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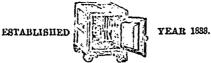
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CHEAPER POSTAGE RATES.

THE time has come when the press should take up and advocate cheaper Postage rates. This is one of those practical reforms which can and ought to be carried out without further delay. Both our Ocean, International and Provincial Postage is, we believe, higher than there is any real recessity for, and we feel confident that reduced rates would cause a large increase in the postal business annually done. Such was the experience in Great Britain, when Rowland Hill introduced the penny postage system. So great an increase took place in correspondence, that the postal department, which had under the high rates been conducted at a large annual loss to the nation, became nearly, if not quite self-sustaining.

The soundness of this principle as demonstrated by Mr. Gladstone. When Chancellor of the Exchequer, by reducing taxation on ranny articles of general consumption, he obtained more revenue than from higher rates, simply because the cheaper price caused a vast increase of consumption. In proposing that we should reduce our postage, therefore, we are making no rash experiment, which may result in rendering too costly that branch of the public service. We believe that our experience would be similar to that of Great Britain, and that we would find that the reduction in postage would so increase the amount of mail matter, that we would obtain as large a revenue as under the present sytem.

One great cause why the ocean postage was continued so high for so many years past, is probably the enormous subsidy which the British Government has been paying to the Cunard steamers. This subridy, if our memory serves us right, is some \$400,000, and has rendered it necessary for the mother country to keep up the rates on letters, &c., passing to and fro. Letters from the United States to Great Britain, by the Cunard steamers cost 21c, and from Canada 17c-our Canadian steamers taking them for 12]c. These rates are decidedly too high. Those in humble circumstances feel them so oppressive, that not one-half the correspondence takes place between them and their foreign friends which would ensue, were letter-writing less costly. Efforts should be directed towards getting Great Britain to agree to lower rates, and those efforts should be put forth now, for it is understood that the Cunard subsidy ceases this year. The United States in securing it. We believe give indications that they intend to make a move in advocate immediate action.

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the matter, and Canada would do well to follow suit. There are now several reliable lines of ocean steamers. Let the carrying of mails be let by tender, and reduce the price one-half, and we venture to say that the postal departments of neither of the three countries will be a sufferer thereby.

Our International and Provincial Postage rates should also be cheapened. If Great Britain found penny postago pay better than a higher rate; why should not Canada do so too? Why should not the same cause produce here the same result which was produced there? But if our officials in the Post Office department are not prepared to go so far as penny postage, why should not they reduce our general rate from 5c to 3c-the same as in the United States. We cannot perceive any good reason why the postal service cannot be as cheaply performed in Canada as it is across the lines, and it 3c are sufficient to send a letter from Portland to New Orleans, surely it should suffice to send one from one end of our country to the other. We feel assured that such a reform would not result in loss of revenue, whilst it would be a great boon to all classes of the people.

The same remarks will apply to Intercolonial postage-that is, postage between Canada and the United States. The present rate is loc, and yet in many cases the letter does not go one-tenth the distance it does in Canada for &c. It is a great anomaly that a letter may be sent from Windsor to Gaspe for 5c, but if it crosses from Windsor over the Detroit river-a distance of about one mile-the sender liss to pay twice that sum! So is it all along our extended frontier. At several points our citizens do nearly as much business with Americans as with each other, and they find the present postal charges oppressive, annoying, and restrictive. It amounts to a restriction on business transactions, and as our l'arliament last session seemed to be strongly in favor of freeing commerce of every barrier in their power we commend this one to their early attention.

It is only men who are thoroughly acquainted with our postal affairs, who can pronounce with correctness as to how the cheapening of our postage rates can most readily and successfully be effected. That some change should be made, however, admits of little question. Many of the press have advocated this reform, and there is a strong feeling among the public in its favor. As we have endeavoured to show the increase in the quantity of Postal matter would. in all probability, make up any loss arising from decrease of the rates, whilst a great boon would be conferred on the community.

We would like to see the Departmental officers take this matter up. They are the proper parties to act. But if they do not move in the matter, we trust some independent Member of the House of Commons, (that is to be) will bring the question before the people's representatives. If this boon can be secured to the people of Canada, without any or but little expense to the country, it is the height of folly to procrastinate in securing it. We believe it can, and therefore we No store in Cinavitations

BANK RETURNS.

IPHE last Canada Gazette, contains the corrected statement of Banks for the month ending January 31st, 1867.

The following is a comparative statement of the liabilities and assets for the months of December and January .-

December January

LIABILITIES

Balances due to other Banks. Deposits not bearing interest Deposits bearing interest	3.051.517	3,101,579 13,723,246 12,855,171				
ASSETS						
Specie, and Provincial Notes Landed property of Bank Government Securities	\$ 8,505,652 1,490,329 6 755 378	\$ 8 787,161 0.513 519 7.373 911				

 Notes or Bills of other Banks
 1 720,293

 Balances due from other Banks
 6,611 582

 Notes and Bills discounted
 43 007 43

 Other debts
 2,396,795
 1.516 721 5 609 399 44 460 576 2,381,921

The increase of \$159,000 in the circulation occurs in the Royal Canadian Bank. There is a decrease in January in the deposits on current account, while there is a nearly corresponding increase in the permanent deposits, indicating an increase of wealth amongst the portion of the community not engaged in trade.

Discounts have further increased about \$1,350,000, pretty evenly divided amongst the banks, except the City, Peoples, Eastern Townships, Nationale, and Jarques Cartier.

As compared with the returns for January 1806, bank circulation has fallen off, but is more than accounted for by the Provincial currency affoat. Deposits have declined over two millions and a half, and Discounts have increased \$1,300 000. The proportion of specie to circulation and deposits is greater than it has ever been before, being now 21 per cent. In January 1866, it was not quite 17 per cent.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

IPHE causes which operate to produce failures in business are various-but they are by no means so numerous as many superficial observers suppose. The chief parent of failures are periods of stagnation in the business of a country During such periods, failures may be considered legitimate, inasmuch as in many cases they arise not from folly on the part of the insolvent, but from derangement in the business of the country. At other times, however, the great bulk of failures arise from over-speculation-want of judgment-personal extravagance -undue credits-want of business education-and similar causes. Those who become involvent from such reasons as these are unjustifiable, inasmuch as the circumstances were in t beyond their control, and might have been so moulded as to eventuate in success.

During the past year-1966-it is gratifying to know that both Canada East and West have suffered less from failures in business than for many years past. During the years '62, '63 and '64, many business men who had struggled on since the previous commercial convulsion, went down, others, too, who had started more recently, found they could not make headway against the "hard times" which the comparative failure of the crops for several successive years produced The aggregate of the famires throughout Upper and Lower Canada was quite large, both as regards numbers and the amount of losses sustained. The splendid harvest of 1855 was the turning point of the tide, and it is gratifying to know that it still runs in the same direction, for the failures in 1866 were considerably less than during the preceding year. According to the estimates of Dun, Wiman & Co, of the Mercantile Agency, the failures of 1955 and 1966 were as follow:

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Lower Canada		Iut	1,106,923	៤៩ ១៦
Total		313	\$3 111,077	\$1,630,890

These figures speak volumes for the improvement which has taken place in the business of Canada. They indicate a large falling off in the number of failures during last year, as compared with 1865, it will be observed, that there were 114 fewer cases of insolvency, and a reduction of over \$2,500,000 in the losses. This is a very satisfactory and encouraging exhibit, proving that our commercial affairs are in a sound and healthy condition, and that those failures occurring at present, must as a general rule be attributed to causes appertaining to the insolvents themselves.

What, then, are the principal sources of failure when the general business of the country is good? We reply the faults and folies of business men. Let us glance briefly at some of the most prominent of these.

And first-we would specify: want of Judgment. This is manifested in many ways, but very frequently by commencing business where business is already overdone. The man who begins a business where there is not a held for it, cannot reasonably look for success. In some now locality, where new settlers are rapidly coming in, the venture may in the end prove successful But in other places, where the advancement is slower-the increase of business being slightthe new beginner can only be successful by taking away the trade of his neighbour, and whether he succeeds in this or breaks down himself, there is a serious injury done. If more judgment were exercised in hading a suitable opening before commencing business, fewer failures would occur.

Ignorance of business is a fruitful source of insolvency. The days when Smith, Jones, or "or any other man,' could take up intricate branches of business and succeed, are fast passing away. Before Canada became as wealthy as it now is, and when competition was less keen, sometimes men succeeded in callings of which they knew little. Nowadays, however, the necessity of business education is recognized on every hand, and the individual who neglects it, does so at his peril. Those who enter into the mercautile business or any branch of manufacturing, can hardly expect to compete with their neighbours who thoroughly understand their calling, and unless they happen to be men of more than average business talent and experience, they bid fair to have their names gibbetted in the official Gazette. The man who thoroughly understands his business will make money out of it, where the novice will starve, and whenever competition is brisk, and the trained and untrained man come into contact, the latter must go to the wall. The same reasoning applies to all branches of industry and not a few of the failures throughout Canada during the past three or four years, can be clearly traced to this cause.

