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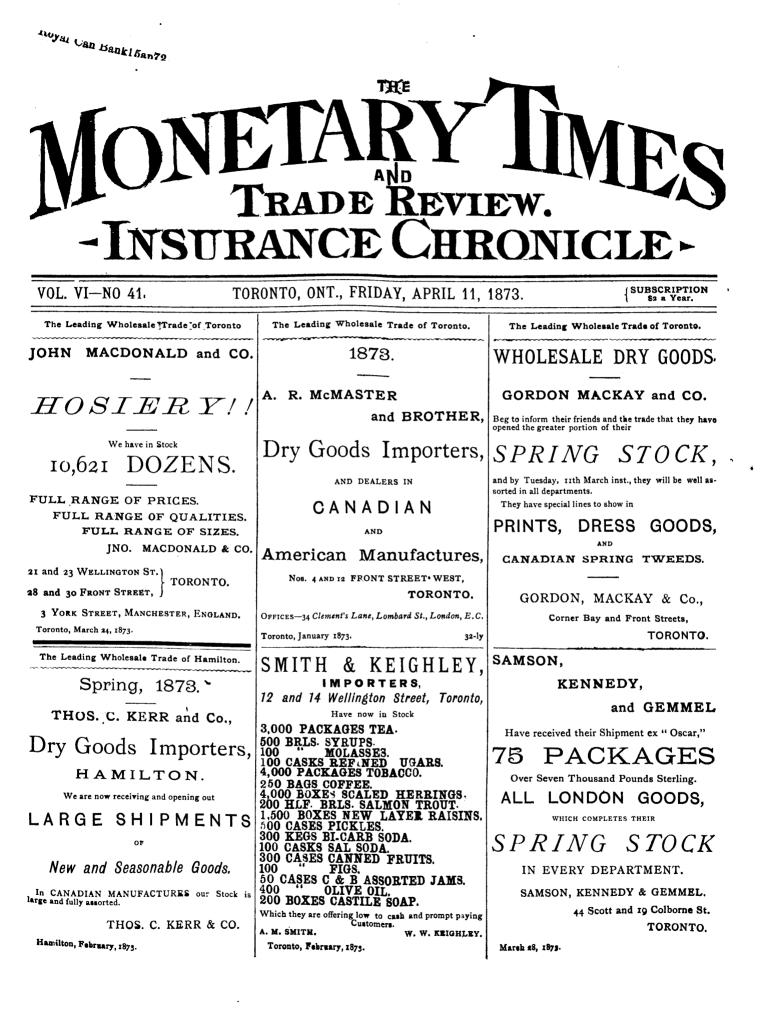
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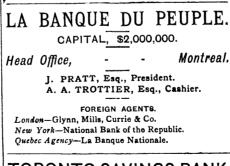
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Legislature state the probable revenue of that province for 1872 at \$705,956 and the expenditure at \$688,606.

AT THE annual meeting of the Montreal Board of Trade, held on the 7th inst., the following officers were elected for the current year :-- President-Hugh McLennan. Vice-President-Wm. Darling. Treasurer-John Kerry. Council-Messrs. Thos. Macduff, J. R. Thibaudeau, A. Robertson, M. P. Ryan, John Grant, L. E. Morin, D. Robertson, and F. W. Henshaw. Board of Arbitration-Andrew Allan, John McLennan, V. Hudon, James McDougall, George Moffatt, H. Mulholland, Peter Redpath, Thos. Rimmer, A. W. Ogilvie, Henry Thomas, David Torrance, John M. Young. Secretary-Wm. J. Patterson.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Petrolia, March 7, 1873.

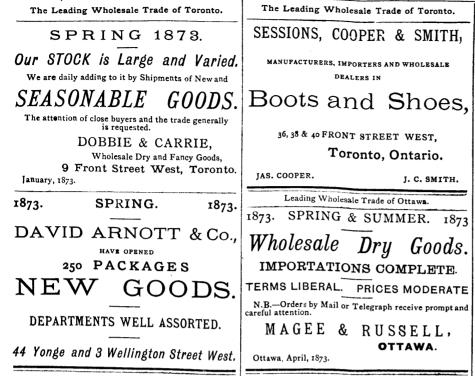
Oil matters could not be more depressed, no developement at present. Noble & Co., lot 5, 13 con. Eniskillen, have a good well at 350 feet deep, average between 30 and to bris. per day. A well near Messrs. Johnston Reynolds & McGarvey, upon 12th line 12th lot, not tested, also a well on the east of this, by Mr. Rosenburg, which has proved a failure, besides these there are some wells going down South. The production is very little over 1000 brls. per day, the shipments for last week were, up to the 28th for six days, Crude 4,270 brls., Refined 280 brls., Distillate 1,960 brls. This is an improvement on the previous week. The Refiners of London are fixing up, and none of them running except the export firms, and those not half their capacity. Nothing doing in the sale of lands, and no movement for developing, and his opinion on the subject of gold mining

cluding bonus and everything at about \$1 per brl. f.o.b. Refined 30c per gall.

NOVA SCOTIA GOLD .- From Mr. Heatherington's report of Nova Scotia gold mining for 1872 the following summary of the principal events of the year is taken :--Marked by a total absence of speculation, excitement or new discoveries, colonial Railway and the activity at the Coal mines made labor scarce, wages higher and the miners very independent. This restricted the number employed at gold mining and naturally lessened the year's gold product. The economic results were on the whole satisfactory and as usual in advance of those obtained in many other conntries. 2. The Withdrawal of Ameri-can Companies, hitherto the mainstay of gold mining in the Province, had a quieting tendency. Having wrought to a depth that required new machinery, and the shareholders being unwilling to pay calls to provide for the same, and no reserve of profits having been made to meet the exigency, the mines were either closed or let on tribute. 3. The Reduction of Royality, in May last from 3 per cent. on the ounce valued at \pounds_3 18s. od. to 2 per cent. on the ounce valued at f_{4} os. $1\frac{1}{2}d$. was too trifling a concession, in view of the increased cost of labor and supplies and the standard price of gold, to be of sensible benefit. The total abolition of this obnoxious tax is being again urged upon the Legislature, a necessary step if it is wished to revive the industry and establish it on a permanent footing. 4. Appearance of "Notes and Observations on the Gold Fields of Quebec and Nova Scotia," an official report by the Director of the Geological Survey of Canada, whose many years' pre-vious experience in the same position in Victoria, Australia, renders his advice valuable every thing connected with oil flat, no change authoritative. Mr. Selwyn's views are graphi-

cally summed up thus : " The general impression produced on my mind by what I have seen of the gold districts of Canada during the past summer is, as regards their natural capabilities, exceedingly favorable, and equally unfavorable as regards the enterprise and intelligence which has hitherto been devoted to their developement. A reprint of this important publication can be had of Messrs. Trubner & Co., London. 5. Success of an English Mine. The Eldorado at Wine Harbor now owned in London has been extremely productive, and reflects much credit upon its manager, Captain Sprague. It is to be hoped that the Company has entered upon a long career of prosperity, and that its example of investing British capital in a British colony will be widely imitated and as richly rewarded. The average returns for Wine Harbor District for 1872 though exceptional are worthy of com-ment. The yearly earnings per man amounted to f_{363} 3s. 8d. an excess of f_{285} on actual wages, and ore costing about 16 shillings per ton to raise and crush, yielded an average of $\pounds 5$. 6. Sale of Gold Mines in London. The of £5. 6. Sale of Gold Mines in London. The well-known properties of Messrs. DeWolfe & Co., at Waverley and Montagu, were stocked last summer for $\pounds 70,000$, of which $\pounds 42,000$ for the mines and the balance for working capital. With a fair amount in hand, and the good discoveries which have been made subsequent to the transfer, the prospects of this Company too are encouraging and likely to improve the rating of Nova Scotia mines in England. 7. The High Yield of Montagu District, maintained for years, and exemplified by the returns of the Albion mine. 8. The Conviction of a Gold Stealer; the first which has ever been successfully accomplished. Through the intelligence of Mr. R. G. Fraser, Assayer of Halifax, the notorious Blackie, alias Smith, alias Black, was arrested, stolen gold and battery plates found on his premises, and the fellow himself senon ms premises, and the tenow minisen sen-tenced to two years imprisonment. 9. Alluvial Workings at Gay's River, where the gold is obtained by milling a coarse conglomerate or cement, confirms the frequently expressed opin-ing in these reviews of a further service of ion in these reviews of a further source of profitable mining in this country, which will be

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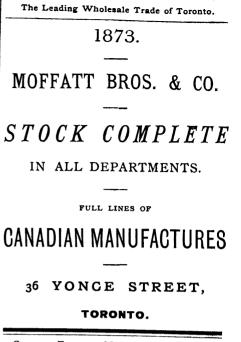


better understood and appreciated by studying the above cited Report of the Director of the Geological Survey. 10. Report on the Uniacke, Oldham and Renfrew Districts, by Professor Hind, M. A., written in 1869 but issued in the summer of 1872, and containg useful extracts from the Reports of 1868 of the U.S. Commissioner of Mining Statistics, and the works of missioner of Mining Statistics, and the works of Kustel, Phillips and other authorities. 11. Experiments with 675 tons of Tailings made by an American, Mr. Ira Twist, at Sherbrooke, resulted in saving 41 ozs. of gold and 70 lbs. of quicksilver, and thus proving what value lies buried in the tailings yet recoverable in other district. With an eleven years? record then of districts. With an eleven years' record then of many desultory and a few systematic tests on a large scale at points three hundred miles apart, the general results of gold mining in Nova Scotia, are still such as to favorably compare with other gold regions, and to merit the consideration of capitalists, who, while mindful of Mr. Selwyn's excellent advice "not to invest an amount beyond what they can afford to lose without serious embarrassment " have both aptitude and promptness for speculative enterprise.

