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MILTON, Nova Scotia, has ordered a steam fire-engine, to cost \$3,000.

SEVENTEEN car loads of fat cattle have been at the Government cattle sheds at Moncton station, and more are expected.

GEO. E. LAVENS, of Yarmouth, N. S., has assigned in trust, and H. L. Borden, of Pugwash, N. S., offers 10 per cent. cash.

MR. JACKSON RAE, formerly general manager of the Merchants Bank, has established himself in Montreal as a general financial agent.

A NUMBER of steamers sailed from Great Britain for Montreal from the 11 to the 15th April, so that arrivals of seagoing vessels may be looked for.

THE St. John Globe states that the Government have agreed to give \$10,000 towards the erection of a permanent exhibition building for New Brunswick.

A KINGSTON gentleman has invented a roofing material, the ingredients in which are principally mineral, which is cheap and simple in preparation, and claimed to be fire proof.

MR. F, B. MATTHEWS, formerly of Leckie, Matthews & Co., Montreal, has joined the general brokerage firm of Cundill & Co., which will now be known as Cundill, Matthews & Co.

A BARQUE takes a load of potatoes from Kingsport, England. She carries 6,000 barrels. A Moncton gentleman has received an order from Belfast, Ireland, for 700 barrels of potatoes.

The creditors of James McDonald, trader, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., will hold a meeting on 24th inst. to consider the insolvent's offer of 21 per cent which is in addition to the 12 per cent. already paid to them.—the dividend of 21 per cent to be payable in 12 months, by joint notes of his own, D. McDonald and Jno. McDonald.

J. W. WINNETT, furniture dealer in Winnipeg, has been in business for a long time, but at no period appears to have made much headway. His stock is now attached. He still hopes to make some arrangement with his creditors.

WM. Anderson, dry goods dealer, Guelph, has the sheriff in his premises in charge of his stock. It is questionable if he ever made any money and some of his wealthy friends have had to assist him.

In the Halifax House of Assembly, on Saturday last, the Prov. Secretary said that he believed the Government would receive from the Dominion Government about \$40,000, arrears of railway claims, and other sums improperly charged to the province, and this amount would be appropriated for the benefit of roads and bridges. He read a resolution to that effect which passed the House.

A COMPANY has been organized in New Hampshire, with a capital of \$500,000, which has bought the old "Temple" mine, near the "Rose" mine, Halifax County. The name of the mine has been changed to "The British-American Gold Mine."

A TYPOGRAPHICAL error was made last week in the initials of the members who compose the new firm of Messrs. Taylor Bros. paper manufacturers, in this city. The names should have been John F. Taylor, George A. Taylor and William T. Taylor.

On the 10th instant there were in port at St. John, uncleared, three ships of 5,163 tons; four barks of 3,024 tons; one barkentine of 640 tons; three brigantines of 819 tons, and thirty schooners.

AT a meeting of the creditors of J. H. Philp, hatter, of Halifax, held 5th inst, the liabilities were shown to be \$2,000, and assets \$1,400, the insolvent offered 25 per cent. securedby W. J. Coleman.

MR. C. P. SHAW, general dealer, Windsor. N. S., is in difficulties. He is said to owe about \$4,800, and to have assets of only about \$1,400. He is uderstood to be ready to make an offer of 25 per cent (secured) 6, 9 and 12 months, or 20 per cent cash.

THE memorandum of association fyled with the Provincial Secretary, of the St. Martin's Manganese Co, of St. Martins, N. B., shows those forming the Company to be Henry Horton, J. R. Cameron, F. G. Ralston, M. McDonald, Thos. S. Sims, and Jno. H. Harding, of St. John, and Chas. Dunham of Boston. The capital is to be \$125,000, divided in 25,000 shares of \$5 each.

T. Roberts, grocer, of Indiantown, N. B., has assigned in trust to Geo. F. Baird. T. E. Mollins, tinware dealer of that city, has sold out to McRoberts & Crawford, and Edwd. Finnegan, liquor dealer there, has sold out to E. H. Dane.

M. B. CAMPBELL, doing a small stationery business in Strathroy, is in trouble, the sheriff having meanwhile charge of his business. He & Co. was held in St. John, N. B. on Monday

Duncan McGregor, grocer, Walkerton, began business a year ago with \$800 cash capital. Now he offers to compromise liabilities of \$1976 at 65 per cent. His nominal assets reach about \$2,000. Business in that town is now pretty well cut up.

THE directors of the Hudon Cotton Co., propose to make a still further addition to the large mills at Hochelaga. The factory is running over-time, and has orders on hand for a long time to come.

ONE of the foremen of Messrs. Fogarty & Brothers' shoe-factory, in Montreal, has been found out in pilfering valuable leathers. Calf and kid skins, were taken to his house, and he had even carpeted one of his rooms with the stuff intended by the firm for lining overshoes.

FULLER's flax mill at Stratford, which stood idle for some time, has been leased by the Messrs. Livingston, of Baden & Listowel, who expect greater activity in that article.

THE proprietor of the Chicago Times has closed a contract with a Montreal firm for 1,000 tons of printing paper. He finds it cheaper to pay freight and duties than to submit to the prices charged by the combination which holds the American market by the throat.

A COMMERCIAL traveller named Chas. Worthen in the employ of Field, Leiter & Co., of Chicago, lost his leg by a G. T. R. accident in 1877, at Detroit Junction, and sued the Company. was awarded heavy damages, but in subsequent courts the judgment was reversed. It is now stated that Worthen has been awarded \$45,000 damages, by the highest tribunal, an enormous amount if the report be true.

A GRAND convention of millers is to be held in Cincinnati on the 30th prox., if the state ment of a news correspondent in that city may be relied upon. Over 1,000 representatives are expected from the other side of the Atlantic. and every State in the Union and the provinces of Canada are to be fully represented. If half of what is said of this affair is true it will cer. tainly be upon a magnificent scale.

A PETITION was presented in Parliament on Tuesday by Mr. Gault, in favor of Mr. Girouard's Bill to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister. It was signed by between thirty and forty clergymen of various denominations, including Dr. De Sola, of the Jewish Synagogue, and the pastor of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Montreal. The bill has since passed.

NEAL DEWAR, grain and general trader at Lawrence Station, Ont., about six years ago commenced business. Now he cannot, it is reported, meet his payments, and is about to ask the consideration of his creditors. He was always supposed to be doing a steady and safe business. It comes out now, however, that during the last three years he has been operating in grain in addition to his other business. These grain operations, and his locking up money in a warehouse are probably the cause of his trouble.

A MEETING of the creditors of James Adams ia said to have been living on his wife's income. last, and an assignee appointed. The total lia-

bilities of the firm were stated at \$92,744.12, and assets estimated at \$42,108.92. Messrs. Daniel & Boyd made an offer of the full amount of the assets, \$42,108.92, for the partnership estate, which was accepted by the creditors present at the meeting.

LAST week a deputation from the Institute of Accountants and Adjusters, went from this city to Hamilton for the purpose of forming an association in that city. To carry out this object, a committee composed of Messrs. J. J. Mason, Thos. Wavell, R. L. Gunn, H. Stephens, F. C. N. Robertson, A. G. Ramsay and John Cape were appointed, with power to add to their number, to consider the details of the scheme, and report to an adjourned meet-

An epizootic disease has broken out among the horses of Quebec and neighborhood. The first case appeared on the first March, and the disease has already become general. It will be remembered that several cases of this malady varidla equina, appeared in Montreal and at Toronto in 1872 or 1873. In 1877, the mojority of the horses in Montreal were attacked with this disease.

A lady, Miss Livingstone, placed \$1000 in the hands of a New York stock broker, to enable him to speculate in stocks for her. One may cease to wonder at the magnitude of New York stock transactions, when he learns that the purchases and sales made with this \$1000 footed up to \$3,560,000, and that the actual buying and selling prices amounted lo \$2,211,-428.84. The broker managed, in the end, to lose Miss Livingston's money, and charged her \$4,000 in addition as commission: which commission, after three trials, the courts have finally disallowed

THE Court of Appeal in England has just decided that a wife, living amicably with her husband, cannot pledge the credit of her husband, even for necessaries: that she can do so only as his agent, and there must be proof that she had his authority to act in that capacity. Lord Chief Justice Thesiger said: "If there had been prior orders or credit brought to the knowledge of the husband, his quiescence might afford evidence of acquiescence, but in the case of a wife first dealing with a tradesman, what right had he to assume the authority? The tradesman must he taken to know the law, and to be aware that the wife's authority might have been withdrawn, and if he did not choose to make enquiries he must take the consequences."

In consequence of a resolution passed by the bondholders the manager of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway has notified the employees that in the event of the failure of the Company to secure aid from the municipalities to prosecute the change of gauge of the railway, their services will have to be dispensed with at the first of June next. If there is no prospect of the municipalities granting bonuses the road may be closed from the date mentioned. The freight traffic on the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway is greater this season than it was last.

From the 1st January till the end of March, this year there have been moved about 400,000 bushels of grain. In the same time last year there were only about 250,000 bushels moved. The quantity in store in warehouses along the line is about the same this year as last, namely, about 250,000 bushels. It would be a serious matter to have this road closed, especially to those who have invested their money upon the belief that the road would be permanent.

A NOTICE of motion has been submitted to the Commons by the Premier, which forms an appropriate tribute to the memory of the late Hon. Jno. Young, of Montreal. The motion will recite that in consideration of the services (gratuitous during nine years) of that gentleman towards works of great import to the navigation of the St. Lawrence, it is expedient to empower the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal, to pay annually to his widow during her life, out of the funds of the Corporation, a sum equal to the interest at six per cent. on \$10 000, to be reckoned and paid as from the time of Mr. Young's decease.

The Scottish American Investment Company has instituted proceedings against the Montreal Warehousing Co., for \$9,027. The action was brought in respect of the coupon bonds issued by the Warehousing Co., in 1874, and which are now repudiated on the ground that the act of the Quebec Legislature, authorizing them to Pay 7 per cent. interest was unconstitutional, and that defendants in agreeing to pay 7 per cent. entered into a usurious, and therefore illegal contract. A further ground of defence is that the bonds were issued by the directors without the knowledge of the shareholders. The whole issue of bonds amounts to £500,000 sterling.

THE New York Bulletin on the authority of a Copenhagen paper, states that the great depression in the Scandinavian lumber trade had ruined many merchants and traders. "At the beginning of the present winter a decline of from £1 to £3, per St. Petersburg standard, took place, but this was rapidly followed by an advance of from 50 to 130 per cent. There is no likelihood of lumber becoming cheaper. On the contrary, there is every reason to look for higher prices. The total number of trees felled in Sweden and Finland during the winter of 1878, was 11,169,000, but only 3,548,000 were felled in winter of 1879. The Norwegian supply is somewhat scarcer, and as their is a great demand from Germany, an advance is not improbable."

