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-December was the bumer month in tho history of the Union Mutual Life of Porsland, for during it the company wrote in round figures $\$ 1,8 \overline{0} 0,000$, making the new busimes for the year $\$ 9,200,000$.

- -The explosion of a coal stove in the store of Wood Brothers at Forrest station, caused ite complete destruction by fire. The loss amouits to 84,000 and is insured in the Guardian for $\$ 3,000$.
-About 37,000 out of tha 60,000 outstandiag policies of the Peoples' Insurance Co. of Namehestcr, N.li., have been cancelled, and it is expectell the company will be able to pay its policy-holders in fullit
-The Wimipeg Gus Company has defaulted oh the last hatl year's intertest on its debentures in Loudon. Its debenture debt his approximately 8300,000 braring interest at six per ceut. per annum.
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years cashier of the Standard Bank of Can-ada, ha: been appointed managing director of the bank. Mr. Geo. P. Reid has been promoted to manager.
-Spair is the latest country, to appuar a's a compotitor in thu steel rail industry. A Spanish rail-works at Bilbao Lias just shipped 2,100 toms to Hivama for a Cuban railroad.
m-Th nanual return of shipbuilding on The Clyde shows a heavy falling off from the ltominge of 1802\%. During the pasit year the total coastructed was only 208,

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-The Royal Electric Company is endeaving to securo a bonus of $\$ 20,000$ and ex. emption from taxation from the municipality of Carleton Place. . They guarante to employ at least 100 hands for a period of 15 years.
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 press Co.'s officers are now investigatingi the cane.--Thi merchants of Wimipeg are anxious for the deepening oi St. Andrew's rapide on the Ited River by the Goverument, and are prepared to vote for the granting of a boun's of $\$ 100,000$ by the city towarids the coist.
-This week the Talbot, the! irst vest sel to leavo British Columbia for tho Dark Contiuent, gails from Vaucouver, B.C., for
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Last London, South Airica, with a cargo of lumber. Three ships for Africa have already left Puget Souad, but the Talbot is the pioneer from Vancourer.

- Carediaus are cuming to the front int the Western Stategi Louis L. Kaun, sormeriy only a ahoerdealer in a smanl. way in Galt, is now the absconding presit dent of a bank in Washington Territory, and one of the most prominent of its local defaulters.

-The total blipmanits of wheat to Eng land fron all pointe during 1803 were 321,400,006 bushels, as agaiust $200,800,000$ in the year before. So far the official reporte of the Indian wheat erop show the area sown to be six per cent. larger thun that of last year, with all conditions farorable to a good crop.

1-Haper \& Webster's shoe factory, het Shediae, N.B., together wilh all its conr ten'ta, was totally destroyed by fire on Friday last. The loss is estimated at $\$ 20$;000, against which the firm carry iusuranco to the extent of $\$ 10,000$. About 100 hande are thrown out of worls by. the fire.
-Marine underwriters have met with a heavy loss by the sinking of the biarqued. "Clan Grant" in the Java sea. She was bound from Amoy to Now York with a cargo of a million pounds of tea valusd at $\$ 375,000$. Both ship and cargo wero ful-

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-Threr are other cities besidos Montreal whose debt has grown to $\Omega$ size thitt lbecomes a menace to the thax-payersi. Nader the bencficent rule of Tammany the debr of Now York, less the sinking fund, is aosy $\$ 100,702,40 \%$, or an incrense of $\$ 2,282,840$ in twelve months.
-The St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" adrises its readers that cedar-posts last longer than those of ping or hard woods. Tho farmer will amile at this new discovery of the editor in St. Louis. As Lord Macaulay

hwould isay, Every (country) schoolboy knows this, and something further, name1y, that if the ground ends of the posts are charred they will last still longer.

- Aecording to the "Free Press"" of Lon don, Ont., the undertaking businessi is boonins: in the Forest City; Local undertakens bay that they have not been so busy fow a loag time Whether this can be taken as an indication of legitimall b prosperity is dubious; but it certaitaly secms to bear out the statement thut peoplo are lying to-da. who never died before.
-Owing to the death of Mr . Christopher

Cobb, hardware and general merchantio of Goderich, his premises and stock have been sold. The block was purchased by Mr. Robt. aicleam for $\$ 11,000$. The grocery stock was sold to Mrr. Thomas Gundry at 53 ceats, and the dry goods stock at 33 cents in the dollar. The lardware stock went to Mr. W. R. Mrekensie, who purposes continuing the business in the old atand.
-Th. Manhatitan Two Per Clant. Loan Co., ot Chicago, who offored to lend money at two per cent., but required the payment of $\$ 18$ for an enquary ite before they did so. has been debarred from using the mails. Tha poait-office authorities say that the


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-In Nova Scotia, H. L. Maynard, Ashdale, A. \& D. Nicholson, Gillonders Mountain and Geo. F. Dodge, Newnort, have assigned.
-Our citizens will be pleased tó learns that Mr. Duncan MeIntyre is convalesecmé, and hopes shortly to be able to leavo hilif louse.
-Mr. Artlur Lyman, who hais for several years past represented the wholesale drugs firm of Lymam, Sons \& Co. upon the road, has bedn admitted a partner in the houso. He is a grandson of the late Benjamin Ly man, one of the pioneers of the firm:
-Edward Jacobs, a young contractor of Stratiord, is reported to have left that place for the United Stationg Ho owes abouti $\$ 1,000$, and his creditors are specu: lating on the possibilities of their seeing any of their money again.

- An order for the winding up of the

Wxeclsior Loan and Savings Union of $\mathrm{To}^{-2}$ ? routo, has been granted at the request of a disgusted stockiolder. It was incorpord ated lasit February with a proposed capt ital stock of $\$ 10,000,000$.
-J. C. St. Aubin \& Co., dry goods, Sher:brooke, have become embarrassed and are seeking a compromise. Their liabilities are $\$ 7,000$ St. Aulyin started 18 or 19 years ago, but failed in ' 87 , and business has since been carried on under above style;
-W. W. Mathews, jeweller, Wimipeg, has assigned. He has been in business some years but, of late, has had stronger come petition to contend with, and this coupled with general dullness, has compelled him to succumb.
-Grand Trunk Railway Company. Return of traffic, week ending Jnny. 18th, 1804: Passenger train carnings 1804 \$104,417,

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-A mecting of the creditors of the Rose Publishing Co. of 'Loronto, has been called. for to-day: The delay in calling them: to-gether was caused by the desire to, accomodate the American creditors, who form the largeat proportion of thoge in-. , terested in the estate.
-0. Gagnon \& Frere, blioe mufis., city, have assigned. Liablitics direct aro \$2,843 and indirect $\$ 4,168$; assets $\$ 1,000$. They lave been in business seven years;

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balways in a small way, and have done. poorly for a year past, meeting with unf expected logbes.
-Mr. D. C. Edwards, secretary. of the Eastern Fire Ins. Co., Halifax, is about to riait Montreal in view of some rumored changes in its western agencies. Mr. Waltor Kavanagh, who has been the bonded agent loi a year past, has not been aphprizad of any proposed changes.
-The new city council of Toronto hava decided to decrease the volume of municipal expenditure ly reducing all aalaries over $\$ 600$ per year. Up to $\$ 1,000$ the redduction will be 5 per cents, up to $\$ 1,500$ 10 per cent., up 4,0 $\$ 2,00015$ per cent, annl over $\$ 2,00020$ per ecmt. These reductions date from the first of the present year.
-Mr. W. B. Craig denies that he was ever a "supply account," as stated in our his' tory of the firm of E. Lepage \& Co., and atates that it was at his own suggestion that his creditors pail him $\$ 250$ to give up the sitore and stock, as he folt thant compelition was ton keen for him to make a succens of it .
-IE. E. Law \& Co., produce, St. Jolin, N. b. have assiugned with liabilities of about $\$ 5,000$. The businest was estabitalied in '79 by Numgrove \& Law, who dissolved iut '8s. if. E. Taw continuing nlone and de fow monlhe later admitting Geo. A. Taw under the above style. They were supposal to be doing fairly in a modernte way and the stoppare is a surprise.
-The Malifax and St. John, N.B., Boarde of Thade object to a mixture of low grade molafees, cileap syrups and glueose, which is beimg imported into the Maritime Prow vinces from New York under the unme of "patent" molasises. They wat the Domin" ion Govermment 10 prohibit its critry into this country on the spround that it is injurious to pulichic health.
-Tolun C. Cussinty \& Co., the well lenown erockery merchnats, have decided to convert their busimess into $n$ joint stock ene Lerprise. With a enpilat of $\$ 300,000$. They have secured the potteries in St. Tohns and will freatly extend the manifactares of ware in Camain. A competent Fuglish putter will be employed. The wholesale business will be continued in Montreal as formerly. ESTYABLISHED 1850

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-At the meeting of the creditors of the Daniel \& Boyd Co. (Ltd.) oi St. John, N.B.,: in this city, it was decided to wind upthe affairs of the insolvent company as quickly as possible in the interests of all concerned. - A committee of Montreal creditors, with Mr. Darid Morrice as chairman', was appointed to confer with Mr. A. H. Honingrton, who represents the St. John, N.B., creditore in the matter.
-James C. Baim, a ticket clerk in the Grand Trunk office in Toronto has absconded, taking withi him the company's money to an extent variousiy estimated at from a few hundred dollars up. to four or five thousand. By a trick he also secured $\$ 800$ in American money filom Mr. A. F. Wrebster, a ticket agent and broker of thie fome city. The company is securod by $a$ boind in the London Guarantee Company! Buin has been traced to Rochester.
-Comwall, Ont., merchanta are already berimning to feel the efiects of the reduction in the working hours in the two large ${ }^{\prime}$ mills operated by the Camadian Colored Colton Aksnc̀mióon trom ob Zours oer week to 35 hours. "This practically means hall time for the operatives, and they nre commencing to feel the pinch of powerty, and consequen'tly neither spending so muchi money nor settling old liabilitios. witli' auch promptitude as heretofore.
-A reader, in recently wishing us a "Truppy New Year," takes obension to compliment us on the quality as well as the quanitity of news and new articles in nur columas every week. The number of mures will be inerased to 56 the present' issile. A comparison of nur pages will prove thant our frimad does mot oversithees the mattor. The number and variety of sulbjects trientiod may be seen by the dife dex.
--T. B. Cooke \& Co., proprictors of tho. Paris Kid flove stores, one on St. Jnmes shert and amother on St. Critherine street, eity, have assigned. The present firm has existed since the foll of '91, when it suct ereded .T. T. Dumn. On account of building operations, the St. James strect store had to take up less nilvantageous guarters last spring, and has done less trade over sinco Dull times have curtailed sales in wuch 4oods, and business scarcely sufficed io. eover expenses. The linhitities are snid to tre $\$ 10,000$.