REBUILDING OF BOSTON.--- A bill has been passed by the Massachusetts Legislature providing conditions under which the rebuilding of the city is proceeding. The leading features of the bill are of interest as showing what are regarded of an eccessive precautions against the recurrence of such a calamity:— The minimum thickness of extreme walls of all buildings other than dwelling-houses, more than 20 feet high, shall be 16 inches, and party walls shall be 20 inches up to the second floor above the street, 16 inches from the second floor to the roof, and 12 inches through the roof; external walls of buildings not more than 30 feet high and forty feet in length and width, must not be less than 12 inches thick. In all buildings of two stories or more that exceed 25 feet in width, and that are not supported by party walls or girders, the external walls must be increased an additional four inches in thickness for every 25 feet in width. All brick party walls shall be carried up to the height of 21 feet above the roof covering, and if the roof is a

Mansard they shall be carried $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet above the upper slope, so as to afford protection against fire extending from building to building. All party walls must be corbelled out so that the cornices and gutters shall be completely separated ; and all timbers entering into the party walls must be separated by four inches or masonry between their ends. The construction of any party or partition walls upon wooden supports, and the use of timber in walls where brick or stone are commonly used—that is, the building of "straw walls—are prohibited. No person shall build the rear or party walls of a building one at a time, but shall carry them up together, tying them firmly. All walls must be tied together as a building goes up, and all floor-beams and timbers used must be ironed together. The building of Mansard roofs of more than one story in height is prohibited unless constructed of fireproof material throughout. All parts of all buildings which are more than 15 feet above the level of the sidewalk must be made of or covered with non-combustible material; and the roofs of all buildings which exceed 55 feet above the level of the sidewalk must be constructed of iron or non-combustible material. Boiler and engine rooms must be fire-proof throughout, and cut off from the remainder of the buildings in which they are placed by iron doors. It is also provided that stores and storehouses shall have shutters and doors of fire-proof material in the rear. In buildings where operatives are employed above the second story, some means of escape on an occasion of fire must be provided ; and in tene-ment houses, where the lower story is occupied as a store, the lower hall partition must be built of brick, so that in case of fire in the store means of exit for those living above may not be cut off."

THE BANK OF ENGLAND AND THE LOSSES.— At the meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of England the net profits of the half year were stated to have amounted to $\pounds 6_{3}8, 15_{5}$ and a dividend at the rate of $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. was agreed to, against a corresponding payment of $4\frac{1}{2}$. This will leave the rest at $\pounds 3,006,191$, after writing off $\pounds 77,000$ to cover the loss arising from the recent forgeries.



ONTARIO FARMERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COM-PANY.—The fifth annual meeting was held in Whitby, on 31st Jan. The following are the names of the Directors who were re-elected :— John Willis. Esq., John Haight, Geo McGillvray, J. B. Bickell, Geo. Hickingbottom, John Smith, Arthur Johnston, John Davy, and A. Adams. Mr. A. Johnston was elected to fill the place of Mr. J. E. Gould, who resigned. At a meeting of the Directors held immediately after, J. B. Bickell, Esq., was re-elected president, and John Willis, Esq., was re-elected vice-president.

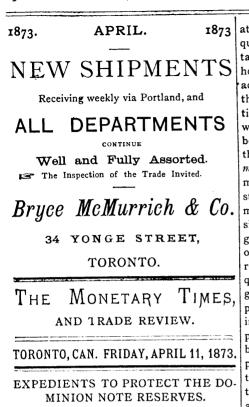
MONTREAL PERMAMENT BUILDING SOCIETY. —The annual report show that after paying two semi-annual dividends of 4 per cent each, \$3,-835 88 had been added to the contingent account making the amount at the credit of that account \$34,882,03 being about 18‡ per cent on the capital. A resolution was passed authorising the Directors to increase the capital stock to \$500,-000. The following gentlemen were elected Directors :--Messrs' George H. Frothingham, R. Esdaile, A. W. Ogilvie, and M. H. Gault.

A FEATURE OF WALL STREET SPECULATION. —The following is a feature in the stock business which is not generally known outside the circle of financiers and stock operators : Speculators, unable to get what money they want from the banks and money-lenders, take their stock to foreign bankers, hypothecate them at a liberal margin, receive in return the 60-day sterling bills, of these bankers sell the bills for gold, and turn the gold into currency, which they use until the bills mature, when they are generally renewed. The bills are sent to London by the buyers and discounted there, so that London virtually carries the heavy burden of stocks with which speculators in Wall street are so often loaded.

—In the table published last week showing the deposits of the insurance companies, that of the Metropolitan was stated at \$50,000, whereas it is \$100,000.

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-Mr. E. Cozens Smith, the Manager of the Commercial Union, has been appointed Manager of the Imperial Fire Office, in succession to Mr. Lyall, who retires.



It is obvious that the proposed amendment to the Banking Act is another effort to obviate difficulties that have arisen in working the Dominion note scheme. By the terms of that amendment, it is expected that greater control will be exercised over the banks in dealing with the legal tender portion of their reserves; some of whom, as we have previously explained, have learned how to use this part of their reserves in a manner inconsistent with the objects for which the legal tenders were created. And let us note by the way, that whatever may be the outcome of this excresence upon our financial system, it can scarcely be said to work satisfactorily yet, when it requires an Ast of Parliament every session to keep it in order. Though so many palliatives have been administered there is reason to fear that the patient is steadily growing worse.

The facility with which the Dominion note reserves may be drawn upon, and the readiness shown by the banks to obtain gold from this source whenever required. have rendered their maintenance a work attended with some anxiety, a good deal of expense, and much inconvenience. It has been found that when gold was scarce with the banks, a violation of the spirit of sub-section 5, section 1 of the Banking act, requiring at least one-third of the bank reserves to be held in legal tenders. does not serve as a bar to a demand on the sub-treasuries for gold, in exchange for these has been constituted the chief specie-reserve

attached to the bank returns so as to require that the proportion shall be maintained at all times during the month, it is hoped to impose some check upon the action just pointed out. And it is likely this anticipation-especially if the publication of weekly statements be resorted towill be in a measure realized. But we do not believe it will be found possible to control the reserves of the banks without fixing a minimum by law, which every bank must maintain. After looking over the banking statistics of the past year, we have not much difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that if Mr. Tilley's amendment should go this length, no great harm could come of it. The limit of safety for a bank's reserve, is a debatable, and much debated question, which perhaps explains the singular circumstance, that this important point was overlooked, or ignored in framing the Banking Act. Previous to the passage of that measure, the opinions of bankers and business men generally, on this point, were obtained, and in our recollection there was not so wide a divergence as to create any insuperable difficulty in arriving at the happy medium of those opinions, and at the same time keeping on safe ground. It must be confessed that the example of the government in dealing with this question of reserves, is not calculated to strengthen the views of conservative bankers, in that it is only required to hold 20 per cent. against its note issues. This example the banks have not been slow to copy, and have at times reduced their reserves to a point quite below the average maintained some years ago. If we take the February statement, for example, we find this state of facts.

Demand liabilities-

Circulation......\$24,791,000 Deposits on dem'd \$34,123,000 \$58,914,000

Less notes & cheq's of other Banks... \$3,924,000 -54,990,000

Specie and legal tenders held \$13,969,000

The reserve of 25 per cent. here shown is as low as at all consistent with safety, and in anticipation of a severe strain would require to be strengthened. If the Dominion note circulation and reserves were added to the above figures, we would have an aggregate reserve less than 25 per cent.

The Government, the banks and the business public, are alike interested in the easy and successful working of the Dominion note scheme, so long as it plays its present part in our finances. By it the Government very notes. By amending the declaration provider and controller, and it is but reserves as to place them out of con-

natural that the banks should in a great measure lean upon it in this respect. An immense weight of responsibility is therefore thrown upon the government, which, if it be safe in able hands might be dangerous to trust with inexperienced men. Playing so important a part as these Dominion note reserves do, it is a pity that deposits at call should enter into them in any shape whatsoever. In the words of a leading banker, "these deposits are but a trap into which needy banks will fall, and when the call comes some will respond and some will not." Weak banks generally have enough demands to meet from other sources, at such times as these deposits are most likely to be wanted, without attending to calls from the government. That this change has been made in the scheme as originally framed might be cited as an argument for fixing the reserves of the banks as an additional safe-guard. Should the government go this length they will find ample precedents in the history of banking in Great Britain and the United States.

We hear that it is contemplated as a further check upon the withdrawal of gold, gradually to substitute sovereigns for American gold, which is now chiefly held in the sub-treasuries. American coin is exactly adapted for use in the New York marketthe point resorted to for lending it, or for the purchase of exchange. At the present moment sovereigns would be worth about one and a half per cent. less for use in that market than American coins. It must be presumed that the shipment of sovereigns to London would become a necessity, an operation that would be attended with an amount of expense, delay and loss (from the sale of worn coins. &c.) that would tend greatly to check the sudden withdrawal which it is so much desired to avoid. Admitting that this move would serve the object intended. the effect would be to throw the exchange business, including the importation and exportation of sovereigns, into the hands of the larger banks, who would of course make liberal profits out of it, and the mercantile public would pay accordingly. Strong objections therefore lie against the adoption of this expedient as being both expensive and inconvenient to the public. But we doubt if it would be found to answer the desired end. When a demand for sovereigns to export arises in New York, the price will advance as high perhaps as \$4.94 against the value here of \$4.86; then there would be a rush for them inasmuch as about 13 per cent. could be netted on their exchange -a most lucrative operation.

But should the attempt by whatever means suceed to so circumscribe these note

venient reach of the banks, there would be abundant room for difference of opinion as to the value of such an achievement. These institutions are only playing their legitimate part in expediting the exchanges of value : and when they are put to trouble and expense the effect is not confined to a single set of corporators. The blow must fall on the public in one form or another.

Unless we soon arrive at the last of the series of experiments and changes that have followed the introduction of so cumbrous an element into our financial system as the Dominion note scheme, the public will begin to despair of seeing it placed on a satisfactory basis and will clamor for the removal of so prolific a source of apprehension, inconvenience and expense. They will demand the relegation of the whole business of banking where it rightfully belongs, viz., to the chartered banks, who with proper powers and restrictions can carry on the class of operations coming under this head more expeditiously, more cheaply, and more effectively than any government can do.

THE EXCESS OF IMPORTS OVER EX-PORTS.

We have received the following letter respecting this interesting trade question, to which reference has been made in several of our articles :-

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

DEAR SIR.—Reading your financial reports and those of some of the newspapers, it is made to appear that the excess of imports over exports is a bad thing, that it impoverishes a country, and if carried on to a large extent will end in national bankruptcy. The Hon. Mr. Tilley, in his budget speech, talks of return freights to Dominion shipowners, and of the cost of loading cargoes of exports making up the difference between the imports and the exports. Mr. Mackenzie, also, says that every reader of political economy knows that a country is not poorer by the difference between the exports and imports, and that the history of England shows that during the period of her success, her imports were many millions in excess of her exports. Can you by giving a few examples make this question of the balance of trade comprehensible, and explain the seemingly contradictory statements of your periodical, and those of the above named gentlemen?

