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THE number of French Canadians who have settled in Manitoba this year is estimated at one thousand.

A SYDNEY letter states that work is being pushed upon the St. Peter's Canal, C. B., and that it will be 18 feet deep and 48 feet wide.

THE McClary m'fg Co., of London, are stated to be the largest exhibitors of stoves at the Quebec Provincial Show.

A FLEET of one hundred and six grain laden vessels were on the way from Chicago and Milwaukee to Buffalo, on Saturday last.

SIXTY packages of liquor were found by the customs authorities, concealed in the woods on Barnaby Island near Rimouski, and were seized for illicit landing.

"Lovell's First Steps in General Geography" is the title of a handsomely illustrated work of fifty pages. This book is intended for children, and is an introductory to the larger volume.

THE receipts in September of the Halifax Custom House were \$134,517. Increase over that month last year, \$19,261. For the quarter ending 1st inst., receipts \$282,209. Increase over same quarter last year, \$38,083. Deposits in Halifax Savings Bank during the past month, \$46,158, against \$91,692 in September last year.

Last week was a busy one among the forwarders at Kingston, nearly one million bushels of grain were transhipped at that port for Montreal. About nineteen thousand bushels of barley and rye was shipped from Belleville during the same period. The shipments of grain from that port this season exceed forty thousand bushele

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THE receipts at the Provincial Exhibition atLondon, were \$6,350, and the total attendance 25,500.

LAST week, the Montreal, Portland, and Boston railway was officially inspected and opened to Farnham.

THE apple crop in the Province of Quebec is stated to be an abundant one. In Ontario, however, apples have this season been among the least productive of all fruits.

THE freight receipts of the Great Western Railway for the week ending 15th inst., were increased we are glad to observe \$8,748, or eighteen per cent over the corresponding week last year; but the passenger receipts declined \$12,550, (the reason doubtless being that last year was the Centennial year) which leaves the gross receipts of the road \$4,996 less than last

THE Grand Trunk Railway receipts for the same week were \$207,076, nearly eight per cent. more than for the corresponding week of 1876. These returns show also, a decrease in passenger and an increase in freight traffic, for while the total gain is 16,565 the gain in freight is over \$20,000.

THE burned city of St. John is gradually regaining its loss by the disastrous fire. About seven hundred buildings are in course of construction. Among the finest of these will probably be the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Domville Block. The former will be about forty by fifty feet square and three stories high with a Western ports to Kingston, bound across the

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mansard roof. This with a dressed freestone front and grey granite columns supporting the porticos will give the building a very fine appearance.

THE Liverpool Post describes another step in the trade in edibles between the United States and Britain. A firm in Norfolk, Va., have lately sent thither samples of oysters. They are conveyed in refrigerator tubs, from which they are taken on the arrival of the steamer, and placed in convenient tins for delivery. The result of the experiment is perfectly satisfactory, both as to condition and quality.

APPLICATION is to be made for the incorporation by the Ontario Government of the Huron & Lambton Loan and Savings Company (lim ited), to be formed in Sarnia, with a capital of \$200,000 in \$50 shares. It will receive deposits and lend upon mortgage and other security. Mr. W. B. Clark and the Hon. Mr. Pardee are among its promoters and first directors.

THE ocean steamer "Sarmatian" landed her mails at Rimouski last week, in just six days and twenty-two and three-quarters hours after receiving them, the time being the shortest on record. Those for Montreal reached that city at eleven o'clock on Saturday. The merchants there conceived the idea of answering their letters by the outgoing steamer, which the Messrs. Allan were willing to detain a few hours at Rimouski for the purpose, and the Postmaster General was telegraphed to to send forward a mail at four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day by special train, but the time did not allow the arrangements to be made.

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LAST month's Inland Revenue receipts at London were \$16,835, against \$14,880 in September, 1876; increase this year \$1,955, irrespective of the Petroleum duty which, in September last year, was \$18,848; and is this year abolished. The custom's returns from that port show duty collected amounting to \$45,561, against \$37,700 in the same month of last year.

WE are glad to notice the introduction into the Dominion of a new industry. A branch factory of Messrs. Belding, Bros. & Co., silk manufacturers in the United States, has been opened in Montreal, where they make from the raw silk, imported from China, about two hundred pounds per week of silk thread. About ninety hands are employed in the factory, mostly young girls.

THE Louisville Courier-Journal says very true things sometimes in jest. Some one had been 'cussin' the Dutch' the other day in its hearing, just as we have sometimes heard people blame the French when matters in certain localities went awry. Thereupon the Courier says: 'Don't sit down and say, "damn the Dutch." Do like they do. Get up and go to work. If things ain't lively enough, put your shoulder to the wheels of commerce and trade and aid in getting the road wagon of old fogyism out of the mire. Hitch the mule of energy in the shafts, take the whip of enterprise in your hand, and make the dust fly along the road of progress. Get up, blast your lazy hides, advertise your business, let people throughout the country know who you are and what you've got to sell, and our word for it, you'll have something else to do and think about this fall than to sit around and wait for business to come to you. and " cuss the Dutch."

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The opening of the Hamilton and North Western Railway to Clarksville, Simcoe Co., took place on Wednesday last, when a train of fourteen cars conveyed excursionists to the Hamilton fair. This road is now made a connecting link between this city and Buffalo, and on the 1st instant the Grand Trunk began carrying eastern passengers to that city, via Georgetown, Caledonia, and the International Bridge. The Great Western put on a train between the two cities at the same date, and travellers are also served by the Canada Southern and its connecting steamers across the lake.

In scanning the list of mercantile changes for a fortnight past, one discovers that out of 38 attachments issued in that time 6 are against general store men; 5 dry goods dealers; 4 tailors; 4 grocers, and 7 shoe dealers. We regret to know that the old and well-known firm of Ino. Thomas & Co., of the Chippewa distillery, have been attached. Out of ten assignments, three are grocers, and three general store men; these last are John Fox, of Indian River, Ont.; P. Slattery, of Pembroke; and Lavalle & Roy, Levis. Amongst those general dealers who are in difficulties, are Marrin Bros., of Barrie, who offer 30c in the dollar; Hicks & Son, Moncton, N. B., who have suspended; F. S. Huntley, Parrsboro', N. S.; and Richard Welch, St. John, in bankruptcy; G. J. Jeffrey, dry goods, Guelph, a receiver appointed. We note the suspension of A. Pease & Co., of the Ottawa match factory. The sheriff is in charge of the effects of Mr. F. S. Lansdell, grocer in Simcoe. There are 11 cases in all of such financial troubles, besides the assignments and attachments. Four grocery concerns, and one each in the lines of dry goods millinery, shoes, general store and hardware are selling out of business, which all goes to The Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto.

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lessen the too numerous shopkeepers, and help the chances of those who remain. The cases of dissolution, in which one partner only remains where there were two before, are 7 in number, 3 of them general store firms; we fancy that the out-going partners are not likely to desire to resume store-keeping, or to get much encouragement if they do. Messrs. Hill, McIntosh & Innes, who are said to be practical grocery men, have bought out the business in Guelph of Messrs. James Massie & Co,

In Toronto, during the past fortnight the following occurrences in commercial circles are noted: Attachments issued against Messrs. S. C. Bigford, picture frames &c; Ralph Bowen. grocer; T. Pendergast, shoes; John Kelz, and John Bland & Co., tailors; Thos. Prior, dry goods. Assignments made by Archd. McIntyre, coal and wood dealer; and J. H. Partridge, novelty works. Mr. S. Atkinson, lumber, meets his creditors; Messrs. Mc.Giverin, Kerrigan & Co., have sold out their hardware business; the creditors of Mr. John Edwards, stationer, have met, and decided to sell his stock. The firm of Dixon, Smith & Co., leather belting makers, have dissolved, Messrs. F. E. Dixon & Co., continuing the business.

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THE U.S. NAVIGATION LAWS.

During the block-up of grain at Kingston some American scows-only two according to one statement-were allowed to assist in clearing off the accumlated stock. When it was found that there were enough Canadian bottoms to do the business, the privilege accorded to the Americans was withdrawn. Perhaps the Americans will come in time to realize the injury they suffer from the operation of their own navigation laws. American vessels could earn the privilege of engaging in our coasting trade, by a change of register; but if they once changed, they would find themselves thenceforward shut out from all privileges in their own country: though Americanbuilt they would not again be admitted to American register. During the civil war, a large part of the American commercial marine had to take shelter under the British flag, to protect it from Southern cruisers. But once de-nationalized these vessels could never again recover their former status. The operation of this law is an admirable contrivance for destroying the commercial marine of the country, as experience proves. If the United States admitted foreign vessels to register, American bottoms could, in a case like the present, change their register to any other country where their services might for the time be required, with the intention of changing back again if circumstances made it desirable for them to do so. The existing navigation laws condemn American vessels to enforced idleness, whenever they cannot find employment in their own see readily what the real rate is, is about much affect. Town and city property are

country. In this particular, American legislators show a strange lack of practical wisdom. Of course, if the American navigation laws were ameliorated, Canadian bottoms would enjoy an equivalent advantage, because our vessels could then register in the States.

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

The increase in the assessed value of real estate in Toronto, during the year, of nearly two millions, shows that, in this city, this form of property has escaped the general rule, which will be found to have applied to almost everything else. If we suppose one million to have been added for new buildings, there would still remain an assumed increase of value to the amount of another million. We believe that, with some exceptions, real estate in Ontario has not declined in price. But it does not follow that the price has not been affected by the causes which brought about a general decline of prices. Undoubtedly the upward tendency, which is characteristic of real estate in a new country, has been checked; the increase of price, which Mill calls the unearned increment," has been less than it otherwise would have been. It is this tendency of real estate to increase in value which has prevented an actual decline amidst the otherwise general fall of prices. That upward tendency, we need not say, is much greater in a new than in an old country. In a city like Toronto, a hundred acres on either side of Yonge Street, which would once have brought only a mere trifle, would now, if vacant, sell for a million of dollars. Within the memory of men still living, a lot on the best part of King Street, which now rents for \$50 per foot per annum, could have been bought for the present annual rent of a few

There is no delusion greater than that of persons who believe that compound interest will, in all cases, be found to be the extreme measure of the increase in the value of real estate. It is like the statement that money, at interest, grows while the owner is sleeping, as if this growth were peculiar to money. Necessarily the increase is greater in the case of real estate. The total amount of the mortgages on real estate, in the city of Toronto, is probably not less than twenty millions of dollars. The rate of interest ranges all the way from five to ten per cent., very little in the way of "straight loans" being at either of these extreme figures. The average, apart from the loans of companies which mix up capital and interest so that it is impossible to

eight per cent. This interest, as a rule, is paid with wonderful punctuality. If the operation were not profitable to the borrowers, this kind of transaction would be much less frequent than it is; the interest could not be paid, and the property would necessarily change hands.

