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-Tirs placing of lumber on the free list gives New Brunswick lumber mon an advantage in the American market over their competitors in Maine, as the stumpage is ouly $\$ 1.50 \mathrm{in}$ New Mrunswick against $\$ 2$ in Maine.
-An Euglish syndicate has practically closed a deal for the purchase of all the paper and pulp mills in Wisconsin. The mills in the deal number 34, and tho price agreed upon is $\$ 14,000,000$. The transfor will be made March 1.
-The projectors of the Toronto, Mamilton and Buffalo rallway have asked for a bonus of two hundred and seventy-ivo thousand dollars from the city of Hamilton and have offered to pay the oxpense, of submitting a bonus by-law to the citizens.
-Tire latest crop reports from Southern Manitoba are most encouraging. As the threshing progresses it is found that the yiold is greater than formerly estimated. Cutting is practically completed, and stacking is well forward.
-The different railroads centreing in Chicago have fyled statements of the losses caused to them by the recent strike. 'Ilio gross loss on the Alton was estimated at $\$ 286,360$. The damage to the Lako Shore was put at $\$ 5,164$. The loss in earnings. was not given, not having yet been compiled. The Onicago and Fastern Illinois filed a statement showing the loss of tho road to have been 40 per cent. of the receipts of an ordinary year. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road declared the property loss to have been $\$ 115,000$. The Chicago and Northwestern road submitted a statement of loss amounting to $\$ 052,600$. The Illinois Central estimated tho gross loss of the road at $\$ 743,000$. The Chicago and Erie, put the loss of that road at $\$ 115,376$.

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- Jambs Mommon, fommerly comected with the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, las ammed to open a privato bank at Virden.
-Tut now surdine cambing factury at Kamomaska is reported to have put up 40,000 boxes alleady this season.
-'Toms Gamalim Pacific railway has reduced its rates twentyfive per cent. on dairy prolucts fiom all stations on the Redmonton branch to points on the main line cast and west.
--Prom Drummondvile, Que, we learn that the extension of The Drmmome Combly Railway is mpidly approaching completion.
 milway yards at Wimipug last week en ronte to this pont. This is the largest shignerat in one week on recome
-Thas lfanburg-American Sine have made mother cut in steenge rates all New Yurk by rehneng the steenge tiekets to Soulanulom hy express stemmehip from $\$ 15$ to $\$ 1.0$.
- Latce corn has improved fir Dakota, Missouri, Minois, Indiana, Ohio, Virginia and Maryhad; the crop is maturing tapidy in Minnesota, Iowa, Missomri and Arsmenst, and will soon be liee from danger from frost in the States maned.
--Tonacco cutting is progressing in Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland; late tobacco has been improved by recent rains in Tennessee, Maryland and Virginia, and the crop is curing in excellent condition in North Carolina.
-Tus Wimipog papers say the general mate of municipal taxation lor the year 189. has been fixed at 10.50 mills and the schoul rate 4.10 mills, makiag a total of 10.60 mills on the dollar.
-In Costa Rica the Government has decided to grant a bomus of 25 cents a tree to persons planting 000 or more cocon trees and caltivating them lor a period of three years.
-The cflect of the new Uuited States tatifi in Germany has been the immediate increase in the exportation of decorative china, ready-made clothing, paper ware, and chemicals.
-Tuns total bank clearances in the UnitedStates hast week antounted to $\$ 746,000,000,14$ per cent. more than in the last week ol August, 1893 , but nearly 23 joer cent, less that in the corresponding week in 1892, two ycars ego.



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-The stockholders of the Calgary Herald Publishing company lave decided to cease publishing their journal and retire from the publishing business. It is reported that a strong company will be formed to re-commence publishing in a few days.