Political Economy, I am aware, is far from being an exact science as yet, but surely experience can, by this time, satisfactorily an-swer the question whether large imports and small exports are beneficial or injurious to a country.

An elucidation from you will diffuse a knowledge that is much wanted, and will oblige a SUBSCRIBER.

Toronto, April 5th, 1873.

We shall here briefly restate the figures from the Trade returns which show what the excess of imports (that is goods entered for consumption) over exports for the past two years has been :---

Imports. Exports. Excess. 1870-71 \$86,947,482 \$74,173,618 \$12,773,862 1871-72 107,709,116 82,639,663 25,069,453 Total excess in 2 years \$37,843,315

These figures include specie both ways, the imports in the two years being \$5,486,-843 and the exports \$10,700,748 showing an excess of specie exported of \$5,213,905. Do not these figures corroborate what is otherwise apparent that we have sold less abroad than we have purchased, and that the result has been a drain of gold?

We are free to admit that it would be an erroneous conclusion to draw from the above figures that we have gone in debt abroad to the extent that the excess of imports over exports would seem to show. In addition to the ways and means of settling such a balance already noted in a previous article, and besides those mentioned by the Minister of Finance, it might be urged, and with great force, that the returns of exports are more liable to be inaccurate than those relating to imports. This is for the reason that exports do not pay duty, and therefore the same pains is not taken to scrutinize their value. In Mr. Larned's report to Congress on the trade between Canada and the United States he points out that in the year 1870 the statement of Canadian exports to the States, shows a total of twenty-eight millions, while according to American statistics the imports from Canada that year were valued in gold at thirty-nine millions. This however must be regarded as entirely exceptional, or it would shake our faith in trade statistics altogether. Such an error would be much more likely to occur in our trade with the United States than in that with any other country, the exports being shipped from so many points, and being carried in a great number of small vessels and by rail. If we were to admit this fact as a fair indication of the average under-statement of our export returns, it would prove a great deal too much. It would show that in those years when our exports were equal to or exceeded our imports, as they did in certain years according to the returns, they must have really been enormously in excess; a proposition which is not for a moment admissible.

An important item which goes to diminish the balance against us may be noted. The expenditure on the Intercolonial railway for rails, rolling stock, &c. amounted to \$2,400,000 up to 28th Feb. last; a large portion of these materials were doubtless obtained abroad. The same is true of all other railways in course of construction. Still, after making every reasonable allowance, we cannot avoid the conclusion that our importations for the two years

at the same rate without such means of settlement as are afforded by the negotiation of loans and the sale of securities, or in other words by borrowing money, serious inconvenience would be felt.

A fact which goes far to corroborate the showing of the trade returns, is that there exists unusual activity, and a noticeable prevalence of a speculative disposition. This is apparent most of all in connection with stock operations. If we recur to the period preceding 1856-7, we shall find that in conjunction with a rage for speculationwhich we hope and expect never may return-there was an immense expansion of imports. The experience of Great Britain goes to corroborate the facts of our own, and to prove the proposition that periods of speculation and personal extravagance, are also periods of excessive importations.

We have so far avoided the use of the term employed by economists, and misapplied by Mr. Mackenzie, in the case in point-the "balance of trade." The arguments of the economists-notably of Adam Smith-were directed against that fallacious doctrine of what he describes as "the Commercial system," which asserted that "when two places trade with one another, if the balance be even, neither of them loses or gains, but if it bears in any degree to one side, that one of them loses and the other gains in proportion to its declension from the exact equilibrium." In order to check this supposed evil, the class of thinkers whose doctrines Mr. Smith assailed advocated the placing of restrictions on the trade with the particular country, which was supposed to inflict a loss. He shows, that the trade may not be direct, but round-about, and that the aggregate result would be found to be profit able to both.

But let us hear Mr. Smith further. He says:* "There is another balance, very different from the balance of trade, and which, according as it happens to be either favorable or unfavorable, necessarily occasions the prosperity or decay of a nation. This is the balance of the annual produce and consumption. If the exchangable value of the annual produce exceeds that of the annual consumption, the capital of the society must annually increase, in proportion to this excess. The society in this case lives within its revenue; and what is annually saved out of its revenue, is naturally added to its capital, and employed so as to increase still further the annual produce. If the exchangable value of the annual produce, on the contrary, fall short of the annual consumption, the capital of the society must annually decay, in prohave been excessive; and that to continue portion to this deficiency. The expense of the society, in this case, exceeds its revenue and necessarily encroaches upon its capital."

What Mr. Smith here asserts, is alike true of nations and individuals. The individual who buys and consumes more than he produces, is certain to land in debt, difficulty, and ultimate bankruptcy.

The question with respect to the Dominion, may be put in this form : Have we by means of inflated credit, purchased foreign goods beyond the value of our annual produce, or, in other words, our present means of payment? Have we gone into debt, in order to meet our desires in the matter of silks and satins, and pianos, and clothing ? Can we continue to buy as largely of foreign articles, in proportion to our resources, for the next ten or twenty years, as during the last two, and at the same time keep out of debt and difficulty? The trade returns, and the facts all about us, answer these questions in the negative.

We are not alarmists, and would not be misunderstood. While our position is as above represented, it does not follow that serious financial reverses are ahead of us. The influx of money into the Dominion, for the construction of our public works, and by immigration, may not only keep our foreign balances adjusted for the next ten years, but press forward the Dominion, bounding on a high wave of prosperity, to a future of which we have now only the foretaste. Our trade returns may so swell as to cause the present handsome totals to dwindle into paltry insignificance. This is the other side of the question, and the shrewd business man will not look merely at one side, but will carefully survey both.

LIFE ASSURANCE IN CANADA.

On another page will be found a comparative statement showing the growth of life assurance in Canada during the past five years, or since the companies were required by law to make returns of their Canadian business to the Government. The progress of each individual company is shown, and it will not be difficult for the reader to ascertain which company or class of companies is the most progressive. Unfortunately one American company-the Connecticut Mutual-has for some unaccountable reason delayed or neglected to comply with the requirement of the law as to the filing of a statement. It will be seen that the American companies occupy a prominent place in the list, carrying off the bulk of the business. These companies have a decided partiality for Canadian lives, and are well acquainted with the use of all the seductive appliances by which repay when called for. And it is admitted policyholders are won. Some companies on all sides that the existing laws are not

whose aggregate business in the United States is retrograding are making rapid strides in advance in Canada. Canadian companies, we are glad to see, are competing successfully and every year are assuming a more prominent position. We have now four very respectable and worthy home companies who ought to issue a much larger proportion of the total number of policies in the next few years than they did in 1872. The British offices are not so enterprising as either of the two classes just named and are therefore about stationary; but the large measure of confidence felt in the stability of most of them attracts a limited number of insurers without the extraordinary inducements that United States companies give. The total life premiums of thirty offices last year (assuming \$200,000 premiums and 420 policies for the Connecticut Mutual) were \$2,268,953 and the number of policies issued 11,876 against \$1,-805,056 of premiums and 7,141 policies for twenty-five offices in the year preceding. Tabulated the figures stand thus:

	Ne	Prem. Rects.		
1872		11,876		\$2,268,953
1871	•••••	7,141	•••••	1,805,056

Increase 4,735 \$263,857 The actual increase was not so large as here shown because one or two companies that made no returns in 1871 have seen fit to comply with the law last year.

The figures for 1872, though showing so large an increase do not represent the entire amount of life assurance business transacted in the Cominion. There is a young company in Ontario-the Ontario Mutual-that has issued a small number of policies, the Citizens of Montreal has also some policyholders, and one American company which has not complied with the Dominion statutes, receives premiums from Canada policyholders to the amount of about \$25,000 annually.

It is believed by those best acquainted with the facts that there is ample room in the Dominion for greatly extending life assurance, and we have no doubt of the correctness of this view. The statistics go to prove it. So long as the business is done by sound companies it can prove only a benefit, and therefore we notice with pleasure the rapid advance that is being made. Now that this interest has grown to such great relative importance it has become more than ever before the duty of Parliament to watch for the safety of policyholders. to take every possible precaution against irresponsible companies holding Canadian licenses and being permitted to take funds from our people which they may not be able to

so framed as fully to serve this most desirable purpose.

IMMIGRATION TO CANADA.

The Report of the Hon. J. H. Pope, the Minister of Agriculture, for the year 1872 has been laid on the table of the House of Commons. It has not yet been printed, but we are indebted to a correspondent at Ottawa for the particulars, which we subjoin:

There was a large increase in the total number of immigrant arrivals in Canada in 1872 as compared with previous years, as will appear from the following statements

		I otal arrivals
1866		51,795
1867	·····	57,578
1868		71,448
1869		74,365
1870	·····	69,019
1872		89,186

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But a very considerable proportion of these were not immigrants to Canada in any proper sense of the term. They were simply passengers to the Western States, who have chosen the St. Lawrence route as the shortest and best to reach their destination, and they all came provided with through tickets.

The following table shows the number of these passengers from 1866 to 1872 inclusive:

1866	41,704
1867	47,212
1868	58,683
1869	57,202
1870	44,313
1871	
1872	52,608
The numbers of these who	announced

their determination to settle in Canada during the same seven years were as follows:

1867	 14,666
1869	 18,630
1870	 24,706
1872	 36,578

This last statement is that which is of chief interest to Canadians, and it is gratifying to notice that there has been a large and steady increase,-the increase in 1872 over 1871 being 8,805, or 35.34 per cent. In fact the increase is nearly as large as the whole of the arrivals in 1866.

We have only a record of the national origins of those of the arrivals at the port of Quebec. For three years compared it is as follows :

	1870.	1871.	1872.
English	20,933	17,915	14,867
Irish	2,858	2,980	3,410
Scotch	3,279	3,426	4,165
German	595	9,300	764

Scandinavian ... 16,780 2.000 Other origins ... 4,000 20 23 French&Belgians 1,366

37,020 44,475 34,743 And the following statement shows a comparison for three years of the callings and trades of the immigrants who arrived at Quebec. It is unfortunate that we have not the same information from other ports. But this can only be thoroughly got from the ships' passenger lists.