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-The annual entertainment at tho $\mathrm{Me}-$ chanice' Institute came ofl Saturday last, the occasion being the sale of the various' periodicals not required for bindingt $\mathbf{M r}$. Thos. J. Potter was in his place as usual and soler a $a^{+}$very respectable figures a number of old papers and magazines that one wondere ever find readers; even in so popular and comiortable a reeort. The Lon$\overline{\text { Ion }}$ "Times" brought $\$ 11.50$; the "Spectator" ald the "Saturday Review." $\$ 4$ and is3 reapretively. Among commercial pat pers thi "Youraal of Commerce" broughti from 20 to 1.00 per centi. more than its con'temporaries, all save one.
-The nesigument of Mr. George Bishop, dity, in his quality of real estate operator, has been expected for some time, more than one demand having been served upon him. The fact that it was one of the first insolveiiees recorided at the court this yeas may or may not mean something to a cer* tain elass of renl estate operations. Mr. Bishop was probably doing well enough as wh enyraver, but for some years has been Tenvily intercsited in the reality marleet, so apt at times to show its unrealities. to thic unwary The insolvent owned a handsome block on Dorchester streot, which did not ren't readily, and was nltogether ton extended in other ventures'. He sliowed unbounded confidence and enferpriso in his operations. and some of his friends to thic last thaught lie woild wenther tho atormi: He was formerly of the firm of Goon. Bishop \& Co., engravers, who were succeded by the. Geo. Bishop Printing and Eravinimix Co.. of which he is manager. The linbilities are about $\$ 250,000$. The following claims have berm fyled and othere nro expected: Banoue Nationale $\$ 15,000$; Mroikons Bank \$11.000; Merchants Bnok $\$ 0.500$; Bank of Britishi North Amerien \$2.400: Willimm Hansom, in trust. \$20,000 ; A. M. Fonster $\$ 15.000$; D. A. McCagkell $\$ 0.000$ : T. A. Bislion \& Co. $\$ 10,000$ : E. Reddy, $84 ; 000$; F. F. Farris $\$ 1.400$ ! Dr. MeCosingll $\$ 1,000$; Estate Hall $\$ 1,000$; Ir. Thòmson $\$ 19,000 ;$ Mreill College $\$ 10$. 000. The hracich started in Winuipeg aome seavs aco dil? mot provo a suceess so far as Mr. Bishop himself was conerened. Those who know of even but a portion of the nmount guninnited by frionds, not in' Montrenl nonac, may well exchaim, "Was ever" man so ancommindated $I^{\prime \prime}$ It is to bo feared that contiguity, may soriously aft fect the even tenor of one party concern-

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ed．Whatever the upshot．no one will deny that Mr，Bishop atruggled manfully agains＇t his enviromments hard and long， and he has hosts of friends who wishíhim well out of his difficulties．
－In this city，J B．Brunet，grocer，has made an offer of 20 per cent but his cre－ ditors whant 40 －Heney \＆Bourke，hardr ware，havo obtained an extension spread over 9 mouths Jas．Henoy and Albert Bourke istarted under this style twelve months ago，but dissolved last October， Bourke continuingt Their stand was not a grood one and they had close competi－ tion－Almonzor Gervais，grocer，has as－ sigmed．He was formerly of A．Gervais \＆Frere，who dibsolved in June，＇92 He was doing a moderately good trade but credited too freely；he probably owes $\$ 88,000$
－In Ontario，James Scote，dry goods； Wanluceburg，has failed with liabilitities of $\$ S, 500$ ．He is an old business man，but has not been uniformly sucecssful．He com－ promised in＇S4 at soc on the dollar，and agrain got into trouble in＇ 87 ，when＇he assigned，but subsequent！y settled at 70 c on the dollar．Since the latter date，ho has gone on without interruption，up to the present，Dut，of Inte，has been findiar trade dull and unprofitable．He shows a

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advantage ol to a characterlstic extent during the last fow years by certaln real estate dealers engaged in booming suburban propertles whose value is still a question of uitimate possibllities.
There is no tralt more honorable in any man than the dusire to possess a definite stake in the community to which he belongs. It marks him as one desirous of assuming the burdens, as well as of enjoying the privileges, of cittzenship. Such a man-can we relied upon to exerclse the franchise thus secured in the interests of good municipal government, of cconomy in taxation, and purity in politics. But, unfortunately, his honest lustincts aro not always a match for the rulle of the suburban-farm-land agent to whom his deslre to acquire a homa for himself and his loved ones means simply so many dollars as comíission. He wants a home. The agent merely wants to sell him a plot of loud. Nine times out of ten the latter sueceeds; simply because with bim it is purely a matter of dollars and cents, while with his customer, the mere land is woven in with a dream-too often never realiz-ed-of that ideal home to whicluy everyl purer instinct he possesses looks forward as a step tarther in the life ho has mapped out for himself.
It is to tuis simple honest purchasen that the beautifully tinted plans, so attractively put torward in the agent's office, more particularly appeal. On the plan the lots look all that could be desiped. Broad avenues, with pleturesquely appropriate names, divide them Into accurately rectangular blocks. ' They are colored a pretty pink or blue, and neat figures denote their exact size. To him they look just what he wants. And then the terms are so easy. Why, the agent a;most wants to throw them away, he is so anxlous to do hlm a good turn. With any other customer he would be lhard and grasp.
log; but with this particular one the milk of human kindness simply bubbles up within the agent's breast, and ho positively pearns to let him have the lot at the lowest possible figure-so much ${ }^{2}$ down of course, and the balance elther in instalments or on mortgage at about seven per cent.

In most cases the home-seeker purclases the lot. He pays so much cashr down, and glves a mortgage tor the remainder. Then le ulscovers that the lot looks nelther so pretty nor so large in the actual carth as it did on the plan; and furthermore, that it possesses a number of disadvantages of which the agent never vouchsafed him the slightest inking. The beautiful plak square is a rough tussocky plot of ground with the shaly Sllurian limestone cropping up through its thin covering of scrawny grass. There is no drainage, save what nature vouchsates. The sanitary appliances which he has insensibly grown to look upon as ne. cessities, are out of the question there. The water must be drawn fromr a shal. low surface well hato which everything seeps through the spongy soil or between the layers of rock. The surroundings are entirely different to what he has been accustomed to in town, and gradually It dawns upon him that, al though his purchase may prove a good Investment twenty or thilty years Jence, in the meantime it is tar from being the spot upon which to locate the ideal home he has dreamt of all along. In fact, it he is really, a good husband and father-and the man with sucli prevision usually is-he sludders at the idea of compelling his wife and family to live there at all.

But in the meantime interest and instaiments have been steadly accruing. Fe finds it hard work to keep up bis payments. Other ilabilities crop up to absorb his ready' money, and finally he is compelled to asis ble employer to
come to his rescue and advance him $a$ portion of his salary to meet bis more pressing engagements. Of course he gets it. Such a man is isually valuable, and the firm: or offle is only too giad to lend him a helping, hand. But all the same he has put his necle into the collar, and it ls likely to gall him. sooner or later. More than one large employer in this city could give inter. esting detalis as to how many of his clerks and travellers he has had to help with thelr payments on suburban lots of late. They are the best men' in his employ as a rule. They have none of the commoner vices that wreck men's Hyes. But the land-hunger has seized upon them, and they have fillen under the g'amour of the lovely tinted plans of the suburban paradises which exist ouly in the Imagination of tha real es. tate agent. They have secured plots in localities where the exactions of their dally avocations render it inconvenient for them to live, even If they could afford the money to build the necessary house thereon. They not only have paid out what they had laid by for a ralng day, wut are compelled to run into debt in order to mect the interest and instalments on land that a hungry cow would decline to browse over. But they are landed propliftors all the same ;they are spoken of as such; and thls consclousness and reputation are ail they can. flnd to; solace them in what too Irequently proves to be a struggle to meet the pays ments demanded of them. The land agent neèds no such solace: He simply hangs out his fascinating plans, advertises in the daily papers, "Have you got a home?" and waits for the next dupe to come along and put up gls hardearned savings for a narrow strip of waste land on which to raise a crop of rusty tomato cans and good intentions. There is no sentlment about him. He cares nothing
how many longocherished ldeals he may demolisle. All he knows is that ho has some acres of land, too sterile for farms anu too wrecened ror pasture, to dispose of. If he wants to sell them at all he must do so in "vilia" lots iby! the aid of pleturesiue plans, artistic advertsing and perhaps a few handred dollars worth of champagne, Like $n$ strletiy business man, witha keen, eye to his own advanterge, he does so. That is all there is to it, so far as he is concerned. "Caveat emptiol" (Let the buyer look out) is the prinelple than that galdes him. it is to be leared Lhat the more than ordinary number of "lapses" and the depression in life insurance generally are due in a considerable degredito these incautious investments in suburban bullding lots; and we maty go a step further and saly that the slowness in mecting accounts due the retail grocer, watcher, tallor ete., so common of late, is also due lu no small measure to the same reprehenstble cause.

FIRE JNSURANGE BROKJRS.
If the statement, made upon good wurthority, that mearly three hundred men are to-day engared in canvossing for firemsurance in this clty be correct, it is iltele wonder that those insurance drokers who depend solely. upon Chat business for their ilvelhood, have a hard sttruggle to carn more than a mere compotency.

Ourt of so large a number of canvassers it is Impossible that, all should be skilled and experlenced. Integrlty and honesty they may all possess; buth It is larily probable that cuveryone of them can ite thoroughly trahed in one of the most diffientt businesses of the prasent day, and unless thety are so, ithelr presence in the field is bencifial to weither the companies nor the publle. It of course embles the com: panies to bulla up much larger acpumatiations of risks than would be the case were the bunstness left in the ghands of a few tried and experienced Wrokers only; but it is doubtiul th these large businesses are as profitable to, , we companies in the long run awheh they are brought in by men carcless, because ignorant, of the character of the risks they aceupt, or whether the larger percentage of losses from this cause docs nol more than counterBalance the increase in the amount of premlums received.
: It cannot low for the benefit of the fire insurance companies in thls city that so much of the business should be

Wrought la by men who only; dabble in insurance occasionally, and depend for: thelr Itvelthood on other callings. Hankers, teal estate agents, accountauts, book-jeepers, and even government employes, ligure as canvassers for ine insurance. Such men can naturally have no interesti in the welfare of the companies they representi except to Whe extent of the commission they can carn by securing a risk, and so dlvided is the business now, owing to the number engaged in it, that this commission is often shared with others until ith becomes a very feeble inducement to deal honestly with the company. Whth the legitimate broker it is diffurent. He depends for his llving and the support of his family upon his connection with the companies alonc. Hence he is anxlous to do all he can to furtice thelr interests, and thanks to his knowledge of the character of Whe risks he is placing, is able to do so far better than any outslder. The one looks not only at the present transaction but forward to many future ones. The other thinks only of the present-since he may never make an-other-mand is consequently carcloss as to the company's prospects so lones as he gets his commission. And yet, these are the men who are drlving the legitimate broker out of the theld. Heicannot compete with men who can offer a share of their commission, or posslibly some outside business inducement, to intending insurers. Day by day his position becomes less remuncrative, untli the time comes whon he is forced to add some other line of business to: that of fire insurance and the companfes lose the services of a trained and faithful intermediary.

