 |
| Jacques Cartier. . ...... | 600,000 | 500,000 | 430,370 | 86 |
| Villo Marie........... | 500,000 | 478,970 | 389,460 | 817 |
| Hochelsga . . . . . . . . . | 1,000,000 | T10,100 | 660,821 | 80 |
| Mlolsons. . . . . . . . . . . . | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 1,816,711 | 804 |
| Merchants. | 6,000,000 | 5,790,200 | 2,961,780 | 51 |
| Nationalo | 1,200,000 | 1,200,000 | 585,893 | 483. |
| Quebec..... . . . . ...... | 3,000,000 | 2,500,000 | 645,210 | 26 |
| Union .... | 1,200,000 | 1,200,000 | 923,489 | 77 |
| St. Jean. | 1,000,000 | 227,360 | 82,336 | 28 |
| St. Hyacinthe. | 1,000,000 | 284,162 | 160,243 | 60 |
| Eastern Towaships... | 1,500,000 | 1,486,436 | 769,681 | 62 |
| Tótal, Quebe | 36,966,666 | 34,453,329 | 16,833,216 | 49 |
| Nova Scotia | 1,250,000 | 1,114,300 | 1,325,270 | I19 |
| Morchants of Halifax.. | 1,500,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,032,306 | 103 |
| Peoples.... . . . . . . . | 800,000 | 600,000 | 305,419 | 31 |
| Union | 500,000 | 500,000 | 338,677 | $467 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Halifax | 1,000,000 | 600,000 | 468,784 | 932 |
| Yarmoulh . . . . . . . . . | 300,000 | 300,000 | 79,468 | 281.3 |
| Exchange . . . . . . . . . | 280,000 | 247,191 | 48,657 | 20 |
| Commercial, Windsor. | 500,000 | 260,000 | 98,837 | 304 |
| Total, Nova Scotia. | 6,130,000 | 4,621,491 | 3,697,170 |  |
| New Brunswick...... | 600,000 | 500,000 | 469,210 | 94 |
| Peoples |  |  |  |  |
| St Stephen's. . . . . . . . | 200,000 | 200,000 | 136,810 | 68 |
| Totni, N.B. ....... | 700,000 | 700,000 | 606,029 |  |
| Commercial, Man. . . . | 1,000,000 | 372,050 | 306,470 | $82 \%$ |
| Britigh Columbia..... | 9,733,333 | 2,433,333 | 881,868 | 36 |
| Grand total. ...... | \$75,770,999 | \$60,289,910 | \$35,577,700 | 55\% |

The average circulation of all the banks is about $55{ }^{2}$ of the paid up capital. The proposed reduction, it is evident would prove more severe upon the smaller banks and would doubtless cause the withdrawal of branches or agencies yielding least profit otherwise than by keeping out the notes of the banks. It would lead aleo to new efforts on the part of banks, who have not reached the limit of their authorized capital and to whom their circulation seems to be of much value, to obtain further subscription.

## THE TARIFF ON bOOTS.

It was not to be expected that our article advocating an advance in the tariff upon fine boots and shoes, entering this country from the United States, would be allowed to pass with: out comment by that section of the Canadian press upon whom the mere name of the National policy seems to have the same effect is that ascribed to a red rag upon a bull. An esteemed contemporary(who habitually speaks of our present protective tariff as a gigantic fraud) has taken up the cudgele on behalf of
its opponents ; but we could wish that his arguments had been a little more cogent, ac, although a man of straw is most easily knocked down, there is not that satisfaction in refuting mere routine argument that there is when solid commercial reasons for dissentare adducod.

Our contemporary, The Damilton Times, asserts that up to June of 1889 the increase in the imports of boots and shoes were only valued at $\$ 8,000$. Quite so. But he mnst remember that it is since that period that Boston and Iymm firms established agencies in this city and attempted to flood our markets with fine Amerisan bootsand shoes. So long as American competition remained at its former figures it could safely be disregarded; but when it began to cut into Canadian trade it was time for our manufacturers to take action. If the importations continue as large as they have been for the past six months, the blue book of 1890 will tell a very aifferent tale from that upon which our contomporary, the Hamilton Times, bases his argument. He next goes on to ask :
"Instead of getting rid of the $\$ 02,888$ of revenue obtained from the present duty by increasing the doties and thus stopping the importations, why does the Journal not recommend the repend or reduction of duties on leather, thread, prunella, machinery, or something else that is raw material to the shoemakers, to the samo extent?"

Simply because we do not wish to ivjure one branch of Canadian trade in order to helpanother. Were we to reduce theduty on leather, thread, machinery, etc., wo should simply render Canndian manufacturers and dealers in these articles insolvent. Already they have enough to do to provent our cities being made into a slaughter market for the surplas stock of the United States, and wis the duties on these articles to bo removed the task would be simply impossible. Lot the country that derives the benelit of the expenditure pay the necessary tariff.

He next goes on to accuse us of arguiag that the price paid for imported hoots and shoes is so much dead loss to Canada:
"At present the country is simply losing the benefit of every "doline prid ont in labor on the American boots we buy," says the Journal. Josing your grandmother! Canada produces no gold or ailver. Our people get thoso metals by selling something foroad, and the production of something to sell omploys Can. nadian labor,just as truly as tbe manufacture of boots in Canada employs Canadian labor. Importing goods does not deprive Chnadian luhoress of employment, becanse the imported goods have to be paid for with the producls of Canadian labor."
'This statement fixes the limit of his linnocial knowledge with a vengeance. He evidently thiuks that the end of all commerce is the mere securing of as much as possible of either one or other of che precious metals. He has not yol learnt that, for parposes of trade, these motuls (which in, common with Eugland, France, Germany and othor wealthy countries we do not produce) form simply a convenient circulating medium by which the actual transter of goods from the seller to the buyer is rendered unnecessary. They may be termed the counters of the great game of trade. It is not their intrinsic value but the amount of the articles they will purchase that renders them valuable to us; as our contemparary would speedily find out wore he ever shipwrecked on a desent island with only a bag of gold dollars for sustenance. As to his statement that importing does not deprive Canadian bootmakers ol employment because they can furn to and utilise themselves by producing somothing else, it is simply absurd. It he thinks that when the influx of American fino shoos has thrown a certain number of Canadian shoomakers out of employmont they will go to farming, or producing some thingelse to sell, he is much mistaken. 'lhey will simply go to Lynn to look for employment at their own trade and, by adding to the number of workmen there, will lower wages and thus enable Auerican manufacturers to put prices still cheaper and thus drive more of our Canadian workmen into their arms to securo that employment of which their present tactics are depriving them in their own country. They will at the same time become cash buyers at the grocery, the dry goods and the olothing stores of the town in which they work, and our Cana. dian retailers will lose just so many customers.

It is whole criticism is a refreshing instance of the way in which the editors of remote country dailies (who from their location necessarily cannot be as well posted in commercial maiters as the trade journals of the great centres of commerce) persist in solemnly instructing the latter in the policy they ought to follow. It is the penalty of greatness. When our con-
temporary warns Bismarck of the trouble he will get into if he does not follow their advice, or congratulates the Czar upon having done so, we feel that we only suffer in common with other great ones of the earth. Was it not Hosea Biglow who pointed out that "Heaven sends country lawyers and other smart fellows, to start the world's team when it sticks in a a slough ?"

## THE SEALING QUESTION.

It is now known in official circles that the Behring Sea trouble is on the point of settlement, and that thus the question of the right of Canadian sealers to take seals outside of the three mile limit will be finally eettled. But while congratulating the British Columbia sealers on the acknowledgement of their rights by the United States and upon the approaching cessation of the piratical seizures made by American revenue cruisers, we cannot forget that there is one phase of the sealing question that is a good deal more important than that of anybody's rights in the Behring Sea, and that is whether we shall allow the extermina. tion of the fur seal. As early as January last the Canadian sealers set out on their hunt; although instead of heading for the Behring Sea they put straight out into the ocean. Here the seals are met with, all bound north into the Behring Sea, which is their natural breeding ground, and the sealers proceed to follow them northward, killing all they can reach. This flying hunt is continued until they arrive in the Behring Sea and if by this time the schooner is not loaded, they continue to lay off and on killing both males and females until they have secured a full cargo.

The destructive character of such a warfare on the fur seal can be easily imagined. If the Canadian sealers killed the ani-mals-on their return from breeding the damage would be overcome by the fecundity of the female; but they do not. They kill them before they have a chance to breed, and they kill every one they can find; so that they naturally kiil a prepon. derance of the weaker and less wary females. Instead of, as in the case of the Alaska Company, being limited to killing a certain number of males after they have bred, they raske an indiscriminate alaughter before breeding, and therefore year by year the number of young seals born diminishes. If such a practice be allowed to continue, the total destruction of the fur seal is only a question of time. It took just sixty years for the independent sealers to destroy the fur seal in all its southern haunts by this reckless slaughter for immediate profit, and the same fate would have befallen it in northern waters, but for the strict supervision of the Russian Government over their slaughter: and the maintenance of their breeding haunts in security.