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	1870.	1871.	1872.	1
Farmers	4,144	2,989	2,336	I
Laborers	12,248	11,465	6,189	4
Mechanics	1,717	1,674	6,809	1
Clerks & Traders	146	89	79	1
Professional men	10	4	14	
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18,265 16,221 15,427 If, however, the number of immigrants has increased, the expenses have also increased, as appears from the following totals, including quarantine, for three years :

1870\$73,440 1871 85,321 1872 150,316

Besides this regular expenditure, there was a special vote of \$75,000 in aid of immigration at the last session of Parliament, distributed as follows to the several Provinces :

Ontario	\$25.000
Ouebec	20.000
New Drunswick	TO 000
Nova Scotla	10 000
British Columbia	5,000

Total\$70,000 And in addition to the Dominion expenditure, the several Provinces expended the

following sums: Ontario \$57,675 Quebec 30,000 New Brunswick 20,594 Nova Scotia 3,000

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It may be remarked, as respects Nova Scotia, that she has authorized the expenditure of a considerable sum, which will exceed the Dominion grant.

The gross total of expenditure, both for the Dominion and the Provinces, during 1872, for the service of immigration and quarantine, was \$261,963-being over a quarter of a million of dollars.

The increase of expenditure has occurred in the items of transport of immigrants from Quebec to Ontario, increased expenses at agencies in the care of immigrants, agents sent to the United Kingdom and the continent of Europe, the cost of publications, and assistance to immigrants.

The increase of immigrants settling in Canada, in view of the revival of prosperity

10,148 | face of the great exertions made by American agents, and those of other countries and colonies, in what may be called the emigration markets of both the United Kingdom and the continent of Europe, is undoubtedly due to the efforts of the Dominion and Provincial Governments. These were greater during the last year than ever before.

> The Dominion Government sent a circular throughout the Dominion to ascertain the labor needs of the country, and the applicants to a portion of the circulars made a demand for over 146,000 immigrant laborers and artizans of various kinds. Probably over 150,000 are required. But no such number as this can be expected to arrive, and it is a matter of most serious moment for employers of labor to consider whether it will not be necessary for them to advance money to prepay the passages of the laborers they require, either individually or by the action of societies : the latter is the better mode.

> MONEY MARKET .- There is no abatement of the stringency in money. Obligants on gold drafts try to obtain extensions in the hope of a fall in the premium. Such extensions, however, are resisted as much as possible by the banks, who do not care to see an accumulation of these obligations. High rates of interest continue to be charged where exchange is required. the banks usually trying to tack the loss on the exchange to the interest. There is very little chance of reinvesting in exchange three months hence at $6\frac{3}{4}$ to 7, under these circumstances sterling drawers in Canada try to evade drawing at present. In New York there is a terrible scarcity of money. From ³/₄ to I per cent per day has been paid on stock collaterals. A further issue of greenbacks has been eagerly looked for and much disappointment has been felt that no such issue has taken place. The coin in the Treasury exclusive of that for which certificates of deposit have been issued is only \$45,087,377 against \$90,917,210 a year ago Discounts are difficult to obtain, first class names going as high as 18 to 20 per cent.

-A sensation was created in Hamilton some days ago by the absconding of one Mortimer, the local agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Society there. The facts of his escape and arrest have been widely published in the daily papers. The general agent Mr. Holland will be at considerable loss, as he declares his determination to make good the losses of policyholders by the acts of the agent. It appears that the fellow gave his own receipts for money, retaining the company's vouchers; so that when called to account he had either the official receipts or the money to show. The game was so adroitly played as to deceive the general agent up to the last moment. A lesat home and rise in wages, and also in the son of this case is that insurers ought not to

pay life premiums without the official receipts. Agents have ordinarily no power to issue such receipts; and they are not binding unless signed by the proper officers of the company. By taking these precautions there would be no danger of loss either to the company or the insured.

meetings.

THE LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COM-PANY.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the proprietors of this Company was held in their offices, in London, England, Mr. John Todd, chairman of the board of directors, presiding,

Mr. G. Stewart, the general manager, having read the notice convening the meeting, proceeded to read the annual report, which stated :

The directors have much pleasure in reporting the result of the business of the company during the year 1872.

ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET .--- Accompanying the present report will be found detailed accounts of the fire and life business, and the balance sheet of the company, prepared in ac-cordance with the provisions of the Life Assurance Companies Act, 1870.

FIRE BUSINESS .- The fire premiums received dnring tne year 1872 (after deducting re-insur-ance) amounted to £175,955. The claims for loss and damage by fire, together with the estimated amount to be paid for losses reported to 31st December, but not then adjusted, amounted to $\pounds_{114,791}$. After providing for all claims, expenses of management, and re-insurances, the surplus amounted to $\pounds_{24,814}$ 12s. 8d., which has been carried to the profit and loss account.

LIFE BUSINESS .- The income of this department during the year (after deducting re-insur-ances(amounted to £51,680 7s. 10. The claims from 57 deaths amounted to $\pounds 3,305$, and after providing for these and the various other sums detailed in the balance sheet, the sum of f_{21} . 308 12s. 4d. has been added to the life reserve fund, which has hereby been increased to £241,-519 17s. 5d.

PROPRIETORS' AND RESERVE FUNDS .- The income of the proprietors' and reserve funds for the year amounted to £33,361 4s. 1d., out of which the directors have already declared a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum, and a bonus of one shilling per share. From the balance the sum of $f_{14,493}$ 145. Id. has been carried to the reserve fund, which has thereby been in-

creased from for,100 to f75,594. The directors retiring are Messis. Todd, Ewing, Lyon, Mayson, and Watson, who, beir **g** eligible, are recommended for re-election; and Henry Jump, Esq., Corn merchant, Liverpool, is recommended for election.

JOHN TODD, Chairman. A. MURRAY, JAS. HALLIDAY, Auditors.

Revenue accounts of the Lancashire Insurance Company for the year ending 31st December, 1872, prepared in accordance with the Life Assurance Companies Act, 1870:

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ash at bankers' and bills on 19,847 6 8 hand £512,905 0 5 GEORGE STEWART, General Manager and Actuary. JOHN TODD, Chairman, NATH'L SHELMERDINE, Directors. JOHN KNOWLES, We have examined this account, and find the ame correct JAS. HALLIDAY, Auditors.

Examined this 3rd February, 1873.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Special Meeting in London.

A special general meeting of the bond and stock. olders of the Grand Trunk Company of Canada, was held on the 22nd March, to consider Mr. Mc-Ewen's scheme for raising additional capital, as modified by the Board; Mr. R. Potter, the Presi-dent, in the chair. The chairman explained that, at the meeting of the Company in November last, the only practicable way of raising additional capital was by means of net revenue and a further preference stock of £1,100,000, which the bond and stock holders were kind enough to ap-prove. Mr. McEwen had published his scheme in the railway papers, it consisted principally of ssuing £10,000,000 ordinary stock at a discount of 80 per cent., so as to realize about $f_{2,000,-000}$ for completing the road with steel rails, providing ample rolling stock, and altering the line to the ordinary narrow guage, &c., leaving the net revenue available for dividend. The scheme had met with so much approval that the directors thought it right, with some modifications, to submit it to the proprietors. It also provided that for the conversion of the first and second preference bonds, and the third and fourth preference stocks at a lower rate of interest-viz., 5 per cent. and 4 per cent. They responded by sending to the Board 878 proxies, requesting the directors to affix their names to a petition to the Canadian Parliament in favor or the Bill emdodying the scheme. The capital represented by those proxies was $\pounds_{4,559,425}$, and represented by 182,376 votes. The were 20 dissentients who objected to the scheme, representing about $\pounds 63$,ooo stock in the company. Mr. McEwen's scheme fitted very well with the directors' scheme. He proposed that the rate of interest to the first and second preference stocks be reduced from 6 to 5 per cent. The scheme A of the directors pro-to pay off the military and postal bonds of f_{1} , 200,000, now receiving interest of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. out of revenue, and in that way they would get rid of a prior mortgage. The second equipment mortgage bonds would then become the first, and would have nothing beyond them. The first preference bonds would thus get rid of a charge of $f_{,36,000}$ a year. In the directors' scheme of last year he was obliged to abandon the desirable object of change of guage, which was of immense importance to the Grand Trunk Company, both for interchange of traffic with American lines and the greater safety and security of travelling on the company's lines. The 4f. 8in. or narrow guage was quite as natural in America as it was in England and the broad guage on the Grand Trunk line was quite as exclusive and out 285,535 0 4 of place as the broad guage had been on the 772 0 0 of Great Western line in England. The directors 58,618 14 3 did not intend to lay down a third rail, but as soon as they had a sufficient supply of narrow-guage engines and rolling stock to alter the 5,851 2 7 guage from Buffalo to Sarnia and Lake Huron history. It was referred, among others, to the

they would change the line to a narrow guage on that portion, which they hoped to do in the present year; then next year they hoped to change the guage on the remainder of their line to Portland, which would give them large facilities for the through traffic. They would have 230 new coal-burning engines, which, with the change of guage would add from 25 to 30 per cent. in carrying power. The first and second preference stocks were only asked to give up I per cent, having 5 per cent interest secured to them in cash for ever after, which would greatly increase their value. He thought the scheme was rather too favourable for the fourth preference stock. They hoped the Intercolonial line would be constructed on the narrow guage, so as to complete the communication, and be opened to Halifax next year. Mr. McEwen and friends had already paid £50,000, and would pay another £50,000 to-day on the approval of the agree-ment made by the Board with them, making £100,000. When the Bill was approved another $f_{100,000}$ would be paid. They were responsible for $f_{300,000}$ more by the end of July, and on 30th September £200,000 more, making £7 per cent on the nominal amount of the stock, when they would release the contractors, leaving calls to be paid of \pounds_{13} per cent, and he believed there would be £300,000 more paid by the end of the year. The proprietors would at that time have £600,000 at the bankers. They would in all receive £1,900,000 net, being less by £1 per cent nominal commission, and they would probably get back £50,000 in the shape of interest on deposit. He concluded by moving a formal resolution approving the Bill for carrying out the scheme proposed by Mr. McEwen, as modified by the Board, subject to such further modifications as might be deemed necessary, and petitioning the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada in favor of the Bill. Captain Tyler seconded the resolution, which, after some discussion by Mr. Prance, Mr. Tuckett, Mr. Creak, Mr. Conybeare, and Mr. Adams, who were all in favour of it, was carried, there being only three dissentients. The next resolution authorized the directors to sell £10,000,000 of ordinary stock in the Grand Trunk of Canada Company, at a dis-count not exceeding 80 per cent., on the terms explained to the meeting. The resolution was approved and confirmed, there being also three dissentients. Thanks were voted to the chairman and Mr. McEwen for their services.