## BANI MMALGAMATION.

In your issue of 5th list. you treat of Wank analgamations and although in relation to four specific corporations yel in tenor your article may be taken as propouriding, in the conomic sense, a policy of amalgamation as bencil. elal to stockholders in our Banks. Concentintion of the main forees being a lending plank in that economy, the, resultant beligg higher diyidenis to the proprictors-Query-almitting your theory, which as a theory is good, does the history of the many poweryful bamking amalgamations In England during the last 10 jears largely conflym the theory as to the resultant? I belleve an examination will show that it does not. Then, Cui bono?

But, traversing your reasonings as to initial difficulty in the way, of the practicabiity of the four bunks fusing they would hardly proceed as in quartette. Flist the two nearest allke would find a common base- $\pi$ carclinal point in that buse being, the character of the assets, as you mention. Necessariliy, therefore, the first two contracting banks would in confidence, exthange estimates. These again would be considered in relation to thelr respective "Reserves" and "Earniug powers" as governing present and prospective market value of the stock of pach. Between two, the approach is ensy, the assimilating not dificult.

You adduce as a leading factor 'in relation to amalgumations the dilficulty to we overcome Ya' particular as to the persomel of the .several banks. It might be advanced that the persomel is made for the Bank and not the Bank for the persomel. But as to what is to wecome of the surplus Presidents, chief cashiers and so on is a matter that is usually arranged. The directors as trustees are deemed to place the interests of the trust in front, and alLhough as to personnel, some must give way, compensated, very properiy, yet as to directors the amalgamated joards seem to we numerically enlarged very much. However as you say we draw the line across "four" presidents and call a president and a vice-president, and so we are ready for the third bank and thus the lines are laid for a complete fusion.

But as I have said, what good? Who is bettered? This Intter being in degree a minor question may the answered within the lines. But, not only what good, wut what ill comes of these large fusions. The ill that comes the last dozen lines of your admirable critique well shows, and Halifax may do well to set its face against the proposed scheme should even the directors of the several banks favor it. Halifax has doubtless plenty of competition in Its four banks, just possibly too much, for its jeal good but let st beware of a: great monopolist bank. That monopolist bank will choose its customers looking with disdain on the man whose capital is mainly his brain, unblemished character and his mastery of the business he is just struggling into. How many can the practical fatherly wankers of Montreal count up of men whom they Judiclously helped in early days-based on the qualities of the man-who are
now in the front ranks of the professlons of commerce and of wealth?
But there is also another aspect to regard these grent amalgamations from and that is that they do not foster the small trader. They do not care to be wothered with small accounts. Chere is, no doubt a very large amount of money in the hands of the amall traders at the elose of each day in the city. of Moutreal,unbanked and unfructlifying Thus a prime facton in the progress of a young trider viz, that he "Eeens a banker' and the reference it affords him is lost to him and he must struggle on until ho is big enough to seek a rating.
From economle points of view, large banks and small banks may well live togethece. Small wanks are not necessarily weak banks. "Capital and Reserve" relatively to "hawilltics" is often very strong in the yourger danks. From points of view as to the fusion of the four Haifax Banks, Hallfax will do well to set lts face against it. If any bank wants strengtheuing there is a stralgit constitutional way to do it and which, boldily latd hold of always carries successfully. I do not mean to condemn bank amaigamations per se: there are, as matter of the plainest common seuse, instances where iths most judicious in the west sense; but wholesale, or plece:meal-progressive, absorption, as glancing at our existent 39 banks with their numerous branches, is to be condemnect. Let some of our sman village towas where two opposing brauch banks are operating be deprived of the oue anil they soon find what a monopoly is in faclity and price for a discount and thus are driven into the hands of the Privalte Banker whose tender mercies, ete.,
Clearly thea, I am of opinion that no real good can the shown for large unnatural combinations of our existing banks; these are not the arguments that apply to networks of Railways.
One word as to the excollence of our Canadian Banking system-I have at present no contentlon, indeed I have elsewhere set forth its valuable features. We have a decade to further test it in, but if I mistake not within the decade material modification of $\mathrm{t}^{\prime}$ ' whll be' idvanced,-Banker.

- On Saturday last the Commercial Cable Co. paid off tho last $\$ 400,000$ of its origeinal issue of $\$ 3,000,000$ in bonds. As it hals wined this issue off out of its suru. [lilut cainnings alono, its financial posis tion is regarded as a strong one.


## INSURANCE PAYMENTS.

There cah be no doubt that tho ostentatlously paraded ease and celerity with which life husurance money can be obtained from certain companles after formal proof of death, is largely responstible for crimes of the Neyer category. Letters from the bereaved testifylug to the fact that the money has been pald by the company before even the body has been burited, and thanking them for the faclity and promptitude with which it was given to them, appear as advertisements in the dally papers, and the company's agents point to themi as conclusive evidence of the value of thelr incontestable policies and make a feature of the swift and unquestioning payment of claims by their company as an inducement to others to take risks in it.
It was this exemplification of the ease with which money could be got from life insurance companles that was largely responsible for the cmbarkation of Meyer upon his career of crime. Had there been any difficulty or delay In securing payment of the policies on their lives, his victims mlght bave been alive to-day, and medical science would have been without some valuable knowledge as to the effects of antimionial poisoning in the hands of an experienced practitioner. But tinere was not; and so Meyer fell beneath the spell of the incontestable policy, with its swilt unquestioning payment and lurid advertising, and proceeded to noison his vietims for the purpose of avalling himself of lts peculiar opportunities for crime.

In uine cases out of every ten there is wot the slightest necessity for haste In the payment of life insurance money. In the lew cases of actual need a small payment upon account would relleve any immediate distress without prejudice, to any question affecting the validity of the claim. If the balance ware paid In sixty days from the date of death it would we far more decent and orderly, and would fill all the requirements of the average policy-holder. Of course the company could not print the scandalous letters, thanking them for the payment of the policy money before the body. of tha victlm is cold in the grave, whlch put the teath of honest thoughtiful men on edge when they read them. But this class of ad. vertlsements would be far better out. of the papers than in them.' Tou the criminally inclined they read like in. vitations to come and swindle the com-
pany, whlle to the average cltizen they savor of indecency.
It is curious to note that the piactice in fire insurance is diametilcally oppositic. No one can accuse a fire insurance company or being too anxlous to get rid of its mones. In fact the getting of the money at all, unless the loss be a total one and thus the adjusters lave no chance to cavil, is a work of time and persistency. If the loss be only slight, and the marchant does not care to leave his office strewn with burat paper and cinders, or his warehouse littered with half-burnt and water-soaked goods unitl such times as the adjusters are willing to come and inspect them, he stands a very strong chance of not getting anytining att all. There are no incontestable policies or swift payments in flre insurance, and although, even in it, the moral hazard is an important leature, it is hampered by every possible safeguard, instead of being deliberately encouraged as it is by certain forms of life policies.
No doubt the fire insurance companles have solid reasons for their caution in payments. Last year fre losses on this continent reached the appalling figure of $\$ 156,445,575$, or $\$ 23,700,000$ over those of 1892 , and $\$ 18,700,000$. over those of 1891. In the face of such an inciease in the national fire waste they could hardly ke expected to meet uncomplainingly losses suddenly. incrensed tar weyond the looked-for total. In radition to this, 1898 has brought them another source of loss. Not only thas thelr underwriting during the past year iocen tifppofitable but the unprocedented shrinkage in the value of their invested assets has brought down their surplus to a far lower figure than was ever anticipated a year ago. Hardly a single investment stock maintains the values of last January, and most of them show heavy and possibly permanent, reductions. To a large company this means a very serious curtaliment of their assets, and althougl, when the wave of depres. sion has rolled by, most of these in. vestments may regain their former position, there are some for whom the prospects are hardly promising.

Under this aual infliction with the additional risk alising from carclessly or ignorantly installed electic light and power plants to confiont as well as the ordinary hazard of fire," it is litthe wonder that the companies scrutinize their payments closely, or that adjusters take every means to pare down thelr awards to the lowest pos.
sible figure that the fnsured will stand. These are mot the thmes for mberally or generosity in business dealings. Most of the companies have very little reason to congratulate themelves on the year's business, and it will be only by the most rigid economy and the most serupulous stoppuge of even the minutest financlal jeaks that they can hope to make a satisfnctory showing before their rivals.

## WROUGET SCRAP JRON.

The Cublnet will find no hrore diflicult task set before it whenever it shatl approaeh the subject of tarlif readjustinent than that of the aiteration or madntenance of the prefento duty on wrought serip lron. It is one of those cases where the interests of two important Canadian industries, ench employlug it large number of ghill led workmen, are so diametrically opposed to each other that any midde course may be looked upon as practically out of the question. Trom the stand-point of the manfacturer of Canadian pig iron the present duty upon wrought serap is utteriy inadequate, if that important industry is to recelve its due motsure of protection against the fmported product. But from that of the domestie rohing mins, wronght fron scrap represents a raw material whose athnittance at a low rate of duty alone enables them to pro duce bar from in eompetition with Great Britain.
The Nova Scotian pig-iron companfes ecrtaluly presentia very strong plea. on thefe own welati. They point out that; the duty upon the emritest and crudest form of merchantable fron-the so-called plg-iron-is st: per toin. Why then should the duty upon wrought serap, which is a fit more finished form of tron, be placed at only half that amounti ? Canadian plar iron costs on an average about $\$ 12.75$ pela ton to produce. The hext step is to transform this plg.lyon linto pudaled bars at a cost of about $\$ 13$ per ton, The final step is the conversion of the pudded bars linto bar, shect, lioop, or nallplate lron at a cost, in Canada, of $\$ 10 \mathrm{per}$ ton. The protection on enely of these three grades is adjusted to ' be, as nearly as possible, commensurate with the expenditure for labor int producing them. Thus on plg-iron it is $\$ 4$, on pudded bars $\$ 9$, and on bar from $\$ 13$ per tom. They argue, then, that Ny allowing rolling milimen to import Wrought kerap fron as the raw materlal from which to make thelr bar
fron at a duty of only $\$ 2$ per ton, they permit them tor evade the duty of $\$ 0$ per ton on puiduled bars, they furnish them with a cheaper raw material to the exclusion of Canadian puddicd bars, and they allow them to turn out an inferior grade of bar iron, since the heterogenous cintracter of wrought scrap forblds thelr making an even material out of it except under very exceptional circumstances when large quantities of one class of scrap can we secured without admixture.
This is the pig fron manufacturers' side of the question. The mill-men reply that fully three-fourths of the merchantable fron-produced in Canada today is manufactured from wrought iron serap, as is proved by the fact that the imports of this grade into Canada during the past fiscal year amounted to 32,707 tons. They hold that it is thus, practically a raw material, and furthermore, that No 1 , selected, wrought scrap, makes a far better bar iron than the best Canadian pudded bars rwill. They also state that with bar fron selling to day in Canada for $\$ 1.85$ for small lots, and $\$ 1.75$ in edrionds, it is out of the question to submit to any inercase in duty. on their raw material. Two dollars a ton tarlff is all that they can afford to pay, if thoy-are to make even a bare living profit. They polut out, also, that the Canadian mikers of puddled wars could not pretend to cope witir the demand, if the duty on wroughth serap were so increased as to foree them to use puddied Wars in preference to it. Ihey would have, any way, to import the bulle of their raw material, as at present, from Eugiand, whether it was In the shape of puddied bars or wrongit scrap. Why then should they be taxed, and the price of bur iron increased to every blacksmith, wheelwright,machinist and implemeit maker in the Dominion, simply in order to enable a lew large pig-iron companies to go into the manufacture of puddled burs at a proift?

