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## GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The original line from which the Great Westen has sprung ran from Hamilton to London. Th original intention was 'to introduce the narrow gauge; but the Canadian Parliament, having the jeneral question of gauge under discussion, resolv d to extend-no aid to roads not adopting the f feet 6 inch gauge, which it saw fit to make the uni. form gange of the Province. State aid was indis pensable, and so the wide gauge was adopted, against the judgment of those interested in the line. On the completion of the through line, the company built an extension from - Hatmilton to Toronto; one from London to Sarnia; and another from Harrisburg to Galt; while they came into (rom Harrisburg ot Gait; of the Galt and Guelpi possession (as mortgagee) of the Calt and Gualph
Railway. At the time of the oil excitement, they built an extension from Wyoming (on Sarnia Branch) to Petrolin, tapping the productive oil region, from which a very heary tratic has been steadily enjoyed-the shipments last year having reached an aggregate of 120,000 bris. In 1857, the parties constructing the Detroit and Milwaukeeproad becoming embarrassed and uniable to complete and equip their line solicited aid from the Great Weatera Company, who eventually fur nished $£ 250,000$, on condition that its control should be invested in tik Great Westeri. The total capital expenditure on the entire property of the company (including the D. \& M.) amounted January 1, is62, to $825,005,434$. The main line extended from the Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls, to Windsor, on the Detroit river, a distance Falls, to wiusor, on the Detrontiver, it astance
of 229 miles. At Suspension Bridge it connected with the New York Central Pailroad by means of the Suspension Bridge, which was opened for trains in March, 1855. At Windsor, the connection is formed with the Michigan Central and Detroit and Milwankee railroads br means of ferry steamers, the width of the river béing over one-half a mile. The steamers which at prosent one-half a mile. The stearners which at present
transfer the passengers and freight consist of two first-class vessels. One is an iron double-ender steamboat, 240 feet in length, which takes over a Whole passenger traip on its two tracks, or 14 freight cars. The otirer is a large wooden steamboat, with a spacious stloon-deck, and eating-room, on which passengers only are tramsferred. Besides the main line, the following branches are worked by the Great Western Company. 1. The Erie and Niagara Railway - Fort Erie opposite Buffalo, to Niagara- 31 miles. 2. The Toronto BranchHamilton to Toronto, where a connection is formed with the Graid Trunk Railway- 39 miles. 3. The Galt and Guelph branch-Harrisharg to Guelph-274 miles. 4. The Sarnia branch-Komoka, west of London, to Sarnia, opposite Port Huron- 51 miles. 5. A line from the Sarnia Branch, at Wyoming, to the cil region of Petrolia 56 miles.
The main line leaves the Niagara river at an eleration of 326 feet ahove Lake Ontario. It gradually discends to the level of the lake at Hamilton, where grain and general freight warehouses ate crected on the wharf. The line then steadily rises till the summit level is reached, 88 miles west of :he Suspension Bridge, where the efervation above Late Ontario is 762 foet. Frwa
thence it again ;gradually falls till it reaches tho Detroit river at Windsor. The ste:pest grade is chat ascending to the west from Humilton, arerging 50 fert per mile for 10 miles. From Komoka westivard, for 100 miles, the line is searly level, ind there are 57 miles of this leugth in a single traight line.
The company's grounds in Hamiltou embrace 30 acres, having a frontage of a half a mile on the say, with mine feet of water at the docks. The Roiling Mill, 1200135 feet, emploging 126 men, yad working yight and day, has a capecity of 7,000 tons (70 milles of track) per year. In 1853-4, the track from the bridge to London (one-half of main line) was hid with the Bridge (or U) nill of Welsh (Ebbevnit) manufieture. Such lins beep he tenacity oftilis rail, that the last of the atook is now being cut up. Subsequent importations from the sime locality proved very inferiorespecially that hide in the third rail in 1866, 18, 500 tons, whieh ion account of its brittleness, is already being cat up, reworking expelling the cinder and developing the fibre. It was this rail -boughtat a high price, with the best expectations -that yielded so fatailly to heary traffic last winter. Two facts shlould also be bonne in mind winter. Thering the general question of in iuproved rails. On all our roads the dead veight (of rolling stock) has at leest doubled since $1860-$ that ing mileage has doubled; so that a rail mbich lasted eight or nine yeats then will fail much sooner nowr. Moreover, as traffic increases, not only the weight of rolling stock has to be increased, but also the speed of trains, so that there may be no crowding of cars, causing itead locks at statieces. As matter: of cars, causing near evens managed roads, freight triins almost as arule, fallbehind, giviog passenger trains time to pass; so that, instead of running at the schedule ratt of 12 or 15 miles per hour, they not unfrequently jicarly double that speed. Under conditions such has these, the necessity of roworking old rails into मew, containing a large proportion of the best new irpa (with liability, even then, to laminate) and the consequent inconvenience of frequent changes and renewals of the track, to gether with the ficreasing difficulty of securing good new- iron rails at any price, have led this company, in conumion with the most of those in the States, to experiment with (or, rather, to introduce) steel nails on an extensive scale. In the reworking of rails, Mr. Reid finds that the pig orlinarily obtainel from England is no longer suitable, and expeliments are making with American varieties. Aylong these the Acadian (Nova Seotia) puddled as proving very superior-two picees being introtuced in the head, making 33 per cent of the weight of the rail. This iron is of the nature of a semi-steel, fine grain and excessiycly tough, free from danger of breakage under ow temperature, and having high welding quality. Eighty tons of rails, with heads of this iron have just been introduced. Hitherto there has been used a propertion of old car wheels mixed with selected brands of Einglish pig, puddled and worked in the orlibary way-with results not altogether satisfectory. Profiting by the results of ex. perience among us, the company now anticipate securing a very sujerior head by using Lake Superior charcoul fron bardened by mixture with com. mon brads. Since the opening of the fill in 1864, various aystems of reworking have been tried an a large scale, and their pepults thoted undert rains

The conclusion is that forging (under 5 ton hamThe conclusion is that forging (under 5 ton hamretolled here now have an average life of five years -a good result considering weight of traffic. The coal consumad amounts to 11-5 tons to ton of rails turned out.: For fish-plates tough scrap is used; wing rails and crossing points are steel-capped. The experiments with all-steel points (Vickers' cast-steel points and crossings) have not been satisfactory; they wear down altogether faster, the fing of the wheel crushing them. An improved fish plate is being introduced, which conforms to the shape of the mil, and passes underneath. Experiments have been made with a process for carbonizing the whole rail (Bainton's patent)the rail being placed entire in the furnace, which is then closed for from 36 to 48 hotrs, according to the harduess required; the mass absorbs earbon from the gasses, on the well-understood cementing process by which blister-steel is made; it is then thoroughly liammered down in the bloom; and is then put into the furnace again ond finally renolled, and the metal having a consistency under the rolls like that of lead. A few of these after 18 months' wear, remain in remarkably good condition, although manufactured under great disadyantages. The process (on which there is an English patent) is considered a cheap one.
The freight business is in charge of two agents the principal having charge of the American through business; the assistant devoting himself to local duties and station work. Two through fast freight lines run over the road--the noted "Blue Line," running on the Michigan Central and its connections; and the "Milwaukee Line" doing the through business of the D. 4 MI. road and its connections. The Great Western Company have just buitt 19 't Blue Line," cars, incrensing their stock thereof to 320 ; and contemplate building 180 more, making a total of 500.