The third cause of failures we would mention isover speculation. This may be of two kinds. Either in starting business with an inadequate amount of capital to carry it on properly; or, being over-cager to get rich, ruining a good business by striving to do too much In Canada, the state of business varies considerably Depending as we do principally on our crops for prosperity, a good crop excites business-a bad one depresses it. Those individuals, therefore, who are given to over-speculation-who are always crowding on all possible sail—are sure to be caught in a gale sooner or later. Under the influence of good crops, they buy far beyond their capital, relying upon another good crop to enable them to make their payments. When their hopes are realised, all goes well; but when the crops turn out bad as is too frequently the case, these over-speculative individuals topple over like ten pins in an alley.

frying to amass fortunes with undue baste, is a dangerous experiment, and where one succeeds ninetynine fail Better far is it to advance slowly and cautiously-to work within the limits of your capitaland to shun risky speculations. Those who soar too high are apt to meet the fate of Icarus, who flew so near the sun that he melted his wax bound wings, and soon found himself tumbling into the waters beneath.

The old credit system is another of the causes which have afflicted the business of this country. Many a merchant and trader whose transactions were large, and who bade fair to make a competency, has succombed to this cause. In many such cases, the public, and even the party interested, supposed he was making money. And so he was, if the goods sold had been paid for But giving twelve, eighteen, and twent, -our month's credit, his book dobts soon swelled to large amounts, and trouble in meeting bills payable, began to be felt. Then, probably the crops failed, creditors demanded payment of his purchases, and not being able to collect his scattered debts, embair issment ensued, and failure and ruin became unavoidable.

The old system of long credits has now been pretty

effectually killed out in Canada, but there are some who still cling to it, much to their own injury and to the injury of the very parties who obtain it. There is no use in multiplying words on this point; the cylls arising from long credits, and consequent bad debts, are admitted on every hand, and the man who at the present day fails from this cause, has himself alone to blame for his misfortune.

The last cause of business failures we would at present refer to is-personal extravagance. As a general rule, extravagance among business men does not set in at the commencement of their career. It is after they have begun to make money and attain a position in society, that their annual expenditure is apt to over-top their income. The desire to eclipse the fine house of Mr Jones—his opponent in business-tills the merchant's heart, or the family horse and carriage must be set up. The old Scotch maxim "live within your income" is apt to be forgotten, and the close of each year sees the profits of a good business more than swallowed up. It seems strange that failures should occur from this cause, for one would suppose that an individual might easily perceive that he was hving above his income, and become more economical before bankruptcy set in. But extravaganco onco indulged is easier discovered than prevented, and it is notorious that personal extravagance lies at the root of many a case of insolvency which occurs

As we said at the commencement of this article, the number of business failures throughout Canada is becoming less. At the present time, at least the dullness of Provincial business is not the cause of failures and those who become bankrupt are generally to blame themselves. We have endeavoured to touch upon a few of the principal causes of insolvency. In a short article, it is impossible to do more than glance hastily at each, but, we feel assured, if the business community abstained from the follies we have pointed out, at least two-thirds of the failures which occur might be avoided.

We believe the Trade Review has done good service by its remarks on this and kindred subjects, since it came into existence. But the commercial world of Canada, has much to learn yet, and the sooner all classes learn the lessons we have endeavoured to teach in this article, the fewer cases of failures will occur, and the better will it be, for the business of the country.

BUILDING SOCIETIES.

THE Annual Report of the Canada Permanent Building and Savings Society of Toronto, shall be the toxt of an article on the operations of Building Societies generally.

And first let us note that the term, as applied in Canada, is a misnomer. The origin of these institutions is English. A number of people in a manufacturing town, when rents were dear and houses scarce, combined to put a given sum per month into a common fund, and the sum thus subscribed was bid for by the members each month at auction, each offering the bonus or premium for the amount which he thought its employment would fairly yield him. When each subscribing member had paid the given amount of his shares, the increase of capital ceased, and when the borrowers or buyers of the capital had paid in all their instalments, the amount was divided and the Society terminated.

The English principle was imported into Canada, and there being in former days but little ready cash, the bidding at the auctions of money was spirited, and the bonus offered being measured by the bidder's necessities rather than their means, was usually excessive. In prosperous times the bonus was paid, and the profits of the shareholders were enormous, but in times of de. pression the borrowers were unable to pay either interest or principal, and the concern often wound up with a loss. Soon, however, the societies adopted a different rule of action. The lender came to be considered as distinct from the borrower, and leans began to be made upon the security of any kind of real estate, whether owned by a contributing shareholder or not; the difference between Building Society mortgages and ordinary ones being simply this, that in the former a given number of payments cleared off principal and interest at once, while in the latter the principal is usually repayable in a lump at the end of a specified term of vents.

It needs but little reflection to show that this is in principle the safest kind of mortgage for the lender, and the easiest for the borrower to pay off. It is, in

fact, a mortgago under which a certain per centago is paid for interest and a certain amount towards a sink ing fund-the sinking fund gradualty but surely exthiguishing the principal. Accordingly there is hardly an instance in which a "Permanent" is distinguished from a "Terminable" Building Society, has failed to yield a handsome return to the investors, and to be satisfactory to the majority of borrowers. At the date of the last return to Parliament (1866) the capital in the hands of "Tern inable Building Societies" was en'y \$612,899, while that under the control of " Permanent" ones was \$3,233,985. Of the 17 Permanent Bullding societies, by far the largest was the above mentioned Canada Permanent, which wielded the enormous money power of \$1,443,128. Mr. Mason, the able, careful, and industrious manager of this institution, appears to have thought the amount quite sufficient, and by the report now before us, it is stated that the capital stock has been somewhat reduced by the rerurchase of the Society's own shares, while the increase in the assets and liabilities has only been about \$100,000 in the year. We have no doubt, however, that other societies have increased, so that the aggregate in their hands is 20 per cent. larger now than it has been at any previous time.

Before proceeding to make any further remarks on this subject, we will present a statement of the localities in which the capital of these Permanent Building Societies is held, and we may fairly say, used.

Quebeo \$	132,529
Montreal	508.948
Kingston	148,704
Ottawa	7,555
Toronto	2,198,869
Guelph	20.137
London, C. W	217.243

\$3,233.985 Since these returns were made, a "Permanent" Society has been established at Hamilton, and another at Ottawa. From these figures we may see that the capital/is not evenly distributed. We think that if two millions find profitable employment in Toronto, more than half a million should be necessary for Montreat. And if a society can exist in Guelph, why should there not be others at such points as Cobourg. Chatham. Brantford, Goderich? No doubt the operations of the Canada Permanent extend to all parts of Upper Canada, but we are sure that the difficulties of transacting tusiness through agents, of getting reliable valuators' reports from a distance, &c., &c, must be a serious hindrance to the ready flow of capital from the centre to the rim of the monetary wheel, and that local institutions would find scope for their operations.

The Canada Permanent claims credit in its report for doing much towards reducing the rate of interest on money in Canada. We willingly accord it the bonour; it has done and is doing great good It is often the fast ion to declaim against associations which lend money as the ruin of farmers, and of the community generally, but really this is most absurd. We have known of many cases in which private lenders have exacted 20 per cent, while 15 and 121 per cent. are still common rates. Now when powerful institutions, governed by printed rules, come into the money market, the private usurer must abandon his grip of his victims The Trust and Loan Company, the Canada Permanent, and many other Building societies have often stepped in between the oppressor and the oppressed, and by substituting a moderate for an enormous rate of interest, have preserved their farms to farmers, their houses to mechanics; while they have often dealt far more liberally to ecclesiastical bodies and school and church builders than private individuals could do. They deserve thanks, not oblequy.

But the Canada Permanent has not yet played out its part in this particular. The easy method in which Building societies are able to accept repayment of the principal sums lent makes them popular among borrowers, but it is idle to conceal that the rates at which they lend are high. We question if there be a single Building society which really lends at less than II per cent., while the tables of several are so constructed as to yield 6 to 61 per cent. half yearly.

We know that this is not a high rate of interest for Canada. We see that even the banks, among whom competition may be supposed to have reached its full extent, exact in reality from 10 to 14 per cent. from their customers; it being an understood thing that he to whom a large 7 per cent. discount line is allowed must keep a considerable balance to his cred t, so as to leave the bank a margin to operate upon. But it is a high rate for British capital, and wothink that so large and well established an institution as the Canada Permanent might take the lead-place its shares, as re-

purchased from Canadians, upon the English market, in the hands of well informed and trusty agents, and thus introduce into the operations of Building societies in Canada, capital that would be satisfied, and a less dividend than 10 per cent., which is now regularly paid by this and soveral other Montreal and Toronto institutions.