While the value of land up to a certain point, has a constant tendency to increase, the rate of interest on mortgages has a tendency to decrease. Land, like other things, is liable to fluctuations in price; and considerable reductions do sometimes take place. But they are only temporary. In a given series of years, increase in value is certain. As land touches its maximum. the relative return from it is less; and the fund out of which interest can be paid is diminished. This is one cause why a reduction in the rate of interest may be expected. That reduction is now silently going on; and if it be not checked, seven per cent. will before long be about the current rate. Already competition is rather among the lenders than the borrowers-The fall in the value of other securities causes mortgages to be sought after. Second and even third mortgages are becoming more common. But the cases are very rare in which the security is not ample. And in this respect our mortgage securities offer a marked contrast to many concerning which the public has lately been informed, in the United States. These excessive loans on mortgage, when fraud does not enter into them, are probably due to the difficulty of obtaining better security. There are sometimes other causes. The maximum value, if we can suppose any final maximum, having been more nearly reached, the amount of the "unearned increment" is less; and whenever the general fall in prices, extending to real estate, as it will, outstrips the natural increase in value, the selling price will fall. Besides the general inflation of prices affected land as well as everything else; and the depression corresponds in some measure, to the inflation: it goes beyond the limits of reason and necessity, in so far as it is affected by panic fears, which cause men to button up their pockets.

The fixed capital in houses, land, and factories constitutes the great bulk of the capital of a country. All the floating capital reprented by shares is a mere trifle in comparison. But the mobility of the one and the inert nature of the other cause a very different feeling to be entertained towards the two kinds. Dividend-paying stocks are always readily saleable; but real estate moves in obedience to a law of demand which artificial contrivances cannot

moving very slowly at present, but the stagnation does not cause any lowering of price. and it is surprising how little is sold to satisfy the claims of mortgagees. The amount of capital offering for investment in mortgages puts holders of real estate in a position to enable them to refuse to sell at diminished prices.

At present a very large proportion of the real estate in this country, especially in the shape of farms, is occupied by the owners. In all these cases, rent is only known as a theory; and even as a theory it is seldom taken into account. But there is a tendency to lease old farms and to turn city freeholds into leaseholds. How far this tendency will carry us cannot now be foreseen, but that it is destined to increase is beyond a doubt. It is difficult to believe that the change, if at all general, would not be for the worse. But as a movement affecting the social economy, this tendency deserves to be carefully studied.

HOW MUCH AND HOW LONG CREDIT?

There was a time in the history of this country when it was impossible to sell goods without selling them on long credit. Our farmers were for the most part poor in money and realizeable assets; their farms were mainly bush, their herds scanty, their flocks small; their pasturage meagre markets distant, railways unknown, and when they were dependent upon their scanty crops to pay for their store supplies.

That time has passed. Many of our farmers are now among the most independent of our people. Their farms are largely cleared; the cereal product of their fields is sent abroad to the amount of over twenty millions of dollars annually, their wool crop exported reaches another million; they export, in one year, butter to the extent of two and half millions, eggs valued at half a million, and cheese to the value of three and three quarter millions of dollars. Their orchards yielded fruit for shipping worth \$170,000 in the last recorded season; they fatten pork worth, when packed, \$1,-082,000, they sell sheep abroad for half a million; their cattle are shipped to Europe and to the neighbouring States to the value of \$600,000 in 1875-6, but much more during the succeeding year; they raise flax. hops, tobacco, and make tallow and lard for export; there are railways, if not at every man's door, still ramified in such sort that, except in the new settlements, where farmers have their land but partly cleared and partly paid for, but few are at any serious disadvantage in the matter of carriage.

Is is reasonable then, that a system of credit suited to a period thirty years distant, should be perpetuated in the changed circumstances of the present day? Why, on the contrary, should not the farmer pay cash when all that he has to sell, at the varying seasons of the year, commands cash? Why not the artisan also, whose wages are payable weekly or fortnightly do the same, or the sailor, the fisherman, or the railway employee pay his store bill at periods corresponding with the dates upon which their wages are paid?

An article upon credit, which we copy elsewhere, deals with some points which are important in this connection to our readers. The reason therein given by the grocer for declining to credit a wealthy man: "He would keep me waiting to long -I have no money to lend on interest, I need it in my business," will perhaps startle some Canadian storekeepers. But if our retail merchants will compare the interest accounts they pay, with the interest accounts they collect from credit customers, a discovery may be made of a leak they little suspected. If they will go a step further, and make trial of the economic effect of cash discounts even on a small scale, we think the result will be a pleasant surprise.

Another illustration, which we would likewise commend to our long credit storekeepers, is to be found in the experience of a Canadian merchant who, about 1860, had opened an attractive dry goods cash store in a country place where, previously, long credit had reigned. Enter an influential farmer, one of the 'best men in the place,' who, attracted by the freshness of the stock, said he would patronize the shop at once, and chose a piece of tweed, off which he desired a suit of clothes. Upon adding the usual formula, 'put it down to me, I am Mr. So-and-so,' he was utterly taken aback to be told by the proprietor that no credit could be given. 'Do you doubt that I am good for it?' said the offended lord of the soil, 'I own two hundred acres of land!'; the storekeeper's reply was: 'I don't say you are not responsible, but I do say that I won't sell to you on credit. I offer you fresh, well-bought, cheap goods, but I offer them only for ready money. That suit of Scotch tweed will cost you in any credit shop in town four dollars more than I ask: the condition upon which you save these four dollars is that you pay me cash. I have paid cash for my stock, and if I am to replenish it I must have money. I have not capital enough to enable me to wait a year upon you, even though you were to pay me interest.' The landed proprietor thereupon borrowed the money and secured fees of the lawyer, but it would bring to

the suit of clothes. We remark, in passing, that the store business thus founded is the best in that county to-day; and that the merchant in question is now the head of a successful wholesale firm.

Many contend that is impossible to do a cash business in a country store, because, they say, the cash does not exist except at certain seasons of the year, and because many other difficulties, principal among which is 'old use and wont,' combine to lessen the possibility. While not denying that there are difficulties in the way, a fact that came but to-day to our knowledge speaks more strongly than arguments upon this point. Three years ago, a firm of two partners devoted six hundred dollars to stocking a small cash store in a village of Durham county, by no means a promising point for such an experiment. The result of the first year's business was, however, such, that more capital was contributed and the cash system rigidly adhered to. Now, at the close of the third year, the firm dissolves; one partner removes to a larger place to start a large "cash store," and the other, with his capital increased from \$300 to \$2000, buys the stock and continues the business for strict cash.

If such a marked success attended an experiment begun on so small a scale, and in an unpromising locality, we see much to encourage a trial of the cash system in scores of places where long credit hangs like a dead-weight upon mercantile men. But even with those who lack, or who fancy themselves to lack, the means to begin buying and selling for cash, there is no good reason why they should not begin to shorten the term of credit to their customers, and to exert themselves to offer greater inducements, by discounts or otherwise, for short time or cash purchases.

Until our merchants, wholesale and retail, shall each soberly realise his share in the general fault, and shall each for himself take resolve, and act in the direction of curtailment and change of system, progress of a satisfactory kind cannot be made.

The practice of trading upon a basis of prompt cash would have a good moral effect, as well as bring a material benefit. Not only would it tend to the formation of economy and thrift on the part of the buyer, and conduce to greater system and improved merchandising by the seller, but it would change the status of both storekeeper and customer for the better, producing pleasant, because equitable, relations where now is wrangling over interest, dunning and sueing. It might lessen the duties of the division-court clerk, or the mercantile men an amount of ease and is much reason to hope that it will be encouragement to which many have been long strangers.

THE NORTH SHORE RAILWAY.

As a means of opening up the Valley of the Ottawa to colonization, this railway is already proving of great utility. Between the Red River and the Gatineau there is an extensive region of fine lands. No finer land, the Minerve reports, can be found than that at the head of the river Maskinongé and thereabouts. And although these lands are from thirty to thirty-five miles from the railway, a great movement of population towards them has set in. Farmers are selling their small holdings, in the old settlements, and taking up lots for themselves and their children in this new country, where a hundred acres only costs \$30. Many go on to "prospect" and return home to settle up their affairs and make a new start. The movement of population extends all the way down below the city of Quebec. From Maskinongé to Lake Nominingue a plain extends, in the form of an ellipsis, twenty miles in length and ten broad. There is a fine country, well watered by rivers and lakes, and variegated by mountains and plains.

This movement may to some extent take the place of emigration to the United States, whence many French Canadians have recently returned, though the movement itself has never entirely ceased. Of the one thousand French Canadians added to the population of Manitoba this year many were from the States. The present movement seems to be more spontaneous and independent than most of the others which have preceded it into the interior. It is due to individual effort, and is not prompted and conducted by some colonization society.

There has long been witnessed in the Province of Quebec the remarkable spectacle of a minute subdivision of cultivated lands, where the pressure of population on the means of subsistence has nearly reached its extreme verge, while vast areas of new land were awaiting occupation. French Canadian population did not seem to care to move into the interior except in masses, while the movement out of the country was strongly marked with a character of individualism. Of late these emigrants to the States have severely felt the pressure of the times; and the young and the energetic are turning about in search of new fields for adventure where their industry can be turned to profitable account.

turned to good account.

SELFISHNESS vs. LIFE INSURANCE.

The Life Insurance Agent finds no greater enemy in his path than selfishness. This, in various disguises, is the obstacle which has to be constantly met and overcome by those who solicit applications for life policies. It assumes a great variety of forms: at one time affecting a doubt as to the solvency of companies, at another an inability to pay premiums without doing injustice to creditors, and at still another, a horror of of what is called flying in the face Providence. Every life agent of any lengthened experience must have heard these excuses, and others equally transparent, given as the ostensible reason for not insuring, when probably the real reason was, in many cases, a selfish one.

The selfish man quite approves of fire insurance. That appeals to his reason, and appeals likewise to his pocket, inasmuch as it offers him a guarantee against, or a mitigation of personal loss. But as for life insurance, he is willing to trust to Providence to provide for his family, rather than invest something himself to that end. It is astonishing what an abiding confidence some people have in Providence when the question of life insurance is raised. But we fear that a man dissimulates who raises such a plea as this. If his buildings were to be burned, himself would feel the loss, while if he die and leave his family in want, they alone suffer. A man with a competency to leave his family may believe that he can make a better use of his money than to buy insurance at the average cost to the purchasers.