Official statistics show what heavy consumers of tobacco the Germans are. During the year 1878 that empire used tobacco worth 353,000,000 marks which brought a revenue to the Government of 26,383,966 marks. The quantity used was 2,196,000 cwts. and of this 582,600 has been smoked in the shape of cigars. Reckoning 100 cigars to a pound in weight, the number of cigars consumed in 1878 would be more than 7,000,000,000, or enough to give 10,000,000 smokers two cigars a day all the year

around. Besides in cigars, the Germans smoked 1,327,200 hundred-weight of tobacco in other forms. They snuffed 160,600 hundred-weight, and they chewed 14,260 hundred-weight, more than one-third of all this tobacco was grown by Germany itself, mainly in Rhenish, Bavaria Baden, South Hesse, and Alsace-Lorraine.

THE extended credit system which has long prevailed has given rise, as was natural, to many schemes of the nature of collection agencies. Bad debts or doubtful debts continue to be made, we regret to say, so numerously as to make one doubt whether the business cmmunity are growing wiser in this respect as they grow older. The desperate nature of some of the debts permitted to be contracted is the only explanation for the big percentages offered for their recovery or the risks run in the choice of collectors. But, indeed, the recklessness with which collections are entrusted by Canadian merchants to unknown persons, claiming to represent remote, or it may be apocryphal foreign firms or agencies, compels one to wonder at the credulity of our countrymen. There is a new agency soliciting business in our midst. "The Canadian Reporting & Collecting Association," which, we observe from its circular, has formed connection with Stubb's mercantile offices, well known in Britain, and with the N. A. Attorney's and Tradesmens' P. U. Co. of New York, which is not so well known to us. The Association publishes certificates from a number of Canadian firms who have employed it with satisfaction to themselves. A special feature of the concern is its cipher code, for comunication by telegraph or mail.

In January of last year we gave some particulars of a suit, W. Parsons, of Orangeville, hardware dealer, burned out in 1877, vs the Standard Insurance Co., for a fire loss, the grounds of the Company's defence being that the plaintiff had not disclosed prior insurances, as required by the conditions of the policy; that the property insured had not been properly described, &c. The case was decided against the Company. Towards the close of last year, this matter was still in dispute, as well as another company's insurance having been carried to a higher Court, (\$9,1000 and \$4,000.) Failing to obtain payment of his claim amounting thus to \$13,100. Mr. Parsons fell behind in his payments, and as we learn from a circular issued by him on the 8th instant, some of his creditors "have come down on him." His liabilities reach \$36,000, and he claims to have a surplus of \$13,960, including these insurance claims.

THE largest mass of pure copper ever found in Lake Superior district, was taken from the Minnesota mine, in Ontonagon county, the rough weight of which was 540 tons, and it produced 446 tons of pure copper. The thickest part of the mass was a little over seven feet. It required the labor of twenty men during the period of twenty three months. The Cliff mine developed one mass weighing a little over two hundred and fifty tons.

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Montreal, April 14th, 1880.

| STOCES. | Lowest Point in Week. | Highest Point in Week. | Total Transact'ns in Week | Buyers. | Sellers. | Average Price, like Date, 1879. |
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| Consolidated | | | | | | 47 |
| Peoples | | | 11 | 72 | 80 | 521 |
| Molsons | 791 | 80 | 81 | 72 80 2 | 85 | 78 |
| Toronto | | | 9 | 128 | 135 | 111 |
| Jac. Cartier | | | | 71 | -33 | 34 |
| Merchants | 95% | 97 | 898 | 971 | 971 | 84 |
| Commerce | 011 | 119 | 347 | 119 | 120 | 104 |
| Union | | | 347 | 75 | 140 | |
| Hamilton | | | | | •••• | •••••• |
| Exchange | | | | 40 | 471 | 88 |
| Mon. Tel | 941 | 958 | 150 | 941 | 95 | 55 103 |
| Dom. Tel | 944 | 651 | 16 | 944 | 93 | 103# |
| Rich. & O. Nav. | 42 | | 205 | 428 | | ••••• |
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THE BANKING AND DOMINION NOTES RESOLUTIONS.

The government resolutions on banking and Dominion notes contain but little more than has already been stated in these columns. There are in them, however, some features which we have not hitherto noticed. The government bonds which are to be held to secure in part the redemption of the Dominion notes, are to be guaranteed by the British government. This, of course, alters the character of the security. A government bond, without such guarantee, would not really add to the security of the note; since both note and bond would rest on the credit of the government. British endorsation makes the bond as good as any security in this form can be. That guarantee will be for a limited time only; and when the time expires, the security of the Dominion note will rest on the gold reserve and unguaranteed bonds. This is one way in which the tendency to weaken the guarantees for conversion of the Dominion notes, in future, will operate. The reserve of gold and Dominion notes is a partial reserve, and is to be equal to twentyfive per cent. The gold reserve, now twentyfive per cent., is to be reduced to fifteen; a large decrease to make at a single bound. The proportion is much less than the specie reserve of the banks, which is now equal to one-third of their note circulation. This reduction looks like an attempt to make experiments on the verge of danger. The government is liable to be called upon by the banks to give specie for Dominion notes; such calls may be suddenly made for large amounts; and that is a reason why the gold reserve should not be fixed at too low a point.

One of the principal grounds of objection to the extension of the Dominion note issue to twenty millions of dollars lies in the fact that it is an expedient for borrowing. To the extent that the government notes displace the notes of the banks, will the instrument of exchange cease to be issued resolutions, the proportion of the cash reserves

in aid of expenditure which, in the ordinary course of things, becomes immediately productive. If the government issue goes to pay the ordinary expenses of the government, it will to a very small extent only be productively employed. For the most part, the ordinary expenditure of a government brings no return. The exception is such cases as the repairs of public works, which are either directly or indirectly productive. If, as seems to be the intention, the increased issue of Dominion notes is to represent a lock up in the Pacific railway, it will to that extent lessen the amount of floating capital available for such purposes as that form of capital properly finds employment in. If there were a scarcity of such capital, the result would be very injuriously felt.

It is, of course, not easy to say to what extent the government will be able practically to extend the Dominion note circulation. The banks will be required to pay Dominion notes to any one who may ask for them, up to \$50. This requirement will take from the banks the option of paying small sums in silver instead of Dominion notes; and a plea that small notes have run out will in future not be available. Besides this, the banks will be required to hold forty per cent. of their reserves in Dominion notes. Besides what they are to keep always on hand, they will require a larger amount than at present to pay out. In these two ways, the government will be able to increase the amount of Dominion notes in circulation; for those held as reserves, as well as those in the pockets of the people, must be regarded as being in circulation. Still it will be a long time before the Government will be able to increase the Dominion circulation to anywhere near the extreme limit for which authority is to be taken.

The resolutions concerning the banks and bank charters are as follows:

"That the charters of the several banks to which the Act respecting Banks and Banking (34 V., c. 5) applies shall be extended to the 1st day of July, 1891, subject to the following provisions:

"(1.) That after the first day of July, 1881, (on which day their charters, if not extended, would expire), the payment of the notes of any such bank intended for general circulation shall be the first charge upon its assets, and that the bank shall not, after the said day, issue or re-issue any such note for a less sum than five dollars, or any other sum not being a multiple of five dollars.

"(2.) That from and after the same day any such bank, when making any payment, shall on the demand of the person to whom the payment is to be made, pay the same or such part thereof not exceeding fifty dollars, as such person may request, in Dominion notes for one or for two dollars each at the option of the receiver.

"(3) And that from and after the passing of the Act to be passed in pursuance of these

to be held by any such bank is Dominion notes shall never be less than 40 per cent.

"(4.) That the form of the monthly returns to the Government shall be so amended as to show more clearly the financial position of the bank.

"(5.) That sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Act of last session (42 V., c. 45) respecting the numbering of bank shares, be repealed.'

The resolution concerning the currency is in the following terms:

"That it is expedient to provide that the amount of Dominion notes issued and outstanding at one time may be increased to twenty million of dollars, provided that the Finance Minister shall always hold for the redemption of such notes an amount in gold, or in gold and Dominion securities, guaranteed by the Government of the United Kingdom, equal to not less than twenty five per cent. of the total amount of such notes then outstanding, and that at least fifteen per cent. of the total amount of such outstanding notes shall be so held in gold; and the statements to be published by the Finance Minister under the eighth section of the Act 3r Vict., Chap 46, shall show distinctly the amount so held by him in gold and guaranteed securities respectively."

RAILWAY COMPETITION WITH CANALS.

The experience of the last twenty years goes far to prove that no long canal of moderate capacity can successfully compete with railways. The Erie canal is of this description, and it is instructive to notice how it has been losing ground, in spite of the reduction of the tolls. The figures will be found in Commissioner Brunel's Supplement, No. 1, to the Report of the Commission of the Inland Revenue of Canada, just published. The comparison is of the total tonnage of freight carried by the canals and railways of the State of New York, from 1859 to 1878. In the first of these years, the canals carried 68.9 per cent. of the whole. Ten years later, the proportion had sunk to 47 per cent. After this year, 40 per cent. is the highest figure. The proportion was 38.9 per cent. in the years 1870 and 1871. In 1873 the figure went down to 34.9, to which point it has never since risen; 31, reached in 1874, was the next highest. Then follow three years, in which the highest figure reached was 28.4, in 1875; the next year showed a decline to 24.6, from which, however, there was a recovery to 28.3 in 1877. The next year, the last to which the figures bring us. the proportion of the whole tonnage obtained by the canals was only 27.1.

The fall from 68.9 per cent. in 1859, to 27.1 per cent. in 1878, though subject to some inevitable fluctuations, is too progressive and persistent to admit of any but one conclusion:

The railways are beating the canals, in the competition for freight of all kinds.

For 1879, we have figures covering one

kind of freight, vegetable food, which happens to be the one for which our canals are chiefly competitors. In that year, what the canals carried is expressed by 1,833,339, and what the railways carried by 4,353,617. On the great alteration which these figures show as compared with the year 1878, Commissioner Brunel remarks: "It appears that notwithstanding the modification of the Erie Canal tolls, the proportion of the volume of freight of the description mentioned (vegetable food) carried by the railways, has increased from 659 per cent. in 1878 to 704 per cent. in 1879." Eleven years ago, the canals carried more of this description of freight than the railways, the proportions being, canals 1,302,613, railways 1,-087,809.