The company has 100 fast freight " Milwaukee Lipe" cars. The operation of this line is similar to that of the "Blue Line," its interests and managementbeing indent cal with that of the railway company. At Suspension, Bridge and Detroit, all personal throtigh laggage is put into " Yans," and sent through without inspeetion under the seal of the United States anid Canada Customs. Under this arrangément five minutes now suffices for doing what previously consumed-half an hour.

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1867. 1868. 1869. 103,009 109,551 125,655 $21,43!\quad 23,975 \quad 26,134$ $\begin{array}{lll}13,494 & 13,742 & 17,917 \\ 20 & 413 & 11,70\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rrr}20,413 & 14,770 & -9,875 \\ 18,045 & 13,941 & 14,110\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}20,379 & 19,313 & 19,394\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}22,895 & 21,938 & 22,182\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}15,278 & 25,540 & 23,112\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}15,278 & 25,540 & 23,112 \\ 93,691 & 153,706 & 270,702\end{array}$
The total number of barrels of oil shipped from Petrolia Statidh from Jannary 1, 1867. to Novembee 5, 1869, was $337,244$.
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Railroads vs. Steamboats. - Mr. Potter, Pre sident of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company, estimates the yearly growth of the railroad traflic in Upper Canade at from 10 to 20 per cent., and says there is a tendency throughout our whole system for "the traffic more and more to seek the railroad and leave the water. Passenger boats on the St. Lawrence and the Lakes have ceased to pay, and no more are being built." Mr: Potter pay, and no more are being Grand Trunk with says it is no use to milroads of England, but that it is in as good condition as the railroads in the Western States, or other linies in Canada, but not equal to the New York Central or Pennsylvania Central. He advises the laying down of 5,000 tons of steel rails in 1870, and 9,000 or 10,000 tons more of iron rails, from the rolling mills of Portland, Detroit airl Toronto. He also advises the expenditure of $\$ 1,500,000$ the present year on the permanent way. $\$ 100,000$ has just been receivod in Montreal to be expended on freight cars, 800 being in process of construction.
The Noryolk Railway.-The Norfolk Railway Company was organized at Simcoe on the [8th, by the election of Mr. H. S. Howland, President; Mr. N oah Barnhart, Vice-President; and Messirs. John Fisken, Johin Shedden, and George Laidlaw, Directors. Mr. Thomns Lailey was appointed Treazurer; Mr. George Laidlaw, Managing Director; Mr. Adam Crooks, Counsel ; Mr. Thomas-Moss, Solicitor, and Mr. John Conlin, Secretary of the Company

## Z 15 arance.

Fire Record. -Halifax, Jan. 18.-An obliging correspondent sends us full particulars of all the fires in Halifax and the vicinity, since the commencement of the present year. (Jan 1,)-A lire caught in a workshop, in the Royal Engineer's yard, and did only trifling damage; cause accidental. (Jan. 7.)-The confectionery store of Mr. O'Brien, on Buckingham street, was damaged to a
O'Band trifling extent; soue window decorations having caught fire. (Jan. 13.)-The Tobaceonist's shop of M. Swain, on Water street, was set fire by a lighted match carlessly thrown among the clothing; the damage was only trifling, On!the same day, the Coniservatory in the Governor, Sir C. H. Doyle's garden, was totally destroyed; no insurance; cause a. defective Ylue. (Jan. 15.)-The ance: cause a. defective Hlue. (Jan. 15.)-The
building owned ty J. Lawlor, on Portland street, Portsmouth, east side of Halifax harbor, and occupied as a drug store, saddler's shop, and lodge room; was totally destroyed. The Masonic body had an instratice on the lodge furniture of $\$ 500$ in Liverpool and London and Globe; Mr. A. Corbin, had 8500 on the drug stock, in the same company, and 81,500 in the Royal; the Lawlor company, and 81,300 in the Royal; the Lawlor
estate had 8400 in the Royal, on the barn adjoin-

The cause of the fire is not yet ascertained.
ligersoll, Ont., Jan. 16. -The barn and sheds belouging to Moses Tripp, bailiff, near Ingersoll, occupied by, Peter Stuart, together with about $\$ 600$ worth of hay and grain, and a threshingmachine owned by the Messrs. Gamble, were destroyed by fire. The buildings were covered by insurance Mr. Stuart's stock was insured fors $\$ 500$. The fire is supposed to be the work of an

## incendiary.

Peterboro', Jan. 25. - Renfrew's stave factory, stroyed by fire last Sunday morning a little before daylight. Loss 82,000 ; insured in the Home and Commercial Unión for $\$ 1,500$. Evidently the work of an incendiary, no fire having been in the work of an incemdiary, no
the building since New Year.
Elora, Jan. 24.-Elora Mills have been burnt. It was noticed first ahout two o'clock on Sunday morning. The cause of the fire is supposed to be from middlings heating and igniting. The insurance on the mill, machinery and stock is 816,000 ; loss about $\$ 5,000$.
St. Catharines, Jan. 24.-Another incendiary fire octarred here on sunday morning hy which
a barn and small texiement house, between' Ontario and William streets, were destroyed. Three cows and a horse were burned.

Durham, Ont:, January 15.-A fire occurred, from some unknown cause, in the irou foundry belonging to Messrs. A. \& A. Cochrane. The fire originated in a shed near one of the tin shops. The stock of waggons, wheels, lumber, \&e, wa: alunost entirely vonsumed, but a small portion being rescued. Two other wooden buildings also shared the same fate; happily the fire did not shared the same fate ; happily the loss will fak very heavily on the owners.
Mitche!l, Jarfuary 25.- A fire took place this morning, originating at Mr. ThomAs MeDonald's grocery and hardway store, totally destroying the stores adjoining; Mr. Engel's drug store, jewellery department, and Montreal Telegraph OHice Messrs. Currie and Thompson's provision store Wm. Colwell's book store, Daniel MePharen and J. C. Dalrymple's law office, Thos. Skate's photo graph gallery, Miss Fraser's music room3, Dr. Eraph ganery, Hornibrook's surgery, Messrs. Bronn's brassmaking establishment, John Aikens dry goods and grocery store, Donald Melntyre's boot
and shoe store, W. H. Fist's tinismith shop, and shoe store, W. H. Fist's tinsmith shop,
George Ritz's furniture store, and partillly destroying the brick store occupied by Nelson Brisben's dry goods and stationery: Cause of the fire unknown.
Hespeler, Ont., July 20.-Fire was discovered about 8.15 last nilght, in the building known as Hespeler Mills. It was first seen through one of the lower story windows, near the main entrance,
and only fifteen minutes after the watchman had rung the bell for-eight. In a few minutes the Hespeler Fire Brigade were on the ground with their engine, but were not able to subdue the flames. In a short time the building was one and Galt for engines. The Preston brigade was on the ground in a short time, followed soon after, by a Galt company, but were only able to keep the fire confined to the one building. The insurances upon it are:-Liverpool and London, $\$ 11,000$; Royal, $\$ 11,000$; Pheriix, $\$ 12,000$-total, $\$ 34,000$, which, it is thought, will about half cover the loss.
Harriston, January.- A fire broke out in the hall attached to McNril's Commercial Hotel, or in the part of the tavern adjoining it, but which was by prompt extinguished. Mr. W. S. Watson, losi trainstruments and nearly the whole of his stock damage nearly $\$ 200$.