It would be going too far to state that all who insure their lives are wholly unselfish, and that all who refuse to do so are purely devoted to self. It must, however, be admitted that the man who insures his life for the benefit of his dependent ones, and who, in order to be able to pay the premiums thereon, has to deny himself many of the comforts and stint himself in some of the necessaries of life, is actuated by one of the highest and most worthy motives. True, he simply discharges a duty which he owes to his family, but it is a duty so sacred, and often so self-sacrificing, that its faithful discharge not only refines the character of the man himself, but is productive of good by the example he sets to

These are to be found, here and else-In the Valley of the Ottawa the promised where—in this and other cities. Scores of ment of Nova Scotia previous to Confederland appears to have been found, and there | men who, having long turned a deaf ear to | ation, which says that :

all legitimate arguments from a high standpoint in favor of life insurance, have at last fallen an easy prey to the specious representations of the unscrupulous agent who offers "a big thing" as a speculation. They are unwilling to make any personal sacrifice in order to protect their families or their creditors, but they do not object to protect either or both, provided they can be guaranteed that, in addition to the protection afforded by life insurance in case of their death, they will receive as large a return for their money as they could by other investments, where no such protection is afforded. But this is precisely what no honest agent can guarantee them. It remains for what may be designated, in the absence of a better name, the "probable results" agent to step into the breach. He is usually equal to the emergency. Having taken the measure of his men, he plays upon their avarice by plausible statements as to the "probable results" of a policy in his company. In short, they are made to believe that by the annual payment of a few hundred dollars they will themselves, if alive, at the end of ten, fifteen, or twenty years, be the recipients of untold wealth; whereas, should they be so unfortunate as to die before the expiration of these years, their families will receive at the very least ten times as much as had been paid in as premiums. So that whether they live or die, they have a "sure thing" against the company. Who could resist such an investment?

Much has been said against the unscrupulous life insurance agent. He, however, is not an unmixed evil. He not infrequently is the means of securing from want families which but for him would have been left destitute, a charge upon the public. Good sometimes does come out of evil. While the life insurance agent who prostitutes his calling by misrepresention and falsehood is deserving of the highest censure, the man is entitled to small sympathy who, having proved impervious to the appeals of the conscientious agent, at last becomes the victim of "probable re-

WINDSOR AND ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY .-Harmony is wanting between this company and the Western Counties Railway Company in Nova Scotia, owing to the transfer by Government on the 26th ult. of the Windsor branch of the Intercolonial Railway to the latter company. The W. & A. company contend that this transfer is not only a violation of their charter, but contrary to their agreement with the Govern-

"It is hereby mutually agreed that prior to the opening of the railway, a traffic arrangement shall be made between the said parties of the second part and the Provincial Government for the mutual use and employment of their respective lines of railway between Halifax and Wind sor and Windsor and Annapolis, including running powers, and for the joint operation thereof on equitable terms, to be settled by two arbitrators to be chosen by the said parties in the usual way in case of difference.

The Dominion Government in 1869 having control, refused the company traffic arrangements as agreed above. proceeding was stoutly protested against, and the company continued urging its claim for running power over the Windsor branch until September, 1871, when it was agreed that, in consideration of paying the government one third of the gross earnings monthly, and keeping the line in operation between Halifax and Annapolis, the company was to have the exclusive right to use that branch. This agreement has to remain in force for twenty-one years, and it is under this lease that the company contend that they have sole control. It is alleged on the other side that this agreement was not carried out, in that the company failed, to pay its rents and did not run the trains regularly. And in 1874 an Act was passed authorizing the government to hand the branch over to the Western Counties Railway Company. No doubt all the facts will come before the public; in the meantime it is difficult to see how any recent legislation can affect the twenty-one years lease if all the terms have been complied with on the part of the company. It is to be hoped that an early settlement of the difficulties will be made. Not only do the shippers of produce along the line but the travelling public find these changes very inconvenient.

-The Manager of the Merchants Bank in inaugurating his policy of retrenchment, which was so much needed, has set his employés a good example by reducing his own salary about twenty-five p. c. while making a corresponding reduction on all the salaries of clerks receiving over \$500 per annum. About forty clerks have the option of accepting two months' salary or being dismissed at the end of the year. The directors have decided to act without fees until the bank gets into a prosperous condition. It is understood that nearly one-third of the branches are to be closed, as soon as matters can be got in proper shape for so doing. The step is no doubt necessary, considering the large reduction in the bank's capital and the fact that the rest has been swept away. It will not be necessary to continue either the old number of branches or the present staft of "none whatever." On the strength of these

clerks. Mr. Hague has gone to England to close the London branch, it not being required for the success of the bank in its present condition.

THE CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK. The authorities of the City and District Savings Bank of Montreal have taken steps to allay the uneasiness felt regarding that institution by denying that the bank has ever lost anything through their directors; though outside statements are freely made that, at one time, such a loss might have occurred to a very large amount. They have taken measures to strengthen themselves by calling in all their stock loans, so as to be ready for any emergency. Some of the old directors of the City Passenger Railway Company are suspected, how truly we cannot say, of having encouraged the circulation of startling rumors, with a view of making the bank drop the prosecution of its claim against them. This claim is regarded as deriving new strength from the commencement of a suit by the Bank of Montreal for the recovery of \$110,000, which it held in the shape of C. P. R. stock as security for a loan to Messrs. Bond Bros. at the time of their failure. There prevails a strong feeling, now first given which expression was in these columns about three years ago, that a complete separation between the City and District Savings Bank and the Assistant Receiver General's Office, ought to be effected. There is of course no common liability between the two; but the facts that both establishments are carried on in the same building, and have practically one head, cause many depositors to believe that the Government is responsible for the management and security of the City and District Savings Bank.

AN APPARENT FAILURE OF JUSTICE.

It is surprising how little value some persons attach to their own statements. The remarkable cool and deliberate manner in which they unblushingly state what they know to be false is really astonishing. An instance of this sort came under our notice a few days ago, in the case of Mr. Gilbert J. Taylor, a grocer in Chatham, Ontario. In November last this gentleman purchased from a Western firm a bill of goods amounting to about \$2,500. And in reply to some enquiries as to his means of payment he stated that he was worth \$1,100. Of this amount \$500 was in cash and the balance in chattels as good as money. He was then asked if he owed any borrowed money. He said not a dollar. In reply to the question whether he owed any open accounts, he replied

statements the sale was made. The purchaser was to remit weekly; on shipment of goods was to send \$500 on account of purchase. He sent \$300 about 7th December, 1876; \$275 about 20th January, 1877; \$100 on the 23rd February. This was every dollar he remitted, and when his note matured in April, the state of Taylor's affairs was found to be so unsatisfactory that he was urged to assign to the (presumed) only creditor.

On being asked if he owed anything else outside of the firm in question, Mr. Taylor replied that he owed his sister \$500 borrowed money, and his brother an account of some \$150. He was at once served with notice to assign in insolvency; and at the first meeting of creditors he was examined, and some evidence which resulted in the issue of a summons for his appearance before the Police Court in Chatham, for obtaining goods under false pretences. The magistrate after hearing the evidence of the creditor and of the official assignee, sent Taylor up for trial. He was let out on bail. The County Court was held in June, but from information received it was thought best to postpone the case till the Fall assizes, as the jury was composed, in part, of the insolvent's personal friends. The case came before the Grand jury at Chatham last week; the same evidence was adduced as before the Police Court, but the bill was thrown out. The Foreman of the Jury afterwards stated the reason that they did so to be their impression that the creditor acted harshly in closing Taylor up, apparently overlooking the charge against him altogether.

Since the Estate went into insolvency a number of old contra accounts have come in, which Taylor contracted long before this purchase of goods was made. His sister has filed a claim against the Estate for \$500, the brother for \$162. Indeed, the Estate will not pay more than twenty-five cents in the dollar, it is said.

This is a case in which the creditor mentioned appears to have good ground to feel aggrieved. Losing, in the first place, a large sum by means of untruth on the part of the insolvent, he finds, when he attempts to put in force the machinery of the law against the insolvent, that there is an 'influence' within the jury room that causes its occupants to see the culprit only as an injured man, and the creditor a 'harsh' one. The evidence upon which a Police Magistrate committed for trial, was deemed unworthy of attention.

It is difficult, indeed, to see how the grand jury, if they duly weighed the evidence, could say that there were no grounds for a bill. If proof is offered that debtors are dishonest, it is no reason for its rejection to say that 'creditors are harsh.' If a man be charged with falsehood and fraud, and evidence be at hand to sustain the charge, is this evidence to be rejected altogether or outweighed by the consideration of sympathy for the insolvency of the accused?

HUMPHRIES vs. RAMSAY .-- An interesting point has just been decided by His Lordship Mr. Justice Wilson in this case. The action is one for malicious prosecution, and the plaintiff is an insolvent who has not yet obtained his discharge. The defendant appealed to the court to stay the proceedings until the plaintiff should give security for costs. The application was under section 39 of the Insolvent Act of 1875, and was opposed; the plaintiff's counsel contending that the section applied only to cases where the cause of action was one which under the provisions of the Act would pass to the assignee, and not to cases where the cause of action was purely personal, as in this case. After argument, judgment was reserved, but has now been given in favor of the defendant's contention. His Lordship remarking that no matter what hardships the decision might entail on insolvent plaintiffs, the language of the Act was too plain to be got over and clearly applied to every case. As this is already the rule in the Court of Chancery, it may now be taken to be the settled practice that an insolvent cannot bring or continue any suit, no matter what its nature may be, without giving security for the costs of the opposite party.

—Mr. E. H. Goff, who was recently elected President of the Montreal, Portland & Boston Railway, has decided to devote his entire energies to that enterprise. In consequence of this determination, he has retired from the management of the Canada Agricultural Fire Insurance Company. Mr. G. H. Dumesnil will occupy the vacancy pro tem.

—The Missouri Insurance Companies are required by law to make a report on the 1st of July, as well as on the 1st January. In the first half year's business of 1877, only 11 show some slight gain in the surplus, while 39 show a loss of surplus from \$200,000 to \$300,000, and in one case \$470,000.

—The reported losses of several banks in Montreal by "raised" drafts appears to have been considerably overstated. The Herald says it is officially informed that the loss distributed among the three banks will not exceed \$6,500. The fraud was perpetrated by a party of American sharpers, who no doubt told the managers of these banks some very plausible stories about their intended operations in business. The altering of the drafts seems to have been performed with such skill that it could not readily be detected by those accustomed to handling similar documents.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

PETROLIA Oct. 2, 1877.