These figures show that the railways have gained on the canals in a ratio that has given them a complete victory. The making their conquest shows that the result is not merely accidental or fortuitous, but that it is owing to causes which not only persist but which acquire increased force with time. The theory that the railways have been carrying at a loss breaks down in face of the fact that they thrive under this competition. It is not surprising that the special advocates of the Erie Canal interest should call upon the Legislature to abolish the canal tolls altogether; but it is even doubtful whether even this measure would restore the lost traffic to the canal. The State, as owner of the canal, is deeply interested, but its interest lies in getting a return upon capital expended. It can have no interest in abolishing the tolls. If it were to do so, its pecuniary interest in the canals would cease; and all that BUILDING AND LOAN SOCIETIES. would remain to it of its enormous expenditure would be the burden of keeping up these works.

It is evident from these figures that what Canada, as a carrying country, has to fear, is not the competition of the Erie canal, but the competition of the railways leading from the Western States to the seaboard. Our canals are not long and shallow, like the Erie; they are links in a great chain of lake and river navigation. The revenue of our canals fell off last year \$14,965.30, or about 4.48 per cent. But on all the principal canals except the Welland, on which repairs are going on, there was an increase, amounting in the aggregate to \$18,157.63. The decrease on the Welland canal was therefore greater than the total decrease; showing that the trade of the St. Lawrence canals was in a progressive state.

The Erie canal tolls were lowered in

suffered most from railway competition. The comparison to be made is aiways with the year 1869, the year before the reduction of the Erie canal tolls. In 1870, there was, compared with the year previous, a fractional decrease on the New York canals and an increase on the Welland of 28.43 per cent.; in 1871, N. Y. canals showed an increase of 42.03 and the Welland of 32.59; next year, the N. Y. canals showed 28.53 increase against 23.73 on the Welland; in 1873, the N. Y. canals increase was 33.97, Welland 7.18; in 1874, N. Y. canals increase 35.69, Welland 23.55; 1875, N. Y. canals 0.22, Welland 1.61; 1876, N.Y. canals 18.29, Welland 9.69; 1872, N. Y. canals, 15.07 increase, Welland 19.3 decrease; 1878, N. Y. canals, 46.83 increase, Welland 12.89; 1879, N. Y. canals, 40.75 increase, Welland 16.10. These figures embrace the tonnage on flour, wheat, barperiod of time during which they have been ley, corn, oats, rye and other vegetable food; and they show that the Welland canal had made a greater loss than the canals of the State of New York. Each of the last four years shows a decrease, as compared with the traffic of 1869. Something may be due to the interruption to traffic caused by the enlargement; but the progressive decline, compared with the N. Y. canals, must be due to some other cause. That cause would appear to be the reduction of the tolls on the N.Y. State canals. But if this be taken as demonstrated, it does not follow that we ought to throw away the tolls which our canals now yield. Still, the existing state of things demands the serious consideration of the government.

Building Societies have undergone so many changes, since the first of them was formed by the Earl of Selkirk, in 1815, that it would not be surprising if some anomalies were found in some of them after the lapse of sixty-five years. They were first started, and long continued, in Great Britain, as Benefit Societies. A number of persons put their monthly contributions into a common fund, out of which some of them, from time to time, borrowed enough to enable them each to buy a homestead. only some of the members became borrowers, the contributors were divided into two classes, borrowing members and non-borrowing, or, as they were sometimes called, investing members. As both classes were members, the borrowers had a voice in the management equally with the non-borrowers, and as the object of the formation of the 1870, since which period it is important to Societies was to benefit the borrowers, the

class, and did not secure equal benefits to the investors. For instance, a rate of monthly payment was fixed, which, if always paid at the moment and the money invested without an hour's loss of interest, would reproduce the sum borrowed at the end of the term. But unless each monthly payment were always made on the day when it became due, it is obvious that there would be a loss, which would fall wholly on the investing members. To secure punctuality of payment became an important object; and for that purpose fines were invented. Unless fines had been exacted, one class of the members-the borrowerswould have got more than their fair share, and the other class-the lenders-would have got less. Under these circumstances, fines were necessary to restore the equipoise between the two classes of members.

Borrowers are still, in some Canadian Building Societies, called members; but they are not so, except in name. That the fiction is kept up is a proof of the persistency of forms, which often survive the spirit and original meaning. These Societies have now become ordinary joint stock associations, for the purpose of lending on the security of real estate. They are governed by a Board of Directors. The borrowers have no longer any voice in the making of the rules. They are not necessarily members previous to becoming borrowers, and generally they are not. The management is directed from a stand-point exactly the opposite of that from which the early Building Societies in Great Britain were directed.

Building Societies multiplied with such rapidity that, in 1850, there were no less than 2,000 in England alone. They had then for fourteen years been under "An Act for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies." As their institution had a benevolent purpose, Parliament indulged them with many exceptional privileges. They were partially exempted from the operation of the income tax; they were relieved from certain stamp duties, and they were not subject to the penalties then usually inflicted for usury. The last provision enabled the societies to take such bonuses for sums in their hands as any of the members were willing to give. But complaints came in time to be made that this privilege was, in other respects, abused. The bonus was a matter of bargain, in which buyer and seller were on equal terms. It was different, however, when the borrower desired to clear off the balance of the loan before it was due, at a single payment. In societies which were limited in point of time, as many were, see whether that canal or the Welland has rules were often made in favor of the latter theoretically have been sufficient; because

an expiring society, not being able to reinvest its money for the short term that remained to it, sometimes suffered an almost total loss of interest on what it received back before the stipulated time.

But when Permanent Building Societies were established, this state of things no longer existed; and when they became receivers of deposits, and were obliged, as a matter of prudence, to hold considerable sums to meet the possible demands of depositors, the possibility from suffering loss on sums they had received back from borrowers before the stipulated time, was reduced to a minimum. The reasons for the excessive charges for accepting repayments before they were due were no longer acknowledged, by authorities on the subject, to have the same force.

Complaints at length came even from the judicious friends of the Building Societies in England, that some of them were charging rates so unreasonable that the Legislature ought to interfere. In 1851, Arthur Scratchley, the well known Actuary, suggested among what he considered other necessary reforms, "That the interest chargeable in the repayments of borrowers should be limited, so that a check may be put to the usurious terms exacted in many of the old societies." This is what Dr. Orton proposes now; but it is nevertheless a remedy which the Legislature would not be justified in adopting. The fact that it was proposed by Mr. Scratchley, who may almost be said to be the father of Permanent Building Societies, is proof of the high rates of interest which these Societies at one time obtained in England. Obvious that Building and Loan Societies cannot be restricted to a particular rate of interest without a re-enactment of the Usury Laws, in all their fatal ramifications; and though these laws will always find advocates in the Province of Quebec, who are actuated by religious motives, enlightened Public opinion is thoroughly opposed to their re-enactment. In the State of New York, loans on personal security only come under the usury law; those on real estate are exempted. We see no reason for the difference; nor would there be any for making a difference the other way.

The prayer of the petition of the eldest and largest of the Building Societies to the Legislature, that the freedom of contract for the loan of money ought not to be interfered with, is one that Public sentiment accepts in advance. There needs no argument on this point -and there is not likely to be much, Borrower and one way or the other. they like for the loan of money, as for any interest over and above the time which the

other exchangeable commodity. What the borrower has a right to know, is the rate of interest he is undertaking to pay. In the case of straight loans, there is no difficulty; and this is one of the principal reasons why this form of loan is getting the preference among borrowers. Since Mr. Blake suggested that the actual rate of all loans made repayable by instalments should be stated in the mortgage, the suggestion has taken a practical form. Senator Brouse proposes to offer an amendment to the Building and Loan Companies Relief Bill, which, unlike Dr. Orton's, is sure to pass, an obligation on the part of mortgagees, "to print in red or blue ink across the face of the mortgage the actual rate of interest charged in that mortgage." This would give the borrower the information he is entitled to have, and would be a guarantee of its correctness. This Senator also proposes "to abolish all fines levied on borrowers." There is not the same necessity for this provision. The only necessity for it at all would be if it could be shown that the borrower may not always know that he is contracting to pay them. If a man were willing, with a full knowledge of the fact, to contract to pay fines for default, it is not quite clear why the Legislature should interfere to prevent him. An extraordinary remedy of this kind should not be exercised unless it were distinctly understood as part of the bargain; and the belief that it may not always be understood causes a desire for the suppression of fines. Fines are the relics of a state of things which has almost passed away; and it is more a question for the companies themselves, whether in the present state of active competition among lenders, it is wise to burden themselves with what may soon be regarded as an odious discrimination. money is like any other business: the lenders who offer the best terms will, in the end, get the bulk of the custom, and what is more, they will get the best of it. As between two loan societies, the borrower will select, other things being equal, the one that exacts no fines in preference to the one that exacts fines. This matter, like the rate of interest, will take care of itself.

Senator Brouse also proposes to enact that "in redeeming a mortgage, either voluntarily or through compulsion, the interest on the loan only be calculated on the amount of the loan, less any payments made, if any." This would prevent interest being exacted in respect to money already paid back. The equity of the proposal is too plain to admit of dispute. He proposes to allow repayments of loans before they lender should be free to make what bargains are due, on condition that six months

use of the money has been enjoyed, be paid. Most societies now take such repayments on receiving four months interest; but a legislative requirement that one party to the contract should have the option of altering one of the conditions, would compel Loan Companies to make a one-sided bargain, by which they might be losers. This would be neither equitable nor proper. The author of these amendments wishes to add that "all mortgages be construed as containing such clauses": a provision which, for the reasons stated, would be unjust. and which, if adopted ought certainly not to have an ex post facto effect. We are not convinced that there should be a cast iron form in which all mortgages should be drawn. The Ontario Legislature assumed to make uniform conditions for all insurance companies; conditions from which there was to be no variation. Senator Brouse does not go so far as this: what he says is that all mortgages shall contain certain conditions; he does not attempt to say they shall contain such and such conditions and no other. What he proposes may, with the exceptions noted be allowable; but there are others who go beyond him, and would have a statutory form of mortgage from which there should be no deviation. This would be an unwarrantable interference with the freedom of contract, which Parliament ought not to sanction.

FIRE INSURANCE.

The recent withdrawal of the Royal Canadian from the United States, together with the transfer of the business of the Scottish Commercial and the National to other companies should lead to some consideration of the influences at work on this continent antigonistic to the welfare of fire insurance companies generally.