If the present policy be allowed to continue, and irresponsible schooner owners are permitted to kill fur seal wherever they may find them, in any quantity, and at any season, it is not straining the point to say that within twenty years the British Columbia sealing fleet will have effectually exterminated the fur seal, and that thus a valuable source of wealth will be totally destroyed. Under these circumstances is it not the duty of the Canadian Government, now that a certain proportion of the responsibility in protecting the fur seal falls upon their shoulders, to take some steps to regulate the number of sealers, and to confine their operations solely to the young males or bachelors? A game lav might be passed forbidding the alaughter of females or pups; and the sale of their skins might be rendered illegal. The number of vessels employed in the seal.killing business could be restricted by the imposition of a license, fixing the number of orew to be carried, and of skins to be taken, and by the confiscation of all unlicensed skins offered for sale. We do not say that theso methods would be entirely successful; but they would be of great service in preventing the slaughter of the female seal and thus securing the means of reproducing it. At present the scalers are practically unrestrained, and it rests with the Canadian Government to take such steps as shall put some limit upon their greed for profit, if the fur seal is not to join the buffalo as a practically extinct animal. Considering the fact that the British Government is reported to have gone almost to the verge of war in order to secure to our sealers the freedom of Behring's Sea, it is only just that we, on our part should see that our citizens do not abuse the right, and that they be not permitted to destroy by their recklessness one of the principal sources of wealth in that dreary region. The

United States government have already taken the alarm and bave recently reduced the limit of takings on the Alaska coast from one hundred thousand to sixty thousand skins per annum.

## TEE ESTIMATES.

The anticipated cost of the various public services for the fiscal year commencing next July, do not contain much comfort for the Dominion taxpayer. The estimates themselves call for $\$ 36,035,000$, a sufficiently large sumin itself, and to this we must add $\$ 10,692,048$ for expenditure on capital account, making a grand total of $\$ 46,727,49 \%$. When we remember that the supplementary estimates have yet to come in, it is difficult to see where the praiges of the Government's economy so loudly sounded in the local press really come in. To the politically uneducated mind, the estimates thus far show an increase of $\$ 892,92 \overline{3}$ for the year; a state of affairs which leaves little room for congratulation. No doubt much of this increase in the public burden will really prove to be the truest economy in the long run; for to allow for example, costly and necessary works to oecome permanently injured through lack of repairs, in order to reduce the estimates, would be rather a purblind policy. Butat the same time the public had been led to believe that the estimates for' 90.91 would fall under those for the current year, and they must naturally feel somewhat disappointed at the Government's failure in this respect.

The fant is, commercial men are beginning to notice the manoer in which the increase in national expenditure exceeds both the rate of increase of our population and the growth of Canadian trade. At the time of the change in 1879 the expenditure had reached $24 \frac{1}{2}$ millions. It is now 36 millions; and yet the erme minister who then denounced the smaller sum as the grossest of extravagance is now prepared to herald an expendi. lure of $\$ 36,000,000$ as a step in the direction of economy. Truly the whirligig of time brings round some strange revenges !

Looking over the tables sabjoined, there will be found a reduction of the interest on the public debt. This is due simply to the reduction of the interest on deposits by the pubtic in the Government and Post Office Savings Banks, so frequently advocated in these columns. In Ootober last the rate was cut down from 4 to $3 f$ per cent which will lead, it is expected, to a reduc(ion of $\$ 200,000$ in this item during the coming year. This of"course is more or less supposition, and at best, it simply amounts to taking a certain sum out of the pookets of the depositors and distributing it among the whole people. The reduction of $\$ 268,410$ in the cost of legislation is simply due to the disappearance of an item of $\$ 260,000$ inserted last year to meet the cost of the Electoral Franchise Act; a reduction which is largely offset by the increase of the item of Agriculture and Statigtics by the sum of $\$ 180,000$ to meet the expenses of the census to be taken in April 1891.

The most satisiactory features in the ostimates are, the decrease in the amount to be paid to railways, and the increase in the amounts payable for canals. No less than $\$ 1,202,194$ of a decrease in this important item is visible, made up as follows:-

| Canadian Pacific By | $20,154$ | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Intercolonial Ry... | 300,000 | 187,100 |
| Cape Braton Ry.............. | 1,100,000 | 50,000 |
| Oxford and New Glasgow Ry . | 300,000 | 30,000 |
| Easturn Exteasion Ry........ | ........ | 3,500 |
| Canals...... ................ | 4,604,740 | 4,852,000 |
|  | 6,324,894 | 5,122,700 |

Next to this, a very gratifying feature is the large increase in the amount laid aside for the redemption of the public debt.

Still, the question that every commercial man must put to himself is whether our expenditure is not growing far too fast for our income. Given a patient people and good credit, and any Government can get along comfortably for a while. But there is a limit to both taxation and to borrowing, and the in terest we are now paying on our public debt is quite sufficient to render any Government chary of future loans. If we had any guarantee that in future the expenditure would not increase in any greater ratio than the population and volume of trade, the present estimates would contain litule to cavil at ; but the assurauces of men in office are too often but little to be relied upon, and therefore, at the risk of being considered croakers, it is well to sound a note of warning. The fgures in detail read 2s follows:-

1889-90.
1890-91.

| Public debt (including sinking fund) | 11,923,442 | 1,i27,024 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Charges of management. . . . . . . . . | 184,283 | 147:902 |
| Oivil Government | 1,331,191 | -1,369.357 |
| Arministration of j | 698,130 | -726,980 |
| Pulice. | 19,000 | -21,000 |
| Peuiten | 390,019 | -399,399 |
| Legislat | 960,045 | †691,635 |
| Arts, ngriculture | 132,450 | *320,950 |
| Immigration. | 05,135 | -101,625 |
| Quarculing | 68,464 | $\dagger 87,800$ |
| Pensions. | 110,850 | $\dagger 105,883$ |
| Superannuation | 220,600 | -240,240 |
| Militin.... | 1,296,800 | $\dagger 1,295,100$ |
| Hailways ind camals (income) | 314,093 | †302,590 |
| Public works (income) | 2,047,886 | $\dagger 1,704,485$ |
| Mail subsidies and steamship sub. ventions $\qquad$ | 301,673 | $\dagger^{235,140}$ |
| Ocean nad river service | 195,500 | +156,560 |
| Lighthouse and coast servic | 528860 | +526,833 |
| Scientific institutions. | 62,350 | 62,360 |
| Marine hospitals, and sick and distressed seamen $\qquad$ | 51,000 | $\dagger 49,000$ |
| Stermboat inspecti | 23,000 | 23,000 |
| Fisheries | 381,5.0 | -386,600 |
| Superintendonce of incuranco | 9,000 | -9,500 |
| Subsidies to proviaces. | 4,100,000 | 4,100,000 |
| Geological Survey | 60,100 | f60,000 |
| Indians. | 1,121,581 | -1,104, 931 |
| Northwest mounted | 723,426 | †709,250 |
| Miscellancous | 167,700 | 1143,750 |
| Goverament of the Northwest territories............... ...... ....... Collection of revenue- | 176,410 | -203,160 |
| Customs | 871,700 | -889,420 |
| Excleo. | 374,231 | -385,2i6 |
| Culling timber | 20,000 | -29,150 |
| Weights, measures and | 90,650 | -93,500 |
| Iuspection of staples | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Adulteration of food | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Minor revenue | 4,000 | -4,105 |
| Railways and cander | 4,027,841 | -4,177,102 |
| Public works | 188,075 | -190,675 |
| Post office | 3,050,070 | -3,082,140 |
| Dominion la | 185,448 | $\dagger 172,143$ |
| Total coneolidation fund | 36,535,008 | $\cdot 36,035,445$ |
| Redemptiou of debt, | 2,417.267 | *5,077,348 |
| Railwaye and canals (capital). | 6,324,894 | 15,122,700 |
| Public works do | 615,000 | -973,000 |
| Dominion lands | 100,000 | $\dagger 95,000$ |
| Total capital. | 9,357,161 | -10,692,048 |
| Grand tota | 5,899,5 |  |

- Iucrease. † Decrease.


## THE CITIZENS INSURANOE COMPANY.

Among several letters received at this office on the above subject during the last two or three monthe, there is one of an early date this year which was speeinilly withheld from publication, because of consideration for a contemporary referred to therein, During the last fow days, however, our attention has been again drawa to the subject in a way that quite alters the case and reliuves us from any feelinga in the premiges different to those with which Bums regarded the daisy. We therafore reproduce some portions of the letter:-
" To the Editor of the Jovanal of Comarroe:-
Sin,-Tho Insurance and Finance Chronicle bus made tho recent rotirement of Mr. Hart, the late general manger of the Citizens Insurance Oo., a peg on whioh to hang an attack upon its management, and to offer zome gratuitous advice for its guidance.