Brantford, Jan. 24.-A despatci says: Auiother large fire occurred here on' Sunday morning, at one o'clock, by which the Brock block, corner of Market apd Collornes streets, was tompletely destroyed. The fire originated in the boot and shoe An investigation will take place. The following are the losses:-Corner building, owned by Ebenezer Roy; loss 85,000 ; insured in the Royal for 83,500 . The next building was owned by Geo. $\$ 3,500$. D. Calahan's loss on stock not kilown; insured for 81,000 in the Toronto. Mutual. John Edgar \& Co., glass and crockery warehouse; loss Imperial, and Hartford, $\$ 6,000$. Dr. Tafford's $\$ 300$, insured in Western for $\$ 500$. Smith Eddy's photegraph gallery; loss $\$ 2,500$; insured for $\$ 1,300$ in the Hartford. Doric Lodge of Mtasons saved some furniture; loss 8800 ; insured 1or $\$ 700$ in the Royal. W. Cleland's dry goods store had some of the stock saved; lass $\$ 4,000$,
covered by ipsarance. The Mechanics' Institute Library susfained a loss of 1,600 volumes, valued at $\$ 1,350$; insured for $\$ 600$ in Hartford. J. B. Meacham's (dentist) loss is $\$ 1,000$; insured in the Home for $\$ 400$. The Sons of Temperance Hall, furniture all lost: valned at $\$ 250$; no insurance; organ of Ohoral Union, in hall, ineured for
3150. A. MeMeans, grocer, stock and funnitur damaged by remoral. W. Dealtry, saioon keoper moved out; loss trifling.
-The Supreme Court of the United States ha: recently decided that insurance is not.commerce -The Halifax Fire Insurance Company hav. declared a dividend of 124 per cent. on the pais up capital $(815,000)$ for the past year.
-The apnual meeting of the Brant Farmers Mutual Insurance Company was called for thi 26th inst., at Paris.
-The Vhetorfa Mutual instrance Company, $n$ Hamilton, have issue 1536 policies in the "Hanilton Branch," the average amount of whioh, is $\$ 800$ in the past year,

- A meeting of gentlemen in pelleville wa: called for the 24th, to consider the proprivty o
establishing an insurance company in Hasting estabist
county.
The Inperial and Qugen insurance companies have fosolved to withdraw their agencies it Illinois in consequence of inadequate rates, an it is said the North British and Mercantile will follow the game course.
Tie Merchants Shipping Act.-A Corves. pondent of the St. John Telegraph calls attention to the fect, that "a Bill to consolidate and amend the 'Mrerchants' Shipping Act," is to be eonsiderek by the Imperial Parliament, at the next session, which, if cuacted, will serionsly affiet colonial shipping interests. To legalize deckloads, it is proposed that an owner may apply to have his ship reregistered, measuring the upper deck for cargo, which is to be added to the tonnage, and if any carge is carried on an upper deck, without leek measaremant being thus incladed on the registered tonnage, all topnage dues are to be doubled on that voyage onarehich such deck cargo is catried. This will prove a serious burden upon colonial ships, if the masurement of a deck is once added to the register toanage, the ship wouid be liahle for port charges on the increased tonnage for all time, a provision that no ship owner could submit to for the casual advantage of carrying a deckload when offered. The alternative would be then prohihition from taking a deck load, or be snbject to double tomnage dues oa the voyage. This wotild be the position of the colonial ship. while a forsign ship woild be under no such restrictions. It requites no prophet to fortell what
the effect of such a lait would be upon colonial ships engaged in the deal and. timber tradeand the other \%usiness, bat particularly the former.
-The Chicago Insuratuce Chroaicle gives the following as the experience of an agent : "In the course of $\mathrm{m} /$ harangue 1 had recited my little fable about thee construction of the premimm table from the "Carliple Table of Murtality," and now the stranger, without appearing to nditee my chagrin, very politely asked me, "Who was this Carlisle? That was a question I had never propounded to myself, nor heard propounded to anyboily else. Unwilling, howeyer, to confess or betray ignorance, I promptly answered, "Carlisle was'a schoolmaster in Connecticus, who made these things study." The desperate and daring impudence of that reply astounds me, as I look back upon it. So it seemed to my aequaintance, who looked at me in wonder, and then continued his questions: I was soon led into a labyrinth, and so entangled in the "reserve," and "loadiag," and "mortality experience, t and a dozen ether things, of which I had never beard before, that I was glad at last to confess my gnorance, and surrender at diseretion. I then learned whet I had begun to suspect, that my isquisitor was the general agent of a life insurance company, who had come down to the village after a day fishing.
Mabine:Disasten,-The schooner G. R. C., Willian Boyd, master, owned by Mesirs. Glasgow \& Black, of Halifax, went nshore on the 13th inct, at or uear Point Wolfe, N. S.; she was lades
with $\mathrm{f}^{\prime}$ cargo of ecal, on vessel's'account from the loggins Difines, ald bound for this port. The $G$. 2. C., was built in 1861 at Cornwallis, was classed in Ámerimn Lloytl's, and was nsured for $\$ 2,500$ -valued for 85,000 -in "Boston Llogd's." The argo was insured.
Nitro-Glycérine-that Dangerots Explo-syE.-It is said another sad accident, illustratng the dangers of the careless handling of this somponid, oeculred the other day on the Pacific soast. A mother was about to inflict snmmary unishment ou her child for some misdemeanor, out anfortunatily the boy had been sitting on tome leaky keg of nitro-glycerine, and the first pank was followed by an explosion which sent he parties to ppposite ends of the room, and oroke all the windows in the honse!
Deserved Promotion. - The New York Insurance Monitor notices the promotion of a member of the staff of that journal-Dr. Kempson-to the imppritint position of one of the managers of he Indnstrial Publication Company:-"Dr. Zempson joined the Monitor at the opening of 1868, being then almost a stranger in the city, ind durtug the two years he has been associated vith us, has secured the warm personal friendship. of alenost every prominent insurance man in New York. Possessed, to an uncommon degree, of the power of adaptation, from his long intercourse in 1 professional eapacity with men of ald classes, both here and abroad, Dr. K. has seldom failed to secure the interest, sympathy and cordial cooperation of all with whom he came in contact, and libs displayed, from the chitset, a fidelity and antiring energy which has secured for him the well deferved recognition he has received." Many of our readers will remember that Dr. Kempson was at one time associated with The Monetart Timis. It is in consequence of his efforts that Irvis. we are able to bonst of a suhbeription list in New York and other of the American cities larger than my other Canadian journal. The Dr. has winning ways ahout him; if success is possible he will have it. We congratulate him on this nẹw promotion.


## LIFE ASSURANCE THROUGHOUT THE

 WORLD.According to a German manual of life insurance, lately published, the total number of life insurance societics in the whole world, and the amount of assurances granted by them, was ass follows:
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## SECURITY IN LIFE INSURANCE.