In the United States there has been, during the past two years, a warfare amongst the companies themselves which has broken down many of the barrier's and safeguards between the companies and disaster. It has apparently not been a question of the survival of the fittest, or of the best conducted, or of the strongest companies, but of the most lucky; a multiplicity of risks having been, it would seem, the first consideration of the managers. It thus comes about that the ending of the insurance associations depended most largely on the good or ill fortune attending them, instead of upon their prudence, sagacity, forethought, or whatever may be deemed the proper attributes of good underwriting.

The "survival of of the fittest" is prevented

by the fact that none but very faithful friends will continue to transact business with companies demanding fair rates, writing policies which are just to their shareholders, denying privileges gratis which should be paid for or "adjusting" losses instead of settling them. Such companies must either lose business or join in the mad race for risks, trusting to luck for results. The "best conducted" of them are tempted to retain their business at inadequate rates, although conscious of the wrong they commit.

The "luck" on which so many are depending, is a very treacherous foundation on which to build a fire insurance business on this continent, because of the fact, patent and irresistible, of hazards of construction, of occupation and exposures unknown in Europe but which assert themselves in our Chicago's Boston's and St. John's, and not only in our cities but in every town and village. To instance some of these: the inordinate use of inflammable material for buildings; the elevator ways, the mansard roofs; the skylights, the general insufficiency of water supply; and the inefficiency of apparatus for salvage or for extinguishment of fires in tall buildings. Then there still remains the serious consideration of the low standard of business morality upon this continent, and the abrogation of insolvent laws which has in the United States caused a great increase in the loss ratio, as it may do here. And, yet further, the roving, unsettled habits of the people, who fly from one occupation to another or from one district to another with but little apparent feeling of attachment to things, persons, or places; a feeling which, in the old country, tends to preserve among its people a pride of honesty and integrity.

Whilst, therefore, we commend the course which is an evidence of prudence, viz.: the withdrawing from competition in an unprofitable field, we must not lose sight of the fact that an extended area of operations is essential to an insurance company. A company which confines itself to a particular class of risks or to a city or a county or a province or a state is always in danger of sudden extinguishment by any of the calamities to which its field of operations may be subject. It is like the farmer who, instead of sowing a variety of seed every year, places his whole dependence on one crop: this year, perhaps, all wheat, next all clover, next all barley-if the season is unfavourable to his particular crop he has nothing to make up for his loss. Whereas, the company which carried on business over a more extended area is like the farmer who so diversifies his crops as that the weather which hinders one will benefit another.

reckless seeding, or neglect in cultivation or carelessness in harvesting; and the prudent manager knows as well that recklessness in underwriting, neglect in inspections, or carelessness in adjustments will not bring success, however extended the operations or diversified the classes of risks.

Here it is, we think, that the Scottish Commercial and the Royal Canadian have erred-both of them have had good reputations in the United States, neither of them were under any necessity of "running amuck" or of running away, both have had large lines of good business on their books and possibly large lines of bad business also. Still, having expended large amounts in establishing their agencies it would appear to have been wiser to have pruned their business than to have cut up their trees by the roots; restriction of their field of operations will increase the pro rata expense of the business they will hereafter do, and will again decrease their income.

Managers and shareholders often overlook the fact that the only valid reason for the existence of an insurance company is that it may become a means whereby the many who do not suffer loss may pay the losses of those who do. If, at the same time, they reap a small margin of profit, happy are they. But to do this they must depend on the proper taking of every individual risk. Weed out all bad risks; weeds are a curse to the farmer, and the more of them the worse for him. That this good cultivation is the essential element of success, and that without it neither restricted nor widespread fields of operation will ultimately prove profitable, has been evidenced by events well known to our readers. We have had companies who boasted that their operations were confined to farm properties and isolated dwellings only, yet most of them have gone where successful enterprises do not go. We have seen companies confining their operations to places supplied with facilities for extinguishing fires, whose records at Toronto, Hamilton and London are not evidences of success. We remember when in 1877 the fires of St. Stephen, Portland and Woodstock in New Brunswick caused the companies to withdraw their "country" agencies in that province, and to concentrate the efforts of their general agents in the city of St. John, which had proved such "a dear place" to them.

In a circular to the agents of his company, Mr. Hope, of the N. Y. Continental, recently used the following sensible words: "The year 1880 ought to show a better result; the rights of stockholders demand it, and the best interests of policy holders The good farmer, however, knows that require it. Insurance companies should neither variety nor area will make up for grow stronger in each year in which no ex-

tensive conflagration takes place, so as to be the better prepared for the year-sure to come-in which such disaster shall occur-So to adjust and maintain rates of premiums, as shall secure properly graduated charges for insuring, and which shall include the expectation of and preparation for great fires, is a duty of all insurance officers and agents.

-The railways have been able to win through a reduction of rates. The reductions on the New York Central and the Erie railways are represented by the following figures, as given by Poor:

LINES. New York Central .. 1878 1873 .914 2.387 Erie 937 1.539 1.454

Whether railways' freight fares have reached their lowest point may be doubtful. It has been said that \$3 fare for carrying passengers between New York and Chicago would be a paying rate. Passenger fares remain relatively much higher than those for freight; and there is no prospect of an immediate further reduction in the latter, though it would hardly be safe to say, looking at what has been done, that this will never be possible in future.

-The suit of the Western Assurance Company vs. Johnson was argued in the Supreme Court last week. This is the third case of this class which has been under the consideration of that court. The real question at issue is the right of Provinces to legislate for Insurance Companies licensed by the Dominion. We have always contended that whatever the state of the law may be, it would be unjust for the different local Legislatures to interfere with companies which derived their power to transact business from the Federal Government. The court has now had the fullest opportunity to consider the question in all its bearings, and we will be glad to hear of an early decision.

EMPIRE MUTUAL POLICY HOLDERS.

A dissatisfied policy holder in the defunct Empire Mutual Fire Insurance Company writes us for an opinion whether he is liable for an assessment for the amount of his premium note given that concern, and says: "I think that, under the circumstances, it is disgraceful to even think of asking for the amount, and I suppose the money is for the benefit of the officials. In this our correspondent is apparently not far astray. The directors have coolly resolved to help themselves to all the law will permit them to get hold of. Indeed we are pretty sure that they have already, in their anxiety to save what they can out of the wreck, exceeded their authority, when they voted and paid themselves,

without the consent of the members, the sum of four dollars each for every meeting attended during the year. However, unless it can be shown that this is illegal, or that the Company was never properly organized in the first instance (it is now being questioned whether there was the requisite number of ratepayers present at the meeting when it was determined to organize the Company), the members will have to pay their notes. If the dissatisfied policy holders choose to club together and test some of these points, they will escape liability if they succeed in showing that the Company was never competent to issue policies.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Many of our readers will, we are sure, feel interested in the following statement, giving the experience of a gentleman in the United States, insured for \$5,000 in each of four companies. One of them is a Connecticut Company, two of them are Massachusetts Companies, and one is of New York City. None of them transact any new business in Canada.

Four policies of \$5000 each. Taken at age 30.

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|----------|----------------|------------|---------|---------|
| Year. | Conn. | Mass. | Mass. | N.Y. |
| 1 | 150.45 | 152.30 | 152.00 | 150.95 |
| 2 | 117.80 | 129.70 | 152.00 | 137.30 |
| 3 | 116.15 | 127.40 | 127.82 | 134.20 |
| 4 | 115.30 | 123.56 | 119.89 | 128.10 |
| 5 6 | 113.45 | 121.30 | 120.70 | 124.60 |
| 6 | 104.05 | 120.20 | 116.75 | 121.00 |
| 7 | 102.10 | 118.90 | 115.15 | 120.25 |
| 8 | 102.10 | 119.05 | 117.15 | 116.35 |
| 9 | 96. 6 0 | 120.70 | 116.03 | 100.05 |
| Tot'ls. | \$1018.00 | 1133.11 | 1137.49 | 1141.80 |
| pr.\$100 | 0 24.62 | 25.18 | 25 28 | 25.37 |

A lesson may be learned from these figures by those who are being duped so extensively just now by the worthless promises of co-operative associations, as to furnishing life insurance at all ages, at only \$6 per \$1000. Here are four of the most reliable and profitable mutual com-Panies of three states, each doing its best to give life insurance to its members at the lowest cost price. To help the premiums, they have an income from interest of over four millions of dollars per annum, and their immense business is conducted with the utmost economy. yet the best of them has been unable to furnish the genuine article at a less average cost during the 9 years than \$24.62 per \$1000; the next, at \$25.18; the third best, at \$25.28 and the last, at \$25.37, for each of the nine years.

What better evidence could be asked as to the actual cost of an article than is afforded by the experience of four large mutual associations during nine years past, each of them organized for the very purpose of getting their members, lives insured at the lowest price, with all the aid that combined capital, and the best actuarial, medical and administrative skill could furnish? The plain matter of fact is that nothing of a reliable and enduring character in life insurance can be had on any plan, at the age of 40, for anything less than from \$20 to \$30 per \$1000. Those who are guilty of making people believe that \$1000 can be had continuously from their

associations "at \$6 per annum, payable in monthly instalments," are pursuing a course very likely to end within very solid stone walls, so soon as their victims get their eyes open to the enormity of the swindle. At \$6 per year, every man of 1000 members would have to live an average of 167 years, after joining, to provide the \$1000, and if half of them should die in half that time, the other half would have to live and contribute 167 years longer to provide \$1000 at the death of each.

"There is no substitute for life insurance," says the N.Y. Bulletin, "except the possession of enough money in hand to make one independent of its offers. And as life insurance costs something, its price must be paid. To attempt to buy it at less than cost is to do a silly thing, since what is bought is only a doubt and not in. surance in any sense of that word." The complete collapse of the co-operative bubble system is only a question of time, and of short time at that in the opinion of that Journal, adding, it may be briefly, but truthfully, affirmed of this system, that its cheapness is illusory, its security the variest sham, its promises demonstrably fallacious, its effects delusive and disastrous. We have seen it tersely described as being a very good thing if there were "not so many ifs to get out of the way."

INJUDICIOUS GIVING OF CREDIT.

There is something to be learned by retail merchants throughout this country from the following remarks made by a County Judge in answer to a letter to him, complaining of the neglect of a Division Court Clerk in collecting money on a claim placed in his hands for suit. We commend the extract to the careful consideration of both retail and wholesale dealers, the latter of whom also have yet much to learn on the subject of the judicious giving of credit. No doubt the emissaries of the law are very frequently blamed for results which are properly chargeable to creditors own folly. After dealing with the particular complaint, the learned Judge, as reported by the Canada Law Journal, says:

"You remarked that you hope a better system will be established for the collecting of debts throughout the county than the present mode, as carried out by the Division Court Act. I have no doubt that there are instances of neglect on the part of clerks and bailiffs of Division Courts. But I believe that those instances are fewer in number than is generally supposed. There is a very common disposition to attribute neglect to these officials, merely because the money is not forthcoming. Now, pray, look for a moment at the difficulties they have to encounter.