From this it can lve seen that both the pig lron producers, and the rolling mill men, have cogent arguments to adduce on their own behale. If the principle of protection to Canadian industries be adhered to in its entirety, then the duty on wrought serap mist the advanced in order to protect pudded Wars. If the doctrine that raw material, not produced in this country, imported to be converted fato the finisled product by Canadian labor, should be admitted elther free or at a minimum of duty
be upheld, then wrought scrap should we even less taxed than It Is. Elach of these two arguments are based upon the principle of protection to tha Canadian workman, anid, as each will carry equal weight with the Government, it is safe to predict that, no matter what other changes in the tariff. may we made, the prospects of any alteration in the existing duty upon wrought serap iron can only de, looked upon as dublous.

## THE DEBTS OF NATIONS.

The statement of the national debts, and the proportion thereot per capita of population, for the four greatest European countries and the United States, discioses some comparatively unexpected tigures, and stultifies several hitherto aecepted opinions whichi seem to have been regurded as truths simply by reason of their constant repetition. The statement reads as fol-lows:-
: | i i Frunce - - Dobt. PerCap. France - - - $\$ 5,008,055,000$ \$154.08 Eugland - - $=3,273,305,000 \quad 85.80$ Russia - - $-2,268,150,000 \quad 18.33$ U. States - - $1,54 \overline{0}, 986,000$. 23609 Germany : - - $1,518,532,000^{\circ} 30 \overline{0} .64$
This shows that France, one of the richest countries in the world, has a fur greater antional debt than lengland, and a much larger proportion of debt per capita, while Germany, with a much smaller debt than Russia, is apparently more heavily burdened. This seeming paradox shows the inutiitity of estimating a nation's delot by the ratio per capita. Populations vary in their wealth-producing characteristics as they do in mational tralts. The enormous population. of Russia, which enables that country to make such a favorable showing per capita, contribute far less to the state's coffers than the comparatively small one of Eugland. The wealth of a country cannot be estimated simply by the number of: its population. Their earning power is the one that tells. France, with her: enormous debt, is to day a wealthier and more prosperous country than Ger. many, simply because her population can carn more in proportion and thus can easily contribute a much larger revenue, while Russia's hordes of nomad Tartars and poverty-stricken moujiks are useless for purposes of revenue, and simply reduce the ratio of the debt from a statistical point of view, while rather adding to than lessening its burden upon the real taxpayers of the country. It is anotier verification of
the old and trite saying that figures wlll prove anything; for It shows once more, how thoroughly fallacious any rensoning must the that is based purely and solely on otatistics.

BUSINESS AFTATRS IN THE NORTHHVEST.
So important a factor in the production of breadstuffe is our Canadiau Northwest becoming, that a reference to the saliont features of the annual address of the president of the Winnipeg Grain Eschange, Mr. A. Atkinson, cannot fail to be interesting. The exclange is doing a useful work by keeping in close touch with the varied gucstions which affect the interests of the agriculturalist.
This is especially true of its action in bringing about a reduction of expenses in landling grain't terminal pointe, for be these higher or lowor, the dealers' price is governed accordingly. 'The president, in spenking on this point, claime for Manitoba that it is now in a position to get the bencfits of a first class bueiness system, and to receive the highost possibie value for grain at initial shipping points. Nothing that the board has undertaken reflects greater credit on it. it is, however, a marked omission in such an address that no voice is heard us to the heary cost of the transport of grain from more distant western points. The day must come whon agitation in the western territorics will force the consideration of railway . charges to the front; and the exchange might have mooted the question in favor of remote poiats. The relative cost of trausporting a bushel of wheat to the eastern seaboard is one of greater moment to the Northwest than tariff roductions on coul oil, (binding twine, barbed wire and implements all put together. As the lub of the Northwest we should expect to see Winnipeg, through its Board of Trale, initiating the question, and by joint action of the territories, bring the relative freight rates in other parts into solid argument for more liberal charges for the west.
It is true it costs a railway as much to haul a bushel of No. 3 hard, or No. 1 sejected, as it öoes n bushal of No. 1 pard. It is also true, subject to possible slight qualification, that the cost to a railway is the same whether the valuo of a buskel of No. 1 hard, at the initinl shipping point, is 80 or 40 c . But thigf is certain that, with the No. 2 bard Worth 40e in Manitoba, every bushel of whent on such average there af 1898 is a serioushoss to the producer and, if the freight rate is put at the higher point, there is no margin for the bad times, such ns are now experienced. It is no part of our business to legislate for the farmer, Who by' the bye is beginning to think and act for himsolf, but Winnipeg in its carnestness for tariff reform might well enough consider railway tarifif raform!
Other seatures of the address are inte resting, as sliowing the development of the province of Manitobal Thus the area under whoat incrensed about 15 per cent. for 1893, over that of 1892. Ae to the average yield of tye province of 151.2
bushels to the acre we are agreeably surprised, and it is to be hoped and perhaps baticipated, with some degree of confidance, that for the stocks in hand available for market, the farmer may realizo a largely increased price. 'On the question of quality, 1893 claims to make a good showing-No. 1 hard 58 per cent., No. 2 and relatives 30 per cent., No. 8 and relatives 6 per cent., lenving but 111 per cent. of lower grades. The great featiare in this result is the old fushioned treatment of the seed sown by bluastone, enforced on' the attention of farmors through the medium of the exchange. Another admirable feature is arbitration by $a$ committec on questions of diepute within the trade. Mr. Atkinson too, deals with the iniquity of the chattel mortgage systen, and shows how it fetters the local dealer. The matter of chattel mortgages ind lien notes is one of suel $h$ burning character in the west, just now, that we cas only hope to see it dealt with by legislation. As racent reports from Manitoba have shown some striking examples of hardship to the farmer under their operation, the local Government is not unlikely to be heard from ou this subject. The syatem of undue preference should, broadly Epeaking, bo swept awny.
It is unfortunate that the actuna gx ports of Manitoba, whent are not distincly shown in the trade and navigation returns of Canada: Most of the exports are accumulated at Fort William in the Province of Ontario, where the export ontries are made, so that Ontario gets credit for exporting tho grain grown in Manitoba and the territories. As an instance of how this works out, it may be snid thant for the year ended 30th June 1893, the whent exports of Manitoba arc given ns 401,000 bushels, though probably 6,000,000 actually went to Europe.
It gives us plensure to bring the above mentioned facts before our readers, gent-) orally. Our wholesale houses in the east have the deepest interest in the development, and progress, of the great western hall of the Dominion. Winniper,' and the Grain Exchange members, are to be congratulated on the live worls which the report in question, for the past year, exlibits.

## tee glove seizure.

An important geizure was made last week by the special appraiser of customs in this city of a case of kid gloves sent to the Moutreal agency of Perrin, Frere \& Co., the well known glove manufacturers of Grenoble, France, on the ground of under-valuation. Ever sinco this agency has been operied hero other wholesale houses have found it impossible to compete with their prices, and the impression had long gained ground that the full amount of duty was not being paid upon their gloves. The Customs authorities claim that the invoice prices upon Which duty was piad are ono-third lees than the cost prico at the factory in France und that they are actually less than the cost of production. The local manager denies this, and has released the gloves by depositing their value wtih the "Cuatoms authorities pending their in-
vestigntion into the true lacts in the casg. The fact remaing, however, that Perrin Frere \& Co. have Veen twice henvily fined in New York for a similar offence, and that, ever since they commenced imb porting, their gloves lave been enterod at prices nearly fifty per cent. lower than those placed on similar grades of gloves by other houses. Not only Montrenl, but Western houses have complained of this before, and consequently the custons experts are hunting up the former entries of the firm to see how long this systemi of underraluation hans been in progrees.
It was not to be supposed that the large twholesale importors of gloves could long remain in ignornace of what was going on! When priecs are cut to such $n$ degree. it menns oue of two things, mumely, that the cheapening fiomse is preparing for ai entastrophe, or that they are not past: ing the duty imposel by the tariff. It is in be floped that, if the latter is the case, the Government will inflict a severe peninalty upon the offenders, ami not permiti them to escape with a fine that will lenve them a fair margin of profit from their undervaluation. Practices like these are the once that ruin honest merchante, and they should be stamped out by the autthoritics with merciless secrerity.

## the storage battery

The nim of all maliers of storage batteries since the Fanue battery came out has been to so construct $a$ battery that it slowld be impossible for the active material to inll off the plates. This has been necomplished in rarious ways, but almost invarinbly the result lins been the introduction of another serious defect, name15, greater internal resistance, and therefore less efficieney. One of the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of inventors, who have tried to find a means of keeping the active material from falling off the plates, has been the universnily accepted iden, that it is abcolutely necesanry to have a freo circulation of the solution. After a lous series of experiments we have found that this is not ne $e^{-}$ cessary. providing a porous nul nlso nlt sorbent substance (eapable of absorting the sulphuric acid, ns fast as it is mado in charging) has been placed between the plates. This enables us to jam the plates up close together, and so make one solid compact mass of element, without any falling out of material and without nay free solution to spill over anything, when the battery is used for traction and other mnalogous purposes, and it also adds a number of jears to the life time of the battory. By a process discovered by Mr Sorley, we have succeeded in developing a Plante battery in which the active material is made electro-chomically, in one hour and 50 minutes. (The authore here showed such batteries aontaining all the latest improvements.) The battery shown contains an element that only measures $6^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime \prime} \times 61-2^{\prime}$ but which has a capacity of 177.7 ampere hours at a discharge rate of 23 nmperest. It is possible to discharge it as high a rate as 75 to 85 amperes for, sar, 20 minute , which is ample timo to climb an electric rallway grade, and thin discharge of, say;

80 amperes for 20 minuteg, will not lower the v : . ge more than one $6-100$ of a volt; what is to gay, the E.: M. F. duriug this lurge dischargo from so small a cell will remuin constant at 1.96 volts. The plates in this cell aro made from one integral alreet of Iead, 8-8 of an iuch thick and prepared for treatment by a new. method, which does away with all joints or holdering, thus avoiding any chanco for local action. : And aside from this, the process greatly cheapens the cost of making the plate.-Correspondence from J. K. Pumpelly \& C. Sorley, of Chieago.