Correspondence.

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

(From a Special Correspondent.) (Continued from Page 838, No. 39.)

LIFE INSURANCE.

After the annual statements, the next important thing in connection with Life business, troubling us at present is, an overdose of Insurance Legislation, to which we are treated by our legislative salons, at Albany. We have had a bill introduced, similar in its provisions to the Massachusetts Non-Forfieture Law. Another making it incumbent on companies to give notice of premiums being due to their policyholders thirty days before, and compelling all policies to be kept in force for thirty days from date of renewal. There was another bill introduced, for the purpose of making all Life Companies publish monthly statements of their business, particularily the loans, the names of the parties to whom made, and the commission paid for negotiating same. The publication of these matters was to have been made under the authority of the superintendent, in two papers, one published in New York, and another in This bill has quite a remarkable Albany.

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Insurance Committee of the Assembly, and not being considered a desirable measure, was about to be reported unfavorable to the House. In the meantime the decision of the committee leaked out, either accidently or by design, and some bright member of the Albany lobby gang determined to make money out of the affair, started to New York and made a bargain with some one representing the Life Companies, that for the sum of \$15,000, he would undertake to influence the committee, so that the bill would be unfavorably reported. The companies according to report, paid the money, and the next day the bill was returned disapproved. The news of the transactions reaching the ears of the Insurance Committee, they broke out into a magnificient fit of virtuous indignation, and the services of a private detective were to be called into requisition, to discover who it was that so successfully manipulated the companies. We have heard nothing about it, however, for the past two weeks, and conclude that all the indignation was got up to order, and that if such a transaction did really occur, we are not going to be troubled about it any more. As far as I can ascertain, the report is nothing nore than a canard, but it has got into all the papers, and I have seen no formal denial of it. It revives the recollection of certain facts, elicited at the Insurance investigation last year, when certain companies acknowledged to have sent an agent to Albany with sufficient funds to prevent any hostile Insurance legislation that might be introduced in the bill, regulating the surrender value of policies, referred to in a former communication, has been amended in committee, and a day or two ago presented to the Assembly. In substance it is as follows :- The surrender value to be calculated according to " actuaries or combined experience table, and all other notes or indebtedness on account of premium obligations, to be deducted therefrom." There is to be deducted also therefrom, a "Surrender Charge," to compensate the company for relinquishing the obligations of the policy to contribute towards the payment of future claims arising under other policies. This Surrender Charge is to be eight per cent of the present value of future contributions of the policy if it had remained in force. The other clauses of the proposed bill, require that the surrender value is to be applied for within two years, and Tontine policies are to be excluded from its operations. It may possibly never become law.

Insurance legistation is getting to be a nuisance in this State. There is not a Session of the Legislature, at which one or more extravagant, useless, and unjust bills are not introduced ostensibly, for the good of the community, but in reality to make the companies " come down." Of two evils we are advised to choose the least, and, possibly, this consideration influences the companies in their dealings with the Albany lobbyists. Two cases in which Life Insurance Companies were the defandents, were recently tried in the Courts here. One a suit instituted by Mrs. Sylvia D. Dalton against the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., for the recovery of \$10,000. amount of a policy on the life of her husband, George A. Dalton. In January, 1869, Dalton insured his life for the above amount, and in the month of April following, he in company with several of his friends, arranged a pleasure party, to start from a clubhouse, in Brooklyn. On the arrival of his carriage at the place of rendezvous, he was found dead, and a dis charged pistol on the floor of the carriage. His friends claimed that the death was accidental, while the company contended it was suicide. The jury found for the plaintiff, however, in the full amount, with interest. I am informed that the company will appeal from the decision, but cannot say so with certainty.

In the second case the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company was the defendant. One Charles Fleury, Assignee of a policy in that company, on the life of Victor Fleury, for \$4,000. The policy was originally taken for the benefit of Victor's wife, and the Trenton Pottery Company. Victor died in March, 1871, and the entire interest in the policy became vested in Charles Fleury. The difference was that the premium due in January, 1871, was not paid, and also that the insured concealed from the examining physician of the company, that he had had an attack of paralysis some time previous. The jury gave a verdict in favor of plaintiff for full amount claimed with interest.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Stephen English, of the Insurance Times is still in Ludlow Street jail, pending the trial of the libel suit instituted against him. His February paper was issued from that Bastile. He has appealed to the constitution convention now sitting in Albany, on the hardship of the present law of libel, but without effect. In fact, that is generally the fate of all his letters, they are never answered.

e never answered. There is a little "family jar" got up among your contemporaries here, just now. The *Chronicle* believing that men that are deaf as an adder to advice, and indifferent to reproach when administered through the medium of printers' ink, are keenly alive to ridicule, which they wish to avoid, has hit upon the expedient of immortalizing them in cartoon style. Honble William Barnes and Stephen English, having supplied the subject for one of these cartoons recently, in a suppositious endeavor to pick the lock of the Insurance Department at Albany. Mr. Barnes' friends among the Editorial profession, are disturbed over it. The New York Underwriters has entered its protest against the "Cartoon feature of Insurance Journalism, in its usual calm and dignified manner. Not so the Monitor. It has taken up the cudgel for Mr. Barnes, and as a reward has got caricatured in its turn. Then a breeze has sprung up between the Chronicle and the Baltimore Underwriter, while the Insurance Times is at sword's points with the Spectator and the Monitor. There is a sort of free fight all round, in which, I fear, somebody will get hurt. The Chronicle is a live parer, and will not allow itself to be beaten in the fight.

Honble. Williams Barnes has been appointed General Manager of the Industral Exposition Company of New York.

Erastus Lyman, ex-President of the Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company, has been arrested yesterday, 20th instant, for fraud, and gave bail in \$15,000.

A suit for the recovery of a suicide policy against the St. Louis Mutual Life Insurance Company, will shortly be commenced in this city.

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P.S.—The loss by the fire at the Erie Depot, will range in the neighborhood of \$200,000. Amount of insurance unknown.

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FIRE RECORD.—Newburg, April 5.—A fire broke out in Miss Ward's millinery shop, Wardsville, and burned the following buildings : —Ward's millinery, Barclay's drug store, Hammonds' general store, the Post-office and Montreal Telegraph office, Howe's provision store, Dixon's harness shop, English's dwelling, Young's shoe shop and dwelling, Anti's butcher shop, and Harrold's shoe shop, on the south side ; Dr. Couse's office, the Commercial Hotel, and Sheppard's dwelling on the north side. The loss is over \$40.000. The following is a list of

the heaviest losers :--W. D. Hammond, buildings and part stock \$7,000, insured in British America and Western for \$2,000; M. F. Barclay, buildings and stock, total loss \$7,000, insured in British America and Provincial for \$1.200 ;/Miss Ward, stock of millinery, &c., total loss \$1,500, no insurance ; Dixon, stock of harness, leather, household furniture, and dwelling, total loss \$2,-500, no insurance ; W. K. Howes, grocery and provision stock and buildings, total loss \$2,000 insured for \$800 in Provincial; S. English, loss in removal of furniture, say \$100; Younge, boot and shoe shop, dwelling and damage to stock \$2,000, insured for \$600 in British America; R. Neil, shop and dwelling, \$400, no insurance ; S. Harold, shoe shop \$200, no insurance; M.G. Munro, damage to stock \$1,500, insured in Provincial ; Wm. Sheppard, dwelling, household furniture, and damage to stock and shop \$2,000 insured in Provincial for \$800; G. R. Paris, hotel, furniture, liquors, &c., \$200, no insurance; George Couse, M.D., Commercial Hotel building household furniture, medicines, &c., \$3,000, inspred in Western for \$1,500; Tait & Gillies, damage to goods and building \$1,000, insured in Niagara District Mutual ; miscellaneous losses say \$1,000. Total loss say \$32,000.

Simcoe, April 8.—A fire broke out in the building occupied by John Sullivan as a boot and shoe store. It extended south to Purcell's livery stable, which was partially destroyed, consuming in its course the boot and shoe store of W. J. Harris, the bakery and confectionery shop of Mrs. Waters, and the saloon of Robert Heally. The probable loss is \$6,000 to \$8,000.

Prince Albert, April 2—A fire broke out in the upper story of Willcox's drug store, Simcoe street, Prince Albert, and destroyed it with Mr. Wright's boot and shoe establishment, Mr. Wightman's dry goods establishment, and the Masonic Hall. Loss stated at \$15,000, about two-thirds of which is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Montreal, March 28.—A fire broke out in the British America Bank Note Company's Building, corner of St. James and St. John streets; the fire was extinguished after about an hour's hard work. The insurance was as follows:— On the building—in the London, \$1000; on Bank Note Company's stock—North British & Mercantile, \$14000; Liverpool & London, \$1400; British American, \$1400; Commercial Union, \$1400; Scottish Imperial, 1400—Total insurance by Bank Note Co., \$8000. The loss as ascertained to-day is only \$1600 on both building and stock. Mr. Beckett's stock in the lower flats was insured in the North British, \$3000; Western, \$3000; Scottish Imperial, \$200—Total Insured by Mr. Becket, \$8000. His loss is only from water, and amounts to \$525.

Montreal, April I.—A fire took place on the 29th ult. in the building at the corner of Craig and Bleury streets, owned by Mr. McDonald, of Lachine. The photograph premises of Mr. John O'Reilly were completely gutted. The insurance was as follows: On the building, Lancashire, \$2,000; on O'Reilly's stock, North British \$500, British America \$600—total \$3,100. Loss on building estimated at \$1,000; loss on O'Reilly's stock, total, \$1,100; total loss to insurance companies, \$2,100.

Buttonville, April 5.—The barns and stables belonging to Wm. Padget, on Lot No. 13. 3rd Con., Markham, were totally destroyed by fire. Loss, about \$4.000; \$500 insurance. The fire is supposed to have been caused by lightning.

Jordan, Ont., April 3.—The G. W. R. station at this place was burned; loss about \$400 to \$500.

Moncton, N.B., March .--Mr. E. Millikins, carpenters shop was destroyed; insured in the Queen for \$500.