A judgment has been obtained, and execution issued against a person of doubtful solvency. The bailiff seizes; a claim is made by some third party to the goods. If the bailiff interpleads, and the case goes against the plaintiff, then he blames the clerk and bailiff for not having known better than to lead him into such trouble and costs. If the bailiff is indemnified by the plaintiff, and proceeds to sell, he may have to stand as the defendent in an action; and should he be defeated, and the plaintiff called upon to indemnify him for the costs, here is are of interest. another cause of complaint. The clerk and the

other's hands, or into the hands of the successful claimant, or of the debtor-if the plaintiff declines to act either one way or the other, and the matter stands still, then the clerk is blamed for neglect. If he does not enter into a full correspondence on the subject, he is also blamed, although there is no pecuniary allowance made to him, even if he were to write a dozen letters on the subject. Then again, suppose the bailiff does not proceed to sell,—very likely there is an understanding between the bystanders that no one shall bid beyond a trifle, so that the goods may be bought in by the friend of the debtor, and thus only a portion of the amount is realized. These difficulties and many others are constantly arising in the case of debtors who are scarcely solvent—and in some cases are really insolvent. Where the debtors are in good circumstances, they pay the demands against them without trouble. But it is too much the custom, by entreaty, promises and representations, to induce people to buy goods who ought not to have had credit. These people are sure to cause trouble when the collecting has to be done. Sometimes they try to shield themselves from paying by setting up that the goods sold were of a miserably shoddy description, and that they were deceived, and induced to give a note by false representations. If this defence should prove unavailing, then an effort is made to defeat the execution. Of course there are, unfortunately, instances where debtors, who have no cause of complaint will, nevertheless, do this in order to avoid payment. In this state of things it is well to remember that the clerks and bailiffs in the rural districts have no attorney to apply to, as the sheriff of a county may do. In such cases, where there is a difficulty in the way, the sheriff can always communicate with the creditor's But with the attorney, and act accordingly. clerk and bailiff there is no such retuge; neither of these can get advice from an attorney unless he pays for it out of his own pocket. If he corresponds with the creditor on the subject he must do so gratuitously, for he is allowed nothing for letters written by him on such a subject. And if he were to do so, in all probability the creditor would pronounce him to be a very troublesome person.

I see no remedy for this state of things other than this, namely: That credit should not be given to persons whose solvency is It is a vain and useless thing doubtful. to cry out about bailiffs and clerks not immediately making the money from people of this kind. Depend upon it, the remedy is to be found deeper than with clerks and bailiffs. repeat, that there may be, and doubtless are, instances where they are remiss in their duties.
All I ask is some forbearance and consideration of the diffculties which surround them.'

PORK PACKING IN CANADA.—The operations of the past winter among pork-packers show an increase of 42,000 hogs or about 27 per cent. over the quantity packed in winter 1878-9. With the addition of 37,447 hogs summer packed in Canada, mostly at Toronto, Hamilton and Ingersoll, the total for both seasons is brought up to 195,379, the largest figures since 1876, as the following figures show:

Hogs packed in Canada for five years ending March 1st :-

| | SUMMER. | WINTER. | TOTAL. |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1879-80 | 34,447 | 157.932 | 195,379 |
| 1878-79 | 8,579 | 115,775 | 124,354 |
| 1877-78 | | 151,781 | 164,738 |
| 1876-77 | 58,544 | 186,198 | 244,742 |

The returns of the Cincinnati Prices Current That journal says: "Our returns for last winter show a total of 157,932, bailiff, it is perhaps said, are playing into each being 130,232 for the Province of Ontario, 24,700 for Quebec, and 3000 for Manitoba. The aggregate is an increase of 42,157 over the preceding winter." At Toronto, one house packed 44,829 hogs during twelve months ending March 1. Our Winnipeg (Manitoba...) correspondent says: "More hog-raising this season, and room for a good packer in a small way. No mess pork made yet. Hogs not very fat. Large quantities of pork stuffs come in here from Chicago." The following table shows the number of hogs packed at the different places in Canada during the past and previous winter seasons, from November 1st to March 1st:—

| Det 18t to Match 18t .— | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| Ontario. | 1879-80. | 1878.70 |
| Aylmer | no renort | 20/05/9 |
| Bowmanville | no report | |
| Desciulity | 4,576 | 2,72 |
| Brockville | no report | 1,800 |
| Brantford | 1,300 | 1,800 |
| Barrie | 1,200 | 300 |
| Chatham | | - |
| Callianna | 900 | 1,000 |
| Collingwood | 2,700 | 2,000 |
| Galt | боо | • • • • • |
| Guelph | 4,000 | 3,000 |
| Hamilton | | |
| Hencall | 20,000 | 14,350 |
| Hensall | 550 | 950 |
| Ingersoil | 10,500 | 9,000 |
| Keene | 350 | 300 |
| Kincardine | 2,000 | 1000 |
| Lindsay | | |
| Lucan | 2,300 | 1,100 |
| Lucan | 500 | 500 |
| Listowel | 440 | 700 |
| London | 13,500 | 7,500 |
| Newmarket | no report | |
| Orillia | | 460 |
| Orillia | 1,000 | 750 |
| Owen Sound | 1,400 | 1,000 |
| Park Hill | no report | 300 |
| Paris | | _ |
| Peterboro' | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Present | | 700 |
| Prescott | 2,000 | 2,500 |
| Port Hopen | o report | 900 |
| St. Inomas | o report | 1,500 |
| St. Catharines | 1,500 | |
| Seaforth | | 1,000 |
| Ct Mamila | 400 | 1,000 |
| St. Mary's | 416 | • • • • |
| Toronto | 48,000 | 28,500 |
| Uxbridge | 600 | •••• |
| Walkerton | | |
| Windsorn | 400 11 | o report |
| Trim -1 | | 1,200 |
| Wingham | 1,100 | |
| Places not reported, esti'ated | 7,000 | 5,000 |
| Quebec. | • • | 5,000 |
| | | |
| Montreal 2 | 0,000 | 15,000 |
| Quebec | 3,500 | 3,340 |
| St. Henri | 1,200 | •••• |
| MANITOBA. | , | |
| 7777 · | 2.000 | |
| Wilderpog and Emerson | 3,000 | • • • • |
| m | | |
| Total 15 | 7,932 | 115,775 |
| | 2,157 | 0.,,, |
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| Anona 11 C1 13 | 30 .50 | 201.01 |
| Average yield of lard, lbs | 21 10 | 20.50 |
| Average yield of lard, lbs Barrels of Pork made | .000 | 13,000 |
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| of home peaked and many and | ne total | number |
| of hogs packed and marketed | in the | ections |
| mentioned, from November 1 t | o March : | was: |
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| Packed at Buffalo, Albany | 0,451 7, | 400,048 |
| acked at Bunaio, Albany | | |
| and Troy | 37,561 | 151,835 |
| FACKED ON Pacific coast 76 | | 175,000 |
| | | |
| Receipts at four seaboard | 17,932 | 115,775 |
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| 2.7 B. more than Dievich | K VPST SE | IIDAAr. |
| Total for twelve months end | ing Mar | Tet · |
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| Summer supply 6,449 | | 563,658 |
| 7113 | 370 5.4 | |
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| Aggregate numberIR.TET | - | |
| Aggregate number 15,151 Increase, 1870–80 283 | - | 868,411 |
| Aggregate number 15,151 Increase, 1879–80 283 | - | |

Weight and production of the above reported supply of hogs for the year:—

1879-80. 1878-79.

Net weight of hogs, lbs2,945,757,068 2,973,923,386

Green meats, all kinds, lbs.....2,062,029,947 2,081,746,370

Production of lard, lbs483,122,687 516,844,129

SURETY DISCHARGED BY CREDITORS NEGLI-GENCE.—The case of the Canadian Bank of Commerce vs Green et al recently decided by the Court of Queen's Bench for Ontario is a most instructive one. The defendants were sued by the Bank, as maker and endorser of a promissory note which had been discounted by the Bank's solicitor, the defendants having become parties to it for his accommodation of which the Bank was aware. On the maturity of the note the plaintiffs handed it to their solicitor for protest, but he, instead of protesting it, sent it back to the defendants, saying that he had paid it. About three months after its maturity the solicitor absconded in insolvent circumstances, and after his absconding the defendants were for the first time notified that the note had not been paid. In answer to the action it was urged that the defendants should have been notified at once of the default having been made in payment, when they might have been able to recover the amount from the solicitor. The Court sustained this view of the case, holding that the Bank had been, guilty of negligence in not having the parties properly notified, and that in consequence the defendants were entirely relieved from liability. It certainly does appear strange that the Bank officials, knowing their solicitor himself to be the party who should pay the amount of the note, should have entrusted it to him at all, or having so entrusted should have been so remiss in seeing that he did his duty.

Brodie vs Etna.—This long-pending case has at length been decided by the Supreme Court, in favor of the Company. There were no widow nor orphans concerned in the case, the policy having been on the endowment plan, issued at the age of twenty-two and payable at thirty. An error was made in writing up the application by which both \$1,000 and \$2,000 was mentioned, but the premium specified was the correct premium for \$1,000. The policywriter made out a policy for \$2,000, calling for the premium due to a policy of \$1,000, and the error was not discovered by either party for three years. The Company then tendered a correctly-written policy, but Mr. Brodie refused to surrender the original contract, and therefore the Company gave him receipts for it as being for \$1,000. At the maturity of the policy, he demanded \$2,000, and the Company offered \$1,000, that being the amount he had paid for. Mr. Brodie brought suit in the Superior Court, Montreal, but Judge Mackay ruled that the Company was entitled to have the error corrected. Mr. Brodie then appealed to the Queen's Bench, where three of the judges gave him a verdict, the Chief Justice and another

dissenting, but the judgment was made partly on the ground that the notary, in tendering the amount of the policy, after suit had been entered, had not put in enough by three or four dollars, to cover the court fees. Thus far the judges stood three and three, and the Company feeling that so important a question should have a more decided answer, appealed to the Supreme Court at Ottawa, with the result above stated.