According to a late decision in a case before Vice-Chancellor James, the test of the solvency of Life Companies, so far as the Court of Chancery, in England, conceras itself, is the company's ability to pay actual outstanding liabilities at the time the test is applied. Though this may be the true legal test of solvency, it is, apparent that a great deal more is needed to satisfy one of the soundness of a company in the senise of security. The losses of to-day may be met with ease by a company which will be utterly unable to pay the losses of the future. At the outset, glowing promises may be made to shey the ninds of the ignorant, and those too careless to "inquire within"; but a day of reckoning surely comes when realization of thege promises is looked for in vain. It becomes, therefore, a duty which the assured owe to himself and to his famity, to examine the strueture on which his hopes for the
future are built, to see if the foundations are secure and such precautions are taken as are likely to prevent disaster. The prudent map who insures his life should make security his first consideration, not only satisfying his mind at the commencement of his policy, but exercising from time to time a vigilant supervision, to prevent himself from paying his money for nought. Seeing that a thïrty years' existence is barely adequate to prove the strength of a company, the future as well as the present must be taken into account.

It may, be taken for granted that there is no test easily applied that will show conclusively the soundness or unsoundness of a Life Company; but there are tests which, for all practical purposes, may be accepted as satisfactory by the unskilled, and which may be applied with reliable results. By the intelligent use of these tests, the assured may ascertain for himself, with a reasonable degree of certainty, what the prospects are of the object he has in view being realized. Of course, in assurance as well as in other kinds of business, one has to depend, in a measure, on the honesty and capacify of pthers, but-it cannot be said that this is the case more particularly with assurance than with other matters. Every investment or trust is subject, to the like conditions, in so far as the event is concerned. Taking for granted, therefore, that balance-sheets and certificates are prepared with ordinary honesty, what are the tests which are most likely to give the assured a fair idea of his assurer's position. A glance at the theory on which the system of life assurance is based will enable our readers to understand the subject. A company, in, consideration of a premium received, contracts to pay; a certain sum at, say, the death of the assured. The time of payment by the company is thus, to a certain extent, indefinite ; but experience has furnished the data by which the company calculates how much or how little it can safely receive in the way of premium, so that, by investment at a sufficient rate of interest, 'a sum will be produced which should equal that to be paid at the maturity of the contract. If too little be received as premium, or the margin for expenses be exceeded, or the lives be badly selected, or the investments do not yield according to expectation, the resulk, of course, will be inability on the part of the company to fulfil its contract, or a pricess of self-consumption will commence. In order to ascertain how it stands, a company has valuations made from time to time, just as a merchant, in order to satisfy himself that all is going on satisfactorily, takes stock. The policies are valued, and a balance is etruck between the raluation and the
company's resources. If each policyholder paid an increased premium corresponding to his increased age, the valuations would be unnecessary, because the liability of the company would be measured by the premium paid. But as average premiums are paid, the object of valuation is to determine the value of the depreciation occasioffed by effluxion of time-to find the difference between the premiuns payable according to the life tables at the present age, and the premim charged.

This valuation is obtained by an actuarial investigation, and as the rules by wbich it is reached are well understood, the result is, as a general thing, trustworthy. But as the material for such an investigation is not available to outsiders, we must see what can be gathered from the information that is or should be afforded. Such information as the following is necessary:- a statement of the $\mathrm{i}_{\text {ncome }}$ and expenditure, of the investment of funds, of the amount of the margin of premiums reserved at each valuation for future expenses and bonus, of the rate of mortality by which claims were provided for in the valuation, of the rate of interest at which in the valuation the funds were assumed to accumulate. The fállures of life companies are attributed to taking risks at inadequate premiums, too heavy a rate of expenditure, and distributing a surplus shown by adopting an improper method of valuing the assets and liabilities at the periodical investigations. These considerations have suggested the following questions, as likely to furnish proof of solvency :-(1.) Has the death rate experience, on the whole, been as favourable as that provided for by the table used in valuing at the last investigation? (2.) Has the interest received been as great as it was then assumed it wonld bé ? (3.) Are the realized assets of the value put upon them? (4.) At the last investigation, was the whole of the "loading", set aside \} and if not, was the value of the part reserved, sufficient to cover the future working expenses? (5.) Have the expenses of management of all kinds exceeded the "loading" on the premiums? An Actuary of one of the companies says, "an office may be insolvent with £30 in hand, for every $£ 100$ assured, while another, and a younger company, which has $£ 10$ in hand, for every $£ 100$ may not only be safe, but also able to give a large bonus. The fund in hand may be equal to ten years of the preminm income, and yet the office be insolvent, while another office pay be safe and prosperous with a comparative small accumulation of premium income." Where there is a reserve loid aside sufficient to reinsure existing risks, a company is safe. The security depends on the exjstehce of a full
premium reserve. If that reserve is safelf invested, then the solvency is beyond question.

It will be readily seen from the above, that Life Companies, above all others, should give publicity to their affairs, and that the public should, in all cages, demand it. Any company that neglects to supply all requisite information, ought to be regarded with caution; and those who refuse it are just objects of suspicion.

## MUSKOKA RAILLWAY.

The directors of this Company are pushng fortward the project with considerable energy, the President especially devoting a great deal of time, and using the full weight of his influence, to advance its interests. Mehntime the municipalities seem alive to their duties in the premises. The Town Council of Barrie has submitted a by-law, which has passed through two readings, granting a bonus of $\$ 30,000$; Orillia is also, we believe, coming forward with a bonus of $\$ 15,400$.