There has been a good well struck this week, said to be fully up to 100 brls. per day, by Bennet & Co., on the Noble lot. I will give particulars next week. From the Advertiser, who says it is reliably informed, it appears there are 503 pumping wells, 14 drilling, and

some 8 repairing in this district, with a daily production of 1,614 brls. This, I think, is an over-estimate, for I do not think the production exceeds 1,100 or 1,200 brls, per day.

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The shipments for the week ending 27th
Sept,: Crude, 6,832 brls.; distillate, 660 brls.;
refined, 560 brls. Being by far the largest shipments since March last.

Markets, Petrolia: crude firm, \$1.40 to 1.50 per brl.; refined, 12 to 13c (W.M.) New York. In the last week crude has risen to 9 cts. per gall.; refined 16 cts., it is gradually going down, and on Saturday refined was 15%.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

31.5 o'clock, Sept. 26, 1877.

Stocks.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week	Total Transact'ns in Week	Buyers.	Sellers.	
Montreal	1/33	164	379	1623	1601	
Ontario		103	63			
Consolidated	87	871	107	103 86	104½ 88	
Peoples			.07	87	00	
Molsons xd	104	105	87	103	104	
Toronto				156	1572	
Jacques Cartier	54	55	365	554	561	
Merchants	684	£94		69	70	
Commerce	119	120	177	119	120	
Metropolitan				9		
Maritime				•	••••	
Exchange	· · · · · · · • •	*693	29	693	71	
Hamilton						
Union			l			
Montreal Telegraph	1191	121	2371	120	1203	
Dominion Telegraph						
Gas x d	1492	150	65	148	150	
City Pass			2		771	
R. C. Insurance	• • • • • •		18	83	85	
Sterling Exchange		108		1081	108	
Richesieu & Ont. Nav.	1027			103	103	
Kicheneu & Ont. Nav.	75\$	77	492	754	76	
*	*Seller 60 days.					

Insurance.

Montreal, 1st.—A fire destroyed a dry goods store on St. Catharine St., occupied by Albert Mochon, and owned by Madame Duverger, the stock of the former valued at \$16,000 was almost totally consumed, he is insured for \$13,000 in the following Co's., Commercial Union \$3,000 Imperial \$3,000, Northern \$3,000, Liverpool London & Globe \$4,000. One thousand will cover the loss on building, which is insured for \$7,000.

Kinburn, 28th.—Lightning struck the barn of Geo. Hunt, jr., and destroyed it. Loss not known.

London, 29th.—A barn belonging to Mr. Alex. McArthur, containing a large quantity of grain and hay and some agricultural implements, was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$5,000, with an insurance of \$2,000 in the Westminster Mutual.

Levis, 29th.—Five houses, two of which belonged to E. Maloun, one to Mr. Briseau, one to Mr. Michaud, and one to Mr. Shink, of Quebec. Maloun insured for \$1,200 in Stadacona; Briseau, in the Ottawa Agricultural, for \$500; Michaud \$2,000, also in the Ottawa Agricultural.

Lucknow, 28th.—A fire destroyed the store and warehouse of Jno. McHardy, a butcher shop occupied by Jas. Gordon, Mrs. McMillan's millnery shop and dwelling, W. G. Hardy's boot shoe store, the Bakery of Connell and Reid, and two shops owned by R. Graham, occupied by a Mr. Chappell as a butcher shop, and Mrs. McMullen, millinery store. Connel and Reid loss \$1.300, insured for \$7.50, McHardy \$5,000, insured \$3,000; Copland who owned Gordon's butcher shop \$1000, insured \$300, Gordon \$500, not insured, and Graham, \$600, insured for \$300.

Brussels, 28th.—\$500 is the only insurance

on the Jamestown hotel, which was destroyed by fire last night. Loss heavy.

Goldsboro, 28th.—\$10,000 is the estimated loss on Powell & Son's store, Campbell & Co's hardware house, and Wellers large building consumed by fire this a.m.

Ottawa, 3rd.—Fire destroyed Jas. Caldwell's house and outbuildings at Nepean last night. About 800 bush. of potatoes stored in the cellar were also destroyed. Loss about \$2,000. Jas. McKeown, Osgoode, lost his outbuildings by fire, loss \$1,500.

Toronto, Oct. 3rd.—Mr. Darling's stables, situated on the corner of Ontario and Bleeker streets, together with five horses were consumed by fire. The building was valued at \$400, insured; the animals \$100 each, not insured.

Cornwall, Oct. 2nd.—Last night a fire destroyed the hotel and outbuildings of Jos. McDonald, St. Andrews; three horses in the barn at the time were lost. Loss about \$5,000, insured in the Western for \$2,000 and in the Phoenix for \$1,000.

Orillia, 2nd.—Two buildings owned respectively by R. Pace and J. McKerrol, were destroyed by fire. Pace's house was occupied by a Mr. Frost as a bakery. Pace looses \$1,000, insured in Western for \$500. Frost lost on furniture \$300, insured in Lancashire for \$200. McKerrol's loss is \$1500, insured in Stadacona for \$750.

Parkhill, 3rd.—A fire destroyed Lake's grist mill and the dwelling house of Jno. Robertson. Loss on mill \$5000, insured in Waterloo Mutual \$3,000, Robertson's loss not known.

Omemee, 3rd.—Jno. Fitch's house, distant about half-a-mile from this village, was destroyed by fire. Loss not known.

St. John, N. B., 26th.—A fire destroyed the Twelve Mile house and outbuildings at Musquash, loss \$100, not insured.

Maskinonge, Que., 26th.—A house occupied by a Mrs. Montroy and owned by the Montreal Lumber Co., was consumed by fire last night, loss about \$1,000.

Boucherville, Que., 26th.—Lightning struck and destroyed two barns containing a large quantity of hay and grain, belonging to Adolple Dube, loss about \$2000 insured for \$500.

Lachute, Que., 25th.—The barns and outbuildings of J. Watson, was struck by lightning and consumed. Partly covered by insurance.

CAN I AFFORD TO GIVE CREDIT.

No subject has ever attracted such a degree of attention among our readers as the Cash v. Credit discussion, showing that it is a matter that comes home to everyone. Apart from whether it is advisable to adopt a system of selling exclusively for cash, or whether a strictly limited credit system is preferable—and outside of these there is no other system that need be discussed, -there are questions which may be said to come even nearer home to every person engaged in business, among which is that which we place at the head of this article. Before asking himself which system he shall adopt, the merchant may well put to himself this question, while another question starts up-viz., "How much credit can I afford to give with the capital at my command?" The perils of trusting are not confined to giving credit to irresponsible parties; and mere discrimination between good and bad customers is not enough, for a man may be in a position in which, strictly, he cannot afford to give a cent of credit to the best customer; and even if his capital is large, there is always a limit beyond which he cannot safely

A thorough man of business in the wholesale grocery trade, and possessing a large capital, remarked to us: "I lately refused credit to a very wealthy man, not because the man was not good, but because he would keep me wait-

ing too long. I have no money to lend on interest; I want it in my business. If I had only a little desk in a small office at a trifling rent, I could afford to loan out my money on interest, but I have my business to run, my expenses to meet, and I want my money."

Before going any further we would say that a man should give his business the full benefit of his capital, and not weaken the latter by diverting it into other channels. For instance, he should take the full benefit of his capital in making purchases. He can always buy cheaper for cash than on credit, consequently he can sell cheaper, which will be a great means of increasing the number of his customers To buy for cash, of course he must have the money, and he knows how much money he will want. Supposing he has no more money at his disposal than will meet these requirements, along with his other daily expenses, it will become a serious question with him whether he can afford to trust anybody, however good and reliable they may be, for, if he does so, he will be weakening himself at once. He may sell to perfectly responsible parties, but if it will be a long time before he sees the return of his money, and if the date also is uncertain, there is more than a mere chance that some day he may run short, and he will have to fall back on some one. He cannot any longer pay cash; he begins to ask credit, with, perhaps, no absolute certainty of being able to meet promptly these new obligations; or, if he has already been buying on credit, he has to ask indulgence; in either case he is getting behind. And yet his business may appear to be flourishing -his trade may be increasing; but in this case the more business he does the worse off he will be.

The danger from giving credit does not altogether rest on the question whether the party trusted will pay, for money trusted to perfectly good parties, if it is not available when wanted, might, for the time being, be just as well in the hands of a person who never meant to pay. There is more real danger from this cause in dealing with parties who are good than with than the worst class of customers. A person who is notoriously bad pay, or one who is very doubtful, will not be trusted to any great extent, except by the most reckless kind of business men while a person who is known to be good will be readily trusted. There may not be any doubt that the grocer will be paid, but he may profitably ask himself whether he can really afford to lend out his money in this manner. Will he still be prompt in all his own payments, and so able to take every advantage in buying? Everyone is familiar with the adage, "Well bought is half sold," and it is unquestionable that the man who comes into the market with the money in his hand has the advantage of all

This is not simply because a wholesale merchant prefers a cash buyer. The wholesaler himself, no matter what the extent of his capital, can buy cheaper for cash than for anything else, and consequently he needs the cash from his customers, in order to do business in the most economical way. This one fact will prove that the cheapest and best way to buy is for cash. If the giving of credit to one's customers, by making a man short of money, prevents his buying in the cheapest way, it is clear that he cannot afford to do so, even though his customers may be in good circumstances and able to pay. There is, therefore, in giving credit a line beyond which a man cannot go, even if his customers are ever so reliable; besides which it may be a question for him whether that portion of his capital, invested in accounts on his books, is put to the best use, or whether he might employ it in some more remunerative manner. Of course he will have to consider whether it is imperative that he give credit in order to obtain trade, and this will be

one of the things on which he must study the customs of his particular section. Every man without the experience of his friends in the trade, can probably answer the question, "Can I afford to give credit?" add also, "How much credit can I afford to give with my capital?"—American Grocer.

