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MRS. SCANLAN who keeps a grocery and whose husband died a couple of years ago with his life a insured for several thousand dollars, has called a meeting of her creditors. Mrs. S. has borne the reputation of being a shrewd, money making woman, and surprise is expressed that she should be unable to meet her liabilities.

ADVICES from Scotland announce the death of Mr.Thomas Caverhill, a pariner in the wholesale hardware firm of Crathern & Caverhill, Montreal a director of the Exchange Bank, and a large stockholder in several other important corporations Mr. Caverhill was one of Montreal's prominent financial men, and had gone home to Scotland several months ago for the benefit of his health.

CLARKE, ROBLEE & CLARK, a firm of storekeepers and lobster packers at Summerside P E. I. held a meeting of creditors this week in Montreal at which they offered 35c. in the dollar. The offer was not considered satisfactory, and a man is to be sent down to investigate. They owe \$20,000 with apparent assets of \$11,000.

A HOTKL keeper in Barrie, John Livingston by name, surprised his friends by leaving that town about ten days ago. He was supposed to be doing well and enjoyed good credit. This, it is believed, he has taken advantage of by pocketing all the money he could get and then clearing ont.

THOS. AUSTIN, a builder in Hamilton, has taken his departure after being in business a few years. He is reported to be in Rochester. One of his creditors is trying to induce him to return. His liabilities are considerable.

MESSRS. Hearn & Macauley of Ingersoll began business several years ago, and are believed to have made money. The firm now closes its retail business in that town, and are going to open a wholesale millinery establishment in London, under the style of Hearn. Macaulev & McNab, the latter is an old traveller.

THE record of the week shows the following minor business casualties in Montreal, A. Moses a small clothier is trying to compromise liabilities of \$2,800. He shows assets for \$500 only. A. Harris, also a clothier, whose wife has been running the business here, while he himself, in Winnipeg, is in trouble, and what little stock is here has been seized.

W. CLARE, a shoe dealer on Queen street west in this city, some time ago gave a chattel mortgage to his daughter for \$800 and absconded. The daughter then sold her interest in the stock to a third party and followed him. She claims that in doing this she was simply protecting her own interest, as she had advanced monies to her father several times.

A NEW wholesale stationery firm has just been formed in Montreal, and will open up shortly under the style of MacFarlane, Austin & Robertson. Mr. David McFarlane was, until recently, a partner in the firm of Alex. Buntin & Co., Messrs. Austin & Robertson have been employed with the same firm as travellers, etc., they bring the advantage of long experience and good connection to the aid of the new house.

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In the matter of the Union Fire Insurance Co. claim (undisputed) against the company having been unpaid 60 days after due, Judge Ferguson has granted an order for distribution of the Government deposit under Cap. 160 R S. O. Mr. William Badenach is appointed Receiver of the estate, effects and business, and ordered to proceed and collect the assets and take an account of all outstanding claims and apply the assets of the company pro rata amongst the creditors according to their respective priorities.

JOHN CHIDLEY, a Yorkville grocer, has gone, no one knows where, and his numerous friends are out of pocket by his sudden disappearance. One firm in this city will regret his departure, to the tune of \$600, it is said. His landlord is short a month's rent, and numerous friends have lost sums from \$50 down. John was not a fool. It is said that he disposed of his stock, realizing all he could, and before leaving the city assigned what was left to Messrs. Sloan, Jardine & Mason. His wife and family have also taken their departure.

An important meeting of members of the wholesale hardware trade of Montreal was held last week, at which, besides resolving upon the general advance in prices noted in our market reports, it was decided to fix discounts as below : On goods sold at 6 months four per cent. if paid within 15 days of date of invoice. On goods sold at 4 months, three per cent., if paid within 15 days of date of invoice. When paid after the expiry of 15 days, discount for unexpired time will be allowed at the rate of seven per cent. per annum. It was further agreed that brokers' Commissions should be divided. the seller hereafter paying only one half of one per cent.

THE Messrs. Smith Bros., grocers at Port Colborne, commenced business last May, with a stock of some \$1500 principally purchased in Brantford. For this purchase their progenitor became security. We learn that their stock has been disposed of and that their landlord is trying to get some \$240 rent. The young men have taken Horace Greeley's advice and "gone west." It is thought that the relatives have secured everything available in the shape of assets.

SUBSCRIBER writes us : " The following, written on a postal card, was received by a wholesale house in town a few days ago, from a petty-fogging little dry goods man in Owen Sound, in reply to a respectful reminder that he had underpaid his account one dollar. Wholesale men will " spot" the little "coon " at once by his letter, which bears his well-known trade-mark, "impudence," throughout :---

O. S., Jan. 10th, 1882. "GENTLEMEN,-Your statement with receipt received, and contents noted. The balance of \$1 was an over-sight of mine, as I throw into the waste basket all statements, notes and circulars as soon as opened, and send amounts from in-If it is so very urgent that you should vuice. have it, draw on the town pump and charge it to the Mayor.

Yours, &c., -

has been involved in difficulties so often that we fear they may become chronic. We remember that in September 1877 he got an extension of time, showing a surplus of \$9,000. This he carried out although slow in his payments. In March 1880 he was compelled to assign with iiabilities of \$15,000 showing some 3,000 of \$ deficiency. His trouble was compromised by his paying 40 per cent. However this arrangement did not appear to do him much good, for we find that he since continued as formerly, to be slow pay, although he appears in trouble again, his seeming popularity has secured him another extension of one year. We shall be pleased to hear that he succeeds better in the future.

COMPARATIVE figures relating to Customs and Inland Revenue, &c., are now enrege, and will prove not uninteresting to most of our readers. At Montreal, during the year just closed, duties to the amount of \$7,672,268 were paid upon imported goods valued at \$43,546,821. The value of imports was 25 per cent. in excess of last year, and the increase in duties \$1,322,478. The Inland Revenue receipts at Montreal are the largest ever recorded, the principal items being \$837,149 on spirits, \$426,949 on tobacco and cigars, and sundries to total \$1,354.312, # amount larger than last year's receipts by \$144.639.

It is needful to explain some circumstance with reference to the estate of J. O. Walpole of Kingston, mentioned in last issue. In October of last year Mr. W. owed Jas. Campbell & Sos \$8,000, and applied for more goods. That firm agreed to furnish him with further stock on condition that he gave them security and that he should reduce his indebtedness to them to \$6,000 by 1st May 1882, by certain periodical payments. The security took the shape of a chattel mortges for \$10,000 which covered not only the stock if his premises but whatever should come into them after October 1881. Mr. Walpole, it a? pears, failed to make his promised payment # that firm on 10th December last, failed also of that of Dec. 21st, and had further obligations due other parties on which suit was threatened before the close of the year. The condition upon which he got further into Messrs. Camp bell & Co's books having been broken, and another creditor pressing, it seemed to that firm that they had no recourse but to make their chattel mortgage operative, and that they have done. Mr. Walpole has meantime assigned to Mr. Clarkson and given a second chattel mortgage to cover any further assets.

THE cargo of the "Comte d' Eu," of la Societé Postale Francaise de l'Atlantique, the first steamer of the new Brazilian line, which arrived at Halifax at the close of last year, consisted of 7,800 bags sugar for Montreal, 1,400 bags coffee for Chicago, besides hides, tapioca, cocos, &. She touched atkio Janeiro, Bahia, Pernambuco, Cears, Maranham, and Para ; also calling at St-Thomas, W. I., from which port she brought large mail. Quite a large portion of her cargo A STOREKEEPEE at Dublin Ont. Thos. King, is on consignment, and is sent up for the part

Pose of opening up trade. She sailed on her return trip. on the 11th, with fish, flour, grain, lumber and potatoes, samples of Upper Province goods being sent, also 1850 drums and 300 half drums of codfish per Cromwell line steamer for Brazil. The shipment of flour is limited, owing to the fact that Canadian millers have not in time prepared the special kinds of barrels required for the trade, but more is ex. Pected to go by the next steamer, the Tancorville, so say the Halifax papers.

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-Exaggeration appears to have been indulged in by some western journals with respect to the difficulty which arose in connection with the Halifar sugar refinery. The New Era of that eity says the excited feeling among holders of stock was caused by "an indiscreet act on the Part of an auctioneer who had a few shares of the sugar refinery stock to sell, and the publication of the erroneous report by a city contempo-That the stock was up at 45 and refused." That journal says, however, — "and advisedly too Buy every dollar's worth of stock offered for less than 95 per cent., and it will prove a good investment." The writer quoted ventures to



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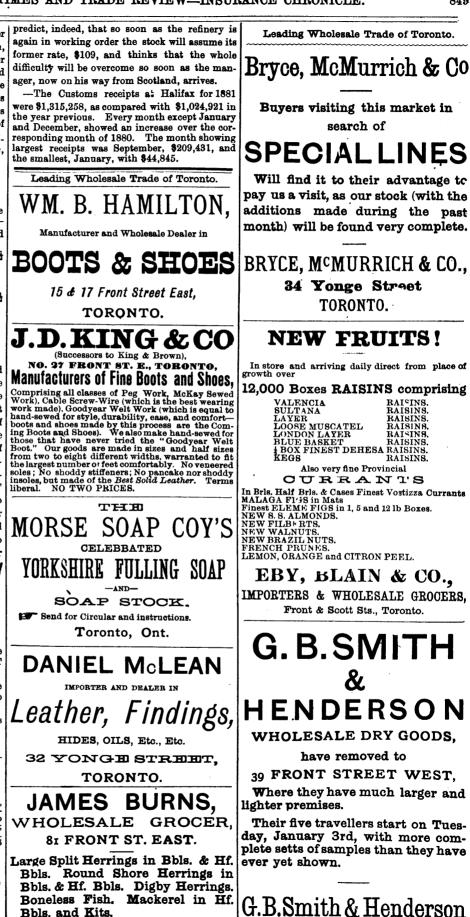
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PUBLIC LANDS IN CANADA AND THE U.S.

Comparisons are constantly made of the terms and conditions on which public lands are procurable in Canada and the United States. And immigrants from Europe would naturally be much influenced by the effect which the comparison made on their minds. So long as we had no prairie lands open for settlement, there could be no competition for the class of settlers which prefers prairie farms to woodlands. And that class was Very numerous. The Furopean is, as a rule, little accustomed to woodcraft and has no desire to learn the mystery. To one unaceustomed to the use of the axe, the idea of stacking a dense forest, as a means of pre-Paring the ground for agriculture, is repellent. It looks like entering on a desperate struggle with giant nature. The open prairie, ready for the plough, produces quite a different effect on the mind of the Euro-Pean. If there were no other reason but the fact that the United States has long offered to him an abundance of prairie soil, this would determine his choice, as between the two countries. If each country had stood on the same level in this particular, other causes might have had a large share in determining the choice.

The time has come when Canada is fully the equal of the States in this particular ; and it is clear that in a short time she will have the advantage in the comparison. Ineluding Alaska, the U.S. Government still retains not less than 800,000,000 acres of land. But of arable lands in possession of that government there are only 18,000,000 tores left. To these lands homesteading must practically be confined, and it is ob-Vious that the days of homesteading in that

country are rapidly approaching their term. When these lands are taken up, the turn of Canada will emphatically have come. An undistinguishable frontier, on the other side of which there is some d.fference of political institutions, will not stop the advancing tide

These 18,000,000 acres of of population. ands cannot last long. They are less than three years' supply at the rate agricultural ands were taken up in the fiscal year 1879 80. In that year 7,000,000 acres of such ands were taken up. And in the last fiscal ear the quantity taken up was much larger. The time cannot be far distant when the advancing tide of settlement will pass the rontier into the boundless prairies of Janada

The old alien laws doomed Upper Canada to sterility, in the days of its early settlers, by denying the American a home op our soil. He was viewed with political suspicions, which the American Revolution and the subsequent war engendered ; he was liable to arrest as a political suspect; in his most confident utterances, which might have had none but the most innocent intention, some local magistrate might discover rank treason; he could not hold lands in Canada and consequently could not settle on the soil. Now that all these obstacles are swept away, and foreigners can hold lands equally with our own people, the American settler will find himself welcomed where he was before repelled. And much as he loves his own institutions, the average American does not allow political considerations, liberty being assured, to prevent his overstepping the boundaries of the Republic. When his own supply of agricultural lands is exhausted he will not hesitate to go to the North-West of Canada. And thither German emigrants, who prefer a republic, other things being equal, will not be long in following.