THE FAILURE LIST.—The first three months of this year show a smaller number of failures, and a very much smaller amount of liabilities, than the corresponding period of last year, of indeed of several late years. According to Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co.'s table, the failures have been as follows:—

| | | | No. of ailures. | Amount of Liabilities. |
|--------------|------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1st Quarter, | 1880 | • • • • | 503 | \$4,816,277 |
| " | | • • • • | 634 | 11,648,697 |
| 46 | 1878 | | 555 | 9,100.929 |
| " | 1877 | • • • • | 572 | 7,576,511 |

There is a manifest improvement here shown, but it is very far from being such an improvement as the United States figures exhibit-According to the same Mercantile Agency above quoted, the American failures for the first three months this year were 1,432 in number and \$12,777,074 in amount, compared with 2,524 failures, with \$43,112,665 liabilities, in the same period of 1879, and 3,355 failures, with \$82,078,526 liabilities, same period of 18 8. Says the circular, "As time progresses, the figures relating to failures seem to indicate a steady continuance of favorable conditions for the trade of the country."

-The formation of an Agricultural Commis" sion for Ontario, is a circumstance deserving notice. The Globe of the 5th inst., contains \$ list of the gentlemen who will probably form the commission as follows:-Hon. S. C. Wood, Provincial Treasurer and Commissioner of Agriculture. Thomas I allantyne, M.PP., Stratford J. B. Aylsworth, Vice-President of the Agricultural and Arts Association; Prof. Wm. Brown, the Agricultural College, Guelph: John Watson, Ayr; Thos. Stock, Waterdown; Andrew Wilson, Maitland; John Dryden, M. P. P., Brooklin; Wm. Saunders, President of the Entomological Society, London; Eli H. Hilborn, Master Dominion Grange, bridge; J. P. Wiser, M. P., Prescott; John McMillan, Hullett, Huron. William Whitelaw, Guelph. Richard M. Gibson, Ilderton, Middlesex, F. Malcolm, Innerkip, Oxford, Ed. Bryne, Burgess, A. H. Diamond. Toronto. The Hon. Mr. Wood is to be Chairman of the Commission and the medium of communication with the Government, and controlling all expenditures. Mr. Diamond will manage the correspondence, collate and arrange the information collected, and probably be the executive officer of the commission. The other gentlemen are expected to give their services gratuitously, their actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties alone being paid.

The subjects which are expected to come within the grasp of the commission are numerous, being according to the last report of the Minister of Agriculture, as follows :- 1. The soil, climate, topographical features, cultivable area, and products of Ontario. 2. The progress and condition of husbandry in Ontario. 3, 4, 5 and 6. Grain-growing, stock raising, dairying, and fruit growing in their several agricultural and economical aspects. 7. Bee-keeping. 8. Forestry. 9. Cultivation of special crops (flax, etc.) 10. Drainage. 11. Manures, natural and artificial. 12. Insects and insectivorous birds. 13. Em-Ployment of labour and use of labour-saving appliances. 14. the ownership system as compared with renting. 15. Stock laws. 16. Fencing. 17, 18, 19 and 20. Agricultural book-keeping, education, societies grants, shows and statistics. 21. The functions of the Bureau of Agriculture.

-The citizens of Winnipeg appear to be thoroughly dissatisfied with the rates charged by insurance companies doing business in the North-west, and they promise a liberal support to any non-tariff company that will enter the field. In the event of failing to induce some good company to undertake the business of fire underwriting in that wooden city, it is then pro-Posed to establish a strong local one. On this Point all we have to say to our business triends is: rather grin and bear high rates than invest in a new company, for if it were organized now it would be very unsafe to take three-fourths of all the risks offered in Winnipeg, and nothing less than that would make a fair average. A new local company, confining its business to the province of Manitoba, would soon experience a high ratio of expenses to premium income, because the field is limited, and in the event of a serious conflagration in the city the shareholders might wake up some morning and find the company disappeared in the clouds.

-The traffic returns of the principal American and Canadian railways for the month of March show very remarkable growth of earnings. The gross receipts of thirty-five roads for that month were \$18,567,981, against \$13,882,634 in March of last year, an increase of over a third. The increase for the first quarter of the year was from \$31,646,000 in 1879, to \$41,532,000 in 1880, about 31 per cent. While the unusual quantities of grain moved have influenced the figures greatly, the more likely reason for their growth is the higher freight tariff obtained by pooling arrangements and consequent absence of cutting. In this connection our larger Canadian roads make a good exhibit; the Grand Trunk shows an increase in the three months of \$248,572, the Great Western of \$97,355 and the Canada Southern of \$389,000.

-The Norwich Union Fire Insurance Com-Pany has decided to make a venture among Canadians, and to share with the other com-Paries in the losses and gains of Fire underwriting throughout the Dominion. Out of its large

accumulations from its British business, it has transferred to Canada the sum of \$100,000 which has been deposited in the Treasury of the Dominion. This company was established in England nearly a century ago, and as the practice was in that country, where an unpaid capital was considered vastly preferable to that paid up, only a small amount has ever been paid on its shares. The little acorn of paid capital has grown into a sturdy oak, which has braved the storms for many years. It has succeeded in making large accumulations in the shape of reserves which were, we understand, capitalized some time ago at five times the original amount, and yet command a large premium. Its risks now amount to \$675,000,000, and over \$12,000,-000 has been paid for fire losses during its career.

-There has been a strong bull movement on the Montreal stock market the past week, and bank shares have advanced; Bank of Montreal rose 23, selling up to 144 regular, and 140 exdividend; Ontario has changed hands up to 803; Merchants has advanced from 95% to 97%, and for Toronto, which sold early in the week at 125, there are buyers at 128; Commerce has risen 3 to 1, selling at 1194. Miscellaneous securities are quiet, and without material change. It is difficult to see the raison d'etre of the advance in bank shares, as the banks are doing but a small business. The movement is entirely speculative and the market is a broker's market throughout, but little being done for permanent investment. Money is easy; good mercantile paper is discounted at 7 per cent., and prime bills at 6; on call, loans are made at 4 to 5 per cent., and on time at about 6 per cent.

WE understand that a bill has been fyled in the Court of Chancery by Messrs. Macdougalls & Gordon, solicitors for the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, to restrain the Dominion Telegraph Company from leasing its lines to the new opponent in the United States, of the Western Union Co., viz., the American Union. The grounds of the bill are, it is said. that the Dominion Company has, by reason of its recent arrangement with the A. U. Co., deprived itself of the power to carry out certain arrangements with the complainant (the A. & P. Co.) dating from 1874, and the last-named concern has suffered damage in consequence. Next in order after an injunction will come, we suppose, an assessment of the damages sustained by the complainant company.

-The Halifax Mail regrets to learn on the authority of a private telegram received by a gentleman in that city last Saturday, that this season the Newfoundland seal fishery is likely to result very poorly. "The latest accounts received by mail from there, indicated the presence of ice on the coast, and it is not unlikely that this may have interfered prejudically to the Seal Fishery." A private telegram to a Hailfax firm, dated 10th states from St. John's Newfoundland, that six steamers had arrived from the sealing grounds with average cargoes.

-The estimated revenue of the city of Montreal for 1880 based on actual receipts of 1879, with cash in hand \$39,611, makes a total income of \$1,559,487 which the Finance Committee recommend to be appropriated as follows:-

Payment of interest and sinking fund \$744.052 General and ordinary expenses of city 574,007 Drill shed and exhibition buildings ... Reserve of 5 per cent for unforeseen ex-Government School Tax being } per cent. on value real estate..... 140,000

24,000 77,428

Total......\$1,559,487 The principal sources of this revenue as estimated are:

Assessment on real estate, being I per cent. on value and } per cent. for school tax.....\$600,423 Business duty and personal taxes..... 141,817 Arrears of assessments, business duty and personal taxes..... 242,803 Water rates and arrears of same..... 350,552 Market revenues..... 80.120 Police licenses..... Recorder's Court fines, private butchers' grocers', and innkeepers' licenses, and ground rents bring

There is now a probability that the long continued quarrel between the Montreal civic authorities and the City Passenger Railway Co. of that city will be brought to an end; an agree-ment satisfactory to both parties has been drawn up. An extension of the tracks throughout portions of the city not yet occupied by the company, and a reform in fares are among the benefits expected.

in \$35,000 more. The appropriations were

passed by the City City en bloc.

Correspondence.

FIFTY CENT IN THE DOLLAR TRADERS.

Editor Monetary Times.

Allow us to congratulate you not only upon the ability displayed in the leading articles in your paper, but also upon the fearless and independant manner in which you conduct it. Your remarks in last week's issue in reference to the circular sent you from London are timely and welcome. If our wholesale men would only act upon the advice often given by you, that is, to sell goods only to good men, there would be fewer of such men as Mr. Green in business to-

But the trouble is that a class of men, of whom he is a fair representative, are supplied with goods in almost every town in Ontario -and the result is that honest men who are anxious to pay for their goods and make a living are placed at a great disadvantage. For how can a man who pays for the whole of his goods, compete with his neighbor who only pays for the half of his?

And what makes it still worse is the fact that the wholesale men themselves are losers in the end. If they would sell only to men who understand their business, and who are known to be honest, there would be quite as many goods sold as at present, and both wholesaler and retailer would make a fair profit out of the business done. Yours respectfully. Bowmanville, April 13, '80. A RETAIL FIRM.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

PETROLIA, 12th April, 1880.

The Crude oil market keeps "quiet;" and in the present disturbed condition of feeling as to the result of legislation, the price has weakened

10 cents since last report, made two weeks ago. The average price may be called \$1.15 f.o.b., but transactions are very few. A speculative tendency to take hold is manifiest, which will be made active as soon as the House of Commons has pronounced its verdict. Refined is sustained at 11c., London freights. Business in this likewise waits on the settlement of the fire test. A very important communication from Mr. Mc-Lagan, Refiner, Guelph, appeared in Saturday's Globe (10th inst.) on the subject of the standard of testing. He has opened up a discussion that will only stop when the close test is abolished in Canada. It has been given up elsewhere, and the open test must come in use here too,from the simple fact that much more uniform testing can be had by the one than the other.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 13th April, 1880. Since this day week we have had a return of wintry weather, which however to-day appears to be giving way, the roads are very bad and for the time being business in the country is at a standstill. Stocks in the hands of merchants there are said not to be much broken in upon. Hardware is very dull with a decided downward tendency and unsettled market, especially is this the case with heavy goods, and quotations at the moment are not very reliable. Sellers being willing to make concessions to intending purchasers. Sugar has declined since this day week but the demand is not active, indeed there is no branch of the wholesale trade in the city that can be said to be "booming" just now. The opening of navigation will doubtless improve matters..

Ashes.—Pots.—The state of the ashes market has not varied much since our last, receipts are very light. and prices are steady at \$3.75.

Pearls, there is a weaker feeling for this sort of ash, but no transactions have taken place for some time and price is nominal. The stocks at present in store are Pots 770 brls and Pearls 345 brls.