## GROCERS IN SESSION.

A epecial meeting of the Dominion Wholesale Grocers' Guild was held on Wedhueday last in the council room of the Board of Trade to discuse the tobaceo queetion. Mr.llugh Blain, of 'Loronto, vice presideat oil the Guild, occupied the charr, and there were present Mesbrs Geo. Childe, Chans. Chaput, S. J. Carter, D. L. Lockeridy, H H. Hughes and G. E. For bos, of this city; Messers Blain, Ince, jr., Leiskirdt, Kinnear, Hommer, Dixon and Crow tber, of 'Ioronto; Bulour, Sicpazaon. Gilliard und Lucos, of Hamilton; Megers. Scrutul and Mazurett, ul Londun; Messra Roos, of Berlin, and ldgar A Whing, feeretay If was decided that a bommittee shourd wait upon the manuiastires whe Tad inaugurated the eut in tobaceso vatuen uifor toe subject
At the reguiar monthly moeting of the Lefais Grocers' insoctation, of tinis sitio. in the Mecianie's Mali, it was deeded in , whas to keep a " black ifist " for the use of the members, and also to petition the Dominion Goverament to amend the law so as to allow of the sularies of civil serwice employes being soized for just debits. Each grocer was asked to sead in a list of his bad and doubtiul acocunts, in order that the secretary might compile a list of them for the purpose of proventing their opening crëlits with any, other members of the association

## A MISTAKEN POLICY.

The ship laborers of St. John, N. B., are doing their best to drive ocenn traffic from that port to Halifax. Ilise local union has ordered that the wages of ship laborers blall be $\$ 3$ per day of eight hours ind that not less than twenty. mons bhall be omployed by each stoamer. As the lialifax ship laborers only ask $\$ 2$ per illy of ten hours, and permit the stenmers to hire as many or as fow, men as they plense, it is caly a question of time when Halifax will secure the shipping trade unless the St. John union moderates its 'demaide in vors short order Tho day oì uaition domination is gono by, and if the labor 'lenders in New'Brunfowick thiuk that they cath stem the tide, of free labor, and foree shipping to obey their bohests, they will find themselves just as badly mistaken as the Ship. Laborers' Union of Quebec (lid when they tried similar tactice. They simply drove the trado to Threo Rivers and Montreal, rund filled the charities of the Aucient City with starving stevedores. If they do not look out tho St. Jolm, N.B., lends ore will do the eame thing. There is
such a thing an klling the goose that laye the goldon egg, and they may find this out when it is too late; for trade once diverted to new channele seldom returns, especially when it is secured by an energetic and enterprising rival city.

## NEWFOUNDLAND'S FISHERIES.

The annual repor't of the St. John's, Nfld., Chamber of Commerce on last yenr's fieheries is not $\mathfrak{n}$ particularly cheering document. It opens with a referencé to the feal fishery, of last spring which was the worst ever experienced siuce "the introduction of steamers into the industry. Last yenr all the steamers sailed from 150 imiles north' of St. John'g, and missed the groat body of seals. As a consequence tho total catch was only 129,160 acals agrainst 348,000 the year before. In. addition to this the price of oil and aking was very low and the poor catch was rendered doubly unproductive on 'this account. The Labradior cod fishery was the buly one really productive. The enteh was very good and the cure equally so, with the exception of a $a m a l l$ quantity taken at the latter part of the season and which unfavorabio weather prevented being properly, dried. The ahore fishery was only fairly productive and the bunk fishery was very poor, so much so indeed, that the Chamber fears ite carly extinguishment, for the return is not by any means commensurate with the cops! ital invested. The enteh of pickled fish is indifferent and unsatisfactory, the take of balmon is only fair, and the herring fishery is also poor, especially frozen herring, the unnsually mild weather exporicnced provonting that industry being entered into with the usual vigor.

## ELGGTION TIME.

The time for the civic elections is certainly well chosen-a senson of the jear. when retail business lias scarcely recorored its normal activity. ifter the holiday. bustle. A stir is quite noticeable, however, in all retreate whero one hall of flugging fumanity may obtnin a little discount of nerve force, where good-fels lowship may be proven, and the ordinary, introspection arrested for a whilewhereby cares may be forgotten or postponed, and pressing troubles forced into the background in a freo discussion of the merits of the respective candidates for office in our civic parliament. If the best men, who at the same time should be the most capable, could alwass be elected there would bo no force in the de-fivition-A mob is an mouster with $a$ large body, but no diserimination.

## A CHEAP IMITATION.

The mandacture of folt in Germany has juproved so remarkably of late that some felta are now made there that it taked an expert to distiuguish them from genuine Melton overcoating. This resemblance has been taken advantage of to manufncture overconts apparently of Miolton, Which can be sold as low as $\$ 6$ to the trade. "The result was a wholesnle, cancellation of ordera on the part of the coun-
try merchante who had paid higher pricem for genuine Meltons, and found the lolt overcoats undercit them, and now the woollen men feel themselves in a quandary for, as felt ouly pays 17 1-2 per cent. ad valorem, while Meltons are taxed 29 per cent. and 10 cents per pound, the latter cannot competo with its cheapor rival. The ouly resource they they can see is to have the duty on this felt raised to the level of that of Melton, now that hoth are used for the samo purpose, and then trust to the superior durbibiliy of tho latter to maintain its hold on popular favor. A deputation will slortly. wait on the Comptroller of Customs on the subject.

## CITY AMOSEAENTS.

The engagemenit of Miss Agnes Herndon at the Academy of Music, next week, should te a successfinl one. Her play, "La Belle "Marie," or " 4 Woman's Rovenge," combines all the clements of popular success, comedy and pathos being so blended that the interest of the play uever lags for a moment. A play of such absorbing interdet, written expressly to fit the capabilities nud requirements of a talented artist like Miss Herndon, and interpreted by a competent company, should fill the deademy all week.
$\Delta t$ the Queen's Thentre Oscar Wild's most successful play;" "Lady Windormere's Fan," will bo presented. Audiences in New York and all the leading American cities have pronounced it thoroughly: bright and clever and sparkling with epigrames. It will be presented by oue of Charles Frohman's companics which in itsell is a guarantee that its interpretation, will be in competent hands.

## THE LATEST DODGE.

The Dominionis tiow being flooded wint circulars, printed in imitation of a typewritten letter, by a gentleman styling himsolf " D . W. Slocum," president of the "Louisiana Trust and. Loan' Co." Mr. Slocum evidently desires to trade upom the reputation (?) of the late Louisiam: Lottery, for the certificates which ho desires his correspondents to sell for him aro exactly like the Louisianta lottory, tickets, both in color and form, except that they bear the imprint of the new company.
Mr. Slocum desires that the certificates he encloses shall be sold for $\$ 1$ oach, of which the agent can retain 20 cents as commission, had encloses a list of tho prize "loans" which can be secured by lucky winuors, ranging from $\$ 150,000$ down to $\$ 100$ each. In fact he copies the methods of the defunct lottery exactly, except that he cannot offer them the samo ecurity, nud evidently trusts to their confidence in it to induce them to patronzo, his " fake:" He lays stress upon tho fact that his money-lohning lattory is fair, equare, and honest; bnt at the samo time he hloes not fueglect to caution them to send all remittances by express, since if they use the mails for that purpose, tho money is liable to be confiscated and both he and tho remitters would run an excellent chanco of spending $a$ term in the penitentiary. If after this candid advice, there are still peoplo in Canada
foolish enough to patronize the "Louisiana Trust and Loan Co.," they will richly merit not only the loss of their money, but the contemptious ridicule of the astute person who has played upon their credulity cleverly enough to secure it.

## the LOWER PROVINCE LOMBER trade.

In his annual roview of the Iumber trade of the Maritime Provinces, Mr. J. B. Snowball says that the winter of 1892-93 proved the most favarable for log getting for many years, and consequently that a much larger output was secured tor the force: employed than was anticiputed. Spring freshets dyere poor, and driving expensive. About ten million superficial feet of loga were left in the brooks. Notwithstanding the favorable season the export from Chatham, N. B., fell off twelve milfous supericial fect from last year. And while the exports from St. John wero ten millions more than in 1892, still the exports from the province show a decrease of thirteen millions. The increased oxport from Nove Scotia is caused by the excessive quantity of birch deals shipped from that province:
The present winter, Mrr. Snowball cont siders to be the most eevere experienced in the Maritime Provinces for the past twenty years, the snow being deeper there already than at any time during las't jear. Operations, too, were only entered into on a limited scale, and with an anticipated production of 25 por cent. less than last year. But this severe weather is likely to reduce tho production below this cetimate, and next year's export must be small.
The total shipments from New Brunswick in 1803 comprised $312,343,485$ superficial Yeet of deals and 5,781 tons of timber, which shows a decrense of 12,006,325 supericial feet of deals, and 6,570 tons of timber, from the totale of the precoding year. From Nova Scotia the shipments were $109,252,930$ superiificial feet of deals and $\mathbf{5 , 6 0 6}$ tons of birch timber. Uulike New Brunswick, Nova Scotin's exports of lumber during 1893 show in increase of $21,391,532$ feat over those of the preceding year.

## HARDWARE MEN MEET.

During the past weak the Wire Nall $\mathrm{As}^{-}$ sociation, the Wire Association, the Screv Association, the Bolt and Nut Association, the Rivet Association, the Barb Wire Association, the Bar Iron Association, the Cut Nail Association, the Horseshoe Association, the Tack Association and the Paint Grinders' Absociation have held meetings in Toronto to discuss prices. It. was decided to reduce thetrade discount on wire naile by 5 per cent. Barbed wire and staples were reduced a quarter of a cent., making the price of the latter to the retail trade 3 8-4c, and that of the former 4c. . Jobbers are guaranteed! up to, April 1, which means that should a reduction take place in the meantime jobbers will be recouped for any loss on present stocks by the Wires Nail Association. One step decided upon was the removal of the Aikenhead Hard.ware Company. from the jobbers' liat. The
action of the association in regard to the Aikenhead Company arises from the contract fhich the latter made with the city ol Toronto to supply nails at a cut price and to allow a rehate on boyed returned.