We are led to make one other suggestion, which may perhaps fructify, viz., that the term for which loans are usually made by Building societies should be extended in certain cases. Obviously, it is unsafe to lend for more than ten years on perishable wooden or lath and plaster buildings. But when capital is wanting to build a substantial stone barn upon a farm, to underdrain a hill-side or river bottom, or for lasting improvements of this kind, leans might well be made for twenty years-re-payable, of course, by the operation of a sinking fund, as is now the case in Building Socioty mortgages If Mr. Mason would turn his attention in this direction, we are sure he would increase the great usefulness of his society, and, as he has before done, take a lead in this particular too which others would speedily follow. -

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING!

INCLE Samuel across the lines, is just now acting in a very silly manner about our Brisish American Union. He seems as cross as a bear with a sore head. Nothing seems to please him. He seems to be out of humour with himself and everybody else. The vexed questions of Reconstruction-Taxation- and an inflated currency, sorely di turb his internal peace, and when he looks northwards and sees British America uniting under in a Government, his peace external is placed in the same box. Uncle Samuel is, indeed, sorely tried.

Badinage apart, we cannot see for the life of is, why the United States should feel aggrieved at these Colonies becoming united. In joining together, we interfere in no way with our neighbours. We are no more British or monarchical than before-and if we were, it is none of Unclo Samuel's business. Great Britain held possession of America before their Republic was thought of, and they have no right to dictate to us in any way as to our political movements. How silly, then, are the resolutions recently passed in Maine, asking Congress to interfere to prevent Confederation; of Mr. Raymond, with regard to the name "Kingdom of Causda;" and of Gen. Banks, with regard to the building up of a Monarchy on their Northern frontier. As to the recent resolution of that arch-demagogue Fernando Wood, with regard to Fenianism in Ireland, that is simply beneath contempt.

The whole of these motions are simply "bun-combe," indicating nothing but Uncle Samuel's chagrin at our establishing a new Confederacy, instead of accepting the loving embrace which he hasso long offered to us, in season and out of season. Their only effect on this country is, to make us regard U. ele Sam as rather bilious, jealous, and overbearing, and to render us more hostile than ever to Annexation in any possible shape.

It is time our American neighbours learned, that Great Britain and Canada act as regards Contederation quite irrespective of their opinion. We are under no obligations to them. We have lived together in peace and friendship for half a century; we desire to do still. But we are determined to choose our own political institutions quite irrespective of their likes and dislikes. We cannot, as a young Nation, give up the glorious privilege of being independent. When we have ceased to act as we please, we will no longer be an independent country but an appendage of the United States, and we will never be that so long as our people are able to resist.

Whilst writing thus boldly, we would caution our readers against accepting the clap-trap of Congressional demagogues, as the deliberate opinion of the American people. There is so much humbug played off in Congress, to affect the next elections, that you seldom know when members are in earnest or not, and there are thousands of Americans who laugh at and despise such precious resolutions as those of the Maine wiseacres, as much as we do. We doubt much if the sober, second thought of the American people approves of the petty system of annoyance, which some of their Representatives have adopted towards us. But whatever may be Uncle Samuel's views, the people of British America are determined to be united into one Dominion, and to maintain a distinct and separate political existence.

RECIPROCITY PROSPECTS.

HE "assembled wisdom" of Congress appears to be fond of official reports. Some time ago, we had the report of Mr. Pavid Wells, showing the ovil effects produced on the U S foreign and internal trade by their almost prohibitive tariffs; then we had the report of Mr. Hatch, of Buffalo, who ran down all transportation routes but the Erie ditch; and, more recently, Mr. E. H. Derby presented his report to Congress, regarding "the practicability of establishing equal Reciprocal relations between the United States, and the different British Provinces of North America." Hatch's report was a very partial bit of special plending in favor of Buildlo interests but both Mr. Wells and Mr. Dorby discharged their tasks in a very candid manner, although we by no means agree with all the conclusions at which they have arrived.

The report of Mr Wells has already been commented at length by us and we shall now glance briefly at that of Mr. Derby, who recommends Congress to enter into a new treaty with these Provinces on certain conditions which he states.

From his investigations of the subject, Mr Derby comes to the following conclusions .- First . That the late Reciprocity Treaty, quintripled trade between the two countries, and established the fact that the natural market of the Provinces was the United States Second. That since the treaty was abelished, a decay of International commerce has set in: he calculates the decrease in trade to equal the increase which took place under the treaty, which was from 15 to 25 per cent. per annum! If correct, this shows an enormous falling off. Third: That not only the duty on Canadian lumber comes out of American pockets, but that it compels them to pay 20 per cent. more for that of Maine and the Western States. Fifth: That their duties have increased the direct trade between Canada and Europe, to the loss of their railways and canals.

Having proven these positions by statistics and otherwise, Mr. Derby goes on to enquire what shall be done? He then endeavours to show that prohibitory tariffs are not wise, and takes pretty much the same views as Mr. Wells, that it would be better to lower the duties on articles of general consumption. As regards British America, he argues that such moderate duties only should be laid on as "would place their farmers, miners, and fishermen, while taxed for the war, on the same footing as their Provincial brethren."

Mr. Derby comes out boldly for a new Reciprocity treaty. All difficulties, he thinks, could best be removed by "the union of all parts of the continent into one harmonious whole." This first means Annexation, and of course is utterly out of the question. A zollverein, Mr. Derby considers the second best plan; this is also impracticable. Even Mr Derby understands the hopelessness of either of those plans being adopted, so he propounds a new treaty, which is unfolded in the following words:-

"There is reason to believe that a commercial "treaty will, eventually, prove the most simple and "effective mode to revive our commerce, and a year's reflection and frequent conferences with our mer-"chants and the leading men of the Provinces con-"vince me that a treaty can be made free from the "defects of the former."

This is a wise conclusion on the part of Mr. Derby, and there can be no doubt that the Isrliament of Canada would readily agree to any fair and impartial treaty.

We greatly fear, however, that the recommendation made by Mr. Derby is to the form of the treaty, would hardly be agreed to. He has drawn up three schedules-a. b. and c. The first gives a list of articles upon which certain duties are to be levied by both countries. The second gives a "free list" of articles which we can send into the States, and the third, a "free list" of articles which the latter can export to this country. For the dutiable schedule, there are animals, barley, and other farm products. This is objectionable, but by no means all that Canada would object to, for there are many changes which would require to be made in Mr Derby's schedules before they would provo acceptable to us. The present is not, however, the proper time to point these out. When a real movement is made by the American Government towards negociating a now treaty then will be the right time to enter into a discussion of the dotails.

Mr. Derby's report, taken as a whole, is a very creditable production, and must do much to brighten the prospects of a now Realprocity Treaty. It plainly indicates how much American commerce is declining from the presence of restrictive legislation. This decline in International trade is certainly no advantage to us, but we have not suffered any serious injury therefrom. As Mr. Derby shows, whilst our trade we the them has fallen off, with Europa and the sister Provinces, it has increased. The foolish abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty has therefore, as was often pointed out by this journal, mainly injured the Americans themselves, and as they were the parties who refused to continue it, they have very little claim for sympathy.

When Congress is prepared to act upon Mr Dorby's suggestion, to make a now and impartial treaty, that body may rest assured that the Government and people of Canada will meet them with all cerdiality and fairness. Upon them, however, devolves the first move. Our Ministers onco went to Washington Let them now come to us.

THE SAW MILLS OF ST. JOHN. N. B.

THE extent and importance of the lumber manufacture of St. John, may be gathered from the tollowing information on the subject which is chiefly derived from an interesting article published in the St. John Telegraph. It appears that on the shores of the harbour and in its immediate vicinity, there are eighteen first class mills engaged in the production of the various kinds of sawed lumber, which play so important a part in the trade and commerce of the Province. The motive power in all these establishments is steam and the fuel necessary for generating the immense power required, is invariably derived from the saw dust, and other refuse made in working The power employed is numinally about 1500 hope, but is in reality considerably more. There are 33 gangs for sawing deals, 22 single saws for boards and long lumber, 80 circular saws for edging and trimming, 21 machines for making sugar nox shooks, and 28 lath machines, besides several machines for the manufacture of clap boards and shingles, there is also a machine employed in making scale boards.