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Toronto, April 5 .- The manufactory of Wm. Burke, lumber merchant at the corner of Sheppard and Richmond streets was consumed with a quantity of lumber. Loss stated at \$20,000 insured as follows : Provincial \$3,000; Gore District \$2.000; Western \$2.500; Queen \$2.000 total \$9.500. A number of houses adjoining were destroyed or damaged. Five wooden houses west of the factory were destroyed with most of the contents. These were occupied by John Wilcox, F. Orris, Richard Clarke, Nathaniel, Baker, and E. J. Burton. Mr. Ellison's house on Sheppard street was mostly destroyed ; no insurance; Miss Andersons rough cast house was slighty injured ; insured in the Hartford. The Burnside Lying-in-Hospital on the east side of Sheppard street suffered damage to the extent \$100 to \$200 insured in the Royal.

Montreal, April 7.—Messrs. John Jamieson & Co.'s varnish factory and the patent roofing factory of T. L. Steele were consumed. No insurance.

Commercial.

TORONTO MARKET.

Гогонто, April 10, 1873. Trade has been generally quiet during the past week, mainly in consequence of the bad weather and the breaking up of the roads throughout the country. Lake navigation has now partially opened, however, and this harbour will be clear of ice in the course of a few days country. probably; so that there will undoubtedly soon be more life in commercial circles than there is at present. Money continues close, and new loans are difficult to negotiate except at extreme rates. Regular business paper is generally taken at 8 to 10 per cent., anything discounted under

these rates being for exceptionally strong names. The following statement shows the imports at the port of Toronto for the month and three months ended March 31st last, as compared with those for the corresponding period of last vear :--

Dutiable Goods. March Free Goods "	1872. \$1.312,768 57,295	1873. \$1.566,831 170,593
Total for March	\$1.370,063	\$1.737,424
Total Jan. & February	1.957,045	1.635,348

\$3.327,108 \$3.372,772 From these figures it will be seen that though there was a decline in the imports for January and February this year as compared with last, the increase in March 1873 has been more than sufficient to counterbalance the previous decline.

CATTLE .- Beeves .- The arrivals of all kinds have been about twelve car loads, the quality of which has been good, including very few inferior beasts, and prices have ranged almost exclusively from \$4.50 to 5 per 100 lbs. Quotations remain without special change, namely \$5 for first-class, \$4 to 4.50 for second-class, and \$3.50 for third-class. The principal sales reported were two car loads of prime fat steers, averaging 1400 lbs, at \$5 live weight; two car loads, average 1,250 lbs, at \$4.50, and three car loads, average 1300 lbs, also at \$4.50. Sheep.—Few arivals, and prices very firm, with ready buyers at 6c per 1b live weight. Quotations range from \$4 to 10 apiece. Lambs.—Not many in, prices ranging from \$2.50 to 5. Calves.—Scarce and wanted at from \$4 to 10.

DRUGS .- Trade has been quiet, with few changes in prices. Opium is rather lower, however, quoted at \$7.50 to 8.00.

DRY GOODS .- Business has been somewhat slack during the past week, with few buyers in the city, and orders are generally limited in am-ount. The following were the imports during the month and three months ended March 31st. last, as compared with the corresponding period

	March 1872.	March 1873
Woollens	\$295,025	\$257,627
Cottons	407,229	434,491
Silks & Velvets	118,817	910,10
Fancy Goods	119,914	184.056
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Fancy Goods.. 211,757 265,132 FLOUR & MEAL.—Flour.—The market has been quiet during the past week, rates remaining steady untill within the past day or two, when a reduction in freights of 7c to St. John and 1oc to Halifax enabled holders to command a slight advance. Superfine sold during the week to a limited extent at \$5.50 to 5.55, the latter only for choice brands, but yesterday \$5.55 was bid pretty freely, with no sellers at that rate. Fancy has remained steady at \$5.90, at which a few hund-reds were taken, one lot of choice bringing \$6.10. Extra has been inactive, but is nominally worth \$6.55 to 6.50. The stock of all kinds here on the 17th inst was 32,697 brls. against 30,351 brls. the previons week. Oatmeal.-Not much doing, and prices without change. One car of choice was taken at \$4.85 on the track, ordinary being quoted at \$4.65 to 4.70. Bran,-By the car load may be quoted at \$13. to 13.50, broken lots selling at \$14.50 delivered.

GRAIN AND SEEDS .- Wheat-The stock of spring wheat in store on the 7th inst. was 267,121 bush., against 263,414 bush. the previous week, and 142,972 bush. on April 1st 1872. There has not been much doing in this grade of wheat during the past week, buyers and sellers being quite apart in their views. The only reported transaction was the sale yesterday of five cars at \$1.27 f.o.b. Of fall wheat the stock on the 7th inst. was 166,856 bush., against 164,265 bush. the previous week, and 216,971 bush. at the corresponding date of 1872. Holders have not been offering to sell, and as buyers were not prepared to hold out sufficient inducements, holders have not parted with any of their stuff. No. 1 would sell at \$1.50 and No. 2 at \$1.45, but there is none to be had at these prices. Barley—Receipts have been small and business restricted in consequence. Sales have been chiefly of No. 2 at 68 to 69c. Peas-Not many coming in, but all offering have found ready buyers at 68c on the taack. Oats—Have sold at $37\frac{1}{2}$ to 39c on the track, for Eastern and Chicago chiefly at 38c. No western Ontario oats offering. Corn-Quoted at 49 to 50° Ryc is taken at 65°. *Clover*—Selling at \$5.40 to 5.50 in round lots, dealers asking \$5.50 to 5.60. *Alsike*—Quoted at \$8 to 8.25. *Timothy*—Sales at \$3.30 to 3.75 for common to choice. *Flax*—Quoted at \$2.25 to 2.40.

GROCERIES .- Trade has been generally quiet during the past week, with few sales to the jobbing houses. Prices are without change of importance. The following figures show the imports of the articles named, at this port dur-ing March last, as compared with the corres-ponding period of 1872, and the amount remaining on hand on the 31st ult.

			In hand.	
	1872.	1873. I	Mar. 31. 73	Ĺ
Coffee, Green	lbs 21,988	35,379		
	\$ 3,490	6,077		
Tea G. & Japar		1,498,96	64,210	1
	\$ 19,712	43,673	16,855	į.
Tea Black	lbs 13,973	35,404		Ĺ
""	\$ 5,489	7,917	•	
Sugar &c.,	lbs 269,248	1,145,654	541,341	
	\$ 17,058	70,077	25,744	
Cigars	lbs 5,486	6,378	6,168	
	\$ 4,100	6,677	6,048	
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HARDWARE.-Pig Iron-Holders in consequence of less favorable advices by cable, have been inclined to accept less than their previous demands and about 350 tons of various brands

mer quotations, precise terms not made public. Bar Iron-Sales at \$3.75 to 4. Hoop Iron-In fair request and quoted steady at \$4.25 to 4.75. Tin Plates-Meet a moderate enquiry at unchanged quotations. Tin-Ingot 38 to 40c and grain, 41 to 44c. Copper-Ingot, 27 to 20c and sheet, 29 to 31c. Galvanized Iron-Selling pretty freely at former prices. Lead-Firm at quotations, but not moving off very rapidly. Cut Nails-Sales of 500 keg lots have been made as low as \$5, but smaller lots are quoted at \$5.20 to 5.25 for 3 to 6 inch. HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides—With moderate

receipts and a good enquiry, late sales are fully maintained. Calfskins-Offering freely, but all coming in find ready sale at quotations. Sheep. skins-Few coming in and demand not active, but \$1.75 to 2 is still being paid for freshslaughtered.

LEATHER.—The market has been rather more active, with improving prices for some descriptions of stock. Spanish sole-In good request, and present supply not equal to the demand, so that prices, though unsettled, are firmly maintained. Slaughter sole-Neglected, but quotations unaltered. Harness-Has met an improv-ing enquiry, and is more firmly held at quotations. Upper—A sale of a round lot is reported at 411c, and choice, light stock would probably be still saleable at that figure. All kinds are quoted from 11cc to 2c higher than previous prices. Russetts-None now in first hands, any coming forward would sell readily at full prices.

PETROLEUM .- At a meeting recently held by the Canadian refiners a reduction of 4c was made in the price of refined, now quoted at 26c f. o. b. at London; broken lots selling here at a corresponding decline.

PROVISIONS,—Butter.—Receipts of all grades especially of the finer qualities, have been limited during the past week, and sales have been effected freely at fair prices. Inferior samples have sold at 8 to 9c, medium to good at 12 to 15c, and choice at 18 to 20c. Cheese.-The stock of fine is limited and prices are firm at 13 to 14c according to quality. Eggs.—Sales have been to a small extent at 16c. Lard. have been to a small externat 10c. $Lara_{-}$ Sales at 9¹/₂ to 10. Bacon.-Sales are noted of about 30 tons of Cumberland cut in several lots at 8c and of smaller quantities at 8¹/₂ to 8¹/₂c. Smoked has sold at $g_{\frac{1}{2},c}^2$ and roll at 12 to 12 c. Hams-Smoked has sold at 12 to 13 c, and canvassed at 131c. Pork-Mess has sold to a limited extent at \$17.50 to 18. 30 brls. of a choice brand selling at the outside figure.

MONTREAL MARKET. From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, April, 8, 1873.

Montreal is at present in that uncomfortable position when the roads are unfit for either sleighs or wheel vehicles, the rapid and continuous thaws we have had since my last report has caused a great deal of snow to disappear, and n a day or two the roads will be quite bare. The ice bridge still holds but it is in a very rotten condition and although some are foolhardy enough to cross, it is not safe either for sleighs or pedestrians. We had a thunder storm on Sunday followed by heavy rain. Yesterday was very foggy, and to-day weather continues foggy and very mild. River rising gradually.

Trade keeps very dull in most branches although there are some exceptions. Dry goods have been moderately active. Hardware in steady demand. Groceries meet with a fair jobbing demand. Breadstuffs dull and almost nominal. Provisions firm. Ashes in fair de-mand and steady. No great activity in any branch is looked for till the opening of navigation.