## TRADE REYIETT

The retail trade of this eity has been dull very dull-for a fortnight back, a state of things not unusual at this season of the year, but at present aggravated, doubtless, by the unvillingness of country customers to buy. The farmicts are well enough off in reality, but they fecl somewhat poor at finding their wheat worth so little as 75 cents per bushel, with very little prospect of its being worth more. We know how mptch a man's spirits have to do with his readiness to buy; nothing puts so effectual a stop to extra expenditure as a despondent state of mind, and on the other hand, nothing makes a man more ready then bioyancy of spirit. The farmers, we fancy, are generally inelined to be low spipirited at preserit, not that there is any particular reason for it, except the low. quotation just noticed, and hence we expect, after a little while, they will find there is no real foundation for depression, and go on buying as in former years. In the grain trale there are decided maifestations of a speculative tendency. The price is'so low that many have come to the conclusion that chances must be in faror of the holder, and orders to buy are being given out with comparative ffededom, at certain limits. It is well known that large quantities of wheat are held in Chicago and Milwaukee on Canadian account, waiting the turn of events; and preparations are being made, we believe, for considerable shipments of grain to Europe during the winter via Grand Trunk and Portland. We hope, for the sake of our merchants, that all this may end well, though we do not regard it as legitimate trading; at any rate, a good deal of it is pot. course, if parties communicate with England by cable, and buy here to fill, orders from thence,
or having bought here at current prites, seek or having bought liere at current prices, seek to finish the transaction by selling to arrive,
thêre pan be no- exception takien by even the severest critic. But the passion of the grain gambler will not be satisfiel with that mode of doing bukindss. It is not the certainty of closipg a transgetion at a moderate profit that pleases him, but the uncertainty within which a thousand chances of weather, politics, and whatnot may intervene, all of which he liopes may operate in his favor, and send the article up to a price at which he can setl and realize a large profit. The difference, indeed, between the legitimate trader and the speculator is just this: the one buys to satisfy a known demand, and in selecting his article, he las in view the wants of certain persons or distrifts ;-the other buys what he has no definite ontlet for ; no person that he knows of wants that article in purticular ; and he is content to wait upon the chapter of accidents and the chances of something turning up, that he may realize and see the end of his operation. It is to be regretted that the legitimate operations of persons in the grain trade everywhere are interfered with by speculators of the kind described, the magnitude of whose operation in some seasons far transcends all the bona fifle purchases made. We are hot aware if any statistics have ever been published on this continent, but a return was once published respecting the grain trade of Berlin, from which it appeared that the proplortion of-genuine operations during a certain season was only about one-sixth of the whole. We have probably never been as bad at any time as that, and certainly, at present, our proportion would be fat different ; lout, the thing, in any degree, is an eril to be deprecated and discoưraged as much as possible. Both the transactions and the risks are great enough in the course of legitimate trading, and there if no neel to superadd speculation and gambling to make the matter worse.
Our farmers nipw are lringing out the gnuin, Millers are stockłng upt an operatiout by which they have lost motey a hundred times, bat which they repeat every year, to a certain extent, hoping that the present may give them better luck. The necessity of stocking, towever, is becoming less and less every year; and isith inerensed railway facilities, may beavoided altogether in course of time: The winter's business is alvays the most dangerous for a miller; and we believe it is a fact, that if all the mills in Canada had nlade a practiee of closing during the winter months, and letting the grain be exported as grain, the millers, as a class, weald have been bettef off. To make money in the fall and lose it in the winter, sometimes twice over, has been the average experience for very many years back. It is a poortconfession, but only too true, and the reason for it, we firmly believe, to have been the practice of baying a mill-full of wheat during early winter, and taking all the chances of clangable markets during the lapse of several months, while it is being manufactured. Milling vill never be a sufe stendy basiness until every element of speculation is weeded out of it; and what is bought one week is sold the next, or at once.
Pork is active. The quality of the dressed hogs,
coming in is rery fine, and the price, such as to lewe a handsome profit to the farmer. A good fat pig ean be sold for as much as a cow was worth af fow years ago; and if a fariuer is osly fortunate eflough to have plenty, it will help to make up for kifficiency in other products of the land. Dressed hogs are ahout $\$ 8.50$, and the trade at that price is fairly profitable, aceording to the price of park aid cured meats.
There is likely to be a much smanler produetion of lumber this season than was at one tithe supposed. The snow is excessively. deep in the' wools, and many gangs of men have been withdrawn, and slanties closal up. This is not to be deprecated, for it will tend to keep down production to a reasonable point and prevent a glat in the market. There is no reasoul for gloomy forebodings in this trale; at the same time, there can be no doubt that the true policy for the manufatturer on this side is to saw up lightly and avoid civwding the markets of the States. Better hold here than send forward what will break the market down.
The importing trade prosents no partieular feqtures of interest.
Money for investuent contiuiucs very plentiful, and good mortgages are taken now bearing only 7 Pef cent. This is a most happy change from the erfushing times when the poor borrower had to pay 10 or 12 , the sure end of which, in many eafes, was ruin.

## business failurea,

A statement has been published by Mesars. Dun $\&$ Co., of New York, showing the number of failures in the United States for a series of years. It will be noticed that, in 1869, 2,411 firms "went unfler," a larger number than at any time since 1851. In that year there. was an extraordinary sulfeping away of business houses, owing to the breaking out of the war, If a return of the last thifee months of the year just closed were given, it ffould prrsent a formidable appearance relatively. There is at least the authority of one journal for sayjing that during the time mentioned, failuns wefe more frequent thaf at any time since 1857. The heavy decline in gold within that period is a sufficient canse for ther rather serious weeding out that thas tiken place. As the hard money basis is gralually approached, there will be a further and extensive lopping off of the rotten branches, stimulated into growth by an era of specilation and fictitions values; every one will feel poorer; econony will in a measure take the place of extravagaire; a general curtailment of private expenditures will be the order of the day. The hlow will fill hearily on every interest, but espwially mpon those iuterests started into existence by the abnormal state of things, having their origin in a general itfution of values. It is, very desirable that the return to a sound edrrency should be gradunl, otherwise a shock must be given to industry and conmeree as will paralize them through all their avenues, and which would in a measure depress the trale of this Dominion. The following is the statement of Messrs, Dan \& Co.:

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|  | No． | Liabilities． | No． | Labilities |
| 1857. | ． 4,257 | 8265，818，000．． | ．4，932 | 8291，750，000 |
| 1858. | ． 3,113 | 73，608，747，． | ．4，225 | 95，749，000 |
| 1859. | ．2，959 | 51，314，000．． | ．3，913 | 64，354，900 |
| 1860. | ．2，733 | 61，739，000．．． | ．3，676 | 79，807，000 |
| 1861. | ． 5,935 | 188，632，000，． | ．6，903 | 207，210，000 |
| 1862. | ．1，652 | 23，049，000．． | ．．．．．． |  |
| 1863. | 425 | 7，899，000． |  |  |
| 1864. | 520 | 8，579，000． |  |  |
| 1865. | 530 | 17，625，000 |  |  |
| 1866. | 632 | 47，333， 0 00． | 1，505 | 53，783，000， |
| 1867. | 2，386 | 86，218，000． | 2，7¢0 | 96，C6G，000 |
| 1868. | 2，197 | 57，275，600．．． | 2，608 | 63，694，000 |
| 1859. | 2，411 | 65，246．000 | 2，709 | 75，054，000 |

In Canada we have had a remarkable exemption from failures for six monthe past．In the early part of the year they were numerons．The new list in the Gazette every week was formidable．Now we cannot muster more than one or two newv yames a week；but ye fear that thifs must be considered rather as a period of calm after the storm than as ，thie result of a curtailment of crellns，or of the exercise of a proper discrimination on the part of wholesale merchants in trusting out their goods．

Post Magazise Aemanac．－We have received this Almanac for 1869．It contains the usual amount of information in reference to the British Companies，and is altogether a useful publication．
－The municipalities on the line of the Nipis－ sing railway，who delayed to forward their bdun－ ses，have deposited the debentures with the Trus－ tees；and，in consequence，the contemplated build－ ing of the line by the Lindsay route，has been ebandoned．We believe the Lindsay liranehstill romains a part of the Nipissing scheme．
－ A movement is on foot to seeure the extension of the Norfolk railway to this city．It frould $I^{\text {nass }}$ Lynden station on the Great Western Railway， and thence by a circuitgus ronte through the whal－ thy townships of the Countyof Halton，and the village of Streetsville to Toronto．A glance at the map will make it apparent that the scheme is a reasonabie one，when the extent of country and the wealth of the iahabitants ase faken into account．