## ODR INDEX.

The usuni gemi-anaual index to tho leading articles, the editoriald, and more important sub-editorials and paragraphs in the "Journal of Commerce," is furnished with the present issue for the convenience of those who preservo the fyles of the "Jourual" lor references The great rariety of subjects treated indicated ini it will atford some iden of the scope of this paper and its value to the financial and commercial community, while the volume of the information shows that, in ndalition to the fact that it contains so much first class advertising as to fully entitle it to be called a Dominion business directory, the Journal is still. able to presont its readers every week with more commarcial news' in a condensed and buainess-like form than any of its competitors:
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## A SIGN OF THE TDIES.

The amount of monoy hoarded awny during the recent period of depression in the United Statos was curiously indicated by the amount of mutilated and damnged bills which came to light during the Christmas week. These bills all bore traces of concealment, and they have been coming out of their hiding places into the hands of storekecpers, and thence into those of the banks, with such rapidity of late that the eub-treasuries are taxed to their fitmost capacity to replace them with fuew bills. In New York thay have come in at the rate of $\$ 745,000$ per day, and ion last Saturdny reached the unprecedented figure of $\$ 820,000$. These bills all represent money secreted during the scare, and it took the stimulus of holiday, week to put even a portion of them into circulation once more.
-L H. Begin \& Co., a smull grocery firm at Levis, Que, has assiguéd.
-Alex. A. MeDomald, grocer; Syduey, N. S., a trader of come geare' standing, is offering 76e on the dollar.-J. W. Po'tes A Co., furniture, St. John, N.B., Jave, ats signed.
-The stock, fixtures and lease of the Standard Tea Co'. on St. Catherine strect, were sold yesterday by auction. The atock, valued at $\$ 1,823$ brought 41 ceñto in the dollar, and the book debts of $\$ 375$ sold for 12 1-2 conts The fixtures and lease brought $\$ 50$ eafy

- MeNaughton \& Co, elothing dealers of Kingston, Ont, havo assigned. John McNaughton was the only partner He has been in business ovor thirty years Ho assigned in 1878 and settled at 25 cents In the dollar and was again in trouble in 1882 when he compromised at $75^{\circ}$ cents in
the dolinr payable in monthly instalmonts
-E. \& D. Carr, flour and feed merchanth, Ha'milton, hve done a gimall business in this line for the past 17 yeare They have pow assignod-W. T. Mather, carriages, Feenes, Ont, has nsaigned. He was only. in a small way and was a poor collector -A Gervais, grocer of this city, whose troubles have already been noted, is try:ing to cifect a settlement at 25 cerits in the dollar puyable in; 30 dayjb-J. A. C. Julien, a local jepeller, has agsigned. He owes $\$ 1,200$
-The returus of the expenditure and revenuc of the province of Nova scotia for the mine months ended on tha goth Sep; tember last, whan the new fiecal year closed, show a surplus of $\$ 40,182$. The most important items oi the expenditure are for education, $\$ 160,798$; debenture interest, $\$ 118,200$, legislative expenses. $\$ 50,920$; public charities, $\$ 58,012$; road service, $\$ 70,101$. The principal item of the receipts outside the $\$ 432,814$ of the Domiaion subsidy was $\$ 174,801$ from mines!
--Liverpool is making surenuous efforta to neutralize the competition of the Manchester ship canal. Ocean ireights to Liverpool have been cut to six shillings low: er than to Manchester, the dock companiea will reduce their dues, and the railroads will bring down freights to the lowest point in order to favor Liverpool. It looke as if the new canal would have a hard time carning dividends and interest on its siti, 000,000 worth of investments in the fuce of such competition
-In this pruvinco, E. Desilets, generalstore, Grando Piles, moted as asking an extemsion, hats compromised at Sāc on the dollar.-Hubert \& Comitois, [urs, city, ara offeringr 25 c on the dollur--Damicus .d. Frere, reneral store, Fraserville, lunvo ase: sigued with liabilities of aliout $\$ 10,000$. Hhey attempted too much and got into difficulties in January. 00 ; but effected a esttlement and went on again. The firm: has existed toe 10 or 11 years.-II. Preí fontaine \& Co., insolvent dry soods traders, Sherbrooke, have settided at 50 c on tho dollar, cash.-Another Sherbrooke dry goods house, that of A. O. Lucas, has assigned. It was begun in May.'91. Liat bilities are $\$ 1,810 .-J$. S. McCallum, comf fectioner, city, has assigned wilh debts of $\$ 1,100$. He sturted in Novenber ' 92 , but his stand has not proved a good one.-An efiort is being made to close up the est tate of D. English \& Co., printers, city', on the busis of 30 c on the dollar, cashb Thifs composition is beint gencrally act cepted. D. English, sole proprietor, died last December, and his estate was found not to be solvent. Itiabilities are probably $\$ 2,200$.

It seems that Canadian coal oll, which is bought at $61-2$ conts a gallon, is retailed in some stores at 25 cents.
montreal clearing house.
Total for the week ending January 4, 1804: Clearings $\$ 0,325,843$, balances \$1,232,288; corresponding week 1898 $\$ 10,738,451$ and $\$ 1,411,44^{6}$; correapend-
ing week $1892 \$ 0,042,210$ and $\$ 1,140, \dot{2}$ 125; eorresponding week 1891 \$0,676, 209 and $\$ 1,477,464$.
Total for the week ending Janmary 11, 1804: Olearings $\$ 10,061,003$, balances \$1,073, 478 ; correnponiding week 1803 $\$ 1.3,414,187$ and $\$ 1,939,096$; corresponding ! 705 ; corresponding week $1801 \$ 0,434$, 700 and $\$ 1,884,573$.
Totnl for the week ending January 18, 1804: 1Cearings $\$ 0,302,084$, batances $\$ 1,362,621$; corresponnling week 1803 $\$ 12,074,01.0$ and $\$ 1,797,370$; corresponding week 1802 \$0,647.848 and $\$ 1,217$, 353 ; corresponding weĕk 1801 \$8,484, 012 and ${ }^{\text {o }} 1,228,759$.
-To form an idea of the number of furbentine animats ammally slaughtered for the suke of their skins it is only neces anry to lowk at the: amomat oifered at the Jantury stides in Londion. The catalogue containe $1,500,500$ mashra', $5 \mathbf{5} 0,000$ Austratias opossum, 220,000 raccoon, 200,000 skmik. 1 T5, 000 mink, 105,000 оровsum, 60 ,000 watinhy, : 16,500 iox, 36,000 maricut; 32,000 interin, 20,000 wombat, 14,000 beawer. $5,600 \mathrm{cat}, 0,000$ bear, 5,000 kangaroo 5.000 lyux, 3 ,fi00 Thilect limb, 3,400 wolf, 2,800 iny-hair kiati, 1,100 buigrar and 1,000 Iussian mble, a lotal of marly 3,000 , 000 gling. Thtishis exclusive of the lot of 28,900 geal ukins which came up at the regula sule hat Monday.
--Int "phlminer gime," wherely paste riugs ars sulstituted for genuine diamonds by a faker white examining bem in a jewelert shop under pretense of purehasiug, lane been worked very successfully by oue of the Widued gang in London, Ont. several jewelless there aro hamenting the loes of valamble ringe which have been replacect by chap Rhinu stones ubiler their very eyes. ds this gang is working its way cas it would ise well for jewellers hore to seruthize vers ciosely the actions of slick atrungers who wish to ingnect their traya of dismond ringe, or they may chatec to have an mpheasmat surprise in store for ham.
-Simee the emb of August hast there has been a atemy inerenge in the prices paid at the Amaterdam pubie sules for cinchoua lnurl. On the 31st August the unit value of the batk sold was 25.8 Dutchi cents. On December 14th, the last saic of her ymu it hal risen to 3 7-8 Dutehs cento. This, of course, pointe to a firmer market and higher prices for quinine, nul, as the munfferurers now limit sales for futuro delivery, it is likely to be a legiltimate advance, undiatimbed by speculative sales.
-The prospectus of the proposed new Wimnipg duily, the "Nor' Weater" lane men mubtished. The capital jo only $\$ 2 \mathrm{~S}_{\text {, }}$ 000 , whith looks like a very small sum to efari a daily paper with againet those atrendy well established there, but Mr. W. F. Laxton, the manging editor, is a hastler, and may possibly suceced in making it a pmying vonture, in spite of the odde againat him. At present it is stated that the "Nor" Wrester" will favor neither political party, bat as tho Conservativer need an organ in Winuiperg budly it would not be surprising it the new paper leaned in that direction eventually.

MR. R. WILSON SMITH'S ADDRESS.
To the Electora of St. Lawrence Ward:
Gentlemen,-I should be most ungrateful If I did not feel under decp obligations to you for the very mumerous reciueste I have received to the effect that I should allow inyselfi to be nibnitated for reelection us your representative in the Councij.
While I am conscioue that my first year of office must havo been marked by fome shortcomings due to inexperience, it is a source of tie greatest satisfaction to me to recoive so many expressions of confidence from fellow citizens whose good opiuion I value so hgithly. I would not now accept re-nomination if I did not feel that if re-elected I could do the city Home aervice.
Should you do me the honor to elect me for anothor term, it is my iutention to devote $m y$ chicf attention to an earuest and bonest offort to place the city's finanees upon a counder and anfer basis. As moat of you are awaro I bave niready expressed myself freely with regard to the city's financial position, and as a first step towarda getting over $a$ dangerous cribis I suggested legislation with the object of restricting the city's borrowlug power. This effort has been particulariy successful and the principle bas been entnablished by the Quebee Legislature of limiting the eity's boryowing power to a fixed percentage on the value of the taxable real estate. Unfortmately, how-ever,-owing to what is censidered, by the important delegation of businese and financial men who at considerable loss of time went to Quabec-tine City Council has more money at its disposal than prudence dictates and than I believe :a necessiated by the public improvementa, and tius it becomes of the utmost importance and indeed is, in my lumble opinion, nile solutely necessary that tho grentest cajtion and conservatism be excreised in other to a void disuster: I nm convineed that the border line of sofuty has been reached, whiel if exceeded is sure to result in a retroaction from which it will take yeare to recover. I amas much in finvor of publis: improvements as any man, but 1 believe in spending the people's money cconourically and in accordance with the natural growth aud progress of the city. I want to see applied to the management of civic affairs the anme methods that are commonly applied to private business.
It will be my earuest effort to seo that all contracts are granted with due regard to the rights and interents of the citizuns and ulso that contractors and companies holding civic contracts are compelled to fulfil their obligntions to the letter. For instance the Street Railway Company should no jore be permitted to ovado the conditions of its contract with regard to the providing of sufficient accommor dation for the public, or the making of the winter ronds passable for citizen's vehicles than a contractor who submits a tender for a certain quality of material ahould be permitted to supply au in. ferior article.
It is only by strict attontion to such details as these that the burden of general taxation can be lightened; the city's

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eredit maintained, and a safo progressive! poliey of city improvements carried out. 1 have felt that some explanation of my views was due to those electore -? the ward whose personal acquaintance $I$ have not the plensure of having made.