ASHES .- Pots-The receipts during the week have been light, and for what was offered there have been disposed of at a reduction from for- has been a fair demand of first sorts, the sales averaged from \$6.85 to 7. Some inferior tares were placed at \$6.80, to-day the ma.ket closes quiet and a shade easier prices rule, quotations being \$6.85 to 6.90. Seconds are not much enquired for, some few parcels were placed at \$6.10. *Pearls*—Market has been very quiet at \$9.25 for firsts and \$8.25 for seconds, but owing to the few transactions reported, these prices are nominal. Stocks at present in store are pots 801 brls, pearls 235 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOTS.—Manufacturing houses are still busy filling orders and business doing is reported to be fair for the season, but we have no change to note in prices. We continue to quote :— Men's Kip Boots \$2.65 to 3.10; ditto French Calf \$3.00 to 3.75; ditto Split Brogans \$1 to 1.25; ditto Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2; ditto Prunella Congress \$1.50 to 2.00; Boys Split Brogans 90c to \$1; Womans Buff Boots \$1.15 to 1.25; ditto Split ditto 90c to \$1.95; ditto Prunella Congress 75c to \$1.75; ditto Fine Kid Balmorals \$2. to 2.50.

CATTLE.—Owing to the lghtness of the arrivals considerably higher prices have prevailed this week, Lent being nearly over large supplies are looked for, and a decline will probably take place, meantime 1st quality beef is \$8 per 100 lbs. No Hogs in market at present. Sheep and Lambs are scarce, but prices are unchanged.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The usual spring demand for goods in this line of business has hardly began yet, and only small sales are transpiring of the following articles, at about the following rates. Cream Tartar sells at 28 to 30c; Sallpetre is firmer, last sales being at \$10.50 to 11.50; Sal Soda 21 to 21c, but we heard of a sale at 1 less than our inside quotations; Soda Ash steady at 33; Bi Carb is scarce and in demand at 53c; Caustic Soda 53c; Bleaching Powder of last year, is procurable at 38c, while new to arrive is quoted at 3 dearer. Alum 21c; Brimstone 23 to 3c; Sulphur 32 to 33c; Epsom Saits are steady at 2c; Arrow root 12 to 15c; Liquorice 18 to 30c.

DRY GOODS.—Wholesale houses are busy filling orders. There have been very few buyers in the city during the week, but all concur in the report that business done this year has, so far, been very satisfactory, although there are a good many complaints about remittances, owing to the dullness of the retail trade in the country. Clothing trade fairly active, and quite above the average of former years.

FISH.—There is a general scarcity of fish in this market, and prices have been well sustained. Dry Cod being from \$42 to 5, but the article is very scarce. Green Cod.—Is completely out of the market. Salmon,—Is in very limited supply, and holders are firm at \$15. Herrings. —Are not much asked for now, stocks are very low, and prices do not exhibit much change. Split Labrador \$3.50 to 3.75 ; Canso splits \$2 to 2.25.

FURS.—The sales in London, have made little change in value of furs here, beyond what we have already anticipated, our market at present is quiet but firm. Our present quotations are:
Beaver \$2 to 2.50 per lb; black bear, \$10 to 12; fisher, \$6 to 7; silver fox, \$25 to 50; cross fox, \$2 to 5; red fox. \$1.50 to 1.60; lynx.
\$1.75 to 2; dark marten, \$5 to 7; pale marten \$2 to 2.50; dark mink, \$3. to 4; mink, prime, 2d \$1.50 to 15; spring do., 20c; racoon, 40c to 50c; skunk, 25c; otter, \$10 to 12.
FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week 7400 brls;

day the market closes very inactive and nominal at the following prices :-Extra \$6.95 to 7.20; Fancy \$6.50 to 6.60; Ordinary supers from Canada wheat \$5.85 to 5.90; Strong Bakers Flour \$6.00 to 6.10; Canada super No.2 \$5.60 to 5.70; Fine \$5; Middlings \$4 to 4.25; Pollards \$2.25 to 3.00; Upper Canada Bags \$2.80 to 2.90; Oatmeal in good demand at \$5 to 5.20; Cornmeal \$3 to 3.15.

GRAIN .- Wheat .- Receipts during the past week 4900 bush. total receipts from 1st January to date 11.730 bush. being an increase of 54.825 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. Nothing doing in this grain at present and prices are still quiet and nominal. Maize.-The market quiet but steady, car loads selling at 571 to 60c per bushel. Peas.-Very few in market and holders are firm asking 823 to 85c ; Oats continue dull and nominal at 30 to 32c; Barley is steady, latest sales range from 45 to boc ; Timothy seed is scarce at present, two car loads were placed yesterday at \$3.15, smaller lots bringing \$3.30; Flax seed is firm and com-mands from \$1.60 to 1.70; Pot Barley \$6.00; Pearl Barley \$10.50 all making just now taken at these prices.

GROCERIES .- Teas .- We have nothing of any consequence to report in this market, the movement during the week has been light, and prices realized at auction sale were not satisfactory. The market quotations are about as follows :-Uncoloured Japans 30 to 65c; Gunpowders 30 to 85c ; Hysons 25 to 55c ; Hyson Twankay 25 to 35c ; Congou 25 to 70c. Coffee .- Not much doing just now and there is a scarcity of some kinds in the market. The only sales we heard of being Singapore at 20 to 22c and Java 221 to 25c. Sugar.—The demand during the week has been confined to the wants of retail dealers at rate unchanged since last week. Canada refined is moderately active but unchanged in value. Spices .- Maintain there value but very little business doing. Black pepper is held at 17c the stock of which is low; Cloves 22 to 25c; Cassia stock of which is low, of the 22 to 9c; Jamaica Ginger 221 to 25c; Pimento $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c; Jamaica Ginger 17 to 20c. *Rice.*—With a light supply and good demand prices keep very firm with strong up ward tendency \$4.25 to 4.50 being the current rate. Molasses .- In good demand at 38 to 40c for Barbadoes; 30 to 32c for Trinidad; 24 to 26c for Clayed; Golden Syrup 44c; Amber Syrup 72c. Fruit.-A better demand this week for most articles in this branch, chiefly by jobbers. Layer Raisins \$1.55 to 1.60 ; Valentias 5 to 61c; Sultanas 111 to 13c; Currants 61 to 61; Almonds 12 to 14c; Figs 10 to 13c; Nuts are wanted but none in market at present.

HIDES AND PELTS.—Business doing just now is light, prices, however, maintain their firmness, but no change has yet been reported on the following quotations:—Salted hides \$9.50 to IO; No. I green, \$9 to 9.50; No. 2 ditto, 8.50 to 9; No. 3 and bulls, \$7 to 8; sheep and lambskins, \$1.50 to 2.

HARDWARE.—While no actual advance has t taken place in the price of iron in this market, holders are not disposed to make large sales at current rates. The extreme prices ruling in Britain must have the effect of enhancing values here. The demand for leading goods is up to the average, though not as good as might be expected, considering the prices prevailing at present. Should importations be light for a few months, we are likely to see prices go up to above their present point. *Pig Iron* — Coltness, none in market, Gartsherrie, \$48.00 to 50.00 ; Summerlee \$49.00 to 50 ; Glengarnock, \$47 to 48 ; Laug loan, \$49 to 50 ; Eglinton, \$45 to 46; Clyde, \$43 to 44; Hematite, \$50 to 52. Bars—Scotch or Staffordshire, \$70 to 75; best refined, \$80 to 85 ; Swedes, \$100 to 120. Hoop and Band, \$4.50 to 6.00. Sheets, \$6 to 7.50 Plates—Best, \$5 to 7; Lowmoor or Bowling, \$9 to 10. Nails—Cut, \$5

\$6.50 to 7; Canada Plates—Hatton, \$7.25 to 7.50; Swansea, \$7.75 to 8.; Crown \$8 to 8.50. Tin Plates—Charcoal IC, \$12.75 to 13.00; ditto IX, \$14.75 to 15.00; coke, IC, \$11.50 to 12. Sheet Lead, \$7.25 to \$7.75; pig lead, \$6.50 to \$7.00; shot lead, \$7.00 to \$7.50. Zinc— Spelter, \$6.50 to 7; sheet, \$7.75 to 8.25. Galvanized Iron, 12c to 13 c. Cast Steel, 15c to 16c; spring do., 6c to 7c; sleigh shoe, 6c to 6 c. Window Glass—For good 4th quality, under 25 united inches, \$3; to 40 inches, \$3.20; to 50 inches, \$3.50 nominal.

LEATHER.—Trade this week is reported to have been brisker both in the city and in the west, and a much firmer feeling pervades the market. A good deal of upper leather has been purchased in Quebec it is said with the view of putting up prices, but in this market quotations continue unchanged as under:—Spanish sole, No. I 26 to 27c; do. No. 2, 24 to 25c; Buffalo sole No. I, 23c; do. No. 2, 21c; Henlock slaughter 28 to 30c; waxed upper light and medium 37½ to 42½c; do. heavy 35 to 37½c; grained upper 35 to 41c; large splits, 26 to 34c; do. small 26 to 30; calf skins (27 to 36 lbs) 65 to 75c; do. (18 to 26 lb) 55 to 65c; sheep-skin linings, 20 to 36c; harness, 28 to 32c; buffed cow, 14 to 17c. per foot; enamelled cow 18 to 19c; rough leather 26 to 30.

LIQUORS.—*Brandy*—Prices of this liquor are firm but without material change and the market is without activity. The quotations for the favorite brands are from \$2 to 2.50 in wood and \$6.75 to 9 in cases. *Gin*—Is firm but in light demand; DeKuypers in wood, \$1.42Houtmann's, \$1.35 to 1.37c; green cases, \$3.60to 3.65; red cases, \$6.60 to 6.65. High wines and ry whiskey are unchanged.

NAVAL STOTES.—*Turpentine*—Has advanced in value since last week and is now firm and in fair demand at 80c. *Rosins*—Are firm with an upward tendency, strained \$5, No. 2 \$5.25 to 5.50, No. 1 has advanced to \$6. *Pine Tar and Pitch* and coal tar and pitch are unchanged.