This mass of machinery is capable of turning out upwards of 300 millions superficial feet of deals, (besides boards and short lumber; in the year, but if we take nine months as the average working time, we shall find the production to stand about as follows, deals 225,000,000 superficial reet, boards 80.000.000 do . sugar shooks 1,500,000, laths 11,0x0,000, besides pickets shingles, and clap boards. The number of hands employed in the mills themselves is about fifteen hundred but this number represents only a very small proportion of the labour actually employed. The whole of the logs required are obtained on the River St John and its tributar es, and in the occupation of cutting and rafting, quite a large population is engaged. Then there are the steam engine and boiler makers, the raw manufacturers, the men engaged in loading the sheps. and lastly the ships themselves, so that we may salely conclude that at least four-fifths of the population are more o less dependent on the lumber manufacture The quantity of deals shapped during the past year has been somewhat less than in some provious years, but freights have been low, and prices remuncrative, on the other hand, the quantity of boa ds and short jumber shipped to the West Indian and United States markets has been largely in excess of any previouyear's operations. The development of the trade in sugar box shooks is very remarkable, and it seems probable that hogshead shooks will soon be added to the list of exports

The various from manufactures of St. John employ 29 steam engines of 6:7 horse p. wer, and furnish work for 1052 hands.

LETTER FROM ENGLAND COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

(Special Correspondence of the Trade Review.)
[Per Cuba.]

The RE is but little change to report this week. Business continues dull and troney is still very cheap. The returns from the Banks of England and I rance are both favourable, and the bullion in these establishments now stands at an unusually high figure. There is thus every prospect of a continuance of the present low rates for money.

Almost every mail from America brings evide ce of some further financial solicy, on the part of the republican leaders in Congress. The determination to uphold and

strengthen the protective system of the States, and to keer up the circulation of unredecemble notes, and consequently the premium upon gold, is universally regarded with despair, and introduces a fresh element of doubt and danger in all mercantile dealings with the United States. In contrast with this, it is pleasant to see the enlishmened policy pursued in Canada—a policy from which you have already reaped the reward of an extended and profits the commerce.

An attempt was reade by some of the shareholders in Overend, Gurney & Co . Limited, to cyade their liabilities to the creditors of the company, upon the ground of mis representation and fraud on the part of the directors, at the time the company was formed. For so far this attempt has been quite unsuccessful, and there is no reason to believe that it can under any circumstances be successful. The broad trinciple in such cases is that the shareholders in expertation of getting large profits ran the risk of bad debts, and even or misrepresentation or concealment of facts upon the part of the directors, and that therefore they are primarily liable to the creditors. It is quite possible indeed that they may have some redress against the directors, but it would be monstrous that they should have what would prectically amount to redress against the creditors It might fairly be said that the creditors trusted the shareholders and the shareholders trusted the directors and it would be most unfair that the unfortunate creditors should be the victims. It would be nost injurious to the sharcholders in public companies themselves, if such a principle could be estat lished. It would largely diminish the number and usefuln ss of such companies, as no one would be willing to trust them with money, and their business would be diminished to an incalculable extent. hareholders would also become even more careless then they now are about investigating the position of the com panies which they joined. They would trust to some wely accident, some unsanguine statements in the original prospectus of the company to rele se them from their liability

The Great Eastern Railway Company, one of the most unfortunate of the English Railway Companies recently at pointed a chairn an, Mr. Samuel Loing, who as Chan reil r of the Exchequer for India, rendered good service to the state and the first effort of his financial experience has been received with great favor. Leaving out of view the cculiar features of the scheme, its general principles are to create a deter ture stock redeemable by a sinking fund in 524 years, instead of the present system of debentures, which c me down every few years generally 5 or 6, and have then to be renewed. The incorponies c of renewing deben u-es to all concerned has been very great, and some imes as during the panic of 1866 at has been all but impossible to renew them on any terms. There has also been a great deal of trouble in the sending in of the debentures of carcilled and the issue of new ones, as well as the expense of stamps, bre kerage, &c. This expense thus saved will it is stated to equal to the amount required to create the sinking fund, an! the shareholders will then be able g adually to extinguish the debt without extra charge.

here is evidently however one di advantage in this scheme. At the ent the neces ity for renewing the deben to est om time to time, compels the directors of a railway company to keep up its credit. If they neglect this they will find an increasing difficulty year by year in placing the debentures and the existence of such a cheek is one of the test safe-guards against mismanagement. The project will no doubt be fully and amply discussed, and it does not seem unlikely that in many cases it may be of great utility. On he there had the disadvantage to which we have adverted may considerably restrict is benefits.

Lord Carnaryon who is carrying the bill for the Corf. eration of the Provincis, through the House of Lords, is of course unable at the same time to bring in a bill for the Imperial Guarantee of the Intercolonial Railway. This being a money till, can only originate in the Huse of Commons, and it is understo d that it will be introduced at an early day

The returns from the Bank of England for this week present the following results:

Public Deposits	£ 6,204,100	£	£667,000
Private Deposits	. 18 550 000	1,083,060	
Government Securition		210.01.40	
		No change	
Other Securities	18,201,000		116,000
Notes in Circulation	22 296,000		385,000
Bullion	19 311.000	134 000	000,000
Kezerve	12,016,000	46,9000	*** *** *
The Bank of France	e returns are	ns follow	_
		Increase.	Decrease
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The Treasury Balance	3 		4,000,000
The Private Accounts	3	9,800,000	.,,
The Commercial Bills		0,000,000	81,666,000
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The Notes			15,000,000
The Cash		19 000,000	
February 23, 1867.			77

FREE TRADE AND PROTECTION.

(To the Editor of the Trade Review,)

T is quite refreshing to find the advocates of Protection, quoting Adam Smith as an authority in their favor. They pick out passages here and there, which taken by themselves appear to favor protection quoting the text, without the context, and thus perverting its otherwise obvious meaning. Every reader of Adam Smith is well aware that the entire scope and tendency of his writings, is emphatically in Tayor of Free Trade. Your correspondent J. C. B., in his letter to the Trade Review, of the 18th February, has however, been singularly unfortunate in his quotations from that authority, for even taking the passage, he quotes by itself, and without reference to preceding passages, it only goes to shew that any country possessing a surplus of food, and an abundance of the necessaries of life, by means of which artizans and others can live cheaply, is the country best adapted for the establishment of manufactures, and therefore we may assume can very well do without protection. But Adam Smith s reputation as a free tradeauthority may be safely left to vindicate itself, all that Free Traders must ask is that their opponents should give his writings careful and attentive study, not attempting to wrest particular passages to suit their own views, but giving to them the plain and obvious meaning intended to be conveyed. J. C. B , also particularly objects to having it laid down as a rule, that it is the consumer who pays the duty, and brings forward several facts with a view of demolishing that theory. He strives to show that because, since the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty, butter has been from 40 to 6c per lb. lower, on the Canadian than on the American side, therefore it was the Cana laus who paid the duty. One would think that it was an unmistakeable proof to the contrary, but let that pass He further states that one firm in Missisquoi Co , paid in duties on butter alone, the large sum of \$12,000 in We will not dispute the fact, but did not the gold firm in question add the amount of those duties to the price of the butter? And who paid them in the end? Why the consumers of the butter. But to set this matter at rest, if, (as some Protectionists assert) the consumer of a taxed article does not pay the duty, will they be kind enough to inform us who does? It is fair to presume that it is paid by somebody, and if not by the consumer, by whom else is it paid? The same gentleman continuing the subject in your issue of the 22nd inst., says "That a nation or country which exports its surplus in the shape of raw produce is continually being impoverished," and illustrates his argument as follows —" It is a fact beyond dispute that a farmer who continues year after year to sell his hay oats, corn, potatoes, &c , instead of feeding them and having them consumed on the premises, and thus cause a portion to be returned to the soil, his farm deteriorates, his crops diminish year after year until his land and premises become a most or quite worthless." No doubt of it, we admit the fact, but deny the conclusions sought to be drawn from it. It is simply a case of bad farming, and all the protection in the world will never make any difference in such a case one way or the other Your correspondent also brings forward in proof of the evil effects of Free Trade, the example of Turkey 40 years ago, and asserts that the decay of her textile manufactures is to be attributed to her Free Trado relations with France and England. It will not be difficult to show that this cannot be other than a mi-take, and that it has been brought about by entirely different causes. At the beginn ng of the present century and for some time afterwards, the textile fabrics of Turkey were in demand in Europe, principally in France and England, on account of the beauty of the pattern and their richness of color, in which respects the European manufactures could not then compare, but since that time vast changes have taken place, and the wonderful improvements which have been effected have long since enabled England to produce fabrics, vastly superior to those of Turkey, and at very much cheaper rates; Free Trade had nothing to do with it one way or the other, except to give the Turkish manufacturer the advantage of the English market at 3 per cent duty. The cause of the decay of Turkish manufactures must be sought in a different direction to this. The lazy, unimproving fatalistic Turk, works with the same rude loom, and by the same rude processes as he did five hundred years ago, and it is no wonder that he has to succumb when brought into contact with the skill and enterprize of the nineteenth century.