It is probable the Company will not take the trouble to answer the Ohronicle's attack

It is quite possible, of course, that the Chronicle's motive is a pure one, and that it is sincere in its profession of friendship to the Uom pany, but it is also possible that it is due to the following facts :-

Some two years ago, or possibly longer, the proprietor of that journal (The chronicle) got up a large and expensiva advertising cat of the Citizens Co, and offered it to Sir. Hart to be pubiebed in the Ohronicle for a liberal consideration; which, however, he, while admiring the cut, etc., from mutives of economy, declined; and it has been remarked from that day to this the Chronicle has bad nothiug good to say of the Citizens 1

It may be that the circumstance abovo related has no counection with the Chronicle's recest attentions to the Company, but business men, and especially insurance men, will form their own concluslong oall dpon beareiolderb.
It is true, as a matter of fact, that in 1888 a call was made upon shareholders at the instance of the Insurance Department at Oitawa and that its enforcemont coused disbatisfaction.

Why the shareholders should have been diasatisfied, howevor seeing that up to that date, twenty-four years, they had ouly paid 122 per cent., say one-half per cent. per annum (while during that poriod they had received dividends at from six to ten per cent) is not"easy to understand.

The Chronicle goes on to remarks that n 'portion of them' (the stockholderf) 'formed a committeo,' \&c., de, and two experts practically acquainted withi fire insurance only were employed to make an examination into the working of the threc branches, namely, ire, life and accident;

That they, the arid experts, should have accopted a commission to pronounco upon mat'ers of which they had had no previous acquaintance maye more for their courago than for their witdom.

The Chonicle observes that the renult of the examination was to effect a change in the directorate at the next annual meetiuf. Two of the threo retiriug directors were unt elected, bat a vacaney baviug occurred, one of them hus since returned to the Buard
in conciusion.

Tos Chroncle sums up with the sage advice that the company drop the life and accidunt branches, reduce the capital,-Pirst, write of $\$ 100,000$ 'to reduce the company's impuirment' (which by the way would not bavolay buch (ffect) phace a becond $\$ 100,000$ to surplus fund and 'take a fresh start will a cablh eapital of $\$ 400,000$ !

Thid innurance Daniel fails to tell us how all this is to be done withoul making seriuus calls upon the subseribed stock.

If, however, the prescription involves that contingency, it will not need a magicina to tell us that the company may in time (by repentod calls) have overtlowing coffers! But would this be satisfactory to the shareholders?
'the Chromicle proposes to do away with the supposed impairment of the Citizens' capital by calling up $\$ 100,000$ !

Had be been an expert in insurance, however, he would know that such call on copital would nut have the denired effect, unless tha funds should be placed to surplus or contingent account, aud not of capital.
'I'he subject is by mo menus exhausted, but tho above may servo to indicate sunticiently the motive and quality of the Chronicle's criticinms, which I nincerely hope will prove innocuous, so far as the Compay is concerned.

Montreal, 3rd January, 1890
We need searcoly remind the readerio of the Jounsal or Commeroe how far somo of the recommendations of the publication above reforsed to, seem to repeat our idens in articies on the subject which appeared in these columns at intervals duriug last winter end spring; views in which we have the plensure of knowing wo concur with the most experianced of our insurance managors.

## ANOTHER MAN DOWN.

Those are slippory times, and people should not bo in a hurry to laugh at those who lose their footiag when it is impossible to eay who may bo the next to lose his uprightnese. There are so many "wiso naws" to cantion us as to our conduct that one should burnisi up his early collection in order to be ready for all occasions. For example, "Never hit a man when ho is dowh." This applies to all those who in positions of trust have exchanged their birthrights,-boodlers and thioves generally who are "down on their ladk" ar in the penetentiary, or ought to be. But wo all koow that a foltow feeling males us wondrous ltiad, "A Ad then thero is that very old eaw-is Say nothing but good of tho dend" (De mortuis nil nixi bonum) which if trotted out on every possible occasion nud which historians like Macaulay so generally ignoro. A recent writer admits the justice of the plea, but aske, what ahall wo say of Judar Isentiot, or of Nero?
Tho present week we have to record another man down, a duty which as pubile journallsts wo regrot to perform. A gentleman who, in his position as advocate for tho futuro welfaro of widows and orphans, has for some years past, onjoyed the confidenco mid esteem of tho company from which ho drew his salary, found himself within the last yoar or two tompted boyond his strength. His emolumont was contingsint on a certain amount of anmal businase, but latterly this was becoming rathor uncertain, and as be could not resist the temptation, he cooked the returas of his busiaess in order to reach the goal. Suspicion was aroused quito recently, chicfly oming to the short-lived character of the contracts. An investigation revealed the unwelcome fact that the geutleman in question had been sending in bogus documents in ordor to bring the business up to the mark required and to secure tho suhary stipulated The gontleman in question oscuptes an honored position in his own circlo. But then he is "down" and no one should hurt him. Ho colls rather for our sympathy. Ot course with peoplo who do not beliove that tho whole of the Sermon on the Mount can beapplied to the evoryday andiars of lifo-of business,-with merchants and buakers and moreover with those whose positions, aro such that they cannot be generous with other peoplo's monoy-with these people, we eay, the man who faits in his ondenvors at obtaining money under fateo prutences, white a subject for commiseration, must be looked at from the point of viow of of those men, women or children, whose brend and butter he has been onught in the act of misappropriating, and if for no other end should be ninde tan example of as a warning to others. This madilin, oldwomanish sympathy with eriminals is refponsible in no slight clegree for the dufalcations which so largely charactorize the last ten or fifteen years and in tho absence of a more comprohensive extradition
treaty, offers as it were a premium on dishonesty. It is high time that many of these misapplied old saws bo returned to the lumber rooms where they belong, iastead of being employed as weapons by those who lack brains onough to think for themselves.

Molassea Dipficolity.-Ward, Ourter \& Co. and Jag. Pinder, this city who for some time have hat a kind of joint account with regard to molazses, decided to dignontinue the quasi partnership, aud in order to do so advertized for salo what romained of molasses to their joint uccount. The reason for the discontinuance of the jofat account seems to have been a financial misunderstauding with regnrd to the payment of a note of Mr. Pinder's, which ho had drawn to pay the freight upon a consigument of molnsses received by him, At first it was thought legal proceedings might be needed to clear up the misunderstanding, but an amicable arrangement was arrived at, although the auction proceeding continued yesterday. The sale was not a satisfactory one. Some 92 puncheons were sold at 42 c duty paid, and the remainder was reserved, as bids at acceptable prices were not mado. The total offerings were 1200 puncheons.

Ir is with no little reluctance that we comply with the requeste of two gentlemen of well-known probity in the community, in giving pablicity to the communications in another column concerning two insurance periodicals. The letters speak for themselves.

Is the Excelsior Lifa Ins. Co. of Toronto one and the same with the religious venture which came to such an untimely end in that city a few inonths ago? The capital and dire tors appear to be the same. Let us hope that the new infant will not have to write of itself as once dld a time honored progenitor :
"As I am so quickly dono for,
I \%ondor what I was begun for."
Montmeal Cleameng Hovbs,-Clearings and balancea week euding 6th February 1890 :-

|  | Clearings. | Balancee. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 31th January, 1890 | \$1,365,808 | 5214,117 |
| 1st January, 1890 | 1,090,356 | 241,243 |
| 3rd January, 1890 | 1,067,683 | 113,517 |
| 4th Jamunry, 1890.. | 1,318,119 | 179,498 |
| gth January, 1890 | 1,371,964 | 189,133 |
| 6th Janary, 1890. | 1,504,604 | 212,918 |
| Total. | \$7,718,534 | \$1,150,426 |
| Last week. | \$6,488,039 | \$890,822 |
| Cor. week last year. | \$8,898,815 | \$1,391,425 |

THE DEATH OF SRNATOR MACDONALD.
By the death of the Hon. John Macdonald of Toronto, Canada loseb one of its most successful merchants. The firm of John MacDonald \& Co, of which ho was founder and senior, is deservedly respected throughout the country, and the late senator commanded public es teem as much in his capacity as a legislator, as in that of a highly prosperous add upright mad of business. As a philauthropist he was ever active in good works. One of bis latest acts was the gift of $\$ 10$,000 towards increasing the hospital accomodation of Toronto, and for years past religious, educational and charitable institutions have been the recipients of hid bounty, He was in every sense of the word an uprightiman, and his death will be sincerely ragretted by a large circle of friends, both of his own city and throughout the Dominion. Born in Perth, Scotland, in 1824, Senator Macdonald came to this country when a mere youth, and received his education at Dalhousie College aud later in Toronto. Ho then entered the employ of C. \& J Macdonald of Gavanoque, where bo, ferved two years. Tbence he entered the employ of the late Walter Macfarlane where he remained for six years until failing health compelled him to seck a change of climate. He returned in 1849 and started the then bold experiment of establishing the first exelusively dry goods houee in Tononto, from which he has built up his present magnificant business. At the time of his death he was a member of Uouncil of the Evangelical Alliance of Ontario, of the Seuate of the University of 'Toronto, as well as one of its trustees; a member of the Executive committee of the General conference of the Methodist church of Cauada, a member of the Board of Regents of the Victorin university, vice-president of the Upper Canada Bible society, treasurer of the Missionary saciety of tho Methodist church of Canada, vice-president of the Y. M. O. A. of Toronto, a trusteo of the Upper Canada College, was for several years chairman of the Toronto General Hispital, and was president of the first and eccond conventions of the Y. M. C. A. for Ontario and Quebec. In legislative circles he was an equally prominent figure. He first entered public life in 1863 as member for West Toronto for which ho sat until Confederation. He retired jnto private life until 1875 wheu he was returned for Toronto Centre nod sat until 1878. In November 1887 Lie was called to the Senate although his sympathies lay always with the Liberal party. He was a good man in every fence of the word and his death leares a gap that will not be readily filled.