- Mantroba dealers, speaking of opening graiu markets at country points, say that from 40 to 42 cents per bushel will be offered the farmers for their wheat. Many buyers have already been appointed, and will be sent to the grain centres shortly.
--The first ship load of British Columbia lumber sent to legypt will start from Vancouver in a fow days for Alexandria The cargo groes on the bark "Verejean," which is now loaded with $1,630,000$ lect. She is 1,824 tons register, so that the cargo is an unusually large one lor her.
-Tre Canadian Pacific has laid off twenty-flve per cent. of its hands in the Hochelaga shops, and the remainder are on half time. A notice was posted in the shops on Saturdaty to the effect that the shops would be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday ol each week for a month.
-Emmonton, N.W.T., is fast becoming the trade contre for [urs from the Mackenaje, Peace and Athabasca rivers, Lac la Biche, Jasper Pass and even British Columbia. About $\$ 250,000$ worth of furs have ahroaly been marketed there this year, and large shipments aro reported on the way.
-'rus numerons canneries along the Fraser and the gulf have athout tij per cent. of their pack completed. On the wholo it will be a successful year for the canneries and, buring unforeseen circumstances, will bring into the country about a million and a hatle of specie.
-'Tus immediately available supply of unbleached coriander seed hats been concentrated in the hands of one New York firm, who have bourgt up everything on the spot and to arrive to October 1st. Prices have advanced about half a cent per pound.
-Tus number of tourists who went to Muskoka this summer is, so far, about donble that of any preceding year. A large number of the visitors were Americans, and these are increasing in number from year to year.


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-Nomwegian codliver oil has sharply adranced abrond on account of growing scarcily, and prices have gone up $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 2.00$ per barrel in New York within the week. The demand has been active and over one hundred barrels have sold on the spot and to arrive, the stock to come bringing the highest prices.
-Tr has been decided that when a life insumnce company is adjudged iusolvent, the measure of the damages suffered by a policyholder is the net value of the policy, without regard to the health of the holder, and calculated as of the dite of dissolution according to the life-insurance tables of mortality.
-Tme Etna Live Stock Ins. Co., of Cincinnati, has gone into - the hands of a receiver, with small liabilities and assets to mateh. It was an assessment organization, aud adds another proof that live stock insurance camot be carried on succossfully under the conditions which surround it in this conthent. Three of Whese companies have failed in Iowa within the last year.
-Fryse car loads of Dominion goverment jen itentiary made binding twine, have been distributed to the formers along the C.P.R. main line to Brandon and up tho M. \& N.W. to Minneclosa. Five more car loads have arrived. Mr. Comore, the practical superintendent in charge, states that it has been a great relief to the farmers to have the twine distributed at this time.
-Ines bureau of engraving at, Washington, D.C., now print the United States postare stamps instead of the American Bank Note company, as heretofore. As a distinguishing mark the stamps will now bear a small triuggle in the upper comers. In other respects they are similar to the issue of 1890 , which was in use before the big Columbian commemorative stamps were issued.

- Janaminy, heretofore punishable with death, is no longer a capital crime, President Cleveland having signed a bill changing the penalty to imprisonment for a tem of years, at a discretion. of the court. The change has been made in the interest of the marine underwriter who avoids the payment of insurance of barntry is proven. This has heretofore been lound impracticable on account of the death penalty.