It is strange that these ultra Protectionists either

cannot or will not see the inevitable result which must follow the carrying out of their theories. Under such a system as theirs, every country would become a "Japan," producing what it could within itself, and going without everything elso. Commerce would languish and ultimately die, while the distress and misery that would ensue is frightful to contemplate. Free Traders, however, have confidence in the justice and truth of their principles and faith to believe that they will ultimately prevail. The cause has made nonderful advances during the last few years, and although circumstances have enabled the manufacturers of the United States, to lay the whole Union under contribution for their especial benefit, yet there hevery Indication that their selfish policy has carried them too far, even for their own immediate interests, and the time is not for distant when the reaction will he felt.

N. B.

THE FLAX INDUSTRY.

Mil following notice of the Johnstone Flax Mills, near l'aisley. Scotland, the property of Mesars. Finis, son, Housfield & Co , will be of interest to many of our readers. It will not lose in interest, when it is known that these manufacturers are prepared to become purchasers of all the flax suitable for their purposes, that may be brought here for sale The account is from the Paisley and Renfrewshire

to become purchasers of all the sixx suitable for their purposes, that may be brought here for sale. The account is from the Paisley and Renfreyshire liarette:

"There is probably no branch of industry which has made so much progress during the last half-rentury as the manusacture of linen fabries and threat. The application of machinery to the dressing and preparation of flax has used carried out in every sings of its progress, from the raw material to the linest form it assumes. Every visitor to the North of Ireland who as had an opporturity of witnessing the operations in the flax mills there must have seen this; but our present purpose is briefly to describe a visit paid to the Johnstone Flax Mills, near Paisley, where a large quantity of leich produce is annually utilised. Three mill, which are the property of Mecare Finlaysen, flousfield & Co., consist of two departments—one for dressing and the other for spinning purposes. The first place the visitor is shown is the store-house where the raw material is six red, all the different qualities of fax being clussuised; out this store is only auxiliary to the great stores of the Peockland Mill, and the Johnstone Trades Hall, which are used for storage by a rem. After the store-room we arenext conducted to the raising department, where the fax is prepared to the 'hack'ers'. Ruffing is a process of cleaning, the hack'ers'. Ruffing is a process of cleaning, the hack being drawn through a terins of fron spikes pared close together. This is, perhaps, the most unhastity department of the works, and we were gled to notice that everything which could be done in the way of proper ventilation has been effected. From tims department the flax is taken to the hackling machines, and here the extraordinary self-acting pacer of machinery is shown to wonderful advantage is find their spinning which could be done in the way of proper ventilation has been effected. From time department the flax is taken to the hackling machines and line part of the part of the part of the part o

bavo all the machines protected, so that one can pass through the whole of the list without fear of experiencing the embrace of a couple of revelving philons. The manufacture of different kinds of thread up to this time, has hard to go through the sange process; but here we must divide the fallor's thread from that of the shoemaker's, and follow, in the first place, the former the sugh its siture operations. From the spluning fall, at the case the 'twisting, 'when the thread assumes its flund form. It is then taken to the reders, and termed into certain lengths, and themes the high mining all at the case the 'twisting,' when the thread assumes its flund form. It is then taken to the reder as all the process of the planing,' house, where it receives a kind of polish. The system of polishing and flushing the thread which is carried on in this work is we believe, unique and peculiar in itself. Certainly in firm sends out a fluer quality of thread either for "tength, faste, and neathous," to quote the worle of the prize medial of the London Exhibition of 1851, awarded to the firm. From this polishing, the thread goes to the "skelling" department, where it is put up tude overtain number of skelling department, where it is put up tude overtain my or skelling produces a single polishing, the thread either could intuite or the prize should be a single polishing, the firm of the prize most of the prize with which the little things go through their work is marvellous. Having intisted our notice of the manufacture of shoumaker's thread at the spaning department we skall now briefly refer to its future progress. It is taken from the spirming to the reders, and then on the part of the prize who do the work.

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ST. JOHN TRADE REPORT.

ST. JOHN, N B. March 2, 1867.

COME slight improvement has been manifested in the business of the week, as compared with those immediately preceding. This may be ascribed in a great measure to the improvement in travelling which tons, rated A 2, and was built at St John, N B, in 1857, when she was owned.

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numerous than for some time past. With the exception of the weekly steamer from Portland, there has, however, been but one acrival with cargo, the remainder being entirely in ballast. A company is in course of formation for the purpose of constructing a street railway from St John to Indian cove, the point of departure and arrival of the St. John ther steamers A considerable amount of stock has already been subscribed, and there app ars every prospect of the work being commenced at an early period-

Lanner - The experts of the neck have been very moderate, obsisting of one resel for Liverprol with timber as d deals; one for Cardenas with shooks; one for An . Cayes with boards and shingles, and one for Bost a with sleepers. Prices are but little changed. Deals are quoted at \$19.00 per M., but this quotation must be regarded as to some extent nominal: the quantity on hand being quite small, and in ew hands. Shipping pine boards \$11 60 to \$1500, common do \$13, laths \$1.50 to \$2.00, sugar box shooks 53c to 60c each The triding advance in West India freights noticed last week, has not been maintained and the few transactions of the week show a decline on previous rates. Charters for Laverpool have been effirted at 60. 61. 3d. per standard for deals, and at 23c for shooks to north side of Cuba.

Exports of lumber from the Port of St. John, for the mouth of February, 1867, as compared with the corresponding mouth of 1860.

Articles	3567	1866
Deals and Deal ends, s. f	2,000,504	1,550,602
Timber, pine, tons		148
" birch, tons		80
Pickets, M	29	ĞĞ
Laths, M	1 001	18
Shingles, M	1943	872
Sleepers	3,818	iio
Shooks	61 315	37,174

The miscellaneous exports of the mouth are as follow -60 casks rinegar, 113 bbls, manganese ore; 400 sewing machines, 119 bars from: 200 kegs nails: 111 blids and 84 cases hardware, 48,000 bricks; 65,574 feet sash and blind stuff, 3572 bedstead stats; 4845 codar posts, 260 pieces spruce juing, 112 hoxes spool blocks; 90 maple logs; 20 cases matches, 15 bbls R sers cra- s oil. 4 casks brandy, I whiskey, 4 hilds and tresh fish, \$73 boxes herring, 9 bbis shad: 367 bbls potators, 14 firkins butter, 4 crates sheep skins; 7 bbis eggs, 12 bbls and 6 bags tlax seed, 4 boxes building

From, &c -The trade of the past week has been more active than for some little time past. There are no large transactions, but the demand for retair purposes keeps steady, and a considerable number of small lots have been taken for country trade. The receipts of the week have only anounted to 100 bits """ camer from Portland, and under these circumstances the previously large slock is rapidly working off. Prices remain without any material chan," We quote. Strong superflice, 54 to 185 70. ordinary brands do, \$8.00 to \$8.20. For extras there is but little demand, and prices range from \$9.00 to \$10.50.

We notice the arrival of a cargo of 4000 bushels of cornfrom New York, which is held at \$1.05 per bushel. Provisions, &c.—This de partiment of business still continues duil, and transactions are every humaeo. The only change we have to report on the artic e or lard, which has declined, and is now quoted at 12c to 13c, with very small demand.

Brise Deby Caws from Galieston, for Rio Janeiro, with 152 cinigrants, was totally necked on the morning of the 10th inst, on the cors of Cuba about 28 miles West of Mariel, we have toot The D was 265 tons registor, rated A. D. allt at Blue Hild, Me., in 1855, and owned in \$1.00 has some at kendrick's Island, Shag Harbour, on the hight of Juesday, the 5th met., and with ca total wreck. Crea saved "Philadelia had be a total wreck." Crea saved "Philadelia had hatches bustopen, main and mizzennast gone by the deck, and adaption d.

Research, from Quebec, at the Clyde, 5th inst, experienced very heavy gales, Nov 28 during which she lost rudder, bulwarks and sai's, and had decks swept, huse si ve in, and was obliged to throw part of cargo overboard. lots have been taken for country trade. The receipts of the week have only amounted to 100 bbls " earner

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Ship Martha, King from Liverpool for Mobile was totally lost on the 11th inst, live miles east of Cape Corrients, Coset of Cuba. The ciew, numbering fenmen, were landed at Playana on the 16th by British bark Arcadia, bound to London. She registered 596 tons, rated A 2, and was built at St. John, N. B. in 1857, where the present of the content of the con

at the Paris Exhibition. The St. John citizens are, however, determined to do something for the honour of the Province, and have accordingly forwarded the entrance fees for two St. John boats and crew to contend in the regatta. In all the lost races on this side of the Atlantic, the St. John crews have been uniformly victorious, and they now intend to try their strength and skill in a wider arena.

In all the heat races on any second victorious, and they now intend to try their strength and skill in a wider arena. In the present state and encountances of British America, the development of our Intercolonial trade is an object of such vast importance that we glady take an apportunity of recording some facts bearing on the sulj t which have come to our knowledge during the past week.