## FIRE LOSSES. <br> nova scotia.

Wine Harbor, Jan. 3 - 'The "Centre House" ud adjoining shop burned. Mr. Lucas' loss, $\$ 4,000$. G. B. Irvin's two shops and vacant house also consumed ; loss, $\$ 1,000$. . Kemptrille, Jad. 21-The Kemptville Mining Co.'s works burned to the ground... Clementeville, Jan. $\mathbf{2 8}$-S. A. Wesley's store and stock destroyed Loss, $\$ 2,500$; ins, small. Yarmouth, Jau. 29.--Geo. R. Smith and Capt. Chas. Hibbert's destroyed; building ins., $\$ 2,800$. The furaiture was saved in a damaged condition; us., $\$ 1,900$. . Acadia Mines, Jan. 29.-S, G. A. Mortison's firmhonse and nearly all the ontents destrojed

## Mectings, Pepponts, 8 sc .

## WATERLOO MUTUAL FIRE INSURANOE COMPANY.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was held in the board-room of the company's building, Waterloo, Ont, on Weduesday, January 15th, ut 12 o'clock, noon
The attendance was large and thoroughly representative. Amoug those present were Mayor Gordy, Guelph ; H. D. Tyo, Haysville; M. Suyder, Couestoga; Allan Bowman and P. E, Shantz, Preston ; James Livingstone, M.P. Budea ; Thomas Cowan, Galt; I.D. Bowman, Chas. Ahreus, and W. H. Bowlby, Q C., Berlia; John allchin, New Hamburg ; E. W. B. Snyder, St. Jacobe; Mutchenbacker, Muskoha; Charles Hendry, C. M. Taylor, F. Haight, Johu Shuh, I. E. Bowman, W. H. Riddell, C. Killer, S. Suyder, Geo. Wegenast, M. Devitt, J. H Webb, M.D., D Buokberrougi, J. B. Sayder Thomas hilliard, W. Wolls, A. Kraft, W. Mc Laughlin, Waterloo.
The chair was occupied by Mr. Oharles Hentry, president of the company. After the minutes of the previous meating were read nud approved, the president rend the directors' report for the year just closed, which we suljoin :-
report.
The directors of the Waterloo Mutual Fire lusurance Company beg to lay before you their report for tho year endiug December 31, 1889, beiug their tweut $y$-seventh sunual report.
There will be submitted for gour consideration the teveral detailed statements of your secretaly and auditors. Fiom these statements we have propated the following sywopsis of the trangactions of the y car just closed. We have during the year issued 6,309 policies. The total number of policies in furce is 13,949 . The aggregate amount insured under these policies (less re-insurauce, $\$ 441,448$ ) is $\$ 12$, 677,030 , an average to each policy of $\$ 900$. Whe number of claims paid is 162 . The amonat pid thereunder (loes $\$ 1,83927$ reinsurance) is $\$ 70,850.68$. The total ussets of the company are $\$ 264,540.19$. The liabilities are:-Amount required to re-insure all outstauding risks, $\$ 57,915$, computed at 40 per cent. of the gross premfums and assessments on all policies. in force, to which must be added uandjusted losses at the close of the year, computed $\$ 2,306$, leaving a balance of aseets over liabilities of $\$ 204,3: 8,19$.
The amount paid in losses on fites that uccurred withit the year, including theamount reported as payablo on adjusted losses, is 67 per cent, of the amount carned in premiums and assefsments.
In conclusion your attention is called $t$. the two wain objects of your meetiog here tonday, viz, disposiug of the statemonts to be read to fou aud the election of the directors. The retiring directors ate Messrs, Randall, Shub I. D. Bowman, William Sayder, and Tye, all of wom are eligible for re-election.
We very much regret the necessity devolvlug upou us of reporting that during the past year two of our members have been called uway by death, viz, Mr. Wa. Hawk ahd Mr. Cyrus Bowers
The board filled the vocancy caused by the death of Mr. Wim. Hawk by appointing Mr, J. Allchin for the balance of the year. The death of Mr. C. Bowers occurred so late in tho betsun that the bourd left over the filling of
that vacancy to this meating. The terms for which Mr. Hawk and Mr. Bowerg; were elected expireat the close of the year 1891, and it will therefore be necesbary for sou to elect two gentlemen to fill these vacancics.

Cuarlas Hesdry, President.
The following anditors' report and the detailed statements of receipts and expenditare and of assets and liabilities were read and submitted to the mecting:
Bulance on haud as per statement
31st December, 1888.......... \$ 76,585 9

## Receipts.


$\$ 119,86489$
$\$ 196,16081$

## Expenditures.

Losses (less re-ingur-
ance)............... $\$$ T0,850 68
Rebates and cancelles
Rebates and cancelle-
6,283 23
Commissionstoagents 16,977 14
Re-insurance. ........
4,513 22
President's salary and
directors' fees.....
Secretary, inspector, \&
clerks' salaries....
Bonuses to agents...
5,400
1,822
Adjusting losees..... 1,82218
Office postage. 1,145 80
Agents' postage...... 5375
Books and stationery 20585
Advertising ........ 48675
Printing ............. 600.6
Law costg........... 91446
Fuel, light and care of
office ..............
Exchange
20817
14635
Exegraphing ....... 105.37
Express charges..... $\quad 5241$
Janitor's salary...... 130
Auditing ..... ........ 13600
Miscellancous ex-
penses
Bainnco
1,696 34

Assets.
Real cstate.......... \$15,120 23
Mortgages ........... 30,66000
Debentures
Deposit receipts (Molsous Bank)....... Bills recejvable...... 3,585 00
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Agents' balances.... } & 2,649 & 2,66\end{array}$
Duy by other com-
panies .... .......
Ofice furniture 1,586 87
Uupaid rent........
Molsous Bauk
current ........... 5, 585
Oanh $\qquad$

## Liabilities.

Adjusted and unad-
justed losses.......
$\$ 2,30600$
Re-Insurance fund, to
provide for all out
standing risks....
57,815 00
$\$ 60,22100$
Balance of nesets.
22,084 28 Balance of assets....
Accrued interest (not $\$ 22,08428$ due).
$2,645 \quad 20$
Premium notes, less
premiums, aud ag.
sossments puid
thereon..
179,598 71

## Total nesets above

all liabilities. . . . $\mathbf{\$ 2 0 4 , 3 2 8} 19$
Audited and found correct.
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { J. M. Scoli.y, } \\ \text { Benj. Dsvitt, }\end{array}\right\}$ Auditors.
The various reports and statements were adopted on motion of Mr. Charies Hendry, seconded by Mr. John Allchia.

Messrs. Riddell and Bean were appointed scratineers, and the election of directors was proceeded with. The retiring directors, Messrs. Rundall, Shah, I. D. Bowman, Wm. B. Snyder, and H. D. Tye were re-elected unanimously.

Mesers. Allchin, J. L Wideman, P. E. Shanta and Obarles A brens baviug been nominated to fill the vacaucies caused by the death of Wm Hawl and Cyrus Bowers, Messers. Allchin and Wideman were elected on the first ballot.
Messrs. B. Devitt and J. M. Scully were ep pointed auditors for the current year.
T'he directors met at the close of the annual meeting, and appointed Mr. Charles Hendry president and Mr. Qeo. Rnndalt vice-presideut for the coming year.