I have the honor to be
Your faithful servant,
R. WLLSON SMITH.

## finamiad.

Thursday Evg., Jan. 18, 1804.
The finnncial markets both here and abroad liave been quict. Sixty days sterling closes at $9!6$ to $3-10$ and $7 \cdot 16$ to劲; cables 0 to $9-16$ and $9 \%$; draits on Wew York at par, On the local stock exchauge the features wero Gas; Street Railmay, Pacific, Richeliey and Cable. Sales today included Pacific at 73 Straet Rnilway at 162 to 163, Richelien at 83 and Gas at 174. In Chicago wheat is stronger at writing. May closed last night at 641/2 and to-day sold at 651/e and 65. The market was, however, Inll. New Tork stocks have been steady but dull. Three lending securities are higher, viz, St. Paul at 585, Northwest at 101 and Western Duion at 85: General Electric apened at 37 and fell to 35 . This stock is snid to have been sold by Boston parties. Following is the record of local. stocke, as per Chas. Meredith \& Co., stock brokers:


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| Michallen. | 1933 | 83 | - 80 | B5 |
| Passongor | 392 | 163 | 1604 | ${ }^{1871}$ |
| Gas. | 2333 | 177 | 170 | ${ }^{103}{ }^{2}$ |
| Telephone. | 45 | 137 | 135 | 168 |
| Electrio. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 50 | 130 | 130 | 110 |

## MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

## Thureday Evg., Jan. 18, 1894.

It has been a quiet and uneventifl week in wholecale trade circles. The chief change refers to refined sugars which are up $1-8 \mathrm{c}$, both here and in New York. Trapellers on the road have been doing fully as well as expected, so far as really representative firms are concernéd. Geuerally speaking, there is no hurry to make up and ship goods, but the fact that the orders are really booked, contributes to make merchants more cheorful. Many Wholesale jobbers while saying that collections should be better, and we know they almajs should, are inclined to be some what less severe about the laxity of debtors. So far as the nearer and older provinces are concerned, there is certainly some moner in the conntry, in spite of the pessimists, and bookicepers of firms in various lines, confirmed the story that payments could be called better than at this date a year ago. Although the snow roads have been uniformly good this senson, the weather has been severe and changeable, causing more than the usual amount of sickness in town and country. The advent of spring will be welcomed by aill classes.
Ashesi-Receipts continue fair. Market is quiet. Pote nominal at $\$ 4.35$ to $\$ 4.40$ for first and $\$ 3.80$ for seconds. Pearls $\$ 6.50$ for firsts. Receipts since 1st Jan. 7 brls. pots, 3 brls. pearls; deliveries 68 bris. pots, 4 brls. penils; in store 18 68 brle. pots, 4 brls. penrls; in store 18
Jan., nt 6 p.m. 55 bris. pote, 39 brlea pearls.
-Butter and Checse.-Butter of good table grade continues to bring its full valuc. There is an average movement with supplies light. Beat creanery sells at 24 c to 241 -2e and best dairy'at 22 c upwards. Fair goods bring $101-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 20c. Single or two or three tub lots, are higher: Chicese is arominally held at $111-2 c$ for finest. There is littlo doing and holders aro tiff . Liverpool cable E7s. Ners York market remains strong. Fancs western creamery in that city is steady but quiet; the larger proportion of the arrivals show. defective quality. The supply of undergrades is so beavy that holders are-urging anles and the biyer has much to do in naming the price.
Drugs 'aind Chemicnis:-Cables from Smgria report frost in the opium growing sections and the article is strong. Quinine is active and firm. Oils, anise and clover have been doing better. -German poppy beed is lower and earawny seed hipher. Shellac is lirmer. Ergot is inactive.
 quiet. Chlorate of potash is in more demand. Blenching powder and nitrato of sodn are stendy. Cream tartar dull. Cables from London report an adrance of 49 in ghellac.

Dry Goods-Travellers, who ara on their various prounds, report a moderate to finir trade being done. As the кeason adrances more conitidence is manifest, i judred by actual orders recoiped, Money receipts are a subject of comphant, althongh some of the houses on whom we havo called, report an improvement this month, so far, compared with equal inte last jear. As a rule collections are not up to expectations. Domestic manulnctureis are well engnged in the execution of orders and we hear of no break in prices. Woolen manufacturers are rather inclined to fight shy of taking ordore largely abeaid, beanuse if the Wilson ta-
riff is allopted in thie Ouited Sthtes it might put up the price. of wool. Liverpool cotton, moderate demand; middlings, 4 7-16d. New York cotton, 'futures.steady; Jain. 7.952, Feb. 7.07c, March 8.07 c , April 8.1.6c. ICose, apots, quiet; uplands, $81-8 \mathrm{e}$, gulf $81-2 \mathrm{c}$. Futures, barely steady; bales Jan. T.80c, Feb. 7.92 c , March 8.00 c , April 8.00e, May 8.16c, 7.92e, Mare 8.24 c .

Farm Produce.-At the public farmers' market potatoes were selling at 75 c to 85e per bag: mushrooms nt $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.50$ per ib., celery at 250 to 50 c per dozen and cabbare at 30 e to 35 e per dozen. . Cucabbare at
cumbers 20 c to 25 co ench. Chickens 50 c cumbers 20 c to 2 co ench. Chickens 50 c
to 7 ne fowl 70 e to SOc , turkers 75 c to to 7 ne, fowl 70 e to 80 c , turkeys 7 be to
$\$ 1.40$; geese 65 c to 85 c fand duckinge 75 c to $\$ 1$.
Thour and Grin, The local flour and grain inarkets cantinue dulJ and uninteresting. Canadian pens are cabled at 4s 10 1-2d. Cnlifornia whent prompt delivery 27 e Bü. Australian 28 s to 28 s 3 d . Chilian and Walla Walla 26s. The Indian shipments were unusually heavis amotinting to $1,140,000$ bushels, making the total shipments $10,100,0004$ Last year for same period the figures were 27.060,000 . Prospects are grood in the Puntjaub for this season's whent crop and the aren planted is increased 6 per cent. France is buying floiting cargoes more France is buying floating enrgoes more
 siderable liquidation of poorly held long wheat took place and was taken up by local investors. Foreign markets were as discouraging as ever, private advices bring only the old, old etory of dull and featureless markets. The London Mark Lane Express recently stide : The sale of Lane Express recentiy sitid: Tare sale of English wheat is limited, farmers not
willing to aecept current prices, 26 s 4 d . Forcign wheats are quiet, and forcigu flours deplorably low, viz.: Mihnesota patents at 238, bakers' at 17s 6d, extra fancy American 19s 6n. Oats and barley were firm; and corn "Tenk. The shipments of wheat from castern European, ments of wheat from castern Enropean,
Australian and South American ports the past week were $1,280,000$ bushols, agrinst T20,000 bushele same week last yoar, and $2,400,000$ bushels last week, and 3,760;000 bushels the week before. The above shipments of 1,280,000 bushels, combined with $1,140,000$ bushels from Indin and 2,409,850 bushels From the Onited States, makes $\pi$ total of $4,829,850$. bushels, apainst' the estimatod' European requirements of $7,4,60,000$ bushels: or a defiency oi $2,680,150$ btishels.
Fish ind Oils.-These markets hare been quict. So far es S. R. pale seal is concerned, supplies are out of importers' hands, hnd chicfly in the possession of two dealers who nre asking higher prices. There is nothing to come lorward, just now, hut considering values of other oils, clisinterasted tradeys state that our nominal qnotation for importers, and our distributing prices, are Tully hirh enough. There aro few Labrador herrines in the market 2 nil $\$ 5.25$ to $\$ 5.50$ wouhd be paid readily. Newfoundhand shore would be sold at \$4. Demand for fish is pieking mp $n$ littic. Drait cod inbont $\$ 5.50$. Other guntations as given in prices current. Nerrioundland markets, just now, are quiet for Ganadinn produce, and will are quiet for Canndinn produce, and will be so for sereral weeks. St
are believed to be moderates
Green Fruits.-Apples eome dear these. dnys, Spies haring sold at $\$ 5.25$ und Baldwins at $\$ 4$, at the anction rooms. Brtiish cables are high and are likely to go higher. Colifornia fruit is expected next week. Florida fruit has:been the etandby of late.
Groceries.-The general jobbing trado has been fair, but there is in absence of large transactions with importers and
brokers. Ontario and Quebec paymented aro fair, and better than last year, with some houses. Molasses are vainously re-: ported on. In a large why, 31e is spoken of as possiblo. Smaller lots sell at 33 c to 84 c , in puncheons, and from that, 3se to 84 c, in puncheons, and from that,
prices run itp to $371-2 \mathrm{e}$ in bris. . Refined sugar has gone up $1-8 \mathrm{e}$ all round, and this turn in the tide has caused a bottor. run of custom, at the refineries. Good. thens are reported steady. nnd not tood plentiful. There is a good denl of talk about rejected, trashy tens. being run into Conada from the States. True there ipto Canada from the states. True there is an ndulteration act in Cannda, but it
is not such $a$ stiff one, and so directly ìpplicable to teas, as in the United States. Laws in any event are not of much necount unless diligently acted upon and enforeed. Juist now New York officiald nre máking it lively for John Chinaman, Who is not mnaddicted to tricks; annd has been trying to get the best of the Melican man. A portion of the adultcrated teas, recentily imported, have come from Japari; but by far the largest percentage are received from one section of China. Such tens are knowit as PingSuey tens, and he illustrating how extensively this varicty has been adulter: ated, a Chinese paper siates that fully bo,000 phekares of this spurious ten will be shipped this seneon in excess of the crop of renl ten leaf grown in the region. Natives scoured the Ling Poo hills in every direction. securing everything possible in, the tray of exhansted nidd spurious leaves that ean be put in such form as will pass for tea. During the senson of 1801-92, 20,000 packages of Ping-Suey tea were rejected. In the entire season of 1892-98. only 10,000 packages were rejected, while thus far this season 23,000 packages have been rejected. Of these 23,000 the rejection of 15,000 whs approved by the Arbitration ocmmittce, 5,000 were passed and 3,000 remain to be considered. If the inuspector's decision is confirmed, the the iuspector's decision is confirmed, the
importer has six months to get the conimporter has six months to get the con-
demned goods out of the country and, as a mat ter oi fact, they are generally sent to Camila, or to London. Pure PingSuey, or shotty gunpowder, as it is called, is a palatable article, but the adulterated stuff ie composed of cxhausted and epurious lenf, rolled into gunpowder pellets and given consistener and weight by a pecaliar paste. This is made by the Chinese from Sing Poo mud and rice water. To the eye these pellets of socalled tea appear all right, but as soonias they are put in the testing cup the parte loses its adhesive power and the Sing Poo mud comes to the surface, creating $n$ poculint scum. The pellets are colored with gypsum, indigo, soapstone and silicon. The difference in toste between pure PingSues and the adulterated article is apparent to the most inexperiencod person. Some lots of Japan and Amoy tens liave been rejected on account of exhanasted ind spurious Ienf, and excess of coloring zuntter, but the quantity rejected is not nearIf so large as the Ping-Suey. The stomnelis and pockets of Camidinns should not ye allowed to fuffer from these Chinese irinds. Our New York friends would con-: fer $a$ faror on us by consigning tea made of mul, rice water and exhausted lenf to the city incinerators.
Iron and Hardmares-There is only a moderate trade doing and prices are abont stendy. The change in bar iron-was noted last week, alsn the declino in wire and wire nails. There has been $a$ good deal of competition nmong makers of wire nails and cut nails. The former appear to bo coming more into use than before. The decline in barbed, and other wire, is doubtless a concession, to some extent to the tarifl reformers in the Northwest. Makers say there is little profit at present prices. In the States competition between makera has led to sales at cost, and under. Tin is wank