STEAM AGAINST WINGS .- The London Times of recent date says: "Yesterday there was a race from Dover to London between the Continental mail express train and a carrier pigeon conveying a document of an urgent nature from the French police. The pigeon, which was bred by Messrs. Hatley & Sons, of Woolwich, and "homed" when a few weeks old to a building in Cannon street, city, was of the best breed of homing pigeons, known as 'Belgian voyageurs.' The bird was tossed through the railway carriage window by a French official as the train moved from the Admiralty pier, the wind being west and the atmosphere hazy, but with the sun shining. For upwards of a minute the carrier pigeon circled round to an altitude of about half a mile, and then sailed away towards London. By this time the train, which carried the European mails, and was timed not to stop between Dover and Cannon street, had got up to full speed and was proceeding at the rate of 60 miles an hour towards London. odds starting seemed to be against the bird, and the railway officials predicted that the little messenger would be beaten in the race. The pigeon, however, as soon as it ascertained its bearings, took the nearest homeward route, in the direction between Maidstone and Sittingbourne, the distance, as the crow flies, between Dover and London being 70 miles, and by rail 761 miles. When the Continental mail express came into Cannon street station the bird had been home 20 minutes, having beaten Her Majesty's royal mail by a time allowance representing 18 miles."

SALE OF PROPERTY.—There was a very spirited sale of real estate, in this city last week, says the Montreal Herald. The lot S.E. corneror Inspector street and Chaboillez Square with a small wooden building thereon, belonging to the estate of the late Robert Dalrymple, brought, including court and other expenses \$6,400, after some keen competition; there were fifty bids. This sale is an assuring sign of the times. The lot is irregular, about 25 by 86 feet, area 2,079 feet, subject to a right of passage for adjoining lot, and the price realized is about \$3.10 per square foot. There was a large audience, and considerable interest was manifested in the sale. it being deemed by many as a test of the market.

INTERCOLONIAL R. R.—The new depot at Halifax, N. S., was completed last month, and is said to be the finest depot in the Dominion. The main building is of stone, 113 feet front, with two stories and a Mansard roof, and two towers (one at each front corner) each 70 feet high. The first floor of the building contains waiting rooms and ticket offices, all handsomely finished; the second storey has several offices and convenient private rooms for the local agent. In one of the towers is a clock of very fine workmanship. The baggage room, 82 by 16 feet, is in a separate building in the rear. The train-house is 400 by 87 feet, with two wide platforms and three tracks; it is covered by an iron truss roof with numerous ventilators. The building is substantially built throughout and well finished.—R. R. World.

Ontario Building and Savings Society.—
The Third Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in their office, Kingston, 19th September, instant.
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"The Directors have again the pleasure of reporting a large increase in the business of the Society, notwithstanding the continued pressure of hard times and the depressed condition

of the money market. The amount paid up on account of permanent stock and accumulating shares has reached the sum of \$109,262,62, being an increase of \$30,040,49 over last year. The amount deposited in Savings' Bank has increased in twelve months from \$27,738,18 to \$49,612,72. During the same period the loans secured by mortgage on real estate have increased from \$67,945,88 to \$125,676,69. The revenue during the past year has grown from \$6,970,02 to \$11,670,40. Two dividends have been declared on the permanent stock of the Society at the respective rates of 6 and 7 per cent. per annum; \$2,191,38 has been added as interest to the accumulating shares. The sum of \$1,632.46 has been added to the contingent und." Messrs. J. Fraser, Jno. Breden and Wm. Nickle, were elected Directors. Mr. William Ford, was re-elected President and Mr. M. Doran Vice-President for the present year.

MARRIAGE AND LONGEVITY.—Great longevity is often observed in people who have been married not much but many times, while old bachelors and old maids but rarely attain extreme old age. Some who have lived to reach a very extraordinary age, have married as many as thirteen times. But they are all out done by one Jacob Jay, of Bordeaux, who died in 1772, at the age of 101 years, after having been married seventeen times. He left no son, him surviving, who was equal to him. A Scotchwoman named Margaret McDowell, died in 1765 ot the age of 105, and was the relict of thirteen husbands. In 1741 a pair named Rovin died in Temesvar, Hungary, the husband aged 170 and the wife 164. They had enjoyed 148 years of married life, and at their death left an orphan son of 116 years .- London Review.

LOST OPPORTUNITIES.—We are all of us apt to think that we lack opportunity. All of us desire to lead useful lives and leave behind us some record of good accomplished. Still better for us is it, if our ambition goes further and aims at the building up of a completed manhood. In every honest heart lurks some desire to do each of these things. None of us are hindered from the doing of them so much by lack of opportunity as by lack of wisdom to discern our constant opportunities. We are for-ever thinking: "If I were in this place, or were entrusted with that duty, or endowed with such a faculty, I should do something which, if it were not grand or heroic, would be gratefully notable by others, and gratefully helpful to my better self." Heroism is but patient servitude to duty; and grandeur thrown of character is only heroism thrown by the calcium light of circumstance into a dramatic perspective and relief. We miss our opportunities to do things honorable to ourselves and valuable to others, because the petty annoyances of our daily lives and the defects which enforced closeness of observation discovers in our surroundings, blind us to the opportunity and infect us with a kind of dumb ague of despair. So we come to loathe our circumstances and look upon our vocations as bread and butter mills, and nothing more.-E. A. HEWITT.

—An application has been made to appoint a receiver for the Fidelity Sav., Bank of Chicago which closed its doors on Saturday week. It is alleged that securities of considerable value are being sacrificed by the officers of the bank to raise funds and also that the bank is in an insolvent condition. It is thought however that the proportion of assets is considerably greater than that of the State Savings' Bank, whose collapse is not so remote.

—Since the Plimsoll Act went into operation in England, in 1876, 104 vessels have been detained in their wharves and examined. Of these "floating coffins," 101 were found to be unsafe in still water.

A New Brunswick paper prints what purports to be an extract from the private note book of a young man-about-town in the capital of that province, giving his personal expenses for July last. It is headed 'expenses of a sport' and omitting dates, is as under. One suit of clothes, \$22.00; one horse hire, \$1,00; getting a coat mended, 50c; cigars 17c; 7th, church collection, Ioc; tobacco, 5c; sundries, 6c; cigars, 18c; cigars, 12c; 14th, church collection, 2oc; one pint brandy, 40c; dancing boots, \$4,50; overshoes at Curry's, \$1.50; quadrille class, 30c; quadrille class, 25c; confectionery, 7c; 21st, church collection, 15c; necktie at Edgecombe's, 55c; cigars, 24c; moon light excursion, 95c; philharmonic concert, 50c; philharmonic concert, 15c; philharmonic concert, 15c; 29th, church collection, 5c; confectionery, 1oc; fig of tobacco, 12c; bottle brandy, \$1,00; amounting to a total of \$35,16. When we deduct the suit of clothes and other necessaries from the listfor of course dancing pumps are necessaries of existence to a sport, and overshoes are needful to cover them-the outlay does not seem very heavy. Cigars and brandy are the most immoral looking items, but per contra, does he not contribute to the church funds every Sunday? Buggy rides and moon light excursions are slices of the very existence of a fellow who has got 'a girl' so let us not blame him for these. Confectionery of course is a harmless adjunct to courting. Concerts and quadrilles too, are exhibitions of those sciences which Moliere's mutres describe as respectively "music, which has been reverenced in every age of the world," and "dancing, the graceful science, to which one can never do sufficient honour." Why then should he not dance and sing? But now let us be practical, tho' perhaps unpleasant, and see what all this costs. Four hundred and twenty two dollars a year would be the yearly amount of such weekly memos., but as even a fashionable young man does not robe himself anew every month, say we call it \$320. To this add five dollars a week for board and washing, and we have \$580 a year. The question is, what does the young man's salary amount to, and how much can he save for books, for lectures, for life insurance, for future business capital? Or do sports " care for none of these things?"

ON BEING A CLERK.-For a youth of plain education and no parts a bank will be something of the "Paradise of pen and ink" so much desired. If he can write well, cast a column of figures correctly, and copy accurately, he will be provided for until death divorces him from his pen or pension. He will in time have a better income than many a struggling professional man, and will, in the mill horse way, be happy. Again, a prosperous bank will be no bad place for the youth who, to the routine qualifications adds business tact and memory, who always crops up as if by magic at the elbow of manager or partner, and whose every feature seems to "Is there express "Can I do anything?" anything you want to know?" To him will come promotion and a fair posi-tion in life. But to the man of all round parts and culture it must be said of a bank, "Pray you avoid it." The work will be found monotonous beyond all description, and his painfully acquired knowledge will be useless. He will probably be both thin-skinned and diffident, and will stand no chance with the irrepressible, bustling man of business. He will be in danger of vegetating in the bank, and he will hesitate to make a move in life because of the certainty of his income. He will only awake to the importance of change when it is too late, and he can neither afford nor risk a new venture, and will make his moan at the end of a wasted life like one who was once an indifferent clerk and a great genius,—" I had grown to my desk, as it were, and the wood has entered into my soul."

1860 AND 1877.—David A. Wells, in the last North American Review, says:- In the manufacture of boots and shoes, three men working with machinery can do at present what, prior to 1860, required the labour of six men to effect; while the individual or per capita consumption of boots and shoes in the United States has probably been more uniform during the same period than is the case with almost any other commodity. At a convention of the stove trade last year (1876) in St. Louis, it was also officially reported, that under what may be called a healthy trade, there was at least 33 per cent. greater present capacity for making stoves in the United States than the country requires; and that three men now, with the aid of machinery, can produce as many stoves as six men unaided could have done in 1860. In the manufacture of straw-goods 300 hands in one of the largest factories of New England do more with the sewing-machine than what a comparatively few years ago required a thousand to effect when sewing of the braid was done by hand; and the steam-press turns off four hats to the minute, in place of the old rate of one hat to four minutes. Similar results, derived from the consideration of our industries as a whole, are also given in the last national census, which shows that while the increase in population in the United States from 1860 to 1870 was less than 23 per cent, the gain in the product of our so-called manufacturing industries during the same period, measured in kind, was 52 per cent, or near 30 per cent in excess of the gain in population.

-A poor tailor, dunning for an old debt the other day, wrote as follows:-" Dear lim, this little account has been standing seven years and To which I think it is high time it was paid." Jim replied on the same sheet of paper, while Snip's boy was waiting:-" Dear Sam, I don't, and may a difference of opinion never alter friendship." What a splendid diplomatist Iim would have made.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Montreal, 3rd Oct., 1877.

Although business has been barely so active as the previous week a very fair business for the season has been reported in almost all branches of trade. Shipping has been particularly active and ships find little difficulty now in getting cargoes, tonnage is plentiful there being more vessels in port now than at any previous time this year, rates are steady for grain to Europe, wheat is now coming forward freely and some large sales have been made during the week. Flour has been dull and prices favour buyers. Groceries have been fairly active especially sugars in which a large business has been done. Leather continues in good demand and prices favor holders. Hardware both heavy and shelf is in fair request. Ashes are steady, Provisions advancing, as will be observed the stocks of grain and flour show a considerable increase although 1st of October 1876.