The Jexeller's Review announces the follon ing novelties in that line:-Marquise rings are gaining in favor.-Another matchbor oddity is an ideal head of Bacchus,- $A$ diamond dove on the wing is a much affected dress ornament.-Fluted gold matchboxes with raby centres are again displayed.Sterling silver card-cases aro shown etched with Japanese figures,-Favored ecarfins consist of colored pearls grouped in diamond circles.-A recent fad is to have your crest or monogram worked out on your bonbon box.-Interlocked horseshoes, one inverted above the other, find admirers as scarf-ping.-Some of the newest silver bonbon boxes are adorned with delicate applique workFine gold wite bracelets, set with rows of moonstones, are an admirable departure-In earings a ruby-conted bug, with diamond eges, is searching for patrouggo.-The joweled globe constitues one of the more popular fancies in queen charms.-There is still a tendency to extend favor to the hairpins with a heavy knobed top.-Rope-patteru headinge, with here and there a diamond, predominate in sidecombs - Enameled butterfies are made exceptionally effective ly tracinge of rubies and sapphires alternatiog.-An innovation of doubtful future are the miniature flat siiver liquor flasks that are introduced now solely for ladies.-A late addition to cuff buttons is a circular baud of red gold enclosing a filligree gold star, jeweled in the centro.-Oringinality. of desigu is shownin a silver toothpick stand that represents as closely as possible an oldtime magician.-Numbered among the fanciful scarfpin devices is a long neck crystal bottle ancompassed by a uarrw baud of rubies,Faghon's latest whim is a hairpia crowned with an upright laurel wreath of gold interspersed at intervals with pearls and diamonds. - Abong the many pew designs in umbrella handles is an oxidized silver frog struggling to withdraw his foot from a crab claw.-Pretty bangle bracelets of an ilexpensive natura are of cut steel, and present the effect usually seen in jereled ornaments of this cla-s.-A charming specimen lacepin is a wild rose with gracefully crimped leaves, bordered with diamonds, which eparkle like no many dewdrops. -Among the now things seen this senson is a queen chain pendent an exact counterpart of a postage stamp in enamel frame, in a narrow gold rim.-Kich and artistic brooches are seen devised as miniature ballons in enamels, the basket portion buiag supplied by gold wires closely woven together.-A quaint conception in scarfpins is an faitation hour glass in a gold fram", which is cunningly produced by two near shaped pearls meeting at the points. -There is nothing nicer for a decoletle costume than an aigrette of isinglass beautufied by in-
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ST. JAMES STREEF.
numerable small diamonds aprinkled on every portion of it.-'Tante and effect are combined in a clover patern brooch, composed of emernde, with small rubies in slender settings forming a delicato edge to the design,-A very attinctive hairpin top comprises in its formation three paim leaver, arranged in fan farhion, each with a dianond centre, and small dinmonds forming the stems,-An enterprising joweler has succeeded in accurstely reproducing, as a matchbox, a joweler's sample truck, with the exception of straps. The top is made to lift off.

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## $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Montreati; Thurslay Evening } \\ \text { Fobruary 0th, } 1890 .\}, ~\} ~\end{array}\right\}$

The interent of the financial world during the past week was chiefly in the fourth of the month, on which a largo proportion of notes matured. 'lhe reportwof tho bauka wero that paper was better mot than was anticipated, and this is the report, not merely of the banks in this city, bnt of Toronto banke also. At the sumo time it must be said that the banks are not, in this case, tho indicators of tho condition of the counfry. The demnnd for money during the few earlier days of tho month seoned to indicate that the wholeralers were, to some extent at least, protecting their customerd papers. Money is now a little easior in tone but still at $6 \sqrt{6} \mathrm{G}$ per cent, ou call and $6 \frac{1}{2}$ e 7 for paper. Th́n Bauk of England rate contimes at $f$ per cent. Tho fenturo of tho week on the stock market was the condition of 'Ielegraph stock, which just beforo the faverable decision of the coult rose to 1011 with liege sales. After the excitement of nnticipation was over, the stock began to decline, and amid heavy falus reached 95 to day, at which it closed. Chandian Paific was the next active stock, aud did not mainta: its opening value, though tho dectine is more owing to sympathy with the rest of the mar. ket than to why other eatiso. It did not sink ho low an the previous week. Among bank stocks Ontario amd bunk of Montreal were the chief oljacts of attention, with Gommeree.

Siferling exclanges clores as follows: New York funds lecween banks, 1-16 dis for par, counter 8@A; Go days sterling, 8f (a) ${ }^{3}$, between bunles and 88 . acomer; de mand sterling is 9 9-10/OL1-16 between
 sloney in London is $4 \frac{1}{a}$ iqg.

| Banki. | 官菏 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Montreal . | 231 | 231 | 229 | $228 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Morchants |  |  |  | 1374 |
| Outario | 301 | 132 | 130 | $127 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Peoples . . . . . . . . | 75 | 102 2 | 1022 | 1062 |
| Molsons. | - $\cdot \bullet$ | .... |  | $162 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Commerco | 122 | 125 | 124 I | 1184 |
| Quobec | 25 | 125 | $125\}$ |  |
| Union | 50 | 95 | 95 |  |
| 'Toronto.... | 200 | 216 | 216 | 215 |
| Miscellaneous. |  |  |  |  |
| Onu. Proifio...... | 2050 | 758 | 753 |  |
| Tulegraph ...... | 6840 | 1014 | 95 | 902 |
| Gra............. | 60 | 203 | 203 | 200 |
| Richoliou .... ... | 25 | 61 | 61 | 664 |
| N. W. Lnad. . . . . | 60 | 120 | 120 | 648 |
| Eda'g. Siarch. . . | 50 | 82 | 82 |  |
| Loan \& Mlortgago. | 25 | 120 | 120 | . . . |

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.
Montreal Feurdary 6th 1890.
The dreaded fourth pussed over much better than was oxpected. There was no improvement in remittances, but it was evident that most wholesalars had mado preparations to cary their customers' paper and therefore but littlo went to protest. Remittances continue very poor indeed, and there is but litto ohance of any improvemont in this direction until the spring trade opens. Business gen-
erally shows very little cbange from last Week's conditions; if anything the aituation is a little weaker. In dry goods the outlook can only be characterized as gloomy, and in fact fibh and heavy chemicals are tho only branches of trade that are as firm to-day as they were a week ago. In fron and the heavy metals an uneasy fecling is abrond. Warrants are dropping steadily ln England, until to-eay they are cabled at 53s 2d only, and the market In the States is weak and ready to make concessions. In groceries only a limited trade is doing. The extraordinarily changeable wenther has done incalculable damage to trade. Farmers cannot get into markst owiug to the uncertainty of the ice roads, and town customers ars buying only sparingly. The incrense in the cost of rock ealt owing to the producer's combination in England and the tise in fuel, bave led to a strong feeling in the alkali trads and a further advance is looked for before long. Leather is still quict and with but litle doing, and most of the other trades report a dull market at weak prices,
Ooal.-The market continues quiet and prices unchanged. We quote: Egg coal, $\$ 5.75$ per ton of $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$; stove coal, $\$ 0$; chestnat, $\$ 6$; Scotch grate, \$6; Lowor Port grate, $\$ 5.50$; blacksmiths', $\$ 6.60$; Cumberland, $\$ 6.50$; Scotch steam, $\$ 5.50$ per ton of $2,240 \mathrm{lbs}$; Pictou, $\$ 4.60$.
Fruits.-Prices for lemons brve moderated to $\$ 4.50$ a box and Florida oranges to $\$ 4$ Consignments of many varieties of Florida vegetables are expected here next week. Quotationsare: Winter apples, $\$ 2.750 \$ 325$ per brl in car lota; and smaller quantitien, $\$ 3.50 ٪ \$ 4$. Mersina oranges, $\$ 2.75$ a boz of 200 size, and $\$ 200 \mathrm{a}$ box 300 віze; Valoncias, $\$ 450$ a case; Floridas, $\$ 4$; lemons, $\$ 4.50$ a box; pineapples, $\$ 5$ per doz.; struwberries, 75 sc per qt. Exprosi banajas, $\$ 4$ a bunch. Almeria grapes $\$ 8.50$ a keg of about 55 lbs . net. Cocoaunts, $\$ 6$ a 100. Prime dark cranberries, $\$ 10 \% \$ 12$ per brl. T'omatoes, $\$ 1.25 \$ \$ 1.50$ per box contniuing about $\frac{1}{8}$ bush. lied onions, $\$ 3 \Omega \$ 4$ per brl; Spanish, \$3 a case.