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London prices have recently dropped from 572 to 571 10s. Copper in slow demand. The London price has gone from $\mathfrak{L x 2}$ for spot to 141178 und. futures from $\mathcal{L 4 2} 7 \mathrm{~m}$ 0 d to E 42 bs. Lead dull. 'Loudon quoted $£ 97 \mathrm{~F}$ Gd for ofit Spanish. Spolter continues quict. London cablea $£ 16$ 17s Gd for grool merchant brands. American' orders for pig iron aro light and these aro chiefly for future delivery. Several amall ordere for $40 \mathrm{1b}$. section steel rails have been booked recently at about $\$ 24$ d.o.b. at Eastern mill. This is much below the combine rate for heavy sections and affords a fair idea as to how maters would stand were there no restraining influences on prices for heavy sections. Ruwor has it. however, that indirect cuts have beon male on heavy sections, and that continued lack of orders is becoming irritating in some quartors. Sales ageate, as usual, aifirm that $\$ 2$, f.o.b. mill then $\$ 24.80$ at tido water are the only prices.
Moal had Feed-Oatimeal is . steady. Standard in bage $\$ 1.05$ to $\$ 2.05$, granulated $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.05$, rolled onts $\$ 2$. Staudard in barrels $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.10$, granulated $\$ 4.20$ to $\$ 4.30$, rolled onts $\$ 4.25$. Feed senree and firm. Bran $\$ 16$ to $\$ 17$, shorts $\$ 17$ to $\$ 18$ nud monllic $\$ 22$.

Provisions and jerge.-There is at faia distribution of pork, lard and ments. Canada short cut $\$ 17$ to $\$ 18$, westorn new mess $\$ 16.50$ to $\$ 17$, liams 12e to 13c, bucon 11 1-2e to $121-2 \mathrm{c}$, lard 11 1-4c to 121 -4e and $81-4 \mathrm{e}$ to $81-2 \mathrm{c}$, tho latter Hor common refined. Pork in Chiengo. $\$ 13.40$ Jan., und $\$ 13.45$ May, lard $\$ 8$ Jan., $\$ 7.72$ 1-2 May. Eggs in the Montreal market are puiet, as demand is not quick, and many limed egge are offeriug. Freali boiling are worth 22e and held frosh, in enses, 15 c ; eity limed 16 c to 17 e nnd western 15c. Nenuby eggs in bnskets 50 c to 00 c .
Wood.-The local market was fully ontlined last week and prices are the same. A Loudan cnble says that the wool nuction anlo oponed with a large attendance of English and continental buyers. Thero nro no Americhus present. Thus far offerings aro medium in quality and chiefly Sydneys. The demnnd is good; prices about unchanged. Cape wools are uncertnin, with relatively large withdrawnls.

## TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. (Rorised by, Telegraph.)

Toronto, Jan. 18, 1804;
There is a moderate volume of business
$\therefore$ : wholesale circles, with few changes in prices. Travellers are out in most lines, and the spring dry goode trade is fair. Hardware in moderate demand. In groceries the chiof movement is in sugars, with prices firm in sympathy wth the advance in Moutreal and New York Money is unchanged, with prime discounts at 61-2 to 7 per cont. The rates for call louis are 5 1-2 to 6 por cent. Sterling is rather firmer. Buainess on the Stock Exchange is fair. Sales of Commerce at 135 3-4, Dominiop̣ át 279, Imperial at 179 1-2, Hamilton at 161 1-2, Britislr America 'dsburance sold |'at 1115-8 to 111 7-8 rand Westeru at 142. Cable at 135 1-2, C. P. R. at $731-4$ and Gas at 190 1-2. Cawadi Landed Loan sold at 124, Ganada Permanent at 185, Frechold (20 p. c.) at 123, London and Caundian at 125, Festern Camada at 170, and British Camadian Joau at 113.
Butter-Supply and demand about equal. The best tub siolls at 20 c to 211.2 c , and large rolle at 18 c to 19c. Creamery, choice, at 23c to 25 c . Medium tub 15c to 18c. Eggs are easier at 170 anda limed at 14. 1-2e to 15c. Cheese firm at $101-2 \mathrm{c}$ and full creams, October nad November at 11e to $111-2 \mathrm{e}$.
Dressed Hogs-Offerings increasing and prices weaker. Choice lgint aro quoted by the car load at $\$ 0.45$ to $\$ 6.50$, and hinvy $\$ 6.35$ to $\$ 0.40$.
Flour and Grain-Mour dull, with choice straight rollers $\$ 2.70$ to $\$ 2.75$, agi ordinary at $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.60$, Ontario patents nominal at $\$ 3$. Manitoba patents job at $\$ 3.75$, and strong bakera at $\$ 8.50$. Wheat is weaker, with exportere honding off. White aud red winter sell to milleris at 57 e to 58e west, while exporters wont give over 66c. Goose sold at Ebe west, and spring held at G1c on the didiand. No. 1 Manitoba hard held at 75c west and at 77 c Montreal freight. Barley quiet, With No. 1 nominal at 44 c to 450 and No. 2 at 42 c . Fead sellis freely ait 38 c on Midland and at 87e west. Oata quiet, with mixed quoted nt 31c to 311.2 e vorth and west, and cars on track 80 c . Peas ldull at $521-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 53 c north and west. Rye sells at 44 c to 45 c and buckwheat offers 'at 48c. Bran' still scarco and firm at $\$ 15$ on track, and shorts $\$ 10$. Ontmeal $\$ 8.85$ to $\$ 8.90$ for care, and $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.10$ for broken lota.

Grocories,-Chiof trode is in sugars. Granulated sell at $41-20$ to $45-8 \mathrm{c}$, and yellows at 3 3-8c to $41-8 \mathrm{c}$, according to quality. Fruits quiet. "Coffees quoted at 22c to 23c for Rios and teas unchanged Canned goods unchanged at 80e for peas, corn and tomatocs.
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Hides and Skins.-Hides dull at 4 1-2c cured. No. 1 green quopted at $38-4 \mathrm{c}$, No. 2 at 2 3-4c and No 3 1 3-4c. Calfiskins
 low firm at $51-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 6 c aud dealers getting 6 c to 6 l -4c.
Live Stock,-Receipts of cattle fair, but the oflerings are generally of inferion at $21-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 3c. Milch cows sold at $\$ 25$ to $\$ 48$ cach, and calves at $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 8.50$ ench. Sheep sold at $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 4.75$ each lambe nt 4 c per 1 b . Hoge easier at o $1-4 \mathrm{c}$ for choice light fat, and 43 -4e to 5 fe for stores.
Provisious.-Irade quiet and prices generally steady, Long clear bacon $81-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 9 c , bellies 12 c and rolls 9 c to $91-2 \mathrm{c}$. Sinoked hams $111-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 12 c and lard at 10c to 103 -de, the latter for paile. Mess pork solls at $\$ 10$ to. $\$ 16.25$; hops 18 c to 20 c ; potatoes 50 c per bag on track. Apples firm at $\$ 3$ to $\$ 4$ por barrels and dried apples 51-2c to 6 c per 1 b .
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The bonds dated November 16t, 1892, and maturing November 1st, 1932, aro issued in coupon form, principal and interest 'payable in gold.
In the event of the United Stiates duty of 75 cente per ton being removed, it is evident that this Company shonld fime a large market on the New England acnbonrd, ins it possesses unusual advantages, its property being nearer (in somo instances by several hundred miles) than other conl properties in Novn Scotin, and having tirect access to the New Dugland const by the inside route, which is much shorter and safer than any other.
Although the remowal of this duty wonld be of erent advantage to the Company und bring about an incrense in ita profits, the Compnny is un't depondant for its future success upon the removal of the duty, for the renson that it is now doing a growing business in our own country, and within the year has filled
contracts for the regular supply of coal to the Canadian Pacific, the Intercolonial Railway, and to other largo consumors in Nova Scotia, and other parts of Canada where it now has a profitable market. The following letter from Mr. H. $\mathrm{I}^{\text {B }}$. Torrey, who for nine years was the Chief Mining Engineer of the Dolaware \& Hudson Railway Company, and who also acted as viec-president and general manager of this company pending certain improvements at the mines, including the opening of a new slope, certifies as to the carning capacity of the coal and railway properties of this Company:

New York, Jan. 5th, 1894:
Genitlemen,-Replying to your letter of enquiry of 4 th inst., I am. glad to be able to state that the coal areas of the Canada Coal \& Railway Company coutain a practically inexhaustible supply of coal of very good quality, with such unusual advantages for shipment by rail and by water that it hes a ready market at very profitable prices.
The analyees which have been submitted nll show an excellent stenm and household coal, and it produces a hard, firm coke of superior quality.
Tho work of the year just closed has been largely one of development and innprovement, luvolving largo expenditures in preparation for an increased output.
The year's work, however, under the present board of directors, shows an increase of more than fifty per cent. in the production, all of which has been sold at sntisfactory prices aud from which $\$ 185$, 000 were realized and no bad dobts incurred.
They have made extensive improvementa nit the pit head, upon the railway, and at the Company's shipping wharf, providing for the better and more economical handling and shipment of the coal. Other additiomal plant and power are being secured to further increase the output.
Among the many underground improvements, the most important is the opening of a new mine, from which conl is now being taken. The coal from this new slope, being raised by a very short hoist to the surface, can be produced at a minimum of cost., It is of a bright, firm ehnracter and is mueh liked. This will prove in very profitable portion of the work during this yenr and for many years to come.
The mines nre now opened to $a$ producing enpacity moro than double the output of any jear untler previous ownerships bi the propertios.
This places the company in a position to make larger oarnings, nutd I have no hesitation in striting that tho business will yield satisfactory profits to its stockholders after paying all operatiup expenses and interest on its bonds: Very truly yours,
H. F. TORREX.


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