If the disposable agricultural lands still in possession of the U.S. Government are reduced to a small area, there are other such lands in the hands of railway companies and individuals, which will for years be obtainable at no very extravagant prices. But none of these lands can be had for nothing, and many of them can only be purchased at figures which place them out of the reach of the poorer class of settlers.

The United States Government still retains 560,000,000 of acres, which are described as pasturage and desert lands. A great deal will depend upon how much is of the one kind and how much of the other. There are 30,000,000 acres capable of being irrigated, but to resort to irrigation is to supply at a heavy cost the absence of a natural endowment. These, in fact, are lands which require to be reclaimed by the application of labor, to which they would owe their productive value. In possession of different State governments there are more arable lands (26,000,000) than the general government has left. There will therefore be no absolute necessity for any one to quit the Republic for some time to transportation than the Central, per ton per

come in search of agricultural land ; nevertheless, the movement by which the Western States are being peopled will go on, north of the boundary line.

The Dominion parliament has been assured that the lands which the Pacific Railway will make marketable will pay the whole cost of construction. Should this promise be realized, we shall be much more fortunate than the American Government has been. From first to last the expenditure in connection with the public lands in the Republic, has amounted to \$332,000,000, which is \$122,000,000 more than has, so far, been realized from sales; out of what remains this loss can never be made good ; it is more likely to be increased. If, in this state of the accounts, the Indiansfrom whom the lands were purchased have not fared well, in a monetary point of view, it can hardly be said to be the fault of Congress. How our North-West lands and railway account will come out, it is too soon to make any satisfactory estimate.

RESULTS OF THE TRUNK LINES WAR.

The Financial Chronicle of New York gives the results of the railway war. The net earnings of the lines engaged in the contest for the year 1880-1 were only \$2 .-280,363 less than for the year 1879 80, the figures being \$48,352,250 against \$50,632,613. The decrease all fell on two lines, the Baltimore and Ohio, and the New York Central, the latter losing the greater share. The Grand Trunk increased its gross earnings from \$10,890,830 to \$11,079,515, and the increase in its working expenses (\$657,050) did not equal the increase in receipts (\$688,585.) The figures relating to this road are about 5 per cent. above the real amount, being obtained by converting the pound sterling at the rate of five dollars the pound. The Grand Trunk has of course lost by the war. The Pennsylvania increased its gross earnings by \$3,-526,017, but the net increase was reduced by extra working expenses to \$633,791. The decline in gross earnings of all lines engaged in the war of rates was \$7,836,182, the figures being \$120,936,269 against \$126,492,088. The net decrease was, however, less than five per cent. The New York Central decidedly had the worst of it. By comparison with its great rival, the Erie has not done badly. On this point the Public gives the following eloquent facts :

"After a struggle, which has lasted for many years, the Erie is at least able to show a higher rate of profit and a smaller cost of

mile, notwithstanding the fact that the latter has the greater traffic by 36 per cent. In 1873, when the difference in traffic was only 20 per cent. the Erie was obliged to accept lower rates than the Central in order to get what freight it did, but transported freight at a lower average of cost. Then followed great improvements and gains of the Central, while its rival was crippled. The Central secured 60 per cent. larger traffic in 1876, transported at a lower cost, and realized more than 50 per cent. greater profit per ton per mile. The wheel has now made another revolution. Better track and rolling stock, an elevator, and other facilities, have at last enabled the Erie to recover its advantage. Since 1876 it has gained 90 per cent. in quantity of traffic, while the Central has gained 60 per cent., has reduced its cost of transportation 40 per cent., while the Central has reduced its cost only 20 per cent. and therefore can realize a profit of \$2.76 per thousand tons perimile, while the Central can realize only \$2.20. Had the Central obtained the same rate in 1881 as in 1880, its freight would have paid \$2,434,649 more profits."

There is a suspicion that Mr. Vanderbilt is pursuing a wrecking policy, and it is not easy to account for his action in any other way. He could, if he chose, when he has got down the stock of the Central as low as he could desire, purchase up immense quantities and then alter his financial policy so as to make the road earn as much as possible. But until he does this, suspicion will not be converted into fact.

PREFERENTIAL JUDGMENTS.

The lameness and injustice of the law in force in Ontario for the collection of debts since the repeal of the Insolvent Act of 1875 have had many exemplifications. New instances constantly present themselves. When will our legislators realize that a law is not right which permits insolvent debtors to pay whomsoever they choose? It is true, there is a law on our statute book which presumably was intended to prevent preferences being given by confessions of judgment. That enactment, it now turns out, has had only the effect of doing away with certain technical proceedings whereby speedy judgments could be obtained.

Other means exist, it appears, whereby the same result may be attained without risk or difficulty. Indeed there is an apparently well founded opinion among our lawyers, that with friendly relations existing between the parties to a suit, a judgment can be recovered within one hour after the commencement of an action, which no other creditor can impeach, provided only that

there exists an indebtedness between the parties. According to one learned Judge, it does not even matter that the indebtedness is not a matured one. The court gravely lays it down that only the debtor himself can complain of proceedings being instituted against him for a debt not yet due. Hence it follows that an insolvent debtor, indebted to a friend on a claim not due, and to some one else for an overdue claim, may, if so disposed, enable the friend to get the first claim upon his assets, no matter what the alacrity displayed by the other creditor may be. Possibly the view taken by the Judge referred to on this point may not ultimately be sustained. Enough is clearly established, however, to show that most pernicious powers are placed in the hands of insolvent debtors, of which experience shews they are too frequently ready to avail themselves.

Another instance of this is afforded by a case in which judgment has just been rendered by Mr. Justice Proudfoot of the Chancery Division of the High Court. There the debtor defended, for the purpose of gaining time, a suit brought against him by one of his creditors; while to an action subsequently brought by another he entered a defence before one was due, which he immediately withdrew, enabling the plaintiff in that suit to recover immediate judgment. This judgment the other creditor has made a futile attempt to set aside. The court, following former decisions of a like kind, holds that the statute does not cover such a case. Ratable distribution of insolvent estates is on all hands acknowledged to be the fair and proper course, and it ought not to be difficult to secure it. Yet no action is taken to amend the law. Why? Let the Solons of the Dominion Parliament answer.

BUSINESS AND FAILURES IN THE UNITED STATES.

The business of the year just passed, in the United States, has been remarkable, both in extent and results. The returns of the clearing houses, the tonnage figures of the railways, and other indices of the state of business show that its volume has been unusually large, and that the commercial condition at the close of 1881 was one of general prosperity and reasonable soundness. There is, it appears, a noteworthy increase in transactions at the principal manufacturing cities, which increase is greatest towards the close of the year.

Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Chicago and several Massachusetts cities show very marked growth of business returns. New York and Boston, the great wholesale centres, though showing a decline for the single month of

ahead of last year upon the whole twelve month's dealings. But if we make due allowance for the large share which speculative transactions have in the reported clearings as New York, we shall find that Boston's ratio of increase is the greater of the two. Baltimore has suffered by the railway war, and shows only 7.1 per cent. gain over 1880. Cincinnati has probably felt the war of freight rates, but her increase is over 25 per cent.

The aggregate transactions at twenty-five principal American cities were sixty-four thousand two hundred and eighty-two million of dollars (\$64,282,162,106) in 1881, against fifty thousand seven hundred and sixty-six millions of dollars (\$50,766,316,687) in 1880, an increase of $26\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. And outside of New York the aggregate clearing were \$14,905,000,000 against \$12,151,000,000 an increase equal to 22.7 per cent. Taking the clearing-house figures for a series of years from cities other than New York-so to get rid of the difficulty presented to the statistician by the considerable proportion over 20 p. c., which speculative dealings in stocks in that city bear to its whole clear ings-the Public shows how a decline in the aggregate of transactions during three year beginning with 1876 was followed by a de cided increase in the next three. Thus, after 1875, during which year 14 cities reported clearings of \$8,865 9-10 millions, we find, in millions of dollars :---

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A decline of 15.3 per cent. from 1875 followed, says the Public, by an advance of 73.8 per cent. The question now suggest itself whether these changes have been mainly due to changes in the price of com modities. "Investigations show beyond dispute that the decline from 1875 to 1875 was less than the fall in prices, and that the increase in business since 1878 has been greater than the rise in prices. In other words, the volume of business, measured by quantities of products exchanged, has been generally increasing throughout the period under consideration, as well when business was bad, and resulted in general losses, when it was good and yielded large profits. The decline of prices was such that \$100 in 1875 would buy about as much as \$81.68 in 1878.

Now, as to the failures of the year, their nature and extent. The business failures in the United States during 1881, as we stated last week were, according to Messrs. R. G. December, are respectively 29.7 and 27.2 Dun & Co., 5,582 in number, with liabilities of \$81,155,932, an increase over 1880 of 847 in number and \$15,403,000 in amount; or 15 per cent. in number and 19 per cent. in amount of liabilities. While this is by no means a favorable sign at first sight, its unfavorable aspect alters upon consideration. In the year 1876, the failures were 1 in every 63 persons; in 1877, 1 in 73; in 1878, 1 in 64; in 1879, 1 in 105; in 1880, 1 in 158, while in 1881 the proportion was 1 to 140. The advantage in favor of the year just closed is therefore very marked, as compared with the average of years. The circular of the Mercantile Agency has the following remarks upon the figures:

"When a comparison is instituted between the failure figures of last year and those of previons years, for instance 1878, it will be seen that in the proportion they bear to the casualties of that and previous years, both as to the number of failures and the amount of liabilities, the result is not unfavorable. It should also be recollected that while the failures and liabilities of 1881 are only slightly more than one-half those of 1878, the volume of trade is probably now four or five times as great as it was then, while the number of persons engaged in business is certainly eighteen to twenty-five per cent.

Again, notwithstanding the enormous increase in business, the average of liabilities continues low as compared with a few years ago. For instance, in 1878, when business was limited, and when a conservative policy was prevalent, the average amount of liabilities was \$22,000; this verage amount of liabilities was \$22,000; that year it is only slightly over \$14,530. So that under circumstances where it might be expected that indebtedness would largely increase, it has diminished by nearly one half on the average as compared with 1878.

The following table gives the geographical distribution of commercial casualties for the last two years. It will be noticed that in the Western States only 1 person in every 195 trad-ern fail. ers failed, as compared with one in every 159 as in 1879, while in 1878 it was 1 in every 70."

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^{7,100} 907 linev'ry 63 7,988,077 8,807 We remark here, in correction of our article of last week on the failure list, that at page 825, third line, the sentence should have read, "The proportion of failures to number of persons engaged in business in Canada was much larger than that of the Eastern, Middle or Western States, but

States." To those who are curious about closing, bear but a meagre proportion to the such matters, it may prove entertaining if we state that, from one of the group of statistical tables which this circular contains. we gather that viewing the returns of commercial disaster by periods of three months each, we find the first and last quarters of the year uniformly most prolific of failures.