OILS.—Linseed is fairly active, boiled bringing from 80 to 82c, and raw 75 to 77c; Seal.—Pale is almost out of the market nominal quotations being 66 to 62½c; Steam refined has changed hands in considerable quantities during the week at 55c but holders are now very firm, asking 5c more; straw seal brings 55 to 57½; Olive oil \$1.00 to 1.10; Lard oil has been in large demand for Railway purposes at 66½c which is cheaper in proportion than seal oil for that use; Palm oil 8½ to 9c; Cod oil in active demand but stocks are low, sales reported at 50 to 55c; Petrolcum.—Some carloads have been selling at 34c, and retail lots at 36 to 37½c, very little coming into market just now and stocks are getting well reduced. PROVISIONS—Butter—Receipts 285, shipments

PROVISIONS—Butter—Receipts 285, shipments 370 kegs. Market firm and a fair business doing within our quotations. Store packed western 10 to 12c. Fair western dairy, 14 to 18c. Good to choice, 20 to 22c. Cheese—Receipts 248 boxes, shipments 6 boxes. Market very firm but not a great deal doing at present. Fine factory 12 to 12½c. Finest 13 to 14c. Pork—Market firm and advancing. New Canada mess, \$18 to 18.50. Thin mess, \$16.50. The advanced prices in the western markets is beginning to tell on our markets here. Bcef— Is quiet and unchanged. Lard—Is in good demand at 9½ to 10c. Tallow—Is firm and held or \$ to 84c. Fargs—15 to 17c per doz.

at 8 to 8 c. Eggs-15 to 17c per doz. SALT.—Market quiet, not many transactions transpiring. Coarse \$1.80 to 1.90; Fine \$1.75 to 1.80; Western salt \$1.40 to 1.50 per brl.

Wool.—Market steady, a good number of small transactions have taken place, within our range of quotations. Fleece wool 40 to 45c; Pulled wool super 32 to 36c; ditto No. I 30 to 34c; ditto Black 30 to 34c; ditto unassorted 32 to 34c.

DOMINION OF CANADA OILS REFINERY.

An exraordinary general meeting of this com. pany was held in London, Eng., on the 12th March. Colonel J. A. Cole in the chair.

The Secretary (Mr. B. Williams) read the notice convening the meeting, and Mr. Cail's report to the Board.

The Chairman, referring to Mr. Cail's report. said that that gentlemen was present, and would be able to answer any questions that were put to him. He, as a member of the old board, thought it was greatly to be regretted that they had not received the report at an earlier period. They had appended to the report Mr. Howell's explanation respecting the tar. It ought perhaps to be read, but they would probably take it as read. He thought they could do nothing with Howell. The object in calling the meeting was to take the opinion of the shareholders as to whether it would be advisable to lease the company's premises for five or six years, whilst the land was improving in value, and which would pay some small per-centage. They might be able to get rid of the concern on very good terms. He would call upon Mr. Bond to move the first resolution.

Mr. Bond said that their intention had been to cut down the expenses. Mr. Stovin had been unfortunately sent back to Canada, but under a very reduced salary, to be paid monthly. Their attention was next directed to carrying out legal proceedings against Mr. Harvey. In point of fact the litigation had commenced. The bill filed in Chancery was with the object of getting back from Mr. Harvey 2,1251. which he received under a secret contract with Howell, and which agree ment was consequently fraudulent. It was also to get back from him fifty shares which now stand in his name, and the salary and fees which he had received as managing director. With respect to Houghton and Howell, he considered the circumstances disclosed were such as to justifiy them in saying that it was hopeless to think of carrying on the concern with the assist-ance of Howell. There were three points which had influenced the directors in coming to the conclusion they had arrived at. Mr. Howell and Stovin in July 1871 telegraphed that they were ready, and that funds were wanted for residum. After that was received 1000l. was sent out expressly for this purpose. Mr. Cail's report disclosed the fact that they never made any oil; and when asked the reason, Howell said he could not get tar of the proper quality. Mr. Cail says that residum of that quality is obtainable. Then, in Mr. Howell's prospectus, to which he set his hand, a great mention is made about oils which he manufactured by a patent taken out in Canada, and subsequently taken out in this country. He got a specification of this patent which described the machinery required to make oil by Mr. Howell's process, and then this disclosed the fact that there is a quantity of machinery required which never was in existence on Mr. Howell's premises at all. Thirdly, they had found that Mr. Evans, one of the divide the second se the people who gave an order from Philadelphia, and said he would take 500 barrels a week, was never in a position to give such an order. In point of fact, all the people about the company's premises appeared to have been connected with Howell before he formed the company. These were the three points which he particularly wished to draw attention to. It was impossible to expect that Mr. Howell would be able to manufacture oil for them.

A Shareholder—Is there any evidence that he did carry on business ?

Mr. Cail-Very little evidence-a mere iron pot.

Mr. Bond continued that the question was not whether Mr. Howell could make oil, but whether he could make it better than other people's oil, and whether the patent was worth anything. which had can be had at 4 per cent.

They had come to the conclusion that he could not make good oil, and that his contract was a fraudulent one. He recommended the shareholders to send out an agent properly instructed to lease the premises, and he thought they would get 1,500l. per annum for them, which would give 5 per cent. on the capital invested. At the end of five or six years they would then consider whether it would be well to dispose of the property. In pursuance of this he would propose -" That the directors be authorized to institute proceedings, in the name of the company, against Messrs. Houghton and Howell to rescind their contract with the company to cancel shares now standing in ther names, and obtain the repayment of monies paid to them in respect of such contract."

The resolution was seconded by a large shareholder.

Mr. Harvey moved as an amendment-"That under the circumstances, and having regard to to the fact as it now appears that Messrs. Houghton and Howell are persons of no means, this meeting consider it would be waste of shareholders' money to institute proceedings against them to rescind their contract with the company, and to cancel shares now standing in their names. and obtain the repayment of monies paid to them in respect of such contract, such contract being already vitiated and avoided on the ground of fraud, and incapable of being enforced by Messrs. Houghton and Howell in any court of law or equity, and the said shares being chargeable equity, and the salu shares being charge able under the 25th section of the Companies' Act, 1867, with full payment of 5l per share. That in lieu of any such proceedings, and with the view to preserve the company's rights, notice be immediately given by the direction of Messrs. Houghton and Howell of Mr. Cail's report, and that the company were induced to enter into the contract with them on the faith of the fraudulent representations, and that the company consider and intend to treat the contract as void, ab initio, and to hold them liable to refund all monies and shares paid and given by the company in respect of such contract. That the directors forthwith proceed to convene an extraordinary general meeting for the purpose of passing special resolutions, and adding to the articles of associations of the company by making due provision for the forfeiture after the usual and proper notice of all shares upon which any amount may be due or payable upon default in payment of the amount so due."

This being seconded by Mr. Bellairs, was put to the meeting, but was lost.

Mr. Cameron moved as an amendment on the original resolution, as follows-" That the directors be authorised to take such proceedings as may be necessary to relieve the company from any claims by Messers. Houghton and Howell in respect of their contracts, and the shares now standing in their names in the company's register.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Mr. Bettson next moved-" That the directors be authorised to send out an agent to Sarnia to settle the company's liabilities there, to negotiate for the lease or sale of the company's premises, and otherwise to act on the company's behalf. "

This reolution was seconded by Mr. Carter, and carried unanimously.

-A meeting of shareholders in the Canada Engine and Machinery Company will be held on the 24th April, to consider a proposal to enlarge the capital and remove the works from Kingston to Montreal.

-The Imperial Government have transferred the guarantee of a loan for $f_{1,100,000}$ stg. for fortifications to the Pacific Railway. This makes a total guaranteed loan of \$25,250,000

Government House, Ottawa.

Wednesday, 2nd day of April, 1873. PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

On the recommendation of the Honorable the Minis-ter of Customs, and under the provisions of the 8th sec-tion of the Act 31 Vic. **Cap.** 6, initialed: "An Act re-specting the Customs," His Excellency has been plcased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Town of Lind-say, Ontario, be and the same is hereby constituted and erected into a Port of Entry and a Warehousing Port.

W. A. HIMSWORTH, Clerk, Privy Council.

Government House, Ottawa.

Wednesday, 2nd day of April, 1873.

PRESENT : HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN COUNCIL. On the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Customs, and under the provisions of the 8th Section of the Act 3rst Victoria, Cap. 6, initiuled: "An Act re-specting the Customs" His Excellency his been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Village of New Glasgow, in the County of Pictou, Nova Scotia, be and the same is hereby constituted and erected into an Out Port of Customs with warehousing privileges, and to be attached to the Port of Pictou.

W. A. HIMSWORTH, Clerk, Privy Council.

Government House, Ottawa.

Wednesday, 2nd day of April, 1873. PRESENT

PRESENT: HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL. On the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Customs and under the provisions of the 8th section of the Act 3t Vic., Cap. 6, initiuled: "An Act respecting the Customs" His Excellency h is been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the place known as Jordan Bay, in the Country of Shelburne, Nova Scotia, beand the same is hereby constitute and erected into an Out Port of Customs at the Port of Shelburne. Customs at the Port of Shelburne.

W. A. HIMSWORTH, Clerk, Privy Council.



MANITOBA & THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

After the 10th of June next, emigrants having through tickets, will be sent from Toronto to Fort Garry, Manitoba, at the following rates :---

Toronto to Prince Arthur's Landing by way of Collingwood or Sarnia.

Adults, \$5; Children under twelve years of age, half price, 150 lbs. personal baggage free. Extra baggage, 35 cent per 100 lbs.

Prince Arthur's Landing to Fort Garry.

Emigrants, S10; Children under twelve years, half 52.50 per 100 lbs. personal bargage free. Extra lugga.e, 52.50 per 100 lbs. Emigrants should take their own rations. Provisions

will, however, be furnished at cost price, at Shebando-wan, Fort Frances, and the North-West Angle of the Lake of the Woods.

Through Tickets for Emigrant, to Fort Garry via Prince Arthur's Landing,

Can be had at Toronto, at the Stations of the Northern, Great Western, and Grand Trunk Railways. Emigrants are requested to take notice that packages of luggage are limited to 200 lbs. weight for convenience or trau port on the Portages.

Merchandise

After 20th June next, will be transported from Prince Arthur's Landing to the Eastern terminus of the Fort Garry Road, North-West Angle, at the rate of \$2 per 100 lbs., or \$40 per ton of 2,000 lbs. Each pie. or package to be of convenient size, not ex-ceeding 300 lbs. in weight, and to be firmly bound or fastened.

Lastened. HORSES, OXEN, WAGGONS, and heavy articles, such as castings and machinery, can be sent through to the same point, on giving due notice and making special arrangements for the conveyance of the same. No wines or spirituous liquors will be taken over the route from Prince Arthur's Landing.

By direction.

F. BRAUN, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 26th March, 1873.



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