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## TODONTO STOCK MAPKET．

Reported by Pellatt \＆Osler，Brokers．）
There has been a good demand for nearly all the leading stocks，but the amounts offering have been small．Large amonnts of City of Tpront and County Debentures have changed hands．
Bank Stock．－Montreal has sold daring the week at 1564 ． 156 ，and $155 \frac{1}{2}$ ，closing with sellers at this rate，but no buyers over 155．British is in fair demand at－ 104 and 105 ；pone offering． Ontario sold at $98,981,99,991$ ，and 100 ，closing with buyers at the litfer rate．Not a sbare of
Toronto to be had ；the outside quatations would Toronto to be had；the outside quetations would be paid．There were small sales of Royal Cana－ dian at $62!$ and 634 ；the latter price is now offered．
Small sales of Commerce were made at would now give 110 ．Merchants＇sold freely dur－ ing the＇week at 106 a and 107；the latter price is still offered．Tnere were buyers of Quebee at 102 ；yone on market．Nothing doing in Mol－ sons＇；quoted nomirfally at 101 and 101 k ．City sold at declining rates during the week， $87 b^{2}$ and 86 ．Du Peuple is in flemabd at 108 and 108」，
holders are firm at 1 10．Nationale is asked for 105 ；no sellers．No Jacques Cartier on market buyers would give pntside quotations．Me－ chanies＇is nominally quoted at 96 and 91 ．No sales of Union on this market ；worth about 105.
Debentures．－No Capada of any description on market ；Dominion Stock sold at 108．Consider－ able salca of Toronto $2 p$－sears＇Debentures at 914. First－class Counties are readily taken at 100 and 101．＇
Sundrics．－No City Gas on market； 1121 would be paid．Eritish Anerica Assurance is offering at 75，without buyers．Western Assurance is offering at 85 ，without buyers．Canada Perma－
nent Building Society sold nt $125 t, 126$ and $126 \frac{1}{\text { ；the latter price yould stil！be paid．There }}$ were small sales of Western＇Cainada Euildigg So－ ciety at 119 h and 120 ；none now on market． No sales of Freehold 1Puilding Society；the stock is much inquired for ； $119 \frac{1}{2}$ to 120 would be paid． Huron and Erie Savinios and Lonn Society sold at $112 \frac{1}{3}$ ，which would still be paid．There are buy ets of Montreal Telegraph at 138 ；no sellers un－ der 140．Small sales of Canada Landed Credit at 811 and 82 ，ex－dividend，were made ；the latter price would readily be paid for a round amount． Exceptionably gooi Mortgages can be placed at 7 per cent．，but the ofdinary rate is not under s per cent．
Sew York Money Market．－Jan．21．－The money market is easy，and on call the ruling rate is $\mathrm{s}: \mathrm{x}$ per cent．，with exceppitional transactions at five and seven per cent．Discounts are easier，
first－class double signatures selling at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ to 10 per cent．，and at 10 to 15 per cent．for single names．Gold is heavy，and eloses at 120 ．
Bask of Montaral．The Daily Telegioaph says：－Mr．Gundry，who hos long filled with cre－
dif the position of agent for the Bank of Montreal ait the position of agept for the Bank of Montreal
in．New York，has been appointed to take charge of the new agency about to be opened in London． Mr．Gundry sailed from New York a few days
ago．Mr．King is expected to leave Ergland on ago．Mr．King is efypcted to leave Ergland on
his return home，in the first week of Fehruary．
Exportation of Silver Corn．－The following shows the receipts of silver coin by Mr．W．Weir sipee the 1 st Novembep，1869，to the end of the rear：－Received at Montrual， 861,690 ；Quebee，
$\mathrm{B} 38,368$ ；Brockville， 810,000 ；Kingston，$\$ 8,000$ ； $\$ 38,368$ ；Brockville， 810,000 ；Kingston，$\$ 8,000$ ；
Belleville， 818,000 ；Herlin，$\$ 1.500$ ；Strafforl， 86，000 ；Loudon，sis，000 ；Hamilton，$\$ 13,600$ St．Catharines， 85,$500 ;$ St．Mary＇s， 85,$000 ; \mathrm{Na}$－ Panee， 81,155 ；in sereits hands，$\$ 22,000$ ；total， \＄203，205．Exported from Montreal，$\$ 142,000$ ； Brockville，$\$ 10,000$ ；Kingston，$\$ 3,000$ ；Belleville， \＄77，000；London，$\$ 12,000$ ；Hamiltonn，$\$ 812,000$ ； St．Catherines， 85,000 ；in transit， 814,000 ；fotal，
$\$ 220,000$ ． Post $\$ 109.183$ of deposits were received during Doc． withdrawn during the month， 847,164 ．Total in hands，31st Dec．，\＄1．154．007．
Savixas Banks．－Governor Hoffman，in his
recent Message to the New York Slate Lis ture，makes the following recommendations re－ ffecting thest institutions：－＂One hundred and tirenty－eight sawings banks are now organized and doing business in this State，with an aggre－ gate of assits exceeding $\$ 180,000,000$ ．The mag－
nituile and the importance of this intefest seem to demand a more intimate guardianship and more careful supervision than is no．w afforded Ap amendment to the existing laws，requiring or at least authorizing a personal examination of Superintendent of the Bank Department，wonld， Superintendent of the Bark Department，wonld，
in my－judgment，worthily supplement what has already been done in the direction of securing safcty and efficiency in their management，and a full disclosure of their real condition for the in－ Iormation and greater security of their depositors． The subject is respectfully submitted to your favorable consideration．＂

Limited Liability．－The London Ineestors Guardian，in reviewing the workings of the Limited Liability Act，says ：－＂Our firm con－ viction is that the only safe and legitimate appli－ cation of the Act，as respects limited companies， is with shares fully paid up at the outset，with share warrants to bearer under the Act of 1867 ． Without specifying any proticulat instance，we may say that in mearly all the great conipanies which were ushered with great pomp and circum－ stance into the world in 1864－1865，all came to grief through this fatal fundamental error．Shares of $£ 100$ and $£ 50$ were freely fixed with $£ 10$ or $£ 20$ prid in the first instance．They were then driven up to a furious premium．When the first funds Trere exhausted，and the obligations incurred on the basis，not of the paid－up，，but of the nominal capital，came to be pressing，it was found that enforced and compulsory liquidation was the ouly alternative．Consternation，distrust and dimmey reigned paramount；end many a company which might have fulfilled a profitable existence，was thus consigned to the limho of departed corpc rations．
－The Montreal Rolling Mills Company pay 10 per cent．for the yast year．The following are the Directors：－T．Morland，E．H．King，George Stephen，W．Markland Molson，and Peter Red－ path．
Ross，of that city，and late of the Commercial Bank，will succed Mr．Langfon as Auditor Gene－ ral，the latter to be made Sub－trcasurer of the Dominion at Toronto．It is also－teported that Deputy Beceiver General Harrington will receive the appointment of Sub－treasustir of Quekec
－Efforts are being made to establish a new
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Salzs in Tongsto．－The following properties have been sold within the lest six weeks：Lot on Algxander Streét to Mr．Roddy for $\$ 500$ cash；lot on Grovesncr street，to Mir．Culverdon，for $\$ 936$ cesh；lot on Walton street，near Elizabeth，to Mr． Easterbrook for 8375，part tash：lit on Walton street to Mr．MreCrae for 8425，part cash；lot on Walton street to Mr．Mabley for $\$ 400$ ，part cash； Lot on Walton strect to Mr．Emery for $\$ 400$ ，part cash；brick residence on Jarvis strect for $\$ 3,200$ cash；cottage and lot on Magill street for $\$ 900$ to Mis．McCaw，cash；51 acres of land；on－Yonge strect near the toll－bak，for $\$ 1,742.50$ cash．