"There is a vague sense of uncertainty regarding the future," says the circular, grounded upon the experiences of 1872-3. The conditions which preceded the last crisis, it is claimed, resemble those which now prevail, viz.: enormous extension of trade, great expend itures on railway and public works; increased growth and ease of credit, as illustrated by the large loans of the banks; and a general disposition to lock up quick capital in assets of an unrealizable character. This feeling of apprehension finds some support in the partial failure of grain crops in the West: in the decrease of exports; the increase in imports; the large reduction in the earnings of leading railroads involving a lessened income to the investors in this class of property, and the great decline in the realizable prices of securities represented on the Stock Exchange, as compared with six months ago. While it is true that all these elements are suggestive of a changing condition of things, it is doubtful if they can be interpreted adversely to the general prosperity of the trade of the country. The extension of business seems, on every hand, to be of a most healthy character. There is little or no accumulation of stocks of manufactures in any locality, while in numerous departments of activity orders are far ahead of the greatly increased productive power. Though it is true that the grain crop has not been up to its usual average, it should be borne in mind that for several years very ample rewards have been realizable by the agricultural community ; while, in nearly all products, except grain, the vields of previous years have been maintained. Prices. too, continue so high that the result to the agricultural producer is not far short of the average of late years."

Some interesting comments upon the failure figures of 1881 are made in the New York Public of January 5th, thus : "Number of failures means comparatively little ; the ratio of insolvent liabilities to exchanges determines the general character of the year's business. This ratio, taking only the known and recorded exchanges, was \$2.50 in \$1,000 in 1879 ; \$8.26 in \$1,000 in 1878 ; \$6 28 in \$1,000 in 1877; \$6.67 in \$1,000 in 1876; and \$6 41 in \$1,000 in 1875. Losses of \$6 and upwards in \$1,000 mean calamity. but loss s of \$1.29 or \$1.26 in \$1,000 will hardly bring commerce to grief. Taking only the recorded payments by exchanges. it appears that for every \$1,000 paid in 1880, firms failed for \$1.29, while for every \$1,000 paid in 1881, firms failed for \$1.26. The volume of business has increased so largely that it is not strange if even the well-informed Mercantile Agency has not fully appreciated the change."

The circular concludes as follows :-- " Surveying, however, from all general points of view the commercial condition of the country, it at ems impossible to arrive at any other conclumaller than it was in the Southern or Pacific losses by bad debts, in the year which is now The

profits realized in legitimate trade. The additions which have been made to the surplus of every prudent business man are larger than have ever been realized in any previous y. ar, and that this increase of surplus is more the result of honest, legitimate profit than of any speculative success must be universally ad-mitted. The political and financial outlook seems equally without a disturbing element. With some additional legislation by which the laws relating to bankruptcy can be regulated and made uniform, and with favorable conditions as to weather, crops, and trade generally, the opposite of which there is no reason to anticipate, the prospect for the future seems certainly most promising."

In order to show the comparative figures for a series of years, the following table is inserted :--

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WOMAN'S WORK TO-DAY.

It is getting to be admitted that women are capable of something more and higher, now-a-days, than plain sewing and millinery; that there is even some less monotonous place for a woman than that of a nurse or a school mistress. But it has taken a long time to reach that admission. Faithful working and weary waiting have at last shown some result in demonstrating the titness of the weaker and the daintier part of the human family for self-help and self-support. It is the more readily admitted, on this side of the Atlantic, that woman can do. without let or hindrance, whatever she finds herself most fitted for or whatever work she finds m st readily remutera ive. But now, even in Great Britain where "use and wont" is a strong repressive power and where many things have been considered unseemly for women to do which find no such hindrance in the United States, we find the platform of woman's work broadening. It is significant for us to learn from a London publication that the evening colleges of that great city -started as places of secondary education for women engaged in business or in home occupations during the day, and who feel the lack of their childhood's education to satisfy their maturer years-supply information and practical training to hundreds of workingwomen, yes, and gentlewomen. We make. from the list of students in these colleges, a sufficient selection to show into what a variety of channels woman's work is finding its way :-

Dressmakers, Milliners and Needlewomen.... 72 School-Mistresses and other Teachers 48 Domestic Servants and Housekeepers 21 Machinists, Outfitters and Washerwomen .. 18 Assistants and Forewomen in shops..... 14 Feathermakers and Lacemenders 11 Hairdressers, Perfumers and Hairworkers .. 10 Telegraph, Post Office and Merchant Clerks 8 Paotograph colorists or Painters on tiles.... 6 Bar-maids, Waitresses or Laundresses..... ß

Hospital Nurses... Becretaries, Book keepers, Articled Clerks .. Crapeworkers and Fur-liners Bookbinders, Folders or bank note Stampers Eavelope-folders and Print-colorers Cartridge and perension-csp makers Toy and Button makers Gold-leaf workers and jewel-case liners...

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Here we have a list of 251 persons, representing twenty or thirty different occupations, and there are to be found in addition copyists. labellers, epaulette makers, basket makers, shell-box makers, art students-besides 132 women pupils at these schools who are described as "at home." This means that they are either young girls whose employment is not yet determined or that they are women who assist in the trades or professions of their fathers or husbands, or who, by helping in the housework of the family, save the employment of servants, which is quite as true economy and as honorable service as any other kind. Now it is cheering to find so large a number of the many toiling thousands in London willing to come forward and admit their want of mental training to fit themselves for these various callings. Although it is at the same time perhaps a proof of the insufficient schooling of a very large class.

It is still more important for us to discover, however, as we may from this list, that the business world is beginning to find out how far woman's labor may be made available in unexpected directions. And it is a great step in overcoming the mauvaise honte or the fear of "Mrs. Grundy" which has kept woman from earning easier livelihoods, to find so many intelligent, perhaps cultivated and refined, women-as the occupations of a large proportion indicatewho are not ashamed to take pay for honest work. A clever American writer, who is a close observer, has thus noticed this curious current of feminine feeling : "Bridget and Dinah in the kitchen or laundry," he says, "grasp their wages and demand more ; but Edith and Isabel in the parlor work harder, perhaps, and blush to take their honest dues."

Societies of decorative art, women's exchanges, and owners of fancy shops constantly receive contributions of cunning handiwork with the instruction, "sell this," if possible; you may depend on me for any quantity of work, but do not let my name be known." Housekeepers, begging some needy young friend to into the nursery or sewing room, are answered: "I would gladly do it, I work far harder at home without pay; but, with my social position, I could not 'live out,' you know, nor take wages."

A writer in *Harpers' Bazar* argues thus, on this point: "Well-bred women may not only write for pay, but physic for pay, sing, paint, chisel stone, draw briefs, lecture, act, teach for pay, without loss of dignity. Why then should that woman whose artistic instiactflowersout in lovely bonnets and tasteful gowns, instead of in pictures and statues, be hindered of proper pay for her proper work by the pointing of the fixed finger of society ? Why should not she whose rare talent makes her a skilful nurse be equally respected with the skilful doctor if she displays equal culture, intelligence, and worth ? Why is not the born housekeeper as fully justified by her gift in claiming honor and pay as any railway manager, cabinet secretary or other great administrator of affairs ?"

THE TRADE OF TORONTO.

There is not always a correspondence between the increase in the population of a city and the growth of its commerce. But in the case of this city the swift rise in the number of its inhabitants appears to be fully equalled in ratio by the increase of its business. The chief city of Ontario has now a population numbering, with its suburbs, almost 100,000 souls. It may be of interest to examine the returns of imports and exports, for a series of years, and to see how business fares : although it should be stated that the export returns, as we have frequently shown, but very inadequately represent the value or quantity of what is sent outward.

The total imports into Toronto for a series of years will be found below :

Year. goods. 1871		Duty.	Total.
1879		•••••	\$11,556,520
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There was an increase of ten per cent. in the imports of Ontario in 1871-2 over those of 1870-71, as we find from the *Blue Book*, but Toronto's increase was twenty per cent. However, that was a time of over-importation, which was succeeded by a lessening of foreign purchases in many lines, as is shown by the reduced import figures for 1875. The value of merchandise brought into Toronto during the year just closed, \$17,555,000, is more than one-half greater than in 1871, and more than a third greater than the \$13,500,000 of 1880; though something is to be allowed in both cases, of course, for the increased prices of commodities.

We compare below the imports of a few leading articles at this port for several years :

1875.	1880	1881.
Cottons \$1,909,197	\$2,296 022	\$2.667,253
Woollens 1.727 592	2,215,198	1,987,484
Silks 373,006	797.88±	992,693
Iron 661,669	569,190	1,103.692
Tea (b ack) lbs 309,989	617,017	652 673
value 105,497	140,475	145,643
Tea (green) lbs 1,214,995	2,135 506	1,910,927
" value 422,632	534 855	388 237
Sugar No 9 lbs. 5,454,165	7(8.511	1,756.651
" value 284,509	81,556	69.884

The aggregate value of these seven kinds of merchandise as given above, was \$7,354,-888 in the year 1831, against \$6,585,180 in 1880, and \$5,858,074 in 1875. These are calendar years, not fiscal ones, and we are only enabled to give the figures for so late a date as the close of last year through the courtesy of the Customs' officials at this port. The decline in imports of woollens in 1881, as compared with the previous year, is doubtless owing to the increasing quantity used of Canadian manufactures of that article. Larger purchases of silks, etc., indicate greater demand for expensive and tasteful dress goods and, presumably, increased ability to afford them. The great variations in imports of tea and sugar at this point, compared with 1875, are accounted for by the action of the 1875 tariff, the differential duty against teas from New York stimulating direct importation from China via the St. Lawrence, and keeping out teas which used to come hither via Suspension Bridge. How our imports ran down from 1872 to 1875 and up from that date, is illustrated by the imports of woollens, cottons, silks and velvets for portions of five years :

First Nine months	1872	Value of Imports.
do. do.	1873	3.858.212
do.	1880	···· 3,710,902 ···· 4,819,520
do.	1881	5,055,863

The growth of exports is another important feature in the trade of the city. Customs' returns of outwards entries, and the record kept at the United States Consulate agree in showing a marked increase in the figures, which was still more marked last year as compared with the previous one-The value of exports in four past years was, according to the Custom House figures: 1875, \$2,180,022; 1879, \$3,401,408; 1880, \$3,441,031; and in 1881, \$4,356,253. The fallowing table shows the exports by months:

1875.	1880.	1881.
January \$ 34,678	\$346,104	\$248,168
February 24,240	312,548	269,764
March 35.341	304,278	266,349
April 24,459	226,695	302,440
May 128.309	209,180	292,365
June	178.049	209,098
July 70 576	131,582	192,697
August 88,345	100,859	199,960
September 272,053	240,336	309,350
October 790,224	603,857	830,079
November 615,991	487,459	729,951
December 15,197		506,037
10,101	30 0,085	500,001

Total....\$2,180,022 \$3,441,031 \$4,856,255 The ratio of increase in value is thus shown to be 56 per cent. in the four years from 1875 to 1879, and about 27 per cent. in 1881 as compared with 1880. The bulk of the exports came under the head of "Agricultural products" and "Animals and their produce." The largest items are barley, meats, lumber, wool and malt. Of the totals given above, almost the whole represents

Canadian products. The value of articles not Canadian being in 1881 only \$50,160. It is proper to observe that something of the increased amounts in these tables of late, may be due to the greater strictness now observed by our authorities in ascertaining quantities and values of exports. The railways have been notified to observe the law relating to clearances, and the result is perceptible if one compares the months, say of 1875, as compared with 1881. Exports of manufactures from this city, too, are increasing of late years. We may be able on a future occasion to give a statement of these in detail. The growth of the wholesale trade here is everywhere acknowledged, and demands a separate article.