At the head of the Bay of Fandy, just at the nerrowest part of the neck of laid which connects Nova Scotia with New Brun-wick, is situated one of the finest quarries of building stone in America. It is owned and worked by the Caledonia Olive Free Stone Quarry Company; the supply is racincally inexhaustible, and the quality is so good, that up to the presect time the proper tors have been fully cogaged in filling orders for the New York and Boston markets, where it is preferred to the Cleveland stone; indeed some of the most buildings in New York have been erected of it. But now the threat ned increase of duty amounting to prohibition; under the proposed American triff, has had the effect of driving the company to sack an outset for their productions elsewhere, and particularly in the large cities and towns of Canada The situation of the quarrys, as regards facilities for supment is excellent, and in the event of the construction of the long tasked of canada across the Ishmus, from Bay Verte on the Cuif to the head waters of the Bay of Fundy there can be little doubt that a large and protrable trade would spring up in this article acone. We understand that one of the proprietors intends vi iting Montreal in the course of a few days with eximples of the stone, and will be prepared to take orders for any dimensions that may be required.

BY TELEGRAPH.

St. Jones, N.B., March 13, 1967

BLSIMES generally quiet. Arrivals of flour small, demand moderately active, and stock much reduced, market firm with an advancing tendency, Strong Superine, \$5.60 to \$8.80: Ordinary brands, \$5.50. Provisions in somewhat better demand, prices unchanged. Stringency of money market continues unabated, exchange on London sixty days, 10} prem Gold dafts on New York, 3 to 1 prem.

HALIFAX TRADE REPORT. Halifax, March 4th, 1867

DUSINESS, since our last review has assumed more activity; the imports are more. four previous weeks, whilst the exports in the aggregate value exceed those of the corresponding period We have to note, the export of a cargo of fish per bark Celia to Brazil, by W. B Hamilton & Co. We hope the enterprising shippers will meet with a remunerative market, this oranch of trade should engross the attention of our merchants. Newloundland may be said to possess the monopoly of the Brazillan market; why such should be the case is owing principally to the want of attention on the part of our fishermen in the curing of fish. The blame may also be attributed to the merchants, in purchasing the article. and whilst such a course is pursued we cannot expect to compete with Gaspe or Newfoundland where hard eu e i merchantable fish is secured. We have also to notice the clearance of an assorted cargo of fish, &c. per bark Stag, by R. Boak, jun., for the Mauritius. Such enterprise should meet with success, and we trust the results of this cargo will be commensurate with the enterprise of the shipper.

BREADSTUFFS -The imports have been unusually large and fully in excess of the whole three previous weeks; the large receipts have caused flour to slightly decline, and sales have been made at 88 75 in large lots, for No. I Canada. The demand is now so mactive, that holders, anxious to dispose, will not realize over this figure, but we think flour has reached its lowest point, and as the outport demand must soon commence prices must advance even in the f ce of accumulating stocks. Corr meal firm at quotations, with very little in the market. The receipts of breadstuffs are large, being, from Canada, \$23 bbls. flour, 90 bbls. catment, 211 bbls, wheat: from U States, 511 bbls, commeal, and IS bble. floar.

Fish -There has been more speculation in all de-

changed. Herrings are in better request, and the tendency is upwards. It would be desirable that Herringsshould be better cured; great fault has been found for the past year. A most searching inspection should be entered it: regarding our pickled fish, so as to give them a standard in foroirm markets; this applies to herr ng more especially. We are for the most part dependant on the Nowfoundland coast for our horring, and those employed therein should be very careful in the curing. We require a Fishing Board to superintend this, great auxiliary to the wealth of the Trovince, as it must be admitted, we own our shipping presenderance to this branch of industry.

We have no receipts to note, the exports are, to Wist Indies, 140 therees, 20 drums, 423 boxes, and 100 halt boxes codish; 625 bills, and 8 half bbls. herring; 1001 xs, smoled herring, 115 bbls and 22 kits mackerel; 20 bbs, and 10 kits: a mon; 60 bbls, alewives, and 10 bbls cod oil. To United States, 1817 bbls, 51 half bbls, 50 half bbls mackerel; 10 bbls, alewives, 70 Hrazil, 2565 drums, 60 tubs codish, and 400 drums scale fish. To Mauritus, 2512 drums, and 113 boxes scale fish; 120 bbls, 50 half bbls mackerel; 125 bbls salmon, 575 bbls. Figure unchanged.

Figure, We have no change to notice. Potatoes and eats sell freely at quotations in small quantities, Butter still continues dull. The receipts are 25 pkgs. butter from Canada. The exports, 125 packages do to West Indea.

Pinovisi as —There has been some enquiry for Mess Pork this week, and prices are firm at our present quotations. Other qualities quiet. Beef continues dull with limited enquiry. The Imports for the week are 30 puns, 46 fireres, 144 bbls. Clemfages on responding month hat year; prices will likely advance when the spring trade commences. The receipts for the week are 30 puns, 46 fireres, 144 bbls. Clemfages molasses, the export to United States, 80 hhds. and 30 bbls. sugar, It puns. molasses, 55 qr-casks rum, and 30 gr-casks brandy.

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NEW YORK LUMBER MARKET.

furnished for next week.

WE have received several communications of late, W requesting us to give weekly quotations of Lumber, Staves, &c., in the United States markets, and as we are always willing to meet the views of our subscribers, gladly comply with their request. The following are the latest New York quotations:-

NEW YORK, MARCH 10th-1867. Lumber Woods, Staves, &c.—Duty Lumber, 20 per cent ad val. Staves, 10 per cent, ad val.

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THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Baille, James, Co.
I an hare, Beak & Co.
Renjamtn, Wm., & Co.
Pleek, Lewis & & Co.
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Clark, Jase II. & Co.
Vatton, T. James, & Co.
Darts, Welsh & Co.
Kwart, Shearor & Co.
Foulds & Hedrson.
Galit, Hos & Co.
Glittour, J. Y. & Co.
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Hingston, James, & Co.
Lowis, Kay & Co.
Macfariane, Andrew, & Co.
MacKatile, J. G. & Co.

Way, Joseph,
Mat, Thomas, & Co.
M. Cullech, Jack & Co.
Melinyre, Jenoun & Co.
Meyr, J., & Ch.
Mose, R. H., & J.
Mutt, W., & H.
Munderloh & Steenchen
Order & Co.
Prevest, Antalo, & Co.
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Roy, Jaz., & Co.
Stephen, William, & Co.
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Stephen, William, & Co.
String, Merkil & Lo.
Co.
Thomas, Thihaudous & Co.
Winza, Gorgea. Co.

'INCE our last report, a few buyers have been in town, and we may expect to see them soon for lowed by many others Orders continue to come in rapidly, and the houses who have travellers out, report sales satisfactory up to this point. During the nex fow weeks, there will doubtless be a fair trade done Our importers are now fully prepared, having the bulk of their stock forward, and having been for some time busily employed in opening and arranging the same. We do not think we need hesitate to say, that stocks of dry goods in this city never were in a better condition to select from than at present, being in many houses large, very attractive, and complete, and if Montreal should lose its Western business, it will not be for want of interprise on the part of our merchants in holding out inducements and attractions to buvers.

We have nothing to add to our remarks of last week with regard to the different departments of goods or probable price.

The Imports at this Port, for the week ending March 9th, and for the corresponding week of 1866, were as follow:

	1867.	1866.
Cottons	\$311,434	\$159,083
Woollens	242 203	233,666
Silks	69,945	26.480

Cotton, in the Liverpool market, which at the close of last week and beginning of the present was inactive at declining rates, has since with an improving demand partly recovered the decline closing firm at 13id. for middling Uplands; and 13id. for middling New Orleans. The markets in the manufacturing districts are reported as having improved in tone, but with no advance in price of goods.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Anderson, John 2 Co.
Raldwin, C. H., & Co.
Chapman, Frast & Tylee,
Chapman II., & Ch.
Childs, George, & Co.
Davis, Clark, in Clayion,
Fittpatrick & Moore.
Franck, J. C., & Co.
Gülespie, Meijat & Co.
Jedery, Brothers & Co. Winn. Kingan & Kinloch. Levening, Thomas & Ca Mitt-bell, James. Flellen, Joseph Robertson, Bavid, Election, David, Election, David, Election, Jack & Co. Till 1, Jos., & Sms. Tho apson, Murray & Co. Lurrance, David, & Co. West, Rose

BUSINESS has been very quiet since our last report, and prices generally are unchanged.