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--Sales of wool in the United States during the past weok am ount to $8,648,000$ pounds domestic and 330,000 pounds foreign, a total of $3,084,000$ pounds, an increase of $1,005,000$ pounds over tho previous week and an increase of $2,942,000$ pounds over the corresponding week of last year; since January 1, $98,558,935$ pounds, against 78,070,000 pounds a yoar ago.
-Tus largest orchard in the world is in Santa Barbara, Cal. It is a tract of 1,700 acres, and contains 10,000 olive trees, 8,100 in full hearing, the remander being young trees set out during the past year and a hall. Besides the olive trees there are 3,000 Jinglish walnut trees, 4,400 Jupanese persimmon trees, 10,000 almond trees, and ahout 4,000 other fruit and nut trees. The 10,000 olive trees yiolded 40,000 yuart bottles of olive oil last year, which fonnd rendy market at is a bottle.
-An offer of 50 cents on the dollar, ensh, is being submitted to the creditors of A. Paul \& Co., dealers in dry goods and boots and shoes, at Sudbury, Ont., reforred to in our last issue. The businees was started by A. Paul early in '80, who subsequently became involved through the failure of Lindsay Gilmour \& Co, of this eity, which terminated in his assigument in Feb.'01. His wife bought in the stock and the business has since beon conducted as above. Carrying too heavy a load seems to have been the cause of the present trouble.
-Owhe Sound, Ont., colebrated on the 20th alt. the completion of the new connecting malway line between that place and Parkhead where connection is made with the general system of the Geand Trunk Railway. Thousands of visitors were welcomed, brilliant speoches and a banquet assisting the proceedings which proved a credit to the enterprising inhabitants of that prosperous town. The completod link is elven miles in length.
-The Secretary of the U.S. Treasury has decided that under the torms of the now tarifl bill payments of sugar bounties on claims already filed cannot be legally made. Section 182 of the now at provides anong other things that hereafter it shall be unlawful to issuo any license to produce sugar or to pay any bounty

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-Cuicago bankers make the following crop summary: Nebraska has one-fifth of a corn crop in its poorest and one-half of a corn crop in its best section. In Kansas corn runs from onehalf a crop to a total failure. The Iowa corn crop ranges from one-third to two-thirds of an average crop. North Dakota has a full average crop. In South Dakota wheat is one-half a crop, excopt in the Black Hills, where the crops are excellent.
-A Paisley cattle dealer named W. W. Hogg has applied to the authorities for assistance to bring back John Storey, to whom le entrusted the sale of about $\$ 1,000$ worth of cattle and who, after selling the animals at a slight loss, went off to the States with the proceeds. Storey has written to FIogg explaining that he has only borrowed the money temporarily, but this doos notsatisfy his employer.
-Impontens and merchants of San Francisco claim a serious blunder has been made in the new tarift law. Cocoanut oil is admitted free of duty, but copra, which is the raw material of which the cocoanut oil is manulactured, is subjected to a duty of 30 per cent. Copra is the raw, sun-dried product of the cocoanut, and camnot be used for any other purpose than making cocoanut oil, which is chienty used in the manufacture of soap.
-Trie trade returns for the Dominion for the nevv fiscal year havo not opened as well as could be desired, the exports for July showing a falling off of: $81,232,370$ from July last year; and goods entered for consumption a decrease of $\$ 084,411$. Duty collected during the month was $\$ 1,372,080$, which is $\$ 340,276$ less than samo month last year.
--Tres Atlas Distilling Company, capital $\$ 000,000$, was incorporated this week at Peoria by Sam Woolner and his two sons. It will be the largest in the country, with a capacity of 8,000 bushels daily and 32,000 gallons of spirits. It was begun four months ago, aud the structure is all up and most of the machinery in. It will be an independont house.
-Botir the Customs and Iuland Revenue departments roport a decrease in the receipts of the past month over the corresponding month of last year. During August, 1803, the Customs reccived sir20,053.37 while last month there was received $\$ 543,033.70$, being a decrease of $\$ 177,010.58$. The Inland Rovenue received during

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-A canco of Canadian lumber, consigned to Georgetown, D.C. arrived a few days ago, and the consignees demanded frec admission for it under the new haw. The secretary of the.Treasury at once wired the Dominiou Government to ascertain whether it still imposed an export duty upon logs. The answer received was such that he has denied free admission to this cargo, and has
directed the collector of customs to assess the McKinley duties upon it.