The weather has been warm and like the month of June, last night there was a good deal of thunder and lightning but no rain, a heavy shower is much required.

ASHES .- Pots .- The market has been the turn firmer this week, and with more liberal receipts fair business has been done in firsts at various prices ranging from \$4,05 to 4.15; the outside price being for extra choice tares, the principal sales were from \$4,05 to 4,10 at which the market again closes. Seconds \$3,30: and Thirds \$2,55; Pearls have been more asked for and sales of firsts are reported at \$4,45; to 4,50; inferiors are neglected. The stocks at present in store are Pots 2750 brls, Pearls 963 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- Orders for sorting up lots are coming in freely by mail, keeping manufacturers pretty busy, there have been few buy. ers in town and not likely to be many till nearer the close of navigation. The business done this season is considerably over that of last year prices are steady but unchanged.

DRUGS and CHEMICAL.—There has been more demand this week for articles in this line, buyers are more disposed to go in for round lots at our quotations Bi Carb Soda \$3.10 to 3.50; per 112 lb keg, Soda Ash \$13 to 2; per lb Cullhear 12 to 16c per lb, Arrow root 15 to 50c per lb, Borax 11 to 121c per lb, Cream Tartar Crystals 26 to 7c; per lb, do Ground 29 to 31; Caustic Soda \$3.00 to 3.50 per 100 lbs, East India Senna 12 to 15c; per lb, Sugar of Lead 14 to 15c; per lb, Bleaching Powder 11 to 2c; per lb Madder g to IIc; per lb, Alum 11 to 21c; per lb, Copperas I to 11c; per lb, Sulphur 31 to 31c; per lb, Brimstone 21 to 23c; per lb, Epsom Salts \$1.75 to 2.00; per 100 lbs, Sal Soda \$1.15 to 1,20; per 100 lbs, Salipetre \$8.00 to 9.00; per 112 lb kegs, Blue Vitrol 6 to 7c; per lb.

DRY Goods-Although a fair number of orders are being received keeping wholesale men pretty busy in getting them out, still business has not been quite so active this week, stocks are moderately well assorted, but not in excess of present and prospective requirements. Clothing continues active and business done is largely in excess of some years past. Fancy goods have not met much demand. Remittances are the turn better and considerable improvement in this direction is now looked for, as the crops are being marketed.

Fish.-Dry cod is very scarce and advancing. Labrador herrings receipts this week were 8000 brls., which were nearly all sold at \$5.00; 3000 brls. of which went to Chicago, where there is a good demand for them; the quantity to arrive is very small and an advance to \$6.00 is looked for with confidence. We quote dry cod. \$4\frac{2}{4}\$ to 5.; Green cod \$4 to 4\frac{1}{4}\$ p. brl.; Labrador herring \$5\frac{1}{4}\$ to 5\frac{1}{2}\$; Salmon \$12, 11 and 10, for Nos. 1, and 2, and 3, respectively.

FREIGHTS.—The market is still advancing, and the demand for tonnage continues active. The closing rates for heavy grain to Liverpool and Glasgow, by steamers and iron clippers for present shipment were 7/9 to 8/3. Butter and cheese to above ports 45/-.

Fuel.-Coal has been in good demand and prices generally rule high with a firm market, no decline is looked for this season. American stove sells at \$6.00—nut and egg \$5.75; Lower Pots steam \$4.50 to 5.00; Scotch steam \$5.

FLOUR.—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st. inst., were 37,469 barrels, against 28,998 barrels on the 15th. ulto., and 53,902 barrels on the 1st. of October 1876. Receipts for the past week 30,-067 barrels, total receipts from 1st. January to date 503,047 barrels, being a decrease of 133,380 barrels on the receipts for the corresponding neither are equal to what was in store on the period of 1876; shipments during the week 27,577 barrels; total shipments from 1st. January to date 404,159 barrels. There has been a moderate shipping demand this week, prices ruling in favor of buyers; for the better grades of flour, while the coarse grades are difficult to move. At the close of the market buyers were inclined to keep back in hopes of still lower

prices which will likely rule. The market at the close was decidedly lower than yesterday although little business was doing. Superior extra \$6.12\frac{1}{2}\$ to 6.17\frac{1}{2}\$; Extra superfine \$6.00 0.00 nominal; Fancy \$5.90 to 0.00 nominal; Strong baker's flour \$6.00 to 6.10; Spring extra \$5.80 to 5.90 nominal; Superfine \$5.60 to 5.70 nominal; Fine \$4.90 to 5.00 nominal; Middlings \$4.25 to \$4.50 nominal; Pollards \$4.00 to 4.50.; nominal, Oatmeal \$4.90 to 5.10; Cornmeal \$2.60 to 2.80.

GRAIN .- Wheat .- Stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st. inst. were 223,037 bushels against 102,472 bushels on the 15th. ulto., and 362,791 bushels on the 1st. October 1876. Receipts during the past week have been larger than any week this season, being 669,606 bushels; total receipts from 1st. January to date 3,179,436 bushels being a decrease of 2,257,757 bushels on the receipts for the second of 2,65. Shipmants for the corresponding period of 1876; Shipments during the week 355,215 bush., Total shipments from 1st January to date 2,004,489 bushels, being a decrease of 2,079,171 bush. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1876. The greater portion of the wheat arriving here are from points in the western States for through shipments. As the season advances, Canadian wheat is coming in more freely. At the close of the market, No. 2 Canada spring was held at \$1.22, buyers offering \$1.20 to 1.21; No. 3 sales reported at \$1.16 to 1 17; red winter \$1.321; a sale to-day of 10,000 bush. No. 2 Milwaukee at \$1.32. Maize.—Stock in store on the 1st inst., 278,520 bush. There have been sales of this grain from 55 to 56c, or 1c under the price of this day week. Peas.—In the early part of the week there were sales of round lots at 82 to 821c, at the close the market was quoted ic dearer. Oats affoat have sold at 32 to 33c. Barley is nominal at 55 to 65c.

GROCERIES .- Teas .- There has been a well sustained demand for cheap Japans from 25 to 27c and up to 40c, but these kinds are scarce and holders are firm in their demands. The higher grades of Japans are nearly bought up and holders are asking an advance. Blacks have met with more enquiry; new arrivals offering at 40 to 60c. Cheap greens are saleable at 25 to 3oc. Coffees.—There is no change to note in prices this week but the market is, if anything, firmer; the demand is very light, however. Java 26 to 30c; Maracaibo 221 to 24c; Singapore 23 to 25c; Rio 221 to 24c; Mocha 29 to 31c. Sugar a fairly active business has been done in sugar although prices have favored buyers, yellows have been largely dealt in at 8½ to 9½c. according to colour; granulated 10 to 101 only round lots placed at inside quotations. Dry crushed 10g to 10gc; Extra C 9g to 9gc; Raw sugars are nominal at 8g to 9c; Molasses stocks have been augmented by the arrival of a cargo of Barbadoes which is quoted at 47 to 48c; other kinds nominal. Syrups are in good demand but are without any change in values.

Rice.—The stocks here are getting well worked down which with a fair demand makes the market very firm, last sales were at \$4.37½ to 4.50. Fruit.—There is an improved feeling in this market and with a good demand prices are a shade better. Layer Raisins no new have as yet arrived and the stocks of old are well worked down considerable sales of old at \$1.20 small lots bringing 10c. more. Valincias old crop 4c; new crop 7 to 7½c; Seedless 5 to 5½c; Sultanas 6½ to 8c; outside price for new crop. Currants have met a ready sale at 5½ to 6½c: Figs 6 to 7c; Almond 11 to 15c; Walnuts 4½ to 62c. 8c; Filberts 7 to 9c. Spices have been in fair demand prices are without material change Black pepper 91 to 91c; White pepper 18 to 19c; Cloves very firm at 42½c; Cassia 15 to 16c; Nutmers 67½ to 90c; Mace 75 to 90.

HIDES.—There is no change to report in this market demand is light the ad-

vance last week has been maintained and we continue to quote No. 1. hides \$8.50; No. 2. ditto, \$7.55; No. 3. ditto, \$6.50. Sheepskins are still quoted at 65 to 70c, but no advance is expected before this day week.

HARDWARE.—A very fair amount of business is being done in this line although not quite as much as the past few weeks. Travellers are nearly all meeting with pretty good success, and the chief complaint now is about the small profits in the various lines particularly heavy goods, which are being sold at very small margins. Pig iron has had a decided upward tendency owing chiefly to the advance in freight, which need not be expected to be much lower this season. Tin plates have moved between dealers at considerable under our quotations, Canada plates are unchanged and most other articles on the list. Pig Iron—Eglinton and Clyde, \$18.25 to 18.75; Glengarnock, \$18.75 to 19.25; Langloan, 19.75 to 20.50; Calder No. 1, 19.75 to 20.50; Summerlee, \$18.75 to 19.00; Gartsherrie \$19.25 to 20.00; Hematite, \$24 to 26.00; Bars per 100 lbs. Scotch and Staffordshire \$1.85 to 1.90; best do. \$2.10 to 2.15; Swedes and Norway, \$4.75 to 5.00; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.00 to 6.50. Canada Plotes per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$3.50 to a so; Garth and Penn, \$3.60 to 3.75; Hatton, \$3.40 to 3.50; Tin Plates—per box, ordinary brands—Charcoal I.C., \$6.50 to 6.75; ditto, IX, \$8.50 to 8.75; ditto DC, to 6.75; ditto, 1X, \$8.50 to 8.75; ditto DC, \$5.50 to 5.75; Coke IC, \$5.50 to 5.75; Tinned sheets, Charcoal best, No, 26, 12 to 13c; Galvanized Sheets 8 to 8½c.; Hoops and Bands per 100lb, \$2.45 to 2.50; Sheets best brands \$2.75 to 2.80; Boiler Plate, ordinary brands, \$2.75 to 3.00; do. best brands, \$3.00 to 3.25; Russia sheet-iron per lb., 10 to 11c; Cut Nails, 2 d lath 4.50; 2½ to 4 shingle \$3.80; 5 d to 10 \$3.30; 12 d and larger \$3.00; 100 kegs lots 5 per cent. discount; cut nails patent chisel pointed 25c extra; Pressed Spikes, \$4 to 5; shot ditto \$7.00 to 7.25; Lead—Pig \$5.50 to 5.75; sheet ditto \$5.75 to \$6.00; Bar ditto \$6.00 to 6.25; Steel cast, 12½ to 13c; Spring, ditto \$4.00 to 4.25; sleigh shoe steel \$3.25 to 3.50; Tire ditto \$3.75 to 4.00; Ingot Tin 18c to 19\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; Ingot Copper, 19 to 20c; Horse Shoes, \$4.50 to 4.75; Proved coil Chain, 3 inch, \$5.00 to 5.25; Anchors, 6 to 6½c; Anvils, 10 to 11c; Wire per bdl. of 63 lbs., No. 6, \$1.95 to 2.00.