345 brls.

Boots and Shoes.—A number of sorting orders have been coming in during the last week but stocks are not yet much broken in upon, a fair sorting trade is looked for later on in the season. Prices still continue firm at late quotations.

CATTLE.—The stock offering yesterday was large and many of them of very superior quality. All meeting with a ready sale at good paying prices, ranging from 3½ to 5½c, but the bulk of sales were within our range. Hogs were scarce and sales reported at \$5.25 and 6.00 per 100 lbs live weight according to quality. Calves brought from \$1.50 to 4.00 each; Spring Lambs \$4.50 to 6.00

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Since the breaking up of the roads, business in this line has been quiet, but large orders are on hand for shipment on the opening of navigation. There is no quotable change in any article on our list except in Shellao, which is easier Other chemicals though unchanged are firm. We quote Bi Carb Soda, \$3.90 to 4.00; Soda 4sh, \$2:75 to 3,00; Bi Chromate of Potash, \$16\frac{1}{2}\$ to 17\frac{1}{2}\$; Refined Borax, 14 to 15c; Cream Tartar Crystals, 31 to 32\frac{1}{2}\$; ditto ground, 32\frac{1}{2}\$ to 35; Caustic Soda, \$3.00 to 3.50; Sugar of Lead, 12\frac{1}{2}\$ to 15\frac{1}{2}\$c; Bleaching Powder, \$2.25 to 2.50; Alum, \$2.00 to 2.25; Copperas, per 100 lbs \$1.25; Sulphur \$3.25 to 3.50; Roll Sulphur, \$2.25 to 2.50; Epsom Salts, 1.75 to \$0.00; Sal Soda, \$1.50 to 1.75; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to 9.50; Sulphate of Copper, \$7.00 to 8.00; Whiting, 65 to 70c; Opium, \$6.75 to 9.50; Quinine, \$4.25 to 4.50; Ieedide of Potass, \$6.50 to 6.75; Bromide of Potas

ass, 50 to 55c; Morphia, \$3.75 to 3.90; Castor oil, 13 to 14c; Cod Liver oil, \$1.00 to 1.10; Shellac, 45 to 50c.

DRY GOODS.—Business without being large

DRY Goods.—Business without being large has kept houses moderately well employed; few buyers have been in the city, but those that have been, purchased freely. Manufactures of cottons and woollens are fully employed and have orders to work upon for sometime to come. The market in sympathy with England shows considerable firmness. Remittances have been pretty good the past week.

Furs.—Leipsic Fair opened briskly the 5th instant. Coon and mink sold freely. Skunk declined to per cent., and not all sold. Muskrats seem to have done very poorly, declining to per cent. and only one third sold, this, with the decline of 10 per cent. in March shows a very weak market while the quantity handling there has been very large. Our local market continues very quiet, and no change in prices to note, our quotations for rats are considered to be the outside that skins will reach here, but there are none offered yet although some traders have been in asking for quotations. We repeat last week's quotations. Mink prime dark large, \$1.25 to 1.40; ditto small, 75c. to \$1.00; Marten, prime, 75c. to \$1.00; Beaver prime, dark, per lb. \$2.00 to 2.25, Bear large, \$6.00 to 8.00; ditto small, \$2.00 to 4.00; Red Fox, \$1.50 to 1.60; Musk Rat fall, 8 to 100; winter 10 to 121c; spring, 15 to 17c; Lynx prime large \$1.00 to 1.50; Skunk prime, dark, large, 40 to 60c; ditto white, large, 20 to 40c. Racoon prime, 40 to 60c; Fisher prime, \$4.00 to 6.00; Otter, prime dark, 6.00 to 8.00.

FREIGHTS.—There has been some enquiry for tonnage for shipments in May, but we have heard of no engagements, the feeling however is that freights at opening of navigation will rule high.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week 6.830 brls., total receipts from 1st January to date 78,404 brls., being a decrease of 78,252 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1879. Shipments for the past week 4,057 brls, total shipments from 1st Jan. to date, 35,624 bls. showing a decrease of 26,454 brls. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1879. Towards the close of last week there was a rather better demand for flour, but this has subsided, and quietness again rules. Any business doing being chiefly in strong flour, the value of which is well maintained, market closes dull with only a small demand. We quote Superior Extra \$6.10 to 615; Extra Superfine, 6.05; to 0.00 Fancy 5.97½ Spring Extra, \$5 95 to 6.00; Superfine, \$5.55 to 5.60; Strong Baker's Flour, \$6.50 to 6.75; Fin., \$5.00 to 5.10; Middlings, \$4.35 to 4.50; Pollards, \$4.00 to 0.00; Ontario Bags, \$2.90 to \$3.00; Oatmeal, 4.60; Cornmeal, 3.00.

GRAIN.—Wh at.—Recipts for the past week 33,500 bushels. Total receipts from 1st Jan. to date 407,975 bushels being a decrease of 189,508 bushels on the receipts for the same period of 1879. Shipments for the past week 22,710 bu. Total shipments from 1st January to date, 315,194 bushels being a decrease of 279,660 bushels on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1879. There is nothing of any corsequence doing in any kind of grain, and quotations may be taken as nominal. Canada spring wheat \$1.37 to 1.39; Peas 81 to \$2c. per 66 lbs.; Oats 32c.; Maize, Barley and Rye in absence of sales are quite nominal. With the early prospect of open navigation we expect daily to hear of cargo sales for May and June delivery.

GROCERIES.— $T_{\epsilon}as$.—Transactions are within small compass, buyers are apparently holding off expecting lower prices, but holders are not disposed to make any further concessions. Japans are worth from 25 to 55c according to grade, our quotations being extreme figures. Congou

30 to 70c; Young Hyson 32 to 70c; Coffee.—Prices are pretty firm at quotations but the demand is limited to small job lots; we quote Jamaica 18 to 20c: Maracaibo 23 tc 24c; old Government Java 26 to 28c; Rio 18 to 21c; Sugar.—The sugar market is pretty dull, few sales of any magnitude are transpiring, not withstanding prices have given way, and we lower our quotations. Paris lumps 10g to 10fc; Granulated 9g to 10c; Grocers A 9g to 9g; Yellow 8 to 9c; There is little change in Raw Sugar, it has not been much enquired for holders are asking from 7g to 8gc; Molassed dull and easier, we now quote Barbadoes 36 to 40c; Trinidad 30 to 33c; Porto Rico 34 to 36c. Rice is easier, holders wishing to clear out stocks before the spring arrivals, it can now be had from \$4.15 to 4.30; Tapioca \$7.75 to 9.00; Sago 6.00 to 6.50; Spices.—Stocks are getting low, and with a moderate jobbing demand prices are well maintained. The only change since last Tuesday being in White pepper, which we quote 15g to 17c. Fruit sales are small and not very numerous. Valencia Raisins are scarce and very few can be had stour quotation of 8g to 8gc. all kinds of fruit are high and holders are firm at last weeks quotations.

HIDES.—The demand for hides is pretty brisk among dealers, and butchers have managed to advance prices to \$10\frac{1}{2}\$ \$9\frac{1}{2}\$ and \$8\frac{1}{2}\$ respectively for Nos 1. 2. and 3. Some of them are asking as high as \$11 and \$12.00 but we have not heard of these prices being given. Tanners are also buying at present prices. Calfskins 14c. per lb;

Lambskins 20 to 25c.

HARDWARE.—All lines of hardware are dull and quiet, and prices of heavy goods are decidedly easier. Merchants are willing to make concessions to effect sales but with little result. Buyers and sellers at the moment are at loss to find out what the future will be. Some are sanguine of higher prices, but the greater number sem to think there is no hurry to buy and prefer taking their chance as to price. We do not alter the quotations although private reductions will be made to intending purchasers.

LEATHER.—Business continues quiet with only moderate sales taking place. Holders generally are firm on account of the recent advance in the price of hides, but quotations are unchanged. Receipts are light. We continue to quote Hemlock Spanish Sole No. 1, B. A. 26 to 27½c; ditto No. 2, B. A., 24 to 25½c; No. 1, Ordinary, 25 to 26c; No. 2, ditto, 23c to 24; Bufalo Sole, No. 1, 22 to 23c; ditto No. 2, 20 to 21c; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 27 to 30c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 37 to 42½c; ditto, heavy, 35 to 38c; Grained, 35 to 30c; Calfskins, (27 to 36 lbs.), 55 to 70c; per lb., ditto (18 to 26 lbs.) 50 to 60c per lb; Sheepskin linings, 30 to 50c; Harness, 24 to 34c; Buflet cow, 14 to 17c; Enamelled cow, 15 to 17c; Patent Cow, 15 to 17c; Pebbled Cow, 13 to 17c; Rough, 24 to 28c.

OILS.—Petroleum.—Owing to the breaking up of the winter roads the demand has been very quiet and prices favor buyers. The present price in London is 11c. per gall, and in this market we now quote carlots 13\frac{2}{3}\to 14c. in store. Broken lots 14\frac{1}{2}c. single brls. 15 to 15\frac{1}{2}c. Coal Oil is the turn easier and would be sold at 45 to 47\frac{1}{3}c. but there is hardly any demand at present. Seal is firmer and holders are not much inclined to make concessions, steam refined 57\frac{1}{3}\text{to}. Soc. and pale 50 to 52\frac{1}{3}c. Linseed oil is firm at quotations, 67 to 68c. for boiled, and 64 to 65c for raw. Olive \$1.05\text{to} 1.25.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Receipts 157 packing ages; Shipments 339 pkgs. The market is firm, and for want of stock there has not been much doing, any new butter coming in found ready buyers at from 25 to 30c last week for local consumption, but owing to pretty free arrivals yesterday the outside price cannot be called over 27c. at which price it is held, but

buyers are now more inclined to wait for lower Prices; Cheese.—Receipts 357 boxes; shipments 10 boxes. The market is inactive and nominal at 14 to 15c. Pork is dull and lower than this day week, mess is now quoted at \$15 to 15.50 and thin mess \$14: Lard is in good demand at 10 to 10 c for Canadian. Chicago lards bring from I to 11c more. Smoked hams to to 11c; Bacon 9 to 10c.

SALT.—Prices are steady as last quoted. Coarse, 108. 75c., and 118. 67ac.; Factory filled, Fi. 10 to 1.15; Higgins' Eureka Salt, \$2.00, 1.00 and 50c for bags, half bags and quarters.

Wool.-The market is firm, and there is a good enquiry for wool, but there is no Canadian here, price of which is quite nominal. Greasy Cape has been moving to some extent, at 22 to

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 15th April, 1880.