SUGARS.-The advancing prices demanded by holders of raw sugars, which are rather above the views of buyers, tend to check operations; but as the reports from the sugar Islands, as well as from England are still of advancing markets, and as stocks here are quite limited, it is probable that holders will obtain their present demand

The following is an extract from a private letter from Mayaguez. "The demand for sugars has cor. " tinged active at from \$3 to \$3] for low to good n. " fining, up to Si for prime grocery, choice brands " fetching a somewhat higher rate, but holders of this "latter description are not very anxious to sell, in "consequence of the favourable news from Ponce "where rates are ruling at from \$3} to \$4} for ex"tremes." • • • "Later news from Ponce states that "Sil has been paid for choice sugars "

Molasses-Are unchanged, with very little doing. TEAS -Transactions in teas have been to a limited extent, 400 or 500 packages probably covering sales of all descriptions to Jobbers; country orders come in but slowly.

FISH-Is without any special demand, and quotations are to some extent nominal.

SALT .- Sales of Liverpool coarse have been to a very small amount, but as already stated, there is no competition in the market to bring down prices, which are firm at our quotations.

CORRECTION.—In the report of auction sale of gro-ceries in last week's issue, "Gin, 2 hhds. De Kuyper's, \$3,"should have been " DeKuyper's-green cases, \$3."

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George,
Charletofe, A., & Co.
Crathern & Caverbill,
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.
Frans & Evana,
Ferrier & Co.
France, F.
Gilbert, L. R.
Hall, May & Co.

Ireland, W. H.*
Kershaw & Edwards.
Morland, Watson & Co.
Maihalland, & Haker.
Robertson, Jas.
Round, John & Sons.
Simms, P. H.
Waddell & Pearc.
Winn & Holland

TRADE generally has been dull during the past week, in consequence of want of assortment in most heavy goods. Orders are coming in freely for spring shipments. In shelf goods, stocks continue pretty good, and sales hardly as large as was anticipated, but from appearances in the West, most of the goods will be needed.

Pio Inon is still held at our extreme quotations, for what is in the market, which will be all absorbed before any cau arrive. Several orders are already here for spring arrivals. Prices, however, are not yet fixed for future deliveries. It is expected that rates will be about \$23 to \$24 for Summerlee and Eglinton, and \$25 for Gartsherric. Transactions have be a limited to small lots at about quoted rates.

BAR IBON .- Any sizes in stock can be purchased at quotations, but nearly all sizes of rounds are scarce, and bring from 20c to 40c over, and will be so till the opening of navigation.

Hours and Bands .- The stock is pretty fair, with one or two sizes becoming scare.

BOILER PLATES.-The stock of 2 inch in market is jarge, but 5-16 inch and I inch are not to be had.

CANADA PLATES .- Are scarce and command full rates.

TIN PLATES.-There is very little doing, and quo tations are almost nominal. Round lots could be bought a shade under current rates.

CCT NAILS .- Are offering at our quotations, but the manufacturers have now closed their books for orders up to June, except a few for present delivery.

THE LEATHER TEADE.

Hoa & Richardson. Seymour, M. H. Schwor, C. E. Shaw F. & Bros.

WE have to report a very inactive market during the past week, with more quietness prevailing than has been noticeable for some weeks. Stocks, however, do not accumulate rapidly, receipts having been only moderate.

Spanish Sole.—Transactions have been small, and mainly to the local trade to supply present wants: but there are no heavy stocks, and there is no change in

prices. Staughter Sole.—Is in light reque., and except of heavy average, sales are made with difficulty, while

current prices are barely maintained.

HARNESS.—There is a great scarcity of prime stock, and holders will make no concessions.

WAXED UPPER-Is without any particular demand, but the stock in market being mainly in the hands of one or two houses, prices are not likely to recede unless it is found profitable to import in quantity from the United States.

BUFF AND PERBLED .- For the latter, of choice makes, there is a better demand, with less enquiry for the former, at previous quotations.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED—Are for the most part

enchanged, and without any special demand.

CA FAKINS-Are not in request, and are in poor sapply,

Spring.—There is a good inquiry for light and medium stock, receipts of which are very limited.

SHEETSKING.—With an increasing supply, sales expecially of Russets are being effected at lower rates than heretofore.

livers.—The supply is quite insufficient, tanners being unable to supply their wants except with considerable difficulty. Importations are arriving only in limited quantities.

THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

Ame, Millard & Co. Hanter, Duffy & Johnson. | Linton & Cooper.

I HE trade of the past week has been of an ordinary quiet character, fully equal, however, to that of previous years at same season. Orders to a fair extent are being received by manufacturing houses from their travellers from the West, and the prospects are good for the spring business. We have no change to make ાદાદાંદાક કારે વાતા કરા કોર્યસ સ્થાહાં કાર્યા કાર્યાં કાર્યાં માં

MONEY MARKET.

PHERE has been a more active demand for money during the past week, and rates are firmer. Very little good paper, however, is offered on the street, and all such is readily taken by the discount brokers. Sterling Exchange is firm at 1091, cash, for 60 days Bank Drafts; and at 1091 to 1091 for paper. Private drafts are quoted at 1081 to 1081. In New York, bankers were drawing at latest advices at 100 to 109; for 60 days sight, or 75 days date. Gold drafts on New York are in demand at 1 to 1 per cent. prem.

GOLD in New York, after some unimportant fluctuations during the week, closed yesterday at 1311

Silven is unchanged, buying at 4 and selling at 3] per cent, discount.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick,
Cameron & Roc.
Crawford, James.
Hobson Thomas, & Co.
Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.
Seymorr, C. E.

TLOUR.—Receipts have been moderate for the season. During the fore part of the week the general inaction previously noted continued, but for a few days past the leading grades have met a better inquiry, and some advance has been established Little variation in the higher grades can be noted, the supply and demand being nearly balanced. The more desirable brands of superfine have latterly been in no. tire request, and best samples command from \$7.40 to \$7.50; ordinary, owing to the scarcity of choice, have engaged more attention, and find buyers at their current value; No. 2 and the lower grades are also in bet, ter demand, and recent quotations, which for a length of time have been nominal, are now freely paid, full prices being secured for the better samples. Bag Flour. The supply from all sources has so decreased as to be barely adequate to the demand, and prices have steadily improved, la' at sales of good samples being at \$3.55 to \$2.60. Confidence in the continuance of a high range of prices has become more general than at any previous time, the opinion gaining strength that supplies will ultimately fall short of the demand.

WHEAT.—There are few if any sales to note, a sapplies have been direct to miliers.

Prase.-Less enquiry has prevailed, and prices are the turn weaker. There are few transactions either on the spot or for delivery quotations are therefore mostly nominal.

OATS .- There are no transactions on the spot, but as previously, considerable is being done at the various points along the lines of railway.

BARLEY .- Rates are mostly nominal in the absence of any but retail transactions.

Pork -Continues firm and steady, with a small demand for all grades within the range of quotations Lard.-The only sales are a few tubs by retailholders are not pressing at present while there is no inclination to purchase, and are content to await the opening of navigation. Hams, cut-meats &c .- Do demand.

BUTTER, has continued unchangeably dull during the week—even the advent of Lent has not caused any movement—arrivals, which for a while had been very light, are now increasing and the stock through the country seems far from being exhausted. In Britain the low prices having at length put the article within of the reach an extended consumption, have caused a material reduction of the accumulations which had gone on increasing since the early fall, and dealers there continue selecting the best parcels they can find at current rates. Here we may look for an improved demand when navigation opens, though hardly much earlier.

Ashus, remain steady and unchanged. Foccipts are very light, and are saleable at quotations, in Britain markets are drooping.

Ships Loading for the B. N. A. Provinces.

Ships Loading for the B. H. A. Provinces.

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Cavaller, Pericles, Mount Royal, Ardmillan Forganhall, Ardenice, Psyche. For Quebec: McLeod. Tip
Tree, Hope. For Hallfar: Joshua S. John S.
Harris, Alice Boy, Liverpool. For St. John, N.B.
New Lampedo Indomitable, Archnes, British Queen.
A. L. Palmer. For St. Johns, Nicl.: Constance, Mand,
Mirands. For Georgeiorn.; P.E.J. Fannio Gordon.
Ar Loxdon.—For Monireal Chandiero, City of
Gamilton, John Bull, Laurel. For Quebec: Allan,
Sundeam, Planet, For Halifar: LaPlan, Forest Ring,
Forest Queen. C. H. Trumbell. For St. John, N.B.
Fleenor, Scotia, Choice. For St Johns, Nicl. Blillow
Crest, Glenilvet. For P. E. Island: Abcona, Lotn.
In the Clyde.—For Monireal: Angless, Myrdle,
Abcona, Glenifier, Pericles, Clydesdale, Polip, Shandon, Queen of the Clyde. For Quebec: Cuthborts,
Addmen. Cameo, Liverpool, Queenshill, Home, Imperial, Research. For Halifar: Roseneath, David
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STOCK MARKET.

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IMPORTS.