- A. meeting of underwriters, representing the principal London marine insurance companies, was held last week, to consider the rates of war-risk to he agreed upon for cargoes to Eastern waters in view of the war between China and Japan. Six guinens per cent. was paid at Lloyds on muuitions of war carried by the Glen line of steamers to Shanghai and thence by transhipment to Tientsin. Five guineas per cent. was paid on a cargo of coals to Shanghai.
-The Manitoba Free Press predicts that with an average yield of grain and exceptional sales of cattle and swine, more money will be circulated among the farmers of that province this fall than has been experienced for many years, consequently a more hopeful tone provails in commercial circles, and there is gradually gaining a confidence that the financial stringoncy which has


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previtied for some months will soon be released, and normal condilions restored.
-I'ne first ollicial reports of the Indian cotton crops, just issued, ropresent the yiofd as gencrally satisfactory, especially in tho provinces of Pungath and Oudh. In the northwestern and central provinces rain has in some cases impeded the development of the boll, but a good averare crop is expected, except in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies, where the season has been milavorable.
-The projected combination of the American vino growers and dealers has fallen though, for this season at least, and growers will lind thoir own markets for their grapes. Wine merchants will make individnal contrats with the growers. The Calibornia Wine dssociatiom, composed of dealers, has adopted a rosolation practically rofusing all that the growers clemand, 'I'he growers saty that the senson is too fill adranced to secure control or the grape crop.
-The total catch of seals on the Jipanese const this year falls consideralhy under last, years figures. The wats ate : for the Canadian fleet, 44, (itio, or an average of 1,276 skins per sehomer; American, 20,289 , or an atwetage por sehooner of $\$ 11 / 2$. Several of the American vessels amd a majority of the Chandian flect are now homeward bomel direct, white othors will eruise for a few weoks longer to the north of the Japanese arehipelago. None will enter Behring Sen, and only a very fow will try the Russian side.

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-Tus New York \& New England Railrond has entered a complaint in the Supreme Court, at Hart Ford, Conn., that its track between Bristol and Piainville is being paralleled by the Tramway Company. The rond alleges that the statute rogarding electric roads prohibits paralleling of stem railroads. The quostion has also been raised whether, tuder the law, a tramway can be built from one town to another withont public necessity for it having been shown. The suit is regarded as a test case, being the first since the new law was passed.
-Tue export lumber trade at Ottawa has been fairly satisfactory, this year, in spite of the general depression. At the opening of the season the unusually low freight rates offered by Athantio steamers induced the Dinglish dealers to purchase large quantities of deals. This kept shipping fairly brisk all summer, and just as this maket was falling somewhat the free lumber chase of the American tariff bill had the eftect of increasing the trade in ordiuary plank and boards sufficiently to take the place of the Tinglish trade.
-As a result of the disastrous fire in the looth piling grounds the representatives of the leading insurance companies carrying risks in Ottawa aro to have a meeting between their agents and prominent lumber men of the city, witha view to considering mattersafrecting further insurance. It is said that there is a possibility of the conference resulting in the refusal of the companies to accept lurther risks unless the lumber men agree to take some


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-The Duluth Dry Goods Co., a manmoth dry goods concern has held a meeting of its ereditors. The company obtained an extension from its creditors last October, payable in notes at four, six, nine and twelve months. It met two of the payments, but is mathle to meet the third, At the meeting it offered to compromise the last two payments at filty cents cash on the dollar, which would make the total payinents on the extension seventyfive cents on the dollar. A statement was presented showing liabilities of $\$ 207,000$, and nominal assets of $\$ 242,000$ and actual ussels of about $\$ 17 \mathrm{j}, 000$.
-Some portions of western Ontario are experiencing an almost mprecedonted drought, scarcely any min having fallen during the past two months. This has already proved of serious consequence in some sections, the darying interests suffering to a large extent. Many farmers are experiencing difficulty in procuriag sulticient water for their stock. Butter has advanced in price owing to the lack of pasture, and cheese outpats at some factories are showing a rapid deerease. Another serious result is found in the prevalence of bush fires which are cansing wide destruction in some localities.
-Encuash returns state that 101 coton mills at Oldham show a debit balance of $\mathbf{E} 252,000$. The shares of 01 mills are below par, while 7 show a promitum ; 24 of the newest mills show no lividends, and 11 mills slow dividends of 8 per cent. Evidently, there, the cotion