Business has been fair in some lines during the week, such as hardware and groceries, but very dull in produce and provisions with declining prices in breadstuffs. Dry goods dealers have sold a number of small parcels, and report hopeful feeling among their customers in the country. But there has not been the usual rush of Spring buyers which has characterized other seasons. The inclement weather has had much to do with this. Retail trade in the city has been for the most part very quiet.

COAL AND WOOD.—The mild weather has tended to weaken the prices of Coal, and to leseen the demand. Egg, stove, and chesnut are quoted at \$5.50; soft, 6.00, and for best 6.50. Woods are steady in price, best maple bringing

5.00; second quality, 4.00 and pine 4.00.

DRY GOODS.—Stocks in this line are generally well assorted, and holders are pretty resolute in maintaining prices. The tendency of Woollen Goods is still upward. Money has been made, doubtless, by holderes of last fall's Canada tweeds, for such goods as sold at 45c last year are worth 60 to 65c now. Canadian manufucturers whether of woollens or cottons are sold ahead; the cotton mills have orders up to October next, at the then current prices, we are told. The prices of cotton yarns have advanced as under:—white yarn, 28c; coloured, 40c; white warp, 3oc; coloured, 42c.

DRUGS &c .- Business is moderately good for the season, prices are maintained and in the case of opium and morphine advanced, the former being controlled by an American combination who have got hold of seventy per cent. of the next twelve months stock. Cream Tartar is scarce and firm. Quinine is held at present figures. Borax we quote 12 to 14c; caustic soda and soda ash are rather weaker.

FREIGHTS.—There is some demand for lake vessels to carry lumber to Oswego at \$1.00, rates on grain to that port or Kingston are 21c. Rail rates by G. T. R., unchanged. Through rates to Liverpool per Dominion and Beaver eteamers. goc per brl. for flour; 48c per brl. for beef or pork; the same per cental for boxed meats flour and outmeal in bags 40c; butter,

cheese and oilcake 53c.

PLOUR.—Meal.—Flour.—Stocks in store 13.-410 brls. against 14,010 brls. last week and 27,-900 brls. on like date last year. The market is exceedingly dull, and quotations, which are for the most part nominal, are 5 to 100 lower than last week's. Oatmeal shows a downward tendency, ordinary qualities have sold as low as 4.05 and 4.10 by the car; good brands bring 4.20.

GRAIN.-Wheat .- Fall .- Stocks in store 186,-631 bush. against 189,317 bush. last week and 74,862 bush on like date last year. Prices in plentiful. Cheese is firm but dull, the high

England are lower by 1 or 2d. and in the West weaker. This market is stagnant, with prices 30 lower than last week and still looking downward. Wheat.—Spring.—Stocks in store 140,718 bush. against 145,466 bush. last week, and 258,868 bush. on like date last year. This description of wheat maintains its value better than fall, we repeat quotations of last week, but have no important sales to chronicle. Oats .- Stocks in store 23,050 bush. against 23,050 bush. last week, and 12,154 bush. on like date last year.

Prices unchanged. Barley.—Stocks in store 79,860 bushels against 110,495 bush. last week and 69,907 bush. on like date last year. There is some firmness in this grain, more especially in the lower grades, of which some sales have taken place at an advance on last week's figures. Peas.—Stocks in store 68,772 bush. against 66,876 bush. last week, and 52,909 bush, on like date last year. Market weaker, prices declined

GROCERIES .- There is no special feature in the market, unless the scarcity of Valencia raisins may be called one. Teas, notwithstanding the recent scare in the Economist, maintain their value. Robert Crooks & Co.'s Liverpool circular of 30th ult., states that greens maintain their values and inferior grades are wanted. Congous are the turn firmer, especially commonest. Sugars are on the whole steady, with no large sales. There is some dark Porto Rico in market at 71c, which is neglected, the lowest figure for bright, fit grocers' use, is 81c. Canadian refined in good supply and selling steadily. Round lots of standard granulated might be got for 10 c, but 10 to 10 c is the ordinary range. Fruit.—It appears from English advices that raisins are in small supply abroad. Malaga fruit is in few hands here and short. Valentias, which are used universally for cooking, are scarce and wanted here, they are likely to be much higher. Old currants are scarce and in request, round lots of new may be perhaps got at 6%c, but are still held at 7 to 8c. Among Spices pepper is a little easier, we quote II to

HARDWARE. This line of trade has shown a very fair amount of activity. especially in housebuilding goods, but there appears to be a lull at present, some buyers probably hoping for lower prices when navigation opens. In this, however, they may be disappointed, since ocean freights are higher. Shelf goods have moved pretty well for the past ten days. Barbed fencing wire we quote 12 to 12½c; Babbit metal, 7½ to 25c; Antimony, 18 to 21c; Axes, "Peerless" and "Victor," \$8.50. Crown Jewel, \$9; Forest Queen, 10.50; Canada Plates, steady; Brass sheets 32 to 35c; Lead, unchanged; Tin, rather easier; Galvanized iron in fair request, at former prices; Iron wire, steady, as quoted; Common bar iron, \$2.75 to 2.90; Swedes, 4.75; Nor wegian, 5.00; Coil chain, 3\frac{1}{2} to 8\frac{1}{2}; Steel is firm; we quote tire 4 to 4½c; spring 4 to 4½c; sleighshoe, 4c. Russian sheets, 14 to 15c.

HIDES AND SKINS .- Prices are without change, and trade has been quiet for the most part. For cured hides olc has been obtained; a good many green calfskins offer, and are taken at 14

to 15c. PROVISIONS .- The trade remains in a dull state, no large transactions taking place. Holders are viewing the declining values in Chicago with some apprehension. Mess was quoted in that market on Tuesday at \$10 for May delivery. A car load of mess sold here this week of heavy Canadian at \$14, but buyers are scarce at that figure. Long clear bacon is in pretty fair jobbing demand at unchanged prices. Cumberland is dull and neglected. Lard is in good request and getting scarce; smoked hams dull and nominal. The scarcity of fine B. tter still continues, and for the right quality our extreme quotation can be readily obtained; ordinary is by no means

price checking consumption. Eggs have dropped since our last, the supply having become more liberal. Dried Apples are firm, a car load reported sold at 78c. this week, the stock is not large. Very little doing in white Beans. Dressed hogs, but few offered, and they are taken at higher prices. Good light bring \$6.25 to 6.75.

Wook.-Prices are maintained, and a fair movement has taken place. Some round sales of pulled supers are reported. Extra continues to sell at 38c. There is but little doing in fleece. As to the Boston wool market, the Journal of Commerce says:-There has been a very marked diminution in the volume of business, and naturally a little change in the tone of the market. The feeling in the trade is that wool is now fully at the maximum, and that inflated ideas as to the value of the new clip can only result in less to operators.

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The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

For the due fulfilment of the contract the party or For the due fulfilment of the contract the party or parties whose tender it is proposed to accept will be notified that their tender is accepted subject to a deposit of five per cent. of the bulk sum of the contract —of which the sum sent in with the tender will be considered a part—to be deposited to the credit of General within eight days after the date of the notice.

Ninety per cent. only of the progress estimates will be paid until the completion of the work.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to

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F. BRAUN,

Secretary.

Department of Railways & Canals, Ottawa, 29th March, 1880.

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LACHINE CANAL.

Notice to Machinist-Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned (Secretary of Railways and Canals) and endorsed "Tender for Lock Gates, Lachine Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the Eastern and Western Mails on THURSDAY, the 3rd day of JUNE, next, for the construction of gates, and the necessary machinery connected with them, for the new locks on the Lachine Canal.

Plans, specifications, and general conditions can be seen at this office on and after THURSDAY, the 20th day of MAY be obtained. of MAY, next, where forms of tender can also

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By Order.

DEPT. OF RAILWAYS & CANALS, Ottawa, 29th March, 1880.

F. BRAUN.

Secretary.



WELLAND CANAL.

NOTICE TO BRIDGE-BUILDERS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned (Secretary of Railways and Canals) and endorsed "Tender for Bridges, Welland Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the Western mails on TUESDAY, the 15th day of JUNE next, for the construction of Swing and Stationary bridges at various places on the line of the Welland Canal. Those for highways are to be a combination of iron and wood and those for railways purposes are Canal. Those for highways are to be a compination of iron and wood, and those for railway purposes are

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By Order,

F. BRAUN,

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DEPT. OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS } Ottawa, 29th March, 1880.



CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Tenders for Tanks and Pumping Machinery.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon on SATURDAY, 15th MAY next, for furnishing and erecting in place at the several watering places along the line of the (anadian Pacific Railway, under construction, Frost-proof Tanks with Pumps and Pumping Power of either wind or steam, as may be found most suitable to the locality.

Drawings can be seen and specifications and other particulars obtained at the office of the Engineer in Chief, Ottawa, on and after the 15th day of April

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| Imperial Tobacco—Manufactured | :: | Russetts, light | 0 00 0 00 | 30 | 0 35 1 25 |
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| Solace | | Cod Oil W. Gall | | Malt " | 0 37 . 6 |
| ' I W 001. | 1 | Lard extra | . 0 724 0 75 | Domestic Whisky 32 U. Rye, W'y 4 years old | 0 65 1 60 |
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1.-Funds as at 31st December, 1878.

£350,000 S.g. 794,577 " .505,665 " 57,048 "

Annuity Funds..... 2.—Revenue for the Year, 1878.

From Fire Department:
Fire Premiums and Interest.........
From Life Department:
Life Premiums & Interest...£438,737
Inte'st &c.,on An'uity F'nds. 12,049 £976,160

£450,777

£1,426,937 Total Revenue or, \$6,944,426 73

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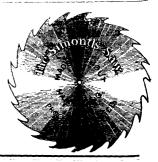
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Head Office - - -Toronto.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1879:

Assets.

| City of Toronto and Hamilton | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Ďebentures | \$105,010 | 94 |
| Mortgage Receivable | 858 | |
| Accrued Interest | 225 | 50 |
| Canadian Bank of Commerce | | |
| Stock | 6,870 | 00 |
| Toronto and Montreal Office | | |
| Furniture and Fittings | 1,808 | 81 |
| Sundry other Assets | 1,373 | 16 |
| Agents' Balances | 24,331 | 29 |
| Balance of Call due March, 1880 | 42,907 | 2 5 |
| | | |

\$183,385 27

82,947 18

Liabilities.

| Losses under Adjust- | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| ment | \$20,860 17 |
| Sundry Liabilities | 765 06 |
| Re-Insur'ce Reserve | 61.321 95 |

\$100,438 09 Subscribed Capital not yet called up...... 480,000 00

Security to Policy-holders \$580,438 09 Liability to Shareholders...... 120,000 00

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