The following sales have been made by Mr． J．W．G，Whitney：－East Market Square，the
ground occupied by the Albion Hote，with a frontage of $46 \frac{1}{\mathrm{~s}}$ feet，for $85,000 \mathrm{cash}$ ．
A lot on＇Sherbourne Street，Moss Park Estate， 71 feet 6 inches，at 812 per foot． A lot on shervgurne streat，cqraer of Wilton A lot on Sherbourne Strect，noth of Wilton Crescent， 50 feet frontage，at $\$ 12$ per foot．
On York Street，a Block of stmes，co York and Bolton Streets，have changed hands； 86,500 ．
$A$ lot on Géorge Strect，north of Queen Street， 70 feet frontage，at $\$ 20$ per foot．
Sales in Montraal．－The sale of the the late Mrs．John Doniegani to succession of Real Estate Rooms on the 19th Jafmary，drew to－ gether a very large ettendence of real catate buy lot and the nome of of prices obtuined for each A lot on St．Matrice．Street， $45 \times 70 \mathrm{ft}$ ．not
commuted，$\$ 1,660$ to W．S．Evans 1，cornet of Yisitation and St．Catherine Struets， commuted， $35 \times 100$ ，for $\$ 880$ ，ato Mr．Oliver Robert．Lot No．2，on St．©Catherine Street， commuted， $22.6 \times 100, \$ 400$ ，to Mrs．E．Jobin， Lot No．3，on St．Catherine Street，commuted，
$22.6 \times 100, \$ 400$ to Mr. H. Pavie, Lat No. 4 , on St. Catharine Street, commuted, $26.6 \times 100$, on
$\$ 105$, to Mr. H. Pavie
Lot No. 5, on St. Catherine Stret, commuted, $22.6 \times 100,8390$, Mr. Z. Theriault Lot $\mathrm{No}$.6 and, , each. $390, \mathrm{Mr}$. Street, commuted, 22.6 x 100, each. 85 , Cath. Alex. St. Amour. erine and Panet Streets, comuinted, $35 \times 100$, erine and Panet Streets, commuted, Let No. 8, $\$ 825$, Messis. Jordan and Bernard. Lot No. 8, on St. Catherine Street, $22.6 \times 100,8400$ sessis. Jordan and Bernard. Lot $\mathrm{No..11}$, on Visitation
Street commuted, $22 \times 124, \$ 390$, Mr. Alex. St. Street, commated, $22 \times 124, \$ 399$, Mr. Alex. St. Amour. Lot No. 12, on muted, $22 \times 12$ on Visitation Street, commutel. 22 Let No. $\$ 350, \mathrm{~S}$. W. Latour. Lot 14, on Visiti. $\times 124, \$ 350, \mathrm{~S}$. W. Latour. Lot 14, on S W. tion Street, commuted, on Visitation Street, commuted, $22 \times 124,8350$, S. W. Latour. Lot No. 23, corner Rose and Panet Streets, commuted,
 Panet Street, commuted, $22 \times 124,8380, \mathrm{Mr}$. G . Provost. Lot No. 18, on Panet street, commuon Panet street, conthuted, $22 \times 124,8310, \mathrm{~S}$. on. Latour. Lot No. 18, on Panet street, commited, $22 \times 124$, S. W. Latour. Lot No .19 , on Panet street, commut $61,22 \times 124,8310, \mathrm{~S}$. W. Latour. Lot No. 20 pn Panet street, commuted, ${ }_{22} \times 124, \$ 210$, S. W. Latour. Lot No 21 on Pnnet street, $22^{\circ} \times 124,8310, \mathrm{~s}$. W. Latour.
Lot No. 1, corner Craig and Jacques Cartier streets, not commuted, $24 \times 77$, for $\$ 840$, to 7 . X . Beaudry. Lot No. ${ }^{2}$, on Craig street, not commuted, $23 \times 7,8725,1$ r. . Ftect, not comLot No. 3, on Jacques cartice street, not cons.
muted, $40.12 \times 47.18, \$ 525$, Mr. F. Xeandry. Lot No. 4, on St. Joseph street, opposite Can tin's, not commuted, $21.6 \times 100,840$, to Mr C. Gareal. Lot No. 3, 8t. Joseph street, not commated, $21.6 \times 80$, , Joseph street, adjoining. not commuted, $21.6 \times 80$, $\$ 445$, to Mr. GC Gareau. Lot No . 1, St. Joseph street, adjoining, not commuted, $21,6 \times 100$, 8465, to Mr. C. Gareat. Property on
Bonaventure. and Desrivieres streets, all comBonaventure and Desrivieres streets, all com-.
muted. Lot No. 1, Bonaventure strect, 26.11 x 80,8925, to Mr. C. Garean. Lot No. 2, Bonaventure street, $26.11 \times 80,8925$, to Mr. C.
 x 80 feet, $\$ 922$, , $28.11 \times 80, \$ 925$, to Mr . C. Forte. Lot No. 16, corner of Bonnventare and
 Desrivierses streets, 15, Bonarenture street, 2 $5 \pm 70, \$ 1,000$, to Mr Mansfield, Lot No. 14,
Bonaventure Street, $28.5 \times 70,830$, to Mr. $\mathrm{M} . \mathrm{X}$ Roy. Lot No. 6, Desrivieros Street, $313 \times 813$, $\$ 700$, io Mr. Langley. Lot No, 5 , Destivieres Street, $30 \times 80$ feet $\$ 590$, to Mr. Jas. Austin. Lot No. 8, Projected Street, $29.3 \times 76,8500$, to
 $\times 95,8530$, to $\mathrm{Mr}, \mathrm{J}$. Austin. 10 . Mo. 16, Mro-
iected Street, $27.7 \times 60, \$ 420$, to Mr . M. Mansfield jected Street, $27.7 \times 60,8420$, to Mir. M. Mangfield
Lot No. 7 , Projected $\mathrm{Strect}, 30 \times 75, \$ 430$, to Mr. Lot No. 7, Projected Street, $30 \times 75, \$ 430$, to Mr.
C. Forte.
Amount sold for Estate Donegani, $\$ 25,300$. A Tenement house, No. 69 Campean Street, size of Lot $40 \approx 78$, to Mr. L. Plamondon, for $\$ 1,925$. And the house and Pramondon, for grounds, belonging to the Estate Canfeld Dorgrounds, belonging to tret, to Mr. S. H. May, min, on Drummond street, to ${ }_{\text {for }}$ (titr. 200 . Also the stone houre and lot fronting on St. Antoine Street, 42.6 and on Crizg Street 66.6 of an irregular figure, and commated to $Q$ wen MeGarvey fr 83,900 . Total amdunt sale, $845,325$.
The Two Feet Railways.-An exchange says railway, and the engines therefore are being constructed in the Atlantic States. The cost per structed in the Atruitic is put. at $\$ 3,000$ to $\$ 5,000$ The eagines are swing on trieks with power applied at both ends, which epables them
also further claim that they can get 80 per cent. of pure eil from our crude petroleum. A report is current here that the oil operators of New york have entered into a combination not to touch our Canadian oil, as it serionsly interferes with their trade. 'This' may be a refiners' canarll, but if it is true, it will only make this difference, that the exporters. will have to export their own oil, fin exporters will have in it export York as they now do.
There is to be a meeting in Loudon to-day for the purpose of getting every refiner to join in petition to the Legislature, to have the duty on refined oil removed.
The McDougall well is still flowing about twelve barrels per day. There are some six new wells going down near it
The Titusville oil men who came over Tast week have made several purchases, and are now actual operators. They speak very favorably of all they have séen, and say that our territory offers many more inducements for the production of oil thai the Pennsylvanian. No new wells completed since last week.
Crude Oil, $\$ 1.40$ to $\$ 1.50$; Refined, 23 c . per gallon.