The following is a table of the Imports at Montreal for the most ending March 7, 1967, with the figures for looresponding period of last year-

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RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE. tia grand trunk railway and canal

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Augusticianat. The cases.—The retiring President of the New York State Agricultural Society, in his annual address, a few days ago, stried that the estimated value of the forms, and stock of that State was \$725,000.000; he thought \$5,000.000,000 nearer the mark. He urged that the annual profits from these farms ought to be double what they are, and said that the average products of spring wheat per acre is only 7 hushels; of winer wheat. 13 bushels; corn, 25 hushels; potabes, 98 bushels, and hay 91 one hundredths of a ton. To show how intelligent and skiffu hushandry would change such an exhibit, he had applied to Hon. George Geddes of Onondage county, for statistics as to the average yield of his own and his neighbor's crops for series of years. Mr. Geddes reported as follows. Wheat, 26 bushels per acre; harley, 38 hushels; cats 0; corn, 40 to 45; hay 2 tons. La-ed upon this showing. Mr. Gould stim tee that \$72.00,000 cruld be added to the agricultural waith of the state by careful culture. Instead of progress, however, he asserts that the average production is less than ten years ago.

CAST DOWN BUT NOT DESTROYED.—THE "RAIL-way KING."—Wo rejoice to learn that on Saturday a decision was pronounced by the Lord Chancellor in fivour of Mr. George Hudson, with reference to some complicated mortgage transactions. It is said that the effect of the decision will be to render Mr Hudson again a wealthy man. The intelligence is very gratifying to us, and we sincerely wish his "Majesty" health, peace, and length of days.—Hyland's Iron Trade.

Time Contracts—Short Sales Running out of Margins.—The Chicago Tribune contains a full account of the case of Drew vs. Wheeler, heard before Judge Geary on Tuesday. The case arose out of a short" sale of wheat, deliverable at Milwankee. The defendant was instructed to sell for the plaintif, a lot of wheat at a certain figure, seller's option, ten days paintiff patting up a margin. The defendant called on plaintiff for more margin, which he refused to put up. The defendant then filled in the "short" to protect himself, at a loss to the plaintiff. Subsequently, and before the option had expired, wheat suffered a material decline. The plaintiff sues to recover his probable gsin. The defendant pleads custom. The coart holds that the plea is not good, as the evidence shows that the custom of "filling in" at the "running out of Margins" is universal among the commission merchants of that city. Verdict for plaintiff.

A Voyage with hany Ruddens.—The Greenock detertiser relates an extraordinary story of courage and perseverence on the part of a shipmaster. Capt. Charchill, of the ship Research, 1430 tons, of Varmouth N. S., (says the Advertiser) has brought his vessel salely from Quebec to this port in a leaky and disabled condition after a prolonged and perilous passage of 85 days, during which the ship was exposed to an almost continuous gale, sometimes reaching the violence of buricanes, suffered much damage in hull, spars, and sais, and got her decks repeatedly swept while tying in an helpless state in the trough of a mountainous sea. The officers and crew suffered much from labour in shifting the sails, working the pumps, and from expanse to the elements and the occasional scarcity of provisions. There were on the voyage opportunities of abandoning the vessel, a course which would have been taken by commanders of less determination and interrity, but Capital Churchill stack to his ship, and was been taken by commanders of less determination and whope that his daring and ingenious efforts to proteir excellent cargo will be acknowledged by those to whom their abandonment would have occasioned a serious loss. The Research sailed from Quebec, timelent and the contigned to Messrs. William Line, is now engaged in working a lead tor the flossion, in the 18th concession of Tudor. A new shaft was to whom their abandonment would have occasioned a serious loss. The Research sailed from Quebec, timelent and the contigned to Messrs. William Line and the properties of success, the galena being found in a gangue of cale-spar and those regions as "lead-quartz.")

and passed through the Straits of Belleisle, a difficult passage at that seison. On the night of the 26th, although there was almost a calm, the barometer fell to 25 degrees, and the canvas was instantaneously reduced to these-recied topsalls, and next morning a transing diversion tearlies and the earth as from the randing a transing days, and tearlies and the earth as from the randing a transing days, and tearlies and the earth as from the randing away can be the rudder a little below the rudder case, and the earth of the rudder a little below the rudder case, and the gent to break into pieces, so that if was necessary to lighten the cargo aft, to get tackies on the rudder. Next day it was found necessary to make more sail to keep the rudder from striking heavily on the stern post, and as the hawser was clanded off the rudder by tackies, so that with the help of the sails the vessel was kept on her course until the 29th, when the damaged rudder was unshipped by a sea and rendered useless. A Jury rudder was the common of the rudder was lost. Nothing daunted by this sudden faiture, Capitain Churchill fore down the remainder of the wheelhouse, the rest having been previously carried away, took a spare topmast, bolled a quantity of deals on it, and put it over the stern, and a quantity of deals on it, and put it over the stern, and an attempt made to get the vessel to pay off before the wind, but without effect. Next day the rudder was weighted, and again put over the stern, and an attempt made to get the vessel to pay off, and to keep the wind, but without effect. Next day the rudder was weighted, and again put over the stern, and an attempt made to get the vessel to pay off, and to keep the vision of the rudder. The rudder was again got on board, and spliced and repaired and on the 20th of January. The weather, having managed to get the vessel to pay off, and to keep the rudder. The rudder was again put over the stern, and are repaired and on the 20th of January the steel was ablighed to be rudder was dishipline

Joint Stock Companies.—A return moved for by Mr. Fildes, M.P. for Great Grimsby, shews that during the year 1861, 22 companies were registered, with a nominal capital of £25, 437,683 list, and during 1865 the number was 1,013 companies with a nominal capital of £205,201,818. Thus, in two years, companies with capital to the enormous amount of nearly 1443 millions were started, besides which, there were twenty-five companies registered without nominal capital. The following year saw a great diminution, not so much in the number of the companies as in the magnitude of their capital. The speculative world had begun to get alarmed at the enormous weight of liability which it had taken upon itself. So, while the number of new enterprises was as many as 758, the amount of their capital was only about 765 millions in other words, while during 1864-5 the average capital of each company was nearly a quarter of a million, in 1866 it was under £100,000.

HAVANA PRICES CURRENT.

The following is the last (James M. Lawton) Havana Prices Current of Imports, dated March 5, 1867:

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ASSIGNEES APPOINTED.

NAME OF INSOLVENT.	RESIDENCE.	NAME OF ASSIGNEE.
Bernard, Remi	A Hyacinihe	T Sauragrau
Branchaud, Norbert	St Cecile, VI pfield	T Sauraryau
Ibilmon, James	Terepto	Thre. Carleon
Forties, Thomas		P S Pres.
Fuller, Joseph		A B Smith.
Glasford, James		John Whyte.
Grant W W	Montreal	A B Stewart
Howard, Huey	Hamilton	TOPANIE E
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Jamie, Justin E	London	i. lawrenn.
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Malloy, Peter W	Brampeou	John Lynch.
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WRITS OF ATTACEMENT ISSUED.

DEFENDANT'S TAME AND RESIDENCE.	PLAINTIPP'S NAME	DATE.
L. R. Foote, J. W. Holden, & J. M. Gilbert, Challem	Chas. G. Waldron, & Jas. R. Hazeltine	Feb. 51

STATEMENT OF BANKS

Acting under charter, for the month ending January 31, 1866, according to the returns furnished by

	them to the Auditor of Pub	lic Accounts.	
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"Statement of the Bank of British North America acting under Royal Charter, refers to Canadian Branches only, and of the paid op Capital of this Bank the sum of £62,000 sterling, or §3,017,233 is alloted to the Branches in Canada.

tCommercial Bank includes Cash Credits with "Bills Discounted."

JOHN SIMPSON.

Ottawa, 18th Feb., 1867. Asst. Auditor.

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Day Goods.-Although stocks are large, in the majority of instances it cannot be said that the assortments are as yet quite complete, about the end of the present month stocks will be in their best assortment. Not many country merchants have as yet been in the market; we would recommend them to exercise caution in making their purchases, as there are no indications of a lively spring trade, nor is it very likely that the trade of the country in general will be very brisk till May and June.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.-Owing to the high prices prevailing, transactions are limited; chiefly to present wants, there being not much disposition to engage in operations based on the uncertainty of the future in face of such prices as now prevail. For quotations we refer you to those contained in the Review.

BUTTER.-During the week there has been a better demand for the finer qualities for local trade, and a fair price is likely to be realised for all good parcels, allowed to be absorbed by the regular city trade. The luge quantities placed, by country, merchants, in so many different hands not engaged in the trade, who tre pressing and making sales at any price to meet payments operated materially against the trade this season. Sales for the week were from 12c. to 15c. per pound according to quality. Our city trade being considerable, we are enabled to work off to good advan-

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