Groorriss.-The grocery trade continues quiet and until the weather is more seasonable and the country roads passable no increase in the volume of business is anticipated. There is no advance to record in teab, but a ateady feeling obtaiar, which is also the stato of the Nem York market. A London circular, dated the 24 th ult, says:-."The renewed large offeringe of Indian ceas at auction could not this week be disposed of at lately ruling firm pricenand most of the teas had to be sold at ratos which were certainly in buyers favor. The unsatisfactory Jauuary business generally is held responsible for this weakness, though the latter d:d not much uffect Ceylons, and much less Javas, which remained in good request at full prices. New make Congous went very much as before, except that a fow rather attractive fourth crop teas were in better favor and sold as high as 11 gid. Scented teas showed no change, but greene, which consisted chiefly of Pingsagy and Fychow sorta, were easier, only a few particular makes, such as Pealeafis, keeping prices," The private market in London is reported as neglected, and the chief features of the week were tho heavy decline in futures and the increased sales due to the lower prices. In coffees there is nothing to bo reported; but a steady tone and the usual quietness. It is said that is vary hard to get iu Toronto a good sampla of Rio coffeo, and that none of the recentarrivals are first-olass. In New York mild grades aro a littie uncertain, becauso they have somothing of a waiting market, A great many buyors are partially standing off to see if they caunot by such action force moro or less of a coucession, while holders, so long ss their mupplies are not troublesome, feel inclined to carry and finally bringing bids at at the olose of their line of valuation. New Valentla ralsins have undergone an advanoe, probably by reason of advices from Now York of increased bales. Spices are firm and thero

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is sufficient to meot all demands for gome time. Uanned goods have slightly changed in some lines. Tomatoes have been shaded, 3 puund tins of pencues have advanced and Boston baked beans are purchasable at an Bosion baked beans are purchasable at an here, but is causing no little trouble in Liverpool, both because of its quantity and the high price at which it passed iuto holders hands. Sugars here are steady at the recent decline of to per lb, for granulated. This eells now at 7c for 15 barrel lota and over aud 7 ft for less than 15 barrels. Molasses is the centre of whatever excitement is to be found in the grocery trade today. "The New York Shipeing List says of sugar:-The triling supply in first hands on the spot, togethe with the fact that importers are recelving next to nothing, deprives spot quotations of

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their significance as a guide to market values, the busiuess concisting wholly of cargoes to arrive or for shipment. There is a fair demand, notwithstanding that refiners have heen in the receipt of liberal supplies by direct lapportation, and buyers have shown a disposition to take up such offerings as have been available at previous prices, but they refused to pay uny advance, while on the other band the offerivgs from cane-producing countries luve been small and held with confidence.

Heavy Cubmidas.-Prices in all lines of henvy chemicals are firmly maintained and au early advance is looked for. In England rock salt has doubled in value and as this mincral forms the basis of most of our alkalis prices there are going up áCaustic soda has advanced another 5 s and is quoted at fit 10 for 60 degrees. Bleaching powder is steady at E6 for prompt shipment, with forward bhipmeat dearer. Soda ash is very firm at lifd per degree and soda crystals are cabled at $\pm 3$. In this market very little is doing except in sal soda, in which we hear of the sale of a round lot at $\$ 1.75$; but stocks are very light and the impossibility of replacing them at present prices makes holders very firm in their ideas.

Day Goobs.-The outlook for the dry goods trade can only be characterized as gloomy. The extraordinary and unseasonable weather has killed the trade in heavy fabrics, both in thes city and in the suburbs, and bas rendered the ico roads so precarious as to prevent farmers coming to buy. People are not yet ready to purchase spring poods and certainly will not buy heayy goods when there is every prospret of au abnormally early spriug; so that it looks as if retailers would have considerable atock to carry over, a plospect which has so tied up their money that it is doubtful whether many of them will be able to atand the strain unless their wholesalers are able and willing to carry them. Travellers out on the spring trip say the lack of winter roads has caused trade to be so dull that but little is doing in some sections. The inference is that the weaker men will find some difficulty in meeting payments, and that we must anticipate an increase in tho number of failures. In Manitoba the short crop, coupled with compnratively low prices for cereals and lack of snow and cold, have crippled trade, and travollers in that seotion speak cantiously of the future. Remittances are slow aud the paper falling dus on the tourth was met poorly in most cases. Renewals are large, and are almost demanded as a right, and the general outlook is not over assuring. In this city rumorb are rife. A large French Canadian wholesalo house is said to have held a

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meeting of local creditors, at which the senior announced bis intention to liquidate the business, owing to the death of one of the partners. The firm show liabilities direct of $\$ 60,000$ and indirect of about $\$ 120,000$, and claim a surplas of $\$ 35,000$ in asnets. It is whispered tbata large retailer is about to sail for England for the purpofe of serking an extedrion from his creditors. Other rumorsare circulating, and it is evident that a spirit of suspicion and distrust is abroad here. From Enrope reporta are all favorable, prices are firm and manufacturers prosperous, Prosperity there should mean better times here also. If it does, may those times comespeedily
Drves and Curmionle, -A firm tono is maintained in all lines of chemicals, and opium has advanced 25 e since last week. Camphor is firm and may experience a rise. The tirmness is attributed to a short crop iu Japan and to the roport that camphor is an ingredient in the new smokeless powder and is being Iargely consumed in the manufacture of that exploaive, Morphine remains atcady and a good demand still exists in quinine.

Fige and Ons.-Sales of round lots of green cod are reported at $\$ 6.50$ for large and $\$ 5.50$ for number ones, and these males could not be repented under an advance of 25 cents. Cod is veritably booming. The stock in importers bauds is ouly one twentieth of what it was at the same period of last year, and it is asserted that there is no more to come from the Maritime Provinces. Next week, when the country ordere come in, we look for a bound in prices, and at the present monent cod are a splendid stock to carry. Herring are stiffer in sympathy with coll; but still we hear of a sale of 400 barrels at prices a shado under our quotations. Only five cars of fresh harring have been received from Newfoundland this week and these sold at \$1.25@\$1.30 in car lota, and in barrels at $\$ 1.50$ per huadred fish In all gorts of fish we have an nctive and better market to report, and it is expected that next week we sball have an inprovement in demand to chronicle. The tuild weather has kept the price of tom-cods down; but if a cold snap should set in they would boon go up agaia.
Floor and Grain.-The wheat in gight on the lst was $51,809,000$ bushols, a decrease of 30,000 compared with the 25 th ultimo, and of 4,673,000 compared with a year ago. There is less wheat on passage to Great Britain and an increase in that afloat to the ontinent of Europe. Beerbohm in bis resume of 1889 says that the partial failure of the american and French crops, and the complete fallure of the American crop started the year with high prices; but that Russia's liberal supply made it difficult to sustain prices. The United States held ita prices up and almost lost its export trade in consequence. Beports for this
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week show that Ruasias reberves are low, and the wheat in that country not encouraging. The French autumn sown crops have made excellent progrees, Australian whent is reported slightly injured by rust, but there is no present in dication of nuy grat drawback. An export surplus of $2,000,000$ busiuels is looked fry from that country. But for the lack of barns in the Argentine Republic the news is entirely towards a large surplus. During the week the report of decressed stocks in Livorpool and a decrease in the country elevators of the Northwest of $1,110,000$ buehels strengthened the Atmerican matket. The local market was a little weaker during the latter end of the week, hut has recovered its firmness. Business is dull, though wo hear of an occassional sale. No. 1 Bard Manitoba his been sold at $\$ 1.06$. There is no local trude in barley, and very littlo doing in corn. Wheat is quiet in Loncon but firm in Liverpool with sellers not eager, The local flour trade during the week has been about the same as the week before, with a slow movement at unchanged prices.
Hops.-The hop market is entirely unchanged and but little is doing. Brewers are all stocked for months to come and will not louk at samples; so that business here is at a standitill- In the States hops are in comewhat better demand ut slightly higher prices. Ofiers were made on the New York market of 38c for choice quality and 17 c for prims. The former bid was refused, and only a modarate quantity of prime stock was picked up at 17 c . Washingtons were sold to as moderato extent at 15@16c to brewern, but Pacific coast goods are not relatively fo high as Stutes, Letters from the coast state that the entire luasian Miver district is under water and that the probabilities are that the hop fields there and elsewhere in California will be damaged by the rain and snow. Gablo advices still repor a rather quiet market in London.

Ibon and Hardfare,-The past week hat been simply a deadlock botweon buyers and sellers, so far as pig iron is concerned. No transactions are reported at all, and therefore we cannot change prices current. Sellers will not quote lers thin exiating prices, while buyers are confident that there will be a "sjump" before lodg. At jresent an uneasy feeling is abroad, and, were any large buyers to appear in the market, there is little doubt that prices would bo abaded. Warrants:in Glafgow have fallen to 53 s 2 d -or a fall of ntarly 123 from the highest point-and Middlesboro No. 3 bus dropped back to 52 s Od; but makers brands are only down 1 s to 1s 6d, and this would lead us to believe that confidence is felt in the metal ittelf, although owing to lack of specalation or possibly to

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dearor moncy bqueczing out tho "bulls," warrants have been forced to como down nearer to their old ligures. Iron men just returned from bingland report makers eontident, and with their order-books filled for six monthe alacad, and yet the market is perceptibly weaker, atsed thero is every indication of a further full in vahes. The most depossing news cones from the United States. L'ittsharg advices make the market dull with prices on the down grade, and state that until the colse question bu setuled very little will isu done, and Plailadaphin reports a very dabious market, In the cther metals, tin (which was recently jumped up to fis per ton on the announcement of short stock in Duteh hands), is losing it ugain, and on Mond ay was cabled 17 g gad lower, Lemd in uneasy. Reports come of heary shipments from Austratia, and it is said still hargequantities are stored thero ready for shipment. As Anstralit is n new source of supply altogether, this makes the fature of lend sumewhit dubious. I'ho long expected advance in mails took placo last Friday, and we now quote 10 conts pur keg higher. Tho other brauches of hardware are firm and unchanged at previous prices, but ouly a moderato busincses is doiug.