LEATHER.-A fair business has been done the past week and prices continue to harden with prospect of higher prices later on. Spanish sole is unchanged in price and sales are fair. Slaughter is more asked for and best stocks are moving off quietly, holders of the former are asking more money, harness is selling in larger quantities prices firm, russetts and calf quiet We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No I B. A. 23½ to 25c; do. No. 2, 21½ to 22c; No. 1 Ordinary 22½ to 23c; No. 2 ditto 20 to 20½c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 21 to 22½; do. No. 2, 19 to 21c; Hemlock slaughter 26 to 27c, waxed upper light and medium 34 to 39c; do. heavy 32 to 36c; grained upper 34 to 37c; splits large 27 to 31c; do. small 16 to 22c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs., 55 70c; do 18 to 26 do. 50 to 65c; Sheepskin Linings 25 to 37½c; Harness 24 to 32c; Buffed Cow 15 to 17c; Enamelled Cow 17 to 18c.; Patent Cow 16 to 18c; Pebbled Cow 14 to 16c; Rough 24 to 26c.

OILS.—Cod oil is scarce and advancing, owing to the demand in the United States and in consequence of the failure of pogy fishing. Seal has changed hands at 55c; stock is light and not much more to come forward. We quote, Cod 52½ to 55c; Seal, pale, 54 to 55c; do., straw, 50c; ditto, steam refined, 55 to 56c; Olive, \$1.05 to 1.10 for pure samples; Linseed, raw, 66 to 67½c; ditto, boiled, 69 to 71½c; Petroleum.—The advance in price in the States and Europe has stiffened prices: demand has not been very

active, holders are asking from 15½ to 18c, according to the size of lot.

Provisions.—Butter—Receipts 9445 pkgs.; shipments 5553 pkgs; there has been a moderate inquiry for shipping parcels from 16 to 23c. Choice fall make commanding full prices. Choices—Receipts 15,540 boxes; shipments 23,284 boxes; market firm at 11½ to 12½c., but there is not much doing here at present. Pork—Receipts 195 brls.; shipments 436 brls; market firm and advancing; Mess \$17.50; Thin Mess \$16.00; Lard II to 11½ according to package. Tallow—9c. for rendered, and 6 to 6½c. in the rough.

SALT.—Stocks are large and holders seem inclined to press sales; Coarse is obtainable at 51; Factory filled 95c to \$1.00.

Wool.—The demand continues good and orders coming in from Manufacturers are generally for larger quantities. Sales of Canada pulled are reported at 27, 28 and 29C.

TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, 4th Oct., 1877.

Business of nearly all kinds shows increased life this week. The cold rain which fell last night, in addition to assisting farmers in ploughing, and refreshing fall wheat and pasturage, gives an impulse to country retail trade, and starts boots and shoes and winter clothing.

It is agreeable to learn that dry goods houses find fewer renewals asked for at the beginning of this month. Money in the shape of country remittances is not yet exactly plentiful, but the beginnings of improved payment are clearly noticeable. In woollens, the busiest season is over, but sorting orders are fairly numerous. Values are maintained. It is true also that a good deal of grain has already been marketed at various points, and the money it brings from this time forward gets more perceptibly into channels where it is due and needed. We hear that one of our large loan societies received, during last week, no less than \$182,000 in liquidation of its mortgage claims. Next will come the storekeepers' turn.

BOOTS AND SHOES,—The trade are still filling orders, and a good number of pairs have gone out these ten days past. The demand for fine goods is better than this time last year. Letter orders for immediate filling are coming in from those who would not order a week or a month ago. The present wet weather is giving a spur to this trade.

Fancy Goods.—The accounts from travellers of wholesale houses in this line are more encouraging than last year. The last four weeks have been busy ones in warehouse, opening goods and filling orders. A large trade is likely to be done in October and November which are active months for such goods. Remittances have been backward, and it is too early yet to look for improvement.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour.—Stocks in store Oct. 1st. 1,290 bbls., against 940 bbls. last week and 730 bbls. same date last year. Prices have come down during the week, in all grades, and we now quote: super extra, \$5.90 to 6.00, with \$5.75 for extra. The sales in this market, which have been light during the week, were principally of these grades in 100 bbl. lots at above figures. Fancy. say \$5.60 to 5.65; superfine \$4.90 to 5.00; spring extra, which some weeks ago maintained its price while other grades lowered, this week has suffered a greater relative decline. Oatmeal moves slowly and in small parcels, lots command \$4.25 to 4.30. For smaller quantities \$4.50 is obtained. Cornmeal.—Very little doing; small parcels move at \$2.90 to 3.00, as before.

GRAIN.-Wheat.-Stocks in store 87,715 bush. against 40,548 last week, and 118,625 same time last year. Rail and team have increased the store, and there have been fair shipments to Montreal and Kingston. Some sales have been made early in the week at slightly over our quotations, but the unsatisfactory results-smut quotations, but the unsatisfactory results—smut having damaged the quality of much—have prevented a repetition of those higher figures. We quote No. 1 Fall \$1.23 to 1.25; No. 2 say \$1.19 to 1.20; No. 3 say \$1.10. Spring.—Stocks in store 97,214 bushels, against 51,259 bushels last week, and 165,293 bushels on like date last year. The movement of this grain is limited, No. 1 offers at \$1.15 to 1.16, with sales at \$1.13 to 1.15 closing dull at inside figure, and No. 2 has sold at \$1.11 to 1.13. There is a large quantity of it, but the quality of a considerable share is unsatisfactory, being sprouted. Oats Stocks in store 9,200 bushels, against 7,475 bush. last week, and 1000 bush. same date last year. Excepting odd cars at 321 to 33c. we hear of no transactions. The market is steady at 32to 33 Barley .- Stocks in store 82,567 bush. against 42,514 bush, last week, and 179,145 bush. on like date last year. The market is dull, and prices show a considerable decline. Sales are few and far between, we hear of none of any consequence and we quote: No. 1, 58 to 60c; No. 2, 53 to 54c; and No. 3, 45 to 46c. Peas— Stocks in store 10,286 bush. against 15,909 bush. last week and 4,934 bush. on like date of last year. There is nothing doing in this grain, which is not in heavy stock, and the crop is not over plentiful. The price remains as quoted formerly.

GROCERIES.—There is considerable activity in this line, and money is moving in small instalments, but steadily from retail to the wholesale hands. We have but little change to make in quotations, ground sugar is a trifle firmer, say 10% to 10% c. our price current figures are for old White fish and Trout. New are worth \$3.60 to 3.80 and \$3.50 to 3.75 respectively. New layer Raisins are worth \$1.75 to 2.00, London layers \$2.30 to 2.50; Currants, 6½ to 6% c for old, and 7% to 8½ c. for new.

In Halifax, N.S., says the Herald, fish comes along slowly. There is a demand for hard cured, while poorer grades are almost unsaleable. Mackerel are also enquired for for shipment to the United States. A large shipment of canned lobsters of the value of \$75,000, went forward to London this week by the "Como."

SALT.—A moderate supply is held, and prices are not appreciably altered from our quotations of last week.

LEATHER.—Last night's rain is welcomed by leather and shoe men, as being precisely what was needed to start the retail trade in this line, money has been coming in steadily, in small sums this fortnight. The wholesale trade in leather is quiet, there is nothing new in prices. Upper is almost dull, Sole in limited but steady request. Harness still scarce and firm; there are no over stocks apparently, and any active demand would likely enhance prices. Materials are unchanged in price. In Oils straits has advanced and is now quoted 55c. The rise is not so striking in cod though it is also stiffer.

The potato crop in England has fared badly; recent, and almost incessant rains have ruined the prospect of a month ago, for disease, induced by the wet, converts them with wonderful rapidity, says a London paper, into "rotten stems and putrid tubers" and there is doubt if erough be saved for seed. The St. John Telegraph makes the apt suggestion that our Maritime Provinces shall send their potatoes to England.

The growth of the cotton goods trade in the United States appears to be assuming large proportions. The cotton crop for the year ending September 1st, 1877, is placed at 4,485,423

bales, against 4,669,288, bales last year. The total quantity exported was 3,048,497 bales, and the total quantity consumed in that country was 1,435,418 bales. This is the largest rate of home consumption ever reported, the next highest year being the one preceding, when the quantity taken was 1,356,000 bales. The consumption in the year preceding the panic in 1873 was 1,201,000 bales.

Provisions .- Prices in this trade are somewhat firmer. There is a considerable stock of cured meats in two or three hands, who are disposed to look for higher figures. Mess Pork is firm at \$16.50 to 17.50, with fair movement in broken lots. C. C. Bacon is in moderate request; dealers find it difficult to buy under 8c., long clear steady at quotations. Hams maintain their value, and a very moderate de-mand exists. Lard can be bought in large lots at a shade below inside quotations by a good mark; small quantities, say 11 to 1112c. Really choice Butter could be placed to advantage, not so much roll is coming forward, farmers being busy marketing grain; in ordinary we have no improvement to note. The edge the market in cheese is a little blunted, as we anticipated a few weeks ago, the high prices have weakened. At Woodstock, yesterday, a good many offered but there were no buyers present. Eggs are not very active, but few came in, and are mostly taken for local use; our quotations represent value of lots. Hops.—The price is perfectly nominal, there is very little movement, and as the Canadian crop is a good one and the quality satisfactory, no present change can be looked for in an upward direction. Besides, the U. S. crop is plentiful, the Wisconsin yield being very good. Dried Apples are firm with an upward tendency; the price of American has advanced lc.