SCIENCE EDUCATION.

SECOND ARTICLE.

It is admitted by English manufacturers to-day, that their most successful rivals are those countries where technical education has been carried to the highest point. More than twenty years ago the Swiss Government established at Zurich a general scientific institution, where instruction was and is Siven in applied mechanics, physics and art. The cost of maintenance is about \$100,000 Per year, which expense is cheerfully borne by a nation numbering scarcely more souls than reside within a radius of five miles from the New York City Hall. The benefits conferred upon Swiss industry by this establishment are beyond all question. The deli-Cacy and taste of their products are enhanced by it to-day.

Then, as to the English and Scottish trade associations. The Cloth-workers Company, for example, have made liberal grants, amounting to nearly\$375,000, for the establishing and maintaining of such institutions at Leeds, Bradford, Huddersfield, Keighley, Battery, Bristow University College at Stroud, Trowbridge, Yorkshire Union of Mechanics, and the City and Guilds of London Institute. In Glasgow the sum of \$22,500 was raised, and a weaving school established at which seventy-three pupils were enrolled last year. At Bradford an industrial museum is in pro-Constant of collection, as an indispensable adjunct to the oral teachings, a chemical laboratory, apparatus to illustrate the mechanical powers, a collection of technical works, all these are necessary to a thorough technical school. In the United States several technical colleges have already been established, principally in the iron trade and engineering branch. And it is not an insignificant thing that drawing is anght in the common schools in that country.

These schools in various countries for of

teaching the *technique* of an art or trade, are intended to supplement the education of the ordinary school with an education specially calculated to increase a man's knowledge of his business. It is a matter of debate whether this education shall be given at the expense of the state or of the municipalities or both, as in Continental countries, or as in England by the rublic spirit and liberality of the people themselves. But there is much to be said in favor of the view that brains as well as fingers should be taught while young and plastic, if we would reach the best results.

In furtherance of this view some weighty opinions are quoted in favor of making certain technical subjects a part of the national scheme of education; of drafting scholars from the public elementary schools into those technical classes; of including girls as well as boys in such drafting; and of making government grants and government supervision, features of the system.

"Science is but ordered knowledge," says a well known writer ; "and the more we know, the better we are able to perform." Truly, the wise nations win in the competitions of the world ; and if it be true, as was said in the meeting of the British Aassociation at York the other day, that science is one of the great cementing influences of modern society, then those who are working in harmony with science are helping on "the federation of the world."

A scheme to re-organize the Art Schools of Ontario is in preparation by the Provincial Government, and will be submitted shortly to the Legislature. The aim of the Minister of Education seems to be to make these schools a unit throughout the province, and to adopt a single comprehensive system of teaching and examination. The headquarters for Ontario are intended to be established in the Normal School of this city. whither the most of the appliances made use of at the rooms on King street of the Untario Society of Artists have already been removed. It is well, we think, that the Government has taken this distinct step in the direction of art teaching of a higher kind. Presumably, the chain of art schools to be gradually established throughout the province, will take up teaching of drawing where our comcon schools leave it, and will provide instruction of a more advanced kind, whereby our artisans or designers may profit.

American manufactures, especially those of the Eastern States, owe much of their marked improvement in design aud artistic finish to the good work done within very recent years by the Boston School of Art and other schools or colleges with similar teaching. Then, we are told, the advantages of art schools conducted as they

are in England. on an uniform admittedly system. are great. and have contributed much to the improvement of design in manufactures. These schools were found necessary in Britain as a means of supplying trained designers, who were able to compete with those of Germany and France. We shall be glad to see a liberal measure for such purposes passed by our legislature, its effect must be to improve still further our present good system of education.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Now that all the excitement caused by the celebrated Treesury Circular relating to loans by banks has subsided, we can look at the result and conjecture what will be attempted to be done during the next session of Parliament, to put this matter of bank stock loans in a new shape.

There is now no doubt that the amount advanced by banks on their own stock and the stock of other banks is a heavy one. Some place the aggregate so advanced at \$11.000,000, others at a higher figure. The clause in the Act has not stopped such advances but has actually increased them, and in a worse form than they were under the old Act. Then, they appeared under a heading in the Government statement; now. they are smuggled in under "Loans, &c., to the Public." This leads the zealous "N.P." advocate to boast that trade discounts have greatly increased, whereas bank stock loans are an important item in the expansion which is talked about.

This practice exists, and apparently can not be stopped. The Government has been bullied into sending circular after circular until the fourth whittled the questions down to nothing. When the bank stock clause was struck out, it was done by the Government at the solicitation of the majority of the bankers who visited Ottawa in the Spring of 1880, if not the whole of them. At that time the "saints" in St. François Xavier street in Montreal were "raiding" bank stocks, and it was thought that the new clause would put a stop to their unsaintly doings. Mr. Girouard, M.P. brought in his act for the regulation of brokers at the same time, also at the suggestion of bankers, that is. the act to compel brokers to name their principals in sales, (afterwards turned into a farce by transferring numbers, and then abolished.) Those bankers "went back on" Mr. Girouard, as the saying is, whereat he was not unnaturally indignant.

f Art It was then considered decidedly immoral milar to lend an bank stocks; but though the tages chartered banks were prohibited from so they lending, the Savings banks were allowed to

continue the business-in fact, they had a legal monopoly given to them. It begins to be questioned whether it would not be better to have such lending legalized again. We are told there is likely to be application made to Government to do this.

Those banks which have acted in accordance with the law and have refused to lend on bank stocks have deprived themselves of business which has commanded more than ordinary rates of interest. While business men of observation feel that the condition of the country is sounder than it has been for a long time, bankers are making very small profits, for there is much under-cutting in rates of discount. True, the banks are not losing anything by bad debts, but they are not, as a rule, earning much over their dividends. Business men make the like complaint as to merchandise sales, that while failures are rare, the competition is reducing profits to a fine point in many wares. Banks and business men alike, in their pushing for business are doing much to foster speculation, and this, if continued, will bring on another time of financial difficulty.

Some knowing ones among brokers say that there are to-day more stocks held on margin than ever before ; that real investors have sold out considerably, and are waiting for a fall to buy in again, and that this accounts for an increase of deposits and loans. Indeed we hear it said now that while Montreal admittedly fosters speculators and expansion, the spirit is equally strong in Toronto, and her dealings on margin, etc., relatively as large.

THE ENGLISH LOAN COMPANY.

An informal meeting of the shareholders of the English Loan Company, held at the Tecumseh House, London, on the 11th inst. was a stormy and not very creditable affair. The regular meeting was to have taken place at the Company's offices that day ; but an adjournment had been announced by circular, subsequent to the call. Several share holders attended at the Company's offices. but found the door to the board room blocked by Mr. David Glass. Protests, angry words and menaces consumed the time. At the subsequent meeting, at the hotel. Mr. Glass and his friends mustered in numbers representing a very large majority of the stock : counting all stock only partly paid up as equal to that which was wholly paid up. Mr. Glass insisted that the men who clamored for information were only so many representatives of the Ontario Bank. But this plea will scarcely pass muster. The affairs of each institution must stand on their own bottom.

regular meeting of the shareholders-that the accounts were not ready-was thought by those clamoring for information to cover some ulterior design. It was stated, and not denied, that the Ontario Bank stock was purchased on margin as a speculation; it was also stated, and not denied, that the Company sent a circular to England after the bank stock purchase, containing the averment that the funds of the Company were invested in mortgages on real estate. The statement of Mr. Glass, that "if his policy in regard to the Ontario Bank were carried out, the English Loan Company would net \$20,000 by the purchase of Ontario bank stock," for which \$85,000 is said to have been paid, we dare not trust ourselves to believe, much less to ask anyone else to believe. We fear that if the management which has characterized the loan company were transferred to the bank, recovery would be more than doubtful, and we can scarcely conceive of anything more likely to be calamitous to the bank than such a transfer.

It may be true, as Mr. Glass says, that the directors of the Loan Co. are men of unimpeachable integrity; but it is not the less true that they would not give the strength and confidence now required for the successful management of the Ontario Bank.

NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAYS.

Acting under legislative authority the Government of Nova Scotia has been negotiating with a syndicate of English and American capitalists for the sale of the provincial railways. An agreement, subject to the ratification of the legislature, has been provisionaliy entered into, by which the Province is to sell its interest in these roads for the sum of \$1,350,000. There are altogether 500 miles of roads, some of them not yet completed. If the sale be ratified, all the roads are to be placed under an uniform tariff. Nova Scotia, like Quebec, put a heavy strain on its financial resources in railway building. Previous to this expenditure being made, there was a public debt of \$2,000,000, with, however, a compensating revenue derived from the outlay of this sum of \$100,000. The expenditure incurred by the Province on railways is about \$8,-000,000 in addition to grants of public lands. The advances were at first made in the form of subsidies; but, as happened in Quebec, the government had, in the end, to assume the works in order to insure their completion. The completion of the roads is to be undertaken by the purchasers. The contemplated transaction it being made, like everything else in Nova Scotia, a party question. The excuse given for postponing the Railways can be managed better by com- than one-half.

panies than by a government, and if the terms be fair and reasonable it will be wise to ratify the agreement. Ratification requires to be made by the 1st February.

-The Grand Southern Railway of New Brunswick, as it is called, though only 82 miles long, which connects St. John with St. Stephen, has been completed. The formal opening has taken place. New Brunswick now possesses nearly a thousand miles of railway, which is a very liberal allowance for a Province of its extent :

-	Miles.
Intercolonial	343
Chatham Branch	9
Albert	45
Petitcodiac & Elgin	14
St. Martins.	30
New Brunswick	101
New Brunswick & Canada, including the	
branch from McAdam to Vancehoro'	128
St. John & Maine	92
Fredericton Branch	221
Grand Southern	824
Kent Northern	27
	21

Total 984 With one exception, all these roads are completed; and that-the Kent Northern-is to be finished this year. The exceptional enterprise shown in building so great an extent of railway deserves success. The Intercolonial, with its branches, is not Provincial but national; but the Province not the less enjoys the benefits of its existence. and when this deduction is made, the monu ment of Provincial enterprise, embodied in these works, speaks well for the people's energy and push. We only hope they will all, in their earnings, justify their construction.

-The Montreal Corn Exchange has again declared its objection to the duties on breadstuffs. It objects to the "grinding in bond" arrangement, condemns the 50 cents per barrel imposed on flour and 15 cents of wheat, and intimates that it would be better, since the duties do not operate equably, to abolish them altogether. Last year, the decrease in American grain, passing through Canada, is put down at 6,000,000 bushels. Our opinion has never varied that the Tilley tariff is disfigured by the grain and the coal duties, and we have some hope that these excrescences may be cut off. Dr. Tupper recently expressed the opinion that all taxes on raw produce would some day have to be done away with. These taxes have failed of their purpose, and are only mischievous. We trust that, in accordance with Dr. Tup per's hint, they will be done away with We must not conclude, without evidence, that all of the decline in the grain carrying trade of Canada is due to this single cause. The trunk lines war may also have had its share. The effect of that war has been to divert from Philadelphia to New York grain in much greater quantity. In 1880, the quantity of grain received in Philadelphia by two railways was 31,743,500 bushels, and in 1881 only 15,454,000 ; a difference of more

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MONTREAL BOARD OF TRADE REPORT

The annual report of the council of the Montreal Board of Trade has been published, and, upon the whole, affords matter for congratulation. A good many of the figures relating to shipping, grain and produce exports &c. of that city have already appeared in our columns so that it is not necessary to reproduce them at length. It appears that established industries have flourished greatly, and new enterprises are pringing into existence in every direction. As already noted by us, the produce receipts and shipments fall short of last year by twenty-five per cent ; the import trade of the port, however, exceeds last year's by nearly 61 millions of dollars, and the combined imports and exports of 1881 are \$2.679,236 in excess of the preceding. The figures are very striking and we append

Se year. v 1850 1880 1881	agoing essels. 211 710 569	Tonnage. 46,156 628,271 531,920	value Merchandise exported. 1,744,772 30,224,904 26,461,188
Year. Valu dia 1850 1880 1881 The increase	7,174,78 37,103,86	ea. 10	Customs duties Collected. \$ 1,009,256 5,232,783 7,672,226

acrease of imports during the year just Past is over 141 per cent. Allusion is made to the efforts which have thus far proved only Partially successful, toward making Montreal a tree trade port and the necessity for increased activity in this matter, and the movement for the total abolition of Canal Tolls is urged. The earnest attention of the Harbor Commissioners is directed to the necessity for a 25 foot channel between Montreal and Quebec, as the cost of lighterage to larger vessels exerts a damaging influence upon the trade of the port. The steadily growing export of phosphate of lime is noticed, and it is anticipated that mining operations during the coming season will be much extended. In 1881 it was estimated that 15,000 tons were raised, 12,000 tons going to Europe. and the balance to the United States. The difficulty of procuring information with regard to the agricultural, mineral and industrial resources of Canada, such as the Consular Corps at Montreal recently applied for, is referred to, and it is proposed that the Government should establish a "Bureau of Statistics" at Ottawa, and thus meet this generally felt want.

Owing to representations made by the mercantile community, the Council had drawn the attention of the Government to the need of an Act to provide for the equitable distribution of insolvent estates, and had also joined with other boards in a memorial for the repeal of the Bill Stamp Act. The bill for the amalgamation of the Board of Trade with the Corn Exchange, which owing to the important omissions had to be dropped last year, will be reintroduced the coming session of Parliment, and the Committee appointed to select a site for the erection of a

new Exchange, has recommended the purchase of that block of land bounded by Notre Dame, St. John, Hospital and St. Alexis Streets. which offers all the advantages desired, and which can be secured at an estimated cost of \$126.000.

The new lines of steamships established are referred to, and an attempt is made to show that the decline which Montreal has experienced in the shipments of flour and grain during the year just ended was also felt by New York. For the first ten months the decrease in receipts at Monwas 12 per cent., and at New York it was 15 per cent. At Montreal during the same period, the decrease in shipments was 32 per cent and at New York it was 27 per cent. The aggregate average, however, was 22 percent. at Montreal and 2.06 at New York.

The report touches briefly on the subject of port and canal dues, the Gulf telegraph system deserters from foreign ships, the cases of ships stranding or wrecked, navigation on the Ottawa and St. Mary Rivers. The council states that the Harbour Commissioners promise that next summer the port shall be supplied with shears or cranes of sufficient power to land from vessels the heaviest articles of commerce.

Some remarks respecting the purchase of an eligible site, whereon a building may be erected to accommodate under one roof, all the different commercial bodies in the city, conclude the report. Such a site can be secured, and the estimated cost of the land and building, is set down at \$126,000.

THE STAMP TAX.

It would be going too far to say that the tax imposed by means of stamps affixed to bills and notes, is a dead letter, for it is shown to have yielded about an average of \$180,000 a year for the past thirteen years. But it is not too much to say that the tax is unpopular with merchants. that it is constantly evaded, and that instead of the revenue derived from it increasing with the growth of the country's commerce, that revenue has for five years past been lessening. It is plainly shown by the figures that whereas up to 1875 the amount yielded by this tax had grown till it reached \$244,000, it declined year by year thenceforward till it brought but \$175.000 in 1880.

The following are the amounts derived from the Bill Stamp tax for the fiscal years undernoted ;---

1867-68..\$ 119,712 83 1874-75..\$ 244,180 19 1868-69.. 129,664 81 1875-76.. 227.089 96 1869-70.. 134.047 22 1876-77.. 209.038 92 1877-78.. 1870-71.. 183.319 42 200.442 27 1878-79.. 1871-72.. 191.918 37 185.190 89 1872-73.. 201,708 92 1879-80.. 175,806 15 1873-74.. 209,088 69

It was well contended by Mr. Turner at the Hamilton Board of Trade the other day that the United States has swept bill stamps from its statute book as unpopular, inconsistent and unnecessary. In England stamps form the most desirable tax they have. There the tax amounts

3 7.10 per head and it does not keep pace with business. The Boards of Trade, not only of Montreal and Hamilton, but also those of St. John. Brantford and Guelph have pronounced against it, and we understand that the forthcoming report of the Toronto Board of Trade will contain a suggestion for its abrogation. We have only to add that the tax is most unequally distributed, and bears most heavily upon the wholesale dealer and the manufacturer. Some of these, we know, who conscientiously obey the law have to pay hundreds of dollars a year unjustly, because of the laxity of their customers in this respect. There are persons and firms who openly disregard the law, especially in respect of double stamping, and the provision as to dating the stamp is by no means closely observed. It would be a graceful thing on the part of the Finance Minister, now that he has a surplus of revenue, to release our merchants from the annoyance of a tax so little serviceable to the Treasury as this one.

RAILWAY LEGISLATION.

The Local Legislature, which met yesterday, will have its full share of railway projects to deliberate upon, However most of the bills to be considered are of a minor character. There would seem to be a determination that the Great Western shall not long have a monopoly of the land carrying trade between this city and Hamilton and the Niagara River. No less than three or four companies are applying for power to build or extend lines in that direction. The "Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo" wish to construct a line from here to one or more points on the Niagara River via Hamilton-Connection is wanted by the Hamilton & North Western with the Northern at some point near this city, which we presume means a direct line from Burlington hither. The Midland, too, desires to extend its line through or near Toronto and Hamilton to the International bridge. It also wants power to buy, lease, or amalgamate with other lines that it may touch. The St. Catharines and Niagara Central Railway Company ask power to extend their Hamilton line to a point in or near the City of Toronto, and to the village of Victoria. or other convenient point on the Niagara River. and their main line westerly to the town of Windsor, or other point on the Detroit River, and for other purposes. A legal firm in Hamilton proposes to incorporate a company to build a line between here and that city.

Application is made for power to build a number of tramways or street railways. Among these is one from Hanlan's point on the Island in Toronto Bayy to the "Gap" at its eastern end, also another from the north-eastern part of this city to Eglington. A third from the western part of the city to Carleton; power is asked to use either steam or horses as required for the purposes of locomotion. Woodstock, Ont. is applying for power to build a road, which is much needed, through its scattered town plot. to \$1.55 per head. In Canada it amounts to The Medonte Tramway Company wants a tramway from Hillsdale to Cold Water to connect. we presume, with the Midland Railway at that point.

The Weston and Duffin's Creek Railway Company wishes to change the location of its line and to build from Carleton Village or thereabout, and aims to connect with railways running, or to run, into the City of Toronto from the west and north, with power to cross the lines of the Credit Valley, Grand Trunk, Toronto Grey and Bruce, and the Northern Railways, and to have its eastern terminus at or near Port Union, with power to construct docks, etc.

The Prince Edward County Railway Company will make extensive demands; among these are the power to fix the quorum of directors and to change the corporate name of said Company; also to construct a branch line from a point near Wellington to West Point, crossing the Sand Banks Beach, and to allow the adjacent municipalities to aid the said branch road by bonus or loan. To construct and maintain docks and elevators at Weller's Bay, and to charge and receive fees or tolls for the use of the same. It also wishes power to extend the line northward to a junction with the Canadian Pacific Rail. way, and to build lines to any present or future mines in Hastings. To increase the bonded indebtedness of the said railway to a sum not exceeding \$20,000 per mile, the proceeds of such bonds to be applied in extending the road, and in building of docks, elevators, etc. To amalgamate with other railways or lease the lines of the same; and where amalgamation is effected. to increase the bonded indebtedness of the amalgamated railway to not more than \$20,000 per mile of such line. To acquire mines and mining properties, or interests in the same, in the County of Hastings, and to develop and operate said properties.

The Erie & Huron ask an extension of time in order to complete their road, and the Mississippi Valley want power to construct a line from Carleton Place to some point on the Kingstone & Pembroke Railway. A railway from Port Dover to Brantford, and thence to the city of Toronto, or some point o the line of the Credit Valley Railway is desired by "The Toronto. Brantford, & Port Dover Railway Company."

The following railway companies seek incorporation. The Mississippi Valley desire power to construct a line from Carleton place to the Kingston and Pembroke Railway, in the County of Frontenac. The Cornwall and Ottawa Railway Co. seeks incorporation for the purpose of building a road from Cornwall to the city of Ottawa, and asks power to run over other lines of railway in the province. The Prescoit and Glengarry Counties Junction wish a road from some point on the Ottawa River, at or near Hawkesbury Village, passing Vankleek Hill to a point near Glen Robertson on the line of the Canada Atlantic Railway, with power to build a branch railway or tramway between Vankleek Hill and the Caledonia Springs. A railway is also proposed on the Manitoulin Island between Little Current and Michaels Pay, Reserve in the County of Bruce, to connect with the same

"The Leamington & St. Clair R. R. Co. is asking for an extension of time to begin and complete its road and to build a road to the Canada Southern. An agreement between the Toronto Grey & Bruce and the Grand Trunk for the working of the line of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce by the Grand Trunk needs confirmation. The St. Mary's, Credit Valley and Euron Co. wish to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the road, to Goderich, and also to Seaforth, and thence to some point on Lake Huron ; the Hamilton & North Western Co. want an Act to authorize the re arrangement of the bond debts and the preference stock of the company, and to provide for the issue of new securities in lieu thereof.

AMALGAMATION OF LOAN COMPANIES

The English and Scottish Investment Company of Canada, at present managed by Mr. H. W. Darling, in succession to the Hon. James Patton, have made an amalgamation sale of its investments and other assets to the London and Ontario Investment Co., limited, of this city. This step has been taken in view of the altered state of affairs in regard to the loaning business of this country.

The English & Scottish Co. will be simply merged into the London & Ontario Company, its shareholders taking stock at ten per cent. premium in the latter company, to the extent of their present holding. The debenture debt and other liabilities of the dissolving company are assumed by the London & Ontario Company, the management and direction of which will be maintained as before, with the addition of two new names on the Board, namely, Messrs, Fred. erick Wyld and H. W. Darling. The capital will also be increased to \$2,000,000 subscribed. upon which twenty per cent. amounting to \$400.000 will be paid up.

The following figures, taken from the last published statements of the two companies, show their respective standing :

	L. & O. CO.	
Capital subscribed	\$1,149,500	\$865,050
-" paid up	229,900	
Investments	1.061.764	772,360
Debenture debt	752,084	786.380
Reserve	30,000	12 167
Dividends heretofore paid.	6 per cent.	6 per cont

From this it will be seen that the combination of the two should form a strong company. The anticipation of increased success entertained by those interested is, we believe, reasonably well founded. The London & Ontario Company, having a wealthy body of shareholders in this country ; and a directorate composed of men of business ability and standing, presided over by the Hon. Frank Smith, will be strengthened by the addition of a further body of shareholders in Britain, whose influence will doubtless be valuable in obtaining debenture moneys for investment here. The reduction in the expense of management and the immediate supervision of and power is asked to run a ferry to the Indian affairs on this side of the Atlantic is a step in

the right direction, which might be advantageously copied by some of the British companies engaged in business here.

The reasons for dissolving the English & Scottish Company, as presented by its chairman, at the meeting of shareholders held in Edinburgh, seem to bear out so precisely the views we hold in regard to the number of these companies in operation, that we reproduce an extract from the chairman's remarks.

"We, (the Directors) were all fully satisfied, after investigation, that with the lowering of the mortgage interest rate in Ontario, and the increased competition for mortgage investments there, unless we were prepared to ask the shareholders to content themselves with very reduced dividends for an indefinite time, it would have been next to impossible to have carried on our business efficiently, and of course low dividends would have interfered with our credit and kept back deben ure moneys; and while the income would have been greatly reduced the costs would not have been proportionately lessened."

TOBONTO BOARD OF TRAD E .- On Friday afternoon last a special meeting of the Board was held, pursuant to requisition, to discuss the appointment of a committee for the purpose of urging on the Ontario Government a land grant to the Huron & Ontario ship-canal scheme of Mr. Capreol. There were present : Messrs. W. B. Hamilton. President; G. M. Rose, vice-president; R. W. Elliott, A. M. Smith, J. G. Worts, W. C. Proctor, T. O. Anderson, John Gillespie. G. B. Smith, John Cosgrave, W. D. Matthews, jr., William Ince, B. Cumberland, G. H. Chapman, and Hugh Blain. It turned out that but four members were present out of the twelve or or fifteen who had signed the requisition. Mr. Worts characterized the scheme of a canal from Lake Huron southward to Lake Ontario, as an exploded idea. " As well might they take away the railroads and go back to the days of stage coaches as to bring canals into competition for the carrying trade as a means of cheap transportation. The canals at present in existence were only a bill of expense to the country. The lower canals had never paid even the lock-tenders' wages, let alone the interest on the outlay borrowed years ago at five or six per cent. interest. Now, there are the Midland, Northern, and Toronto Grey and Bruce railways, each with elevators, and a combined carrying capacity of twelve million buhels of grain, while the exports from Montreal were only fourteen million bushels last year. It would be folly for the proposed canal, ninety miles in length to compete with them." Mr. Capreol, who declared with emphasis that he spoke for the interests and the future of the country, then gave some explanations about the lift lock which he proposed should be used on the projected canal. Mr. Gillespie paid compliment to Mr. Capreol's past services and public spirit. He was in favor of ventilating the canal subject, at least, and stated his opinion that, " outside of the canal itself, the opening of the country, given as a grant, would be an undoubted benefit." Mr. Kivas Tully, C.E., said that since he first gave his opinion on the matter as an engineer, in 1854, much had taken

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Place to alter the conditions and to change his opinion. Messrs. A. M. Smith, R. W. Elliot, C. Chapman, and G. B. Smith spoke, after which the following resolution was carried and the meeting separated —*Resolved*, that owing to the great improvement of the carrying facilities of railways during the past few years, this meeting considers the Huron and Ontario ship canal a thing of the past, and can offer no opinion favorable to the commendation of same to the Hon. O. Mowat.

HAMILTON BOARD OF TRADE.--- A meeting of the Board was held on Friday, 6th instant, which was well attended, the following members being present: Geo. Tuckett, president; R. Benner, secretary, and Messrs. Jas. Turner, S. E. Gregory, J. C. McKeand, W. Osborne, Alex. Turner, J. J. Mason, John Stuart, E. Scheuer, J. E. Mallory, 8. N. Sterling, James Watson, W. F. Findlay, R. H. Park, M. Leggatt, M. McPherson, R. O. McKay, John Galt, W. G. Dunn, John Harvey, J. B. Fairgrieve, J. W. Murton, and Wm. Carey. Communications were read from the Boards of Trade at Guelph and Brantford advocating the repeal of the stamp tax on bills and notes. On motion of Mr. Findlay the new by-laws were confirmed and ordered to be printed. Mr. James Turner then introduced the subject of abolishing bill stamps, urging that in view of the small revenue derived by the Government from their sale and the great inconvenience to merchants, the act should be repealed. Other speakers, among whom were Messrs. Osborne and Galt, upported his views, and Mr. John Stuart moved, seconded by Mr. Leggatt, the following resolution: That in the opinion of this Board the present is an opportune time to repeal the Bill Stamp Act, the small amount received by the Government from this tax being far from commensurate with the annoyance and trouble caused by the said Act to the commercial comunnity. Mr. Jas. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne, that Messrs. Tuckett (president) Leggatt and Gault, be a committee to draft a memorial to the Government on this subject. This motion was also carried. The committee appointed to report upon the necessary improvements to the Burlington canal submitted a report stating that statistics of the revenue from and expenditure upon the canal are being prepared, to be appended to a memorial to the Minister of Railways and Canals, showing the necessity for immediate improvements and the constituting of the bay a free harbor of refuge. Mr. Alexander Turner explained that the report was not a final one. It was desired to get a great deal more information, and that the railway and city authorities should be induced to join a memorial to the Government regarding the harbor. Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. McKay, that the following members of the Board of Trade be added to this committee for the purpose of aiding them in the carrying out of the suggestions of the report : Messrs. Adam Brown, B. E. Charlton, J. J. Mason, John Stuart, James Turner, and S. E. Gregory.

Correspondence.

MR. GLASS AND THE ONTARIO BANK.

To The Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIB. -- Mr. Glass appears determined to obtain control of the next meeting of the shareholders of the Ontario Bank if he can, and is not very scrapulous as to the means he employs to get proxies. He has sent a circular to the shareholders in Nova Scotia, in which he says "Mr. Barss, of Wolfville, who represented the Nova Scotia shareholders at the last meeting, advises us that he will be unable to be present at the next meeting, and has entrusted us with his proxy." The natural inference from this is that Mr. Barss, after his return from Toronto, had communicated with Mr. Glass and had sent him his proxy. Shareholders in Ontario will be surprised to learn that the above statement is not correct. Mr. Barss has written to me that he had handed his proxy to Mr. Glass to use at the meeting then in session for a particular vote, but had no idea or intention that it would reach farther. Mr. B. says "he is not pleased with Mr. Glass using his name to induce others to send their proxy." He further states that he may yet change his mind and go himself to attend the meeting for the election of Directors, or trust his proxy to some other party.

SHAREHOLDER.

Halifax, N.S., 10th January, 1882.

A CORRECTION.

January 7th, 1882. *

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR,-We have to thank you for notice of our removal to 39 Front St. West, which you kindly gave us in your issue of yesterday; but we notice that you take our statements about selling only to prompt paying merchants to mean that we sell largely for cash, which is not the case. Our terms for the bulk of our goods are four months, although we sell many special lines on sixty days and some few on 30 days. We would take it as a great favor if you would correct this error in your next issue, as we do not offer our goods to merchants who are not well worthy of credit, although many of our patrons pay us much sooner than we would wish in order to get the usual cash discounts, which are more than the money is worth for the unexpired time.

Yours, &c.,

G. B. SMITH & HENDERSON

—The advance figures issued by the Etna Life Insurance Company give the death losses paid at \$1,231.650. It appears that the company has made good progress in its new business. The figures show a handsome increase compared with previous years. The company's surplus is now estimated at about \$4,000,000.

-We should have said that the table of weekly prices of Stocks in Montreal during 1881 was the compilation of Messrs. Oswald Brothers, Stock brokers &c. Montreal, who have given much attention to such statistics.

—The amount loaned by the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien to date is stated to be \$1,250,-000.

-The value of exports from Hamilton to the United States for the past year was \$3,043,-275.72, an increase over 1880 of \$619,560.29.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 10, 1882

Last Friday night a heavy fall of snow came to rejoice business men, but thaw commenced on Saturday, and nearly all the snow has dissppeared. The ice which had formed on the river has broken up, so that there is no appearance as yet of an ice-bridge. This singularly open winter has told very much against business but as stocks in the country are getting low, and new supplies are urgently needed, a number of merchants have made their way into the city during the week. Although purchases have not been heavy they have been more numerous than for some time past.

ASHES.—Pots —There have been fair arrivals of ashes during the past week, which have met with a fair demand at \$4.90 to 5.05, according to tares; second sort are worth about \$4.40. $P \cdot ar / s$ are coming in in small lots which are sold mostly on private terms; nominal price is \$6.25 to 6.50. Stocks at present in store are Pots, 855 brls; Pearls, 295 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—A considerable number of spring orders is being received, but the continued open weather is having a very depressing effect on country trade. We have no change to report on prices since last week, but they continue firm as under :—Men's Stoga Boots, \$2 to 2.90; ditto Kip Boots, \$2.50 to 3.25; ditto French Calf \$3.25 to 3.75; ditto Buff Oongress, \$1.70 to 2.40; ditto Sp.it Brogans, \$1.00 to 1.10; Boys' Split Brogans, \$5 cents to \$1.00; ditto Buff and Pebble Congress, \$1 35 to 1.60; Women's Buff and Pebbled Balmorols, \$1.20 to 1.50; ditto Prunella Has, 500. to \$1.50; ditto Prunella Congress, 500, to \$1.C0.

CATTLE.—The stock of cattle on the stand vesterday consisted chiefly of animals held over from last week; the best cattle were sold at 5c. per lb., fairish stock bringing $4\frac{1}{4}$ to $4\frac{3}{2}c$. per lb.; inferior stock sold from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3c. per lb.; *Live hogs* are scarce at present, latest sales was last Friday when a lot were sold at $6\frac{1}{2}c$. per lb. Dre sed hogs.—The weather has been unfavorable and buyers do not seem anxious to operate, two car lots were sold yesterday at \$8 60 to 8.65; \$8.50 to 8.75 are about current rates. A lot of Sheep and L'mb were sold at \$4.50 each.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS — Business has been quiet, but latterly country dealers whose stocks are getting low have, notwithstanding bad roads, been obliged to come in, so that a number of small orders has been filled during the week. prices are firm as follows: — Bicarb soda, \$3.15 to 3 25; Soda Ash, \$1.60 to 1.70; Bichromate of Potash, 14 to 166; Arrowroot, 10 to 14c.; Borax, refined, 16 to 186; Cream Tartar Crystale, 293 to 31, ditto ground 323 to 43c.; Bleaching Powder, \$1.50 to 2.00; Alum, \$1.80 to 2.00; Copperas, per 100, 90c. to \$1 00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 3.60 \$3.10; Roll Sulphur, \$2.25 to 2.50; Epson Salts, per 100 lbs \$1.10 to 1.20; Sal Soda, per 100 lbs., \$1.15 to 1.80; Saltpetre, per keg, \$10. to 11.; Sulphate of Copper, 5 to 7c. Sulphate of Quinine, \$3.25 to 34s; Caustic Soda, \$2.373 to 2.60; Sugar of Lead \$3 50; Morphia, 3.00 to 3.5; ODjium \$5.00 to 525; Castor oil, 10 to 11c.

DEX GOODS.—It was hoped that the cold weather which set in after New Year would have continued and lent some activity to this trade, but since last Saturday it has again become mild, and nearly all the snow which fell on Friday night has again disappeared, so that merchants who were looking for a good demand for heavy woollen goods are again doomed to

disappointment. Spring goods are expected now by every steamer and all buyers have returned from England. Prices of cotton and woollen goods are well maintained, but until the spring business opens for which preparations are being made, no activity is looked for in the trade unless we have a spell of very cold weather.

FURS.-Business looks more like the end of October than near the middle of January. No skins are coming in, dealers are waiting for winter to set in and country roads to open up to enable trappers to get into market Prices are unchanged but in the present state of the market they may be considered nominal. We repeat last week's list:—Mink \$1.00 We repeat last week's list:—Mink \$1.00 to 1.25; Marten prime 1.00 to \$1.25; Beaver prime dark per lb. 2.25 to \$2.50; Bear blk. rime large \$8 to \$10; ditto small \$4 to 1! edRd Fox prime \$1.25; Musk rat ditto.r6 to 12c.; Lynx prime large 1.50 to \$2; Skunk prime dark large 50 to 75c. ditto prime white large, 25c; Raccoon, prime 25 to 50c; Fisher, prime \$5.00 to 7.00; Otter, prime dark, \$8 to 10.00.

FISH.—There is really nothing doing in this branch of trade, and as long as snow keeps off very little movement is expected, in the absence of transactions prices are nominally unchanged.

FREIGHTS .- Rates to Liverpool via Portland are steady, heavy grain 5/-, flour 3/9 for barrels and 25/- for sacks. Potash 30/-, pearl ash 37/6. Butter and cheese 45/- per gross ton.

FLOUR.-The total receipts of flour from 1st January to 31st Dec. 1881 were 820,167 brls. against 735,593 brls for the year 1880, being an increase of 90,574 brls. Total shipments for 1881, 632,820 brls. against 739,009 brls. for 1880, being a decrease of 106,189 brls. ; although there has been a little more doing, business can hardly be said to have yet recovered from the dulness consequent on the holiday season, and has been confined to small sales to the local trade wanted for immediate requirements; only some 300 bris. were reported as sold on 'Change to-day. We quote, Superior Extra \$6.25 to 6.35; Extra Superine, \$6.15 to 6.20; Fancy, \$6.10 to 0.00; Spring Extra \$6.00; to 6.10; Superfine, \$5.65 to 5.75; Strong Bakers Flour, \$7.00 to 7.50; Fine, 4.75 to 5.00; Middlings \$4.05 to 4.20; Pollards, \$3.50 to 3.75; On-tario Bags \$2.75 to 2.90; city bags, \$3.60 to 3.70; Oatmeal, \$5.20 to 5.25; Cornmeal, \$3.75.

GBAIN .- Wheat .- Total receipts from 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1881, 7,599,825 bush. against 9,-637,124 bushels in 1880 being a decrease of 2,037,299 bush. Total shipments for 1881 were 6.554,622 bush. against 9,084,266 bush. in 1880, seing a decrease of 2,529,644 bush. There has been nothing done in grain this week, and the following quotations are nominal: Canada White Winter, \$1.38 to 1.40; Canada Red Winter \$1.42 to 1.46; Peas, 761c.; Oats, 38 to 39c.; Rye, 90 to 92c. ; Barley, 60 to 70c.

GROCERIES .- Teas. - There has been a better feeling for medium class Japans. High grades are scarce here, and in New York the stock of choice teas has not been so low for many years; prices here are unchanged; Young hysons are in better demand at 22¹/₂ to 55c. There is no enquiry for Oolong. Congou and Souchong are in very light request at un-changed values. Coffee.-Mocha is still in small supply, sales reported at 33c. Old Govt. Java 21 to 26c; Maraicabo, 16 to 20c; Rio, 12; to 16c; Jamaica, 14 to 17c. Sugar-The market for refined has been moderately active for the past two days with an upward tendency. Re-finers are selling granulated at 9gc less 24c off for cash. Dealers quote 98 to 98c; yellows have advanced to since last report and are now quoted firm at $7\frac{5}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}c$. Raw sugars have been in ac-tive demand by refiners who have bought up all that was in the market from 41 to 64c compris-ing in all about 2200 hhds. Molasses-Are weaker, considerable sales of Barbadoes are re-

ported at 50c; Trinidad, at 45c; Porto Rico, 45 to 48c; Sugar house is scarce at 35 to 37 c. Syrups are scarce and in good demand at $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{4}$ c. Spices—There has been some movement in black pepper at 131 to 14c; white pepper is scarce at 21c; allspice 10 to 12c; cloves, 30 to 374c; cassia, 11 to 14c; nutmegs, 55 to 85c; African ginger, 9 to 10c; Jamaica ginger, un-bleached, 13 to 16c; ditto, bleached, 19 to 21c; mace, 50 to 70c. Fruit-The market for layer raisins is flat and lower, sales are at \$2.60 to 2.75; loose Muscatels, \$2.75 to 3.00; London layers, \$3.00 to 3.15; Valencias, 8gc; Sultanas, $10\frac{3}{2}$ to $11\frac{1}{2}c$; currants 6 to $6\frac{3}{2}c$. Figs, the market is overstocked and are selling in mats at 4 to 5c and in boxes at 6 to 12c; prunes, 51 to 8c; Tarragona almonds, 161 to 17c; Ivica almonds 13 to 15c; filberts, 8 to 84c for Trebizond and 9 to 9³/₄c for Sicily; Bordeaux walnuts, 7 to 9c; Grenoble, 134c. Rize is dull and low, sales at \$3.55 to \$3.75; Tapioca, 51 to 6c; Sago, 5c; Sardines are scarce, halves 22 to 24c; quarters, 111 to 13c.

HIDES.—Are in steady demand at \$8.50, \$7.50 and \$6.50 for No. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Lambskins, \$1.15 to 1.20 each.

HARDWARE.-During the past week business has been very dull which is owing to the bad state of the country roads, and no other cause can be attributed for this dulness as all classes of heavy goods are in immediate prospect of a

NEW FRUITS. Morand's Valencias, Sultanas, Layers, London ayers, Loose Muscatels, Blue Baskets, Black Layers, Loose Muscat Baskets, Finest Dehesa.

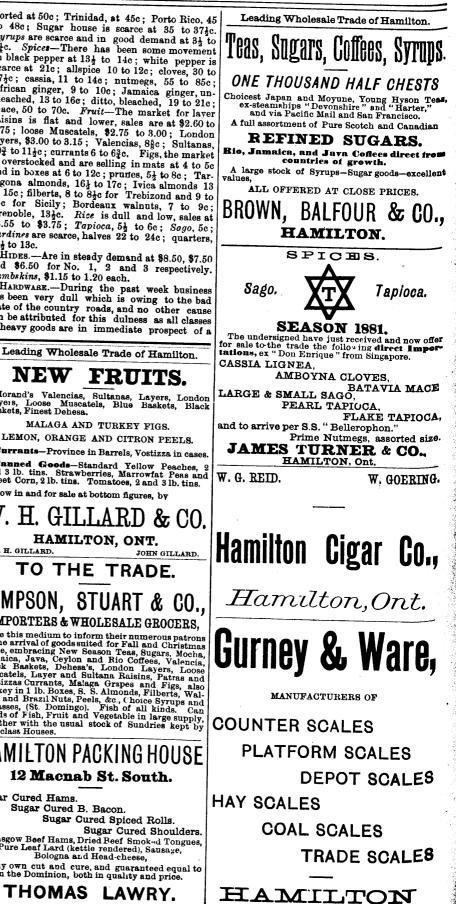
MALAGA AND TURKEY FIGS.

LEMON, ORANGE AND CITRON PEELS.

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Bologna and Head cheese. All my own cut and cure, and guaranteed equal to any in the Dominion, both in quality and price. THOMAS LAWRY.



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good demand. Everything in the way of metals is very firm with a continuing upward tendency. Lead pipe makers have fixed lead pipe at 7c. with Special discounts for large lots. We now quote Pig Iron per ton, Coltness, \$24.; Lang-**Quote** Pig Iron per ton, Coltness, \$24.; Lang-loan, \$24; Calder, Gartsherrie, Summerlee, and Carnbroe, \$25. Eglinton, \$24; Hematile, \$27: Siemens, (Canadian) \$24 00 to 24 50; Bar, per 100 lbs, Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.25; best ditto, \$2.50 to 0.00; Swedes, \$4.00 to 4.25; Norway, \$4.00 to 4.25; Lowmoor & Bowling \$6.00 to 6 50. Siemene (Canadian) \$2.24 to 2.35; \$6.00 to 6.50. Siemens (Canadian) \$2.24 to 2.35; Canada Plutes per box, Penn & Blaine, \$3 50 to 0.00 ; Hatton, \$3.25 ; Clifton & Neutgwyn, 13.50); Hatton, \$5.25; Olivon & Louis (20.25); 3.50); Tin Plates per box, --Charcoal IC, \$6.25, ditto, IX, \$8.00 to 0.00 ditto, DC. \$5.75 to 0.00; Coke IC. \$5.50; 14x20, 25c. extra ; Tinned sheets, characteristics and the state of charcoal best, No. 26, 11c., ditto coke best No. 26 94c; Galvanized sheets, No. 28 ordinary, 56.50 to 7.00, Morewood and F. & W.\$7.00 to 7.50. T 7.50; Lysaght, \$6.75 to 7.25; Redcliffe Crown, \$6.50 to 6.75; hoops and bands, per 100 lbs.
 \$2.75 to 2.80; sheet best brands, \$3.00 to 3 10; Bailan 0.2.80; sheet best brands, \$3.00 to 3 10; Boller plates, ordinary brands, \$3.00 to 3.10; ditto, best brands \$3.25 to 3.50; Russia Sheet 97.00; Steel, cast per lb. 111 to 121c; Spring per 100 lbs. \$3.75 to 4.00; best ditto \$5 to 6.00; alsiand lbs. Beighshoe steel \$2.75 to 3.00; Tire ditto \$3.50 to 3.75; Ingot tin, \$29 to \$30; ingot copper, \$2,25 \$40; Ingot tin, \$29 to \$30; Ingot copper,
 \$20.50 to 22.00; Horse shoes, per 100 lbs.\$3.75
 \$63.90; Proved coil chain, §in. \$4.00 to 4.25;
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 \$180.77 1.80; Horse shoe nails 40 per cent. discount Nos. 7, 8, 9 and ups, unfinished, 22, 21, 20 ditto Pointed and finished, 24, 23, 22. Window Glass Per 50 feet ordinary 4th quality, to 25 added inches \$2.00 to 2.10; to 40 added inches \$2.10 to 2.20; to 50 added inches \$2.20 to 2.50.

LEATHER — Business has ruled very quiet the past week on account of the holidays, a better enquiry is now looked for as the boot and shoe manufacturers are getting in a good many orders, and as their stocks are generally limited, they will need to purchase at one. As there is a liberal supply in the hands of dealers, sales will for some time past. The market is easy with prices in buyers' favor. We continue to quote: *Hemblock Spanish Sole* No. 1, B. A., 244 to 26c Spanish, 24 to 25½c.; No. 2 do., 22 to 23½c. *Hemblock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 29; *Waxed Up*per, light and medium, 36 to 40c.; do., heavy, large, 22 to 29c.; small, 17 to 24c.; *Caliskins*, 65 to 80c.; *Sheepskin linings*, 30 to 50c.; *Harelled Cow*, 14 to 18c.; *Patent Cow*, 14 to 15½c.; *Pebled Cow* 12 to 15c.; *Rough*, 25 to 28c.

Oils.—There is a steady consumptive demand for fish oils, and stocks are quite ample to meet all requirements. We quote Cod oil, $42\frac{1}{2}$ to 45c.ditto Steam Ik fined. $47\frac{1}{2}$ to 50c. per wine meaalthough the demand has improved somewhat during the week. Car lots are still quoted $20\frac{1}{2}$. would probably require to be shaded; broken Ltmeed oil is firm, Raws, 72 to 75c. Boiled, 77 to 80c.

PROVISIONS.— But'er.— The demand is still confined to local wants and the mild weather has helped to keep up prices. There has been hothing doing in creamery or Eastern Townbips but'er for none is offering. Kamouraska buyer. A few thousand pkgs. of Western have been bought at 15 to 16c. Cheese—There has been some demand for fine cheese, about 3000

boxes of Fall make were sold at 12½c; and a few hundred of August and September make at 11½c. Mess pork—Is firm, a sale of 100 brls. was rported yesterday at \$21 Lard is selling at 14½ to 15c; Hams, 13 to 13½c; Bacon, 12 to 13c. SALT.—Quotations are steady at 65 to 70c for coarse, but there is almost nothing doing in this market and no movement of any consequence is looked for till winter is fairly set in.

Wool.—The market has not recovered from its holiday dullness and only a few small sales are transpiring from time to time. Canada A super, 32 to 33c; B super, 30 to 31c; unassorted pulled, 28c; greasy cape, 194 to 20c; Australian, 23 to 30c for low grade to fine combing.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto Jan. 12th, 1882.

DRY GOODS.—The imports at New York during 1881, and two previous calendar years, of silk manufactures are given by the Silk Association of America at \$31,636 000 in 1881, at \$33,305,000 in 1880, and at \$25,830,000 in 1879. The principal items in the list are :—

Articles.	1879.	1880	1881.
Silks		\$17,665,038	\$16,959,048
Satins	202,672	267,929	243,273
Сгарев	435,662	443,238	517,798
Velvets	1,976,133	2,044,139	1,255,091
Ribbons	2,180.260	3,563,848	2,614,918
Laces	1,059,969	1,540,289	2,909,193
Нове	89,977	118,838	126,825
Sewings	194,103	239,672	189,215
Braids & bindings.	1,343,760	1,646,868	1,190,260
Silk and worsted	156 293	188,854	120,579
Silk and cotton	2.652,228	4,751,846	4,267,374

The following table shows the value of leading lines in dry goods brought into Toronto during nine months of various years :---

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1881		64	"		5,055,863
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FLOUB AND MEAL.—Prices of flour are maintained, and superiors and extras continue to sell in 100 bbl. lots, there is no strong baker's and no superfine in the market. The stock of *flour* in our elevators is only 4,005 bbls., against 6,763 bbls. same date last year and 15,798 bbls. in January 1879. Strong baker's is nominal at 5 70 to 5.90, and superfine at \$5.25; new standard superior extra is held at \$5.75; car lots of spring extra have been sold within the week as low as \$5.35, some is held at \$5.50; *oatmeal* is easier, more being offered, we now quote \$4.70 to 5 00; *cornmeal*, no cars offer. Sales of *bran* have been made within the week at \$14.00.

FREIGHTS.—Some changes have been made in both Grand Trunk rates and ocean freights. The rates to Liverpoal via Allan and Dominion lines, from Portland, are as follows:—Flour, in bbls., 84c; in sacks, 34c; oatmeal, 34c; beef, in barrels. 44c per 100 lbs.; pork in barrels, 44c; boxed meats, 44c; tallow. 44c; lard, 44c per 100 lbs.; butter and cheese, 52c per 100 lbs., in lots not under 15.000 lbs.; do. in lots from 5,000 to 15,000 lbs. 62c per cental; oil cake, 41c per 100 lbs.; apples, in lots of 130 bbls. and over, \$1.10; clover seed, 47c; dressed poultry, prepaid, in lots of 10,000 lbs. and over, 82c. Rail rates from this city to Montreal on flour rre 40c per bbl. for car lots of 100 to 125 bpls.; to River du Loup and Moncton, 70c; Chatham, Campbelton, P.int do Chene, 75 and 78c; Pictou, Truro, New Glasgow, Halifax, 70c; Windsor Junction, St. John, Carlton, Fredericton Junction, 65c; St. Stephen and St. Andrew's, 75c.

GRAIN.-The total quantity of all grains in store at this port on the 9th inst. was 540.197 bushels. The market for fall what is quiet. English and American markets also continue quiet and steady at last advices. Stocks held here amount to 153,790 bush. against 143,013 bush. last week, and 78,253 bush. on 10th. Jan. last year. Sales have been made of cars No. 2 at our quotations, which is about the only grade moving. Wheat spring. Stocks 61,216 bush, against 54,564 bush last week and 53,691 bush. last year. Cars sell of No. 1 and 2 at \$1.33 and \$1.31. Barley.-Stocks 286,114 bush. against 272,585 bush. last week and 403,018 bush like date last year. The market is quiet. We quote No. 2 at 85c and No. 3 at 75c asked but sales were made some days ago at 74c. Oa's .-- Stocks same as last week at 1,913 bushels, but considerable sales have been made this week at 40c and 41c for good quality. *Peas.*—Stocks in store 12,216, compared with 9,708 bush last week and 49,295 bush. last year; the market is steady. Ryc.—The stock held here is 14,948 bushels, against 14,592 bushels last week and 11,713 last year same date. Price nominally unchanged.

GROCEBIES .- The feature this week is the firmness and increased activity in teas, which have advanced 14c. in New York, within the week. Holders in that city refuse to sell at less than 14c. advance on last week's prices, though, owing to the quietness of trade no advance can be established here. There is a better demand for teas, however, in both Montreal and Hamilton, while here sales have been made of Japans in lots to arrive, the principal demand is for medium and low grades of greens and Japans, Lewenz & Co's., London circular of 23rd ult. says the chief demand at that date was for 8d. to 10d., Congous which showed some recovery, and that Indian teas were again firmer. Public auctions Christmas week were small. The circular goes on-"A continuance of activity is looked forward to in the coming month and a further hardening of prices expected, as the reality of the short export from China is becom. ing apparent and encourages merchants to show more firmness." The later circular (Dec 30th) predicted a firmer tendency for all good greens, but continued low prices for common, because of larger receipts from China of these last. We notice that $\frac{1}{2}$ brls. of British Columbia salmon are now offering here at \$9 to \$10. Lake trout are in some request at \$4.50. Among spices, pepper is easier at 15 to 16c.

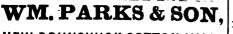
HARDWARE AND METALS .--- Prices of almost all metals are firm in Britain; and those of several articles of Canadian manufacture have been advanced here, by a combination. These are lead pipe and shot, which had been sold too low. and horse shoes. We now quote shot at 6 to 61c; lead pipe is now held at \$6.30 per 100 lbs., but in ten ton lots may be got somewhat less. Ingot tin is now quoted at 30 to 31c, and grain, 31 to 33c; Copper ingots, 21 to 22c an advance of 2c, sheet, 27 to 30c; Zinc sheets are steady. Galvanized *iron*, we alter quotations to cover the cheaper and the better grades. There are some coke tin plates now in market at \$5.25. charcoals are steady. Cut nails, by recent cir-cular, 10 dy. to 6) dy. now cost \$2.60 cash in Montreal, and the lowest price for them is \$2.80 cash here. We quote as per prices current, the figures for 3 dy. 4 dy. and 5 dy. covering both common and American pattern goods. Horse shoes are higher, we now quote 4c per lb. Screws have also advanced since last week and from 45 to 50c "straight" instead of 40c with 5 off.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Prices same as last week, 8½c for green cows and 9c for steers; cured and inspected offer at 8%c for cows, but tanners are backward and sales are few and far between. Sheep and calfskins quiet at unchanged rates. LEATHER.—Business is rather quiet, though a

fair sorting up trade continues. While there is not any serious break in prices, large buyers would undoubtedly be able to get them shaded. Re-mittances are very good ; considering the very bad state of the roads they have not been better for many years. Sole continues steady, there is no overplus of prime Spanish, and no present likelihood of it while the difficulty of obtaining supplies of that article is not so great as it was two months ago. Harness is tolerably plentiful, especially of ordinary makes, which are slow of sale; prime makes still command 33 to 35c but bas declined in price, the demand having fallen off, heavy can now be had at 36 to 38c, and light commands 38 to 42c ; there is, however, no surplus supply, the low prices prevailing not being sufficient to bring it into market. Hemlock calfskin, prime makes, finds fairly ready sale, and will be scarce now that the season for the cutting of such goods is upon us. French calf is steady. Kips unchanged. Splits are plentiful and ordinary rather too much so. There is an adequate supply of buff and pebble, with a tendency to accumulation. Materials-Gambier. 44 to 51c; good degras is worth 5c. Cod oil quiet at 55c and straits at 45 to 50c.

PROVISIONS - There has been some movement in butter, low grades have been purchased for the Maritime Province market at 12 to 13c, while fine quality in tubs has been sold to shipper at 16c subject to close selection. City trade is without change, large rolls saleable at 16 to 17c and an occasional fancy package 19 to 20c. Cheese is quiet, only the ordinary jobbing trade passing. Dressed hogs have been in active demand, and for choice heavy averages figures close upon \$8 have been paid. *Hog* products keep very dull and quiet, trade only of a retail character. The Chicago market for the week has been rather firmer, and closes at an advance of about 50c per bbl. on mess pork.

Wool .- The annual "shut down " for repairs and stock-taking is now about over, and judging from sales this last day or two the anticipation of an active trade will be fully realized. Prices are firm as below :-- Southdown English domestic, super and lambs wool, 28 to 35c according to quality. Cape wools, 18 to 21c; Australian and New Zealand, both greasy. 21 to 23c; Persian 21 to 23c; Spanish greasy, 15 to 18c; East India, 17 to 22c; Scotch Cheviot, 30c; Canadian Julied lamb and super, 27 to 28c; pulled extra, 34 to 36c; fleece clothing (fine downs or cross breeds), 32 to 38c; pulled combing, 2J to 22c; fleece combing, 24 to 25c.



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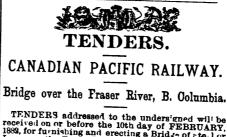
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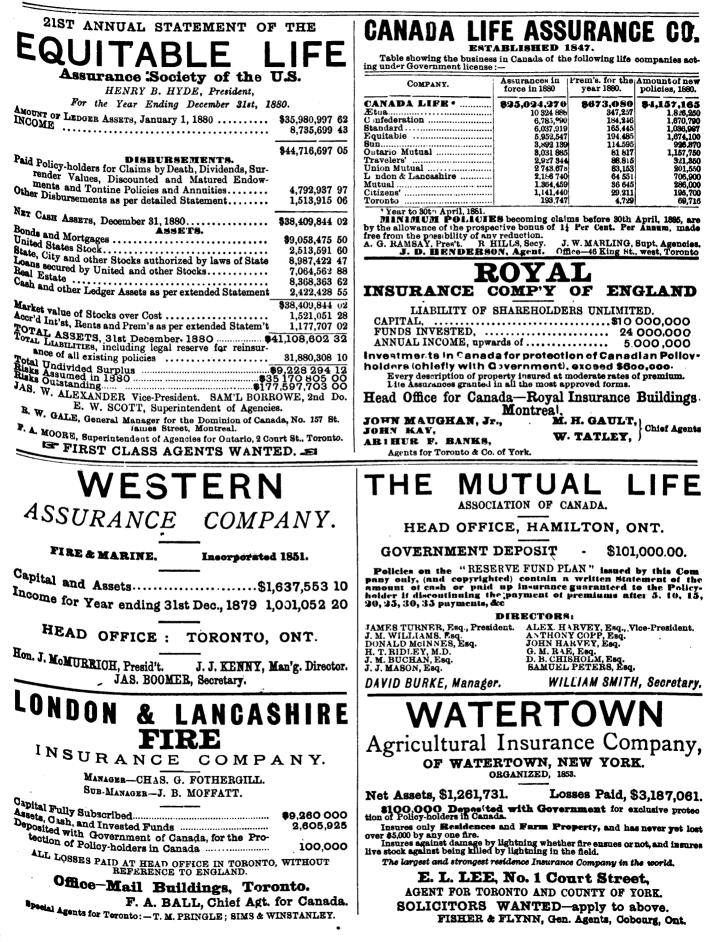
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