Cattle and Housks.-Duriug the early part of tho weok under review tho ruceipts of cattle wore smaller than during tho week before, and prices wera lirm in consequenco; but towards tho eloso receipts incrensed and a weaker tons pervaded tho market. Sellors were unwilling to meet buyors and both hold off, so that a cousiderablo amount of stock is carried over into thls week. Sheep weri in larger supply, but the activity of tho demand kept prices steady. Not many hoge were received, while of calves there was plenty. Tho two railway compmales received during the week eudivg Feb. 1,828 cattle, 659 sheep, 89 hogs and 69 calves. We quoto: Good butchers cattlo 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
 hogs $\$ 4.60$ ( 010465 , cnlves $\$ 5 \mathrm{fa} 88$, sheop 4 (2) 42. Some extra lambs sold for $\$ 5.50$.

Tho horse market continues to see a differonco of opinion between huyers and sellers as to values. Nevertheles the number of sales has fucreased. Prices ranged butween $\$ 90$ aud \$125. 'lhere wore on band from Fobl, somo io horses.

Eives and I'allow.--We havo to chronicle the advent of the grub in some of the hides now offering in tho city, but, on the whole, skine remain at about the same quality as herotofore, Businobs is in ubout the same


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volume as it was last weuk, and prices are unchanged nor thow nay tikelihood of a change in the near future.
In Naw York the tauuers seem inclined to pick overat old prices the common stocks, which are in good nsbortment and rather freely offered. They are not disposed to pay outside figures.

Leather and Shors.-The leather market continues quiet and dull; although more activity is expected next weok. Shoe-men have besu holding off to see how the payments on the fourth were met, and, as the general report is that thoy were bettor than was expected, wo may expect makers to be in tho market in earnest before long. At present they are purchasing only sparingly but as they are full of orders and are not stocked with lealher, they must soon commence purchasing in earnest. lt has been decided that Mullarky \& Co.'s estate shall be sold out. His offer was refused, and although it is possiblo that his friends may buy the plant and stock in and start him again it is not over probable. We hear nothing of the joint stock company he was promoting, and presume he has found some difficulties in the way of starling it. In the case of M. Aird \& Co. the estato will also be sold out. Owing to our defective law the wifo (in whose name the business was) refused to aesign unless all the creditors signed off aud gave her a clear quittance. This thay did, and she has now handed over the estate to them. Boots and Shoos-The shoemen report plenty of orders. In fact some of them have alrendy got sufficient to run their factories until May and Lave still got travellers on the road. They report business very poor in Manitoba and the North-West. This is a section which buys largely of felt and woollen goods. This year they have had no snow to speak of, and consequently the sule of felt boots bas been so small that customers who had received three-quarters of their orders heve been writing cancelling the balance.

As a consequenco they must carry overa henvy line of these goods till next wiuter, nad this has tied up their resources so much that they are very chary buyers. In theother provinces trade is fair, bat not active, and there in a general undercurrent of caution.

Painte, Olls and Glags.-Very little ia doing in paints at present, and quotations are largely nominal in the absence of large transactions. In oils a slight advance has been secured in straw seal on account of its scarcity, and turpentino is firmer without quotable change. White leall is still quoted at oc $\omega^{7}$ 7c although we hear some denlers are asking higber prices. Glass is very quiet and half tho recent advance of 10 cents has been lost. The largest holder here (after signing the agreement) refused to abide by it unless the advance was reduced to five cents and this was, perforce, acceded to ; althougin wo expect to see prices up to $\$ 1,70$ and $\$ 1.80$ again before long.

The American Window Glass Absociation have advanced the prices of window glass 5 per cont for the next five days, at the end of which time there will be an advance of 10 por cent. This advanceis attributed to an increase of 20 to 40 per cent. in the price of glass in Europe and to the advance of 5 percent made by the American window glass manufacturers, The next meeting will bo held March 6 , when it is very likely there will be another rise in prices.

Pronuer and Provisions,-Choice winter apples in first class condition have been able to command up to $\$ 400$ but these are for exceptional lots. In the price of batter we have had no changes during the week and the trade is only a dragging one. The quality does not seem to bo auy worse than last week probably because some lots could not be, but largely because of the frosty weather that we have had lately. Only a small jobbing trade is being done, and this is hampored in


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como cases by retailers going to the country with their custom．There is not a large ququtity of roll butter on hand，yet it is sufll－ cient for requirements．It is not often that 16 c can be obtained for it and from that it shades down to $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ ，but rules at about 15 c ． During the past year $n$ good deal of A merican buttea has passed through Canada and holped to swell the figures of British imports，given elsowhere in an editorial．It seems as though the purchaser can pet eggs just now at any price he wishes．$\cdots$ There seems to be a lot of rubbish on the market and many inferior limed aggs．We have heard of some fine epgs selling at $17 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ ，which it is said are fit for boiling；but to call such eggs strictly fresh is hardly correct，since farmers have been getting hardy correct，since farmers have been geting
as 40 c from grocers for small lots of new laid（oot beld）egge．
Another decline of 6d is to be noted in the Liverpool checse market．In New Fork every－ one seems to be doing a small trade and ex－ porters are handling underpriced gonds．For really fancy goods 103 c has bean oftered and 10．afked，and it looks as though buyers will have to go the other fo．In the local market， there is some small enquiry with a snie or two We hear of a eale of cheese in the In． gersoll district at about 9asc．Dried applea are a little easier in feeling owing to the lack of demand，but stocks are said not to be large； h Iders are still confident．In smoked meats ruy littlo is doing．Pork is baving a fair sale amoug the lumber men and in the coun－ try．Barrelted fish are boing enquired for ${ }^{\text {b }}$ oring to the nppronch of Lent（the 19th）． Poultry continues in demand and game is firmer owing to this being the close of the senson．We quote：－chickens 10 c to 13 c ； ducks 1 c to 12 c ；turkeys 13 c to 14 c ；geese 10 c ．
Raw Fons－During the past week reports of the Jamary sales in the European market came to hapd und bave not been reassuriog． Avery line that was offered suffered a decline， and the local market which was already dull become farther depressed in consequerce of the state of affirs in Europo．The prices of beaver，mink，otter，and muskrat are lowered， and we fear that truders will experieuce some difficulty in renlizing the figures that have been puid in sotoc difitricts．
Woos－There is no change in the local wool market．Stocks are mostly closed out， and manufacturers are bolding off buying． There is no Ausiralian or pulled wool．The London sales opened on the 28 th with offers of 5,658 bales．The attendance was large and reprefentative and compotition Was brisk，
owing to the moderate quantity catalogued． Australian and New Zealand wools main－ tained December prices，fanlty declined $\sigma$ per cent，and Cape wools showed a similar do－ cline．The offerings for the series are 282,150 bales，and the next sale will be held after Easter．The result of this sale have been encouraging to the Boston market which is from 7 to 8 cents below that of London per scoured pound for wools suitable for the Am－ erican markct．

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE． （Revised by Telegraph） Toronto，Feb．6， 1890.
Bubiness remains very inactive in all lines of merchardise．In dry goods there is no improvement，and the poor remittances and numerous failures have an unsettling effect． Prices，however，continue stendy．Spring stocks are being delivered in moderate quan－ tities，and retailers are inclined to be cautious Money is steady，with prime commercial paper quoted at $6 \propto 61$ ，and the general run at $7 a 8$ per cent．Sterling exchange firmer；60－day bills between banks 1083＠108等．Stocks dull and irregalar，with the majority of bank shares easier than a week ago．Following are the bids to－day as compared with last Thursday ：－

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| Tormato | 216 | 216 | Western Can |  | 180 |
| Mornhante． | 141 | 141， | Union－1．．．．．．．． | 131 |  |
| Commerce． | 124 | 124 d | Lnndod Credit．． | 119 | 104 |
| Impurial．． | 154 | 155 | Eldg．\＆Lrann．．．． | 115 | 119 |
| Dominion． Struderd | ${ }_{139}^{23}$ | 226 | Imperinl Saving | 119 | 132 |
| Inemilton． | 152 | 150 | Farmers Loan．．． Ontarin Lorn．．． | $\begin{aligned} & 119^{2} \\ & 125 \end{aligned}$ | 125 |