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Mens' Calf Boots	. 2 00/18 4 22	Sheet	0 21 0 22	Olive, common, * gall.	I 02 T TO
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		t2 dy. to 7 in.p.kg. 100 lbs. 5 dy. to 10 dy	2 75 2 80 3 05 3 10	gt., per case	3 20 3 30
" Gaiters & Bals	1 60 2 25	2 dy. to 4 dy	3 55 3 60		
Boys' Kip boots " Gaiters & Bals Womens' Bals & Gat, peg " M.S.	1 20 1 65	Galvanized Iron:	1	Whale, refined Paints, &c.	0 75 0 85
Batts	0 00 1 30	Best, No. 22 Best No. 24	0 07 0 08	White Lead, genuine in	
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A.um	0 024 0 03	American	110 00 20 00	NO. I; carload, imp.gal	0 13 0 00
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Caustic Soda	0 30 0 32	Hoops—Coopers "Band		5 Drisdo	0 16 0 00
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DONCE,	0 14 0 10	Canada Plates M.L.S Garth	3 70 3 85	Produce. Flour (per brl.): f.o.c	
Indigo, Madras Madder	0 00 05	Arrow	0 00 0 00	Superior extra	5 90 6 00
Opium	6 25 6 50	Bar ♥ 100 lbs	0 06 0 064	Extra	5 75 0 00
Oxalic Acid	1 25 4 55	Sheet	0 06 0 06		
Quinine Soda Ash	4 05 4 50	Iron Wire (4 months):		Superfine Oatmeal	4 90 5 00 4 25 4 50
Soda Bicard, per Keg	3 75 4 00	No. 6, \$\partial \text{bundle}	2 45 2 55	Grain: f.o.L	2 90 3 00
Tartaric Acid	0 45 6 48	l'owder:	285 295	Fall Wheat No. 1	1 23 1 25
Groceries.	C 28 D 32	Blasting Canada	3 75 0 00	" No. 2	1 19 1 20
Singapore Rio	0 26 0 28	Blasting, English		Spring wheat, No. I	I 15 I 16
Mocha Fish Herrings, Lab. old	0 35 0 00		5 00 0 00	Oats	0 22 0 22
Fish Herrings, Lab.old	3 5 0 0 0 0 3 2	Window Glass:		Barley, No. 1	0 48 0 60
Mackerel, bris	9 00 10 00	25 inch	1 80 0 00	NO. 3	0 45 0 46
White Fish, old	2 90 3 00	41 x 50 do	2 30 0 00	Peas	0 73 0 75
Salmon, salt water	15 50 16 00	51 x 60 do	2 55 0 00	Butter, choice, W 16	0 15 0 18
Dry Cod, P 112 lbs Fruit: Raisins, Layer,'76.	1 25 1 60	Regular sizes, 100 Extra	4 02 5 02	Cheese	0 12 0 134
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" Ext. Golden Amber	0 65 0 75	Cured and inspected	0 00 0 07	Liverpool coarse	0 65 0 75
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Allspice	0 11 0 12	Sheep	0 00 0 131 0 85 0 00	St. Ube's	
Cloves	0 19 0 30	i .	33 5 66	Ale: English, pts	1 60 1 90
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Nutmegs	0.80 1 10	an wgts., ib	0 26 0 28	Martell's	2 80 3 00
Pepper, black	0 11 0 124	Do. No. 2, Slaughter, heavy	0 27 0 29	Hennessy's cases Martell's " OtardDupuy&Co " J. Robin & Co "	9 50 9 75
Cut Loaf	0 111 0 111	Do.light	0 26 0 25	I. Robin & Co "	0 00 8 50 8 00 8 50
Cuba Eng. & Scotch refined yel.	0 08 0 00	Upper heavy	033 036	Pinet Castillon & Co. Gin: De Kuypers # gal	800 850
Dry Crushed	0 11 0 114	" light Kip skins, French	0 35 0 40	D. & D.	175 185
Ground Teas:	1	English Hemlock Calf (30 to 35	0 70 0 90	green cases	4 25 4 50
Japan common to good.	0 27 0 47	lbs.), per doz	0 70 0 00	Booth's Old Tom	0.00 6.50
Colorea, common to nne	0 42 0 47	French Calf	0 50 0 60	Demerara "	2 35 2 50 1 90 2 10
Congou & Souchong Oolong, good to fine	0 27 0 77	Splits, large, & lb small Enamelled Cow, per ft Patent	0 25 0 31	Whisky: Gooderham & Worts'	. ,
Y. Hyson, com. to good.	0 31 0 40	Enamelled Cow, per ft	0 19 0 21	Terms Cash.—Under 5	
Medium to choice Extra choice	0 62 0 77	Pebble Grain	0 20 0 21	hrls., nett.; 5 to 10 hrls., 21 p.c. off; 10 brls. and	In Duty
Gunpwd coin, to med! med. to fine	0 37 0 42	Buff	0 14 0 18	Over 5 o c off	Rond Paid
fine to finest.	0 62 0 82	Russetts, light	0 06 0 07	Alcohol, 65 o.p. # I. gall Pure Spirits"	0 61 2 18
Hyson	0 37 0 77	Sumac Degras	0 06 0 07	" 50 " "	o 56 1 99 o 32 1 02
Tobacco-Manufactured:	0 36 0 41	Oils.	- 11	ramily Proof Whisky	0 35 1 11
" Western Leaf,	-	Cod OilStraits Oil	0 50 0 55	" Rye " "	0 35 I II 0 33 I 05
[good to fine] Brightsorts, gd. to fine.	0 60 0 65	LATO. extra	0 05 1 ns	" Toddy " "	0 33 1 05
" choice	0 70 0 80	" No.1	0 85 0 00 H	Domestic Whisky, 32 u.p	0 33 I 05 0 26 0 9I
Solace	0 33 0 47	Stocks, mach	0 50 O 45 III	Old Kye, 5 years old	0 70 1 46 0 90 1 66
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NAME.	Capital subscribed		Capital		Dividend	CLOSING	PRICES
		paid-up.	Rest.	last 6 Months	Toronto, Oct. 4.	Montrea	
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British North America	£50	4,866,666	4,866,666	1,216,000	1 4	į į	
Canadian Bank of Commerce		6,000,000	6,000,000	1,900,000	4	1101 120	
Consolidated		4,000,000	3,465,910	232,000	3	864 88	
Du Peuple	50	1,500,000	1,600,000	267,196	3	00 2 00	
Eastern Townships	50	1,500,000	1,330,151	300,000	Ă		
Exchange Bank	100	1,000,000	1,000,000		3		
Hamilton	100	1,000.000	669,930	50,000	4	991 100	
Imperial	100	910,000	862,402	50,000	i	106 106	
Jacques Cartier	50	2,000,000	1,953,920				
Mechanics' Bank	50	582 200	195,014				
Merchants' Bank of Canada	100	8,697,200	8,196,883	1,000,000	************	631 70	
Metropolitan	100	1,000,000	675,220	80,000	********	0.2 /0	
Molson's Bank	50	2,000,000	1,996,715	540,000	4		
Montreal	200	12,000,000	11,998,406	5,500,000	- 6	163	
Maritime	100	1,000,000	627,170		3		
Nationale	50	2,000,000	2,000,000		34		
Dominion Bank	50	1,000,000	970,250	290,000	4	124 125	
Ontario Bank	40	3,000,000	2,995,180	525,000	4	1031 1031	
Quebec Bank	100	2,500,000	2,500,000	475,000	31	1031 1031	
Standard	50	507,750	507,750	473,000			
Toronto	100	2,000,000	2,000,000		3 4	1561 158	
Union Bank	100	2,000,000	1,992,050		3	1301 120	
Ville Marie		1,000,000	810,580		3		
Federal Bank		1,000,000	974'110	40,000	31	1013 1021	
London & Can. Loan & Agency Co	50	3,000,000	300,000		5		
Canada Landed Credit Company	50	1,000,000	488,093	40,000	44	135 1361	
Canada Loan and Savings Company	50	1,750,000	1,750,000	635.334	9.	133	
Ontario Savings & Invest. Society		1,000,000	672,500	135,000	5	173	
Farmers' Loan and Savings Company	50	450,000	449,000	25,500	4	112	
Freehold Loan and Savings Company	100	600,000	600,000	186,000	5	143	
The Hamilton Provident & Loan Soc.		950,000	686,749	63,000	4	143	
Huron & Erie Savings & Loan Society	50	1,000,000	963,461	204,000	5	••••••	
Montreal Telegraph Co	40	2,000,000	2,000,000		31		
Montreal City Gas Co	40	1,440,000	1,400,000		5		
Montreal City Passenger Railway Co.	50	600,000			3		
Richelieu Navigation Co	100	750,000			4		
Dominion Telegraph Company	50	500,000	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		3	90	
Provincial Building Society	100	350,000			3 .	90	
mperial Building Society	50	662,500	366,200	25,000	4	108	
Building and Loan Association	25	750,000	700,000	73,821	4,1		
Foronto Consumers' Gas Co. (old)	- 1	600,000	700,000		4 1	120	
Union Permanent Building Society	50	400,000	360,000	60,000	2 p.c. 3 m	136	
	50	1,000,000		280,500	5	1334	
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co	50	*,000,000	735,000	200,000	5	143	

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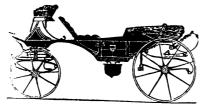
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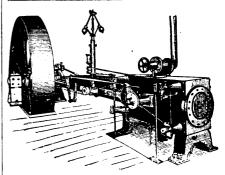
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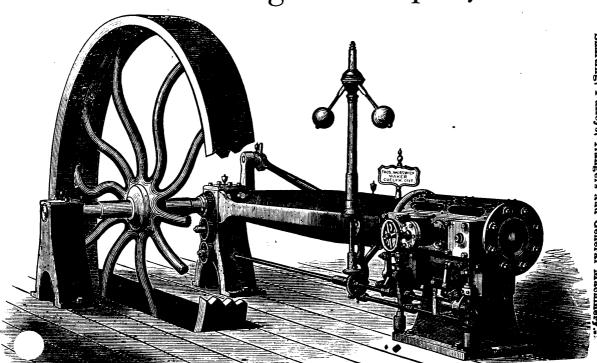
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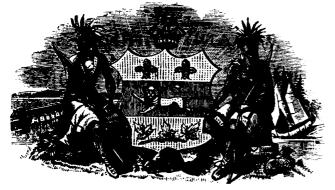
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To Policy-Holders: For claims by death and ma-tured endowments......

Surplus returned to Policy-holders 2,461,030 52 956,481 81 \$6,018,758 68 EXPENSES:

Commission to Agents
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\$669,062 72 Taxes and profit and loss .. 373,211 79

Balance Net Assets, Dec. 31, 1876. SCHEDULE OF ASSETS. \$40,020,146 47

Cost of City Bonds
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Cost of Bank Stock
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Cash in Bank, at interest 435,000 00 80,205 00 26,000 00 7,306 54 44,132 89 5,376 40

Net and ledger assets..... \$44,020,146 47 ADD:

2,192,859 86 Gross assets, Dec. 31, 1876 \$46,213,066 33 LIABILITIES:

Amount required to re-in-sure all outstanding poli-cies, net assuming 4 per

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