## Toronto Market

Ever since the commencement of the year the general trade of the city has been quiet, and there are as yet no noticcable indications of revival.
Grocerirs.- Prices are very steady as quotet, and trade is quiet. Sugars-Raw is heavy ; in New Yotk prices declined $\ddagger$ to fe last week. The New York prices declined to fe last week. The new crop sugars arriving in that market are re-
ported offering freely at low priers, and are of poor quality. Teas-There is no special movement to potice in this market. A telegram from Hong Kong of Dec. 13 gives the total shipments from China and Japari at $119,000,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. against $121,000,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. to Decr 5 th the previons year. The stock of teas in New York on January 1st was made up thus:-Greens, $3,394,356 \mathrm{lbs}$; Oolongs and Pouchongs, 4,612,003 lby.; Japans, $1,525,950 \mathrm{lbs}$; Congo and Souchong, 541,865 lbs.; tothl stock January $1,1870,10,074,204 \mathrm{lbs}$. The stock on the 1st January in the two previous years was, January $1,1869,10,031,874$ lbs.; Jan. 1, 1808, 8,046,267 lbs.
Provisions. - Butter is dull and tending downwardj little doing. Checese is reported firm and in better demand in Liverpool. Facon-A sale of 100 - boxes atp 11 c . is reported. Hams-Some business done at 11 l c . Pork-Two cars of mess sold at $\$ 2550$, showing a decline on previous quotations. Lard is firm; under advices of a better jnarket in Liverpool. Dresscd Hogs-A good lesiness was done ; sales of lots are reported ut prices ranging from $\$ 8.10$ to $\$ 8.50$
Leather. - We have no changes of consequence to note in prices; business drags since the beginning of the year.
Hides and Skins. - The hide trade is very quiet; a fair business is being done in sheepskins; the demand is good, absorbing all that arrive. The figures quoted in our list show a reduction in the case of a namber of articles on the prices lately paid.
Flour.-It appears from statistics that have been published that the receipts of flour from the Upper Provinces at St. John were:--

|  | 1869. | 1868. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| By water, berrels. |  | 167,6 |

By railway
14,458
167,651

Total Canadian.
157,511
55,470
212,981
10,000 d. 215,701 The receipts of flour at Toronto for three years were, $1867,117,953$ brls. ; 1868, 112, 187 brls.; $1869,145,747$ brls. ; but this latter amount ineludes a pretty large allowance for receipts through other than the ordinary channels, and is probably above the mark. There were sales of No. 1 superfine at $\$ 3.55$ to $\$ 3.60$; of fancy at $\$ 3.80$ to
83.85 , and of extra at $\$ 4.00$-daring the past week.
Grain.-Wheat-The receipts of wheat at Toronto for three years are given thus:-

## 1867, bushels

 1868,1869,
$\underset{276,685}{\text { Fall. }}$
Spring.
$202,183 \quad 414,174$
 wheat in sules at quotations. The quantity of American markets in transit in the principal bustiels ; on the 8 th, $11,340,438^{\circ}$ bashels; on the 1st January, 1870, 11, 348, 839 bushels, showing a steady falling off, which movement will probably continue as the season pivances. Barley-The receipts of barley at Toronto for four years were


다 $1,514,477$
The destination of our shipments of barley the two last years was as follows:-

\section*{Received at <br> Chicago <br> Milwaukee <br> Detroit <br> Cleveland <br> Sandusky <br> Erie... <br> Buffalo <br> Suspension Bridge. <br> Charlotte <br> Cape Vincen <br> Oglensburg. <br> Total. <br> | 1869. | 1868, |
| ---: | ---: |
| 373,951 | 92,017 |
| $\ldots 40,250$ | 15,013 |
| 34,251 | 113,060 |
| 244,151 | 50,227 |
| 25,438 | 194,851 |
| 188,091 | 20,358 |
| 618,696 | $-12,516$ |
| 76,546 | 65,195 |
| 38,445 | 14,236 |
| $3,16,023$ | $2,041,385$ |
| 16,243 | 30,800 |
| 85,000 | 54,293 |
| $5,389,925$ | $3,691,608$ |}

Hops. The total production of hops in 1869 in tile United States and Canada is estimated as follows by a New York merchant :-New York State, $50,000^{2}$ bales ; Wisconsin, 20,000 bales; Mirhigan, 4,000 balés ; other Western States, 2,000 bales; Eastern, 5,0ф0 bales; Canada to New York State, 4,000 bales; total, 85,000 Gales.

## focks of Grain and Nour at Briush Ports.

The following statement shows the stocks of flour and grain in store at the ports of Liverpool, Hull, Bristel, Neweastle, Leith, Glasgow, Dublin, Belfast, Londonderry, anil London at the end of Deeember in 1869 and 1868. From it we take the totals, which are as follows :

Flour, brls.
Flour, sacks.
Whet, qrs
Barley, qrs
Maize, qrs.
Oats, qrs.
Beans, qrs
Pens, qrs
1869.

325,778
173,125
173,125
1
936,555
158,806
316,778
479,099
29,264
23,296
Petrotenm
The following table shows the exports of Petroleund from the United States from January 1.to January 18 :-

From New York
.galis
158,958
158,958
$.19,228$
892,259
9,475
Philadelphi
Baltimofe
Portiand
New Bedford
Cleveland
Total Exporf from the U.S. $\quad 2,07,4,820$
Same time 1867
Same time 1860

## Peansyivanta ofl wells.

The following table shows the prodnction during December, the average per day, the producper day since January 1st; the product from Janu-
ary 1st, 1868 , to January 1st, 1869, and the average per day for the same time:


Add estimated leakage and 2,492 shrinkage bbls.

Total production during Dec.
Average per day..............
Production reported 1869...
12,844
398,186
3,846,956
Production since Jan. 13t...
11,548
Total production same time last year

4,215,142

Average per day' same time
last year ( 366 days) ........
3,715,741

Average per day during Dec.
10,152
Visible supply of Cotton.
The following table shows the quantity. of cotton in sight at the latest dates of each of the two past seasons.



Marseilles................ 4,150 5,100
Bremen.
4, 150
2,700
Stock rest of Continent Afloat for $\mathrm{Gr}^{\circ}$ Britain (Am.) 38,000 141,000 8,750 Total Indian Cotton afloat for Europe.

86,978 167,500 Stock in United States perts 483,636 341,793 Inland-towns. 101,70062,000

## Total............... 1,438,815 1,299,898

These figures indicate an increase in the cotton in sight, of 138,917 bales, compared with the same date of 1860.

Cost of Water Works - The following state ment of the prices of Water Works materials and work as laid down in Hamilton, is published in a Peterboro papers 12 in . main, laid complete, per foot $82.93 ; 6 \mathrm{in}$. main, laid complete, per foot $81.34 ; 4$ in. main, laid complete, per foot 85 c S1.34; $4 \mathrm{in}$. . uain, ald complete, per foot 85 c .
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8130 ; one 6 in . stop-valve with chamber complete. 8139; one 6 in. stop-valve with chamber complete
870; one Hydrant with chamber complete $\$ 60$. Depth of cover on main 5 ft 6 in . To get good fire pressure the head should not be less than 100 feet.
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-The hull and machin ery of the steamer Lake St. Peter, burned some time ago, was sold at auc tion yesterday for $\$ 3,150$.
-The imports of dutiable gcods at Halifax ior the past year, were $84,652,915$, and of free goods $1,811,224$. Over three millions of the dutiable goods were from Great Britain.


STATEMEENT OF BANKS
AOTING UNDER CHARTER, FOR THE MONTH ENDING 3 ora décember, 1569 , according to retubns furnished by the bínks to the auditor of public accgunts.


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