－Buttrr－Receipts are fair，and the demand purely local Bedjum and inferior qualities accumulatiog．Choice tub sells at 17c．nud medium at 12 c © 14 c ．Large rolls sell at 120 a16c，according to quality．A few lots of common grades sold at 100．Egge are easier fresh selling at 16 c and limed at 13 c （o14c． Oheese dull，with small lots of the best selling atlot 0 c 1011 c ．
，Dakzaed Hoas．－The market bas been very quiet the past week，and prices somewhat treadier．Sales are reported at $\$ 5.45 \% \$ 5.60$ ， according to quality．

Floun and Grain．－The flour trado is dull and prices weak．A sale of straight rollers

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for shipment east is reported at equal to $\$ 375$ hare，whilo holders here are asking $\$ 3.85$ ． Extras held at $\$ 3.60$ ，and patents quoted at $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.50$ ，according to quality．Wheat dull and easier，with sates of No． 2 fall at 800 on northern，or equal to 860 here，and No． 2 spring at 830 f．o．c．No． 2 red winter nominal at $86 \mathrm{c} \times 87 \mathrm{c}$ ．No． 1 Manitoba hard quoted at $\$ 1.04$ ，and No． 2 hard at $\$ 1.02$ ．Barley dull and easier，with sales of No． 3 extra outside at 38 c or equal to 40 c here．Oats quiet and steady；sules outside at 25 c ，and here at 290 on track and at 28 Jc on track to arrive． Peas steady，with sales outside at $53 \mathrm{c} \boldsymbol{\mathrm { c }} \mathrm{a} 5 \mathrm{c}$ ． Corn unchanged at 410 me 2 c ．Bran firm with bales at $\$ 11$ ；small lots sell here at $\$ 12$ ． Oatmeal dull；cars of ordinary quality quoted at $\$ 3.45 @ \$ 3.50$ ，and granulated $\$ 360$ ．
Groceries，－Trade remains quiet，and prices as a rule steady．The only weakness is in $\pi$ hite sugars，which are selling $\frac{1}{8}$ lower at 7 c an f e for standard mrauulated；yollown rule at $5 \frac{1}{8} \mathrm{c} @ 6 \mathrm{c}$ ．Dried fruits are firm．Valencias
 54 c ．Coffeer gready at $21 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}(02 \mathrm{c}$ for Rios． Teas in moderate demand and steady，the Tens in moderate demand and steady，the
chief movement being in low priced qualities． Sago is firmer at 5sce8c．
Hides and Sinse．－＇The market continues very dull and prices aro unchanged．a car of cured sold at 4as．Dealers are paping 4 c for No． 1 greed， 3 for No 2 aud 2 c for No． 3 ． Sheepskins are flrm at $\$ 1.20 @ \$ 1.45$ ，with a good demaud．Tallow unchanged at 5c＠5 ${ }_{2} \mathrm{C}$ for rendered．

Liva Stock．－The receipts have increased slightly，but the demand．．continues fair and prices are firm．Choice lots of butehers bring 31c＠38 per lb，and common medium grades 21 coms．Sheep steady，selling ut $\$ 5.50$ a $\$ 5.75$ per head，and lambs at $\$ 5.00 \not 0 \$ 5.50$ ． Galves are quoted at $\$ 5.60 \% \$ 10$ per head，nc－ cording to quility．Hogs sold at $4 \mathrm{c} \sqrt{64} \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{O}$ per 1 b ．，the latter for choice fat．
Provisions－Trade is innctive and prices unchanged．Long clear bacon sells in ton
 nominal at 8c．Bellies and backs rule at $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c} @ 1 \mathrm{cc}$ ，and rollsat 8 f ca9c Hams sold at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ collc．Canndian mues pork sold at $\$ 1350$ and A merican at $\$ 13$ ．Lard rules at 8 derasc， the latter for Caundian．Potatoes kell at 650 （a5712c per bag for car lote，and 60c／a70c for small lots．Onions，$\$ 1.50 \ldots \$ 1.75$ per brl，and beans at $\$ 1.60 \curvearrowright \$ 1.65$ per bushel．Hops un－ thanged at 12 d c $\mathrm{W}_{0} 15 \mathrm{c}$ ．

Wool－－There is nothing doing in fleeco prices of which are purely nominal，Pulled wools firm at 25 c to 26 c for supers，and 31c to 1032 c for extras．

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Tux Inalifux Shovel Co., Halifax, N.S, solo makers in Camala of Fonurty's patent bocket shovels and spades, have their extensivo works located just ontside the city on a plecurefque atrenm diowing through groves of trees, which aflorde an unfailing supply of power. The President of the compmay is Mr. S. M. Brookfold, a gentleman asisocinted with the larger enterprifes of the city, much as the dry dock, ote. Mr. E. L. Funerty is Vice-President and manager, the patentee of many implements manufatured by the firm, by whote courteay our travelling correspondent was afforded a persomal inspection of tho industry. Among the highty finish de shovels exhibited were "Fenerty's Patent sockett stadodard," the "Brookfield," "Gilmoru" and "Brown" best steol shovele, "Cook's pan Pit" and the "Paragon" ahovel. Ohaer nhovela are the "Grain Pit," "Ballast" and "Coal Trimmer," ote., etc. The pactical experience of the manufucturers, and the management made by them place them in the frontrank. Possossing beveral patterns in their own cxolusive right they hove junt completed a covision of atyles, weight, paterim, jums and lather, which will be of interest to the trade. It is understuod that they make a sinecind shovel for every purpose now regquircd. There goods are being approved under tho most trying conditions, aud by watelfuluesis and careful experiments with materials the forms best adapted for strougth, lightures, durability, shape and batance are seientilienly oftaned. The bend or curve in the sucket is aways unifurm, and of much grenter strength thm where the wood is bent. The variuns ehovels, sipmes and scoops aro illustated in their neat catalogue. Theme ehovels, many of which are now in style, are afiered to tho trade in Ontario, whose appreciation will be shown by encouraging a geod article made in the Maritimu Provinces, thus stronghening Iaterprovincial trado. With the abundance of conl and iron in the viciuity thesagoodsaro being produced at the smallest cost of any in Canadas.

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## AN OPEN LETTER

## To the Editor of the "Budget."

Edttor "Budget," Toronto, Ont.
Januar: $22 \mathrm{nd}, 1890$.
Sir,-An impetus was given to our business last week that I could not understand, receiving in one day over 40 applications from persens throughout the country in reference to the new policy issued by our Company. Being inquisitive as to the cause of this impetus, I asked one of our correspondents where he heard of our new policy. He sent me a copy of your paper for January

I feel I must thank yon for the good results from your ill-natured and hostile attack on us, and I would like to ask if this attack on us is not the result of our refusal to throw away $\$ 70$ on an advertisement in your paper, that I could not see would do us ten cents worth of good.

Can I ask if you will please continue your attacks on us? We rather like them.
In reference to the legal opinion you quote at the ingtance of a diggruatled competitor, written by a firm of Chicago lawyers, the respectability and brains of which reside in the person of an honored and revered gentleman, whose name is cherished in every household of the liberty-loving world, and who is now representing his country at the Court of St. James, and who I am sure will deprecate the use made of his name in this counection.

Why was not a New York lawyer consulted, surely he would be better able to elucidate a New York Statute than country lawyers from Illinois?

Surely Mr. Fitzgerald is not expected to tuke his law from any opinion written at tho instance of a defaulting ex-officer of the United States Government.
'lhe American Steam Boiler Insurance Co. has never yet violated the law of this or any other land, and they are not going to do it now.

You ought to know as an oracle on insurance as you claim to be. Did any foreign insurance company isoue a policy in Canada that was contrary to its chartered powers, in case of a loss being contested on this ground, that the insurance department world at once pay the loss out of the company's deposit, and withdraw its license? This I should think is a protection for the Canadian policy-holders, and if the deposit is not large enough, all the Insurance Commissioner has to do is to ask for more.

As the Budget seems to be in great straits for insurance topics to write on, let me suggest in the interest of the public that you wrestle with these subjects:-

1st-" Why does the Insurance Department of Canada allow insurance com"panies to print the words 'Capital $\$ 500,000$ ' on a policy, when in fact the "company writing that policy Las not a paid-up capital of 5 per centn of "that amount, thus misleading the policy-holder?"
2nd-" Why are insurance companies in Canada allowed to advertise bogus
"statements of their deposit at Ottawa to mislead the public?"
3rd-" Why are insurance companies in Canada allowed to issue single policies "for more than their paid-up capital, as is now being done by insurance "companies in Canada?"
4th-" Why are companies allowed to jasue policies without a cancellation "clause, giving the assured the right to orn el the policy, and collect the "return preminm. All respectable insurauce companies do this without "the law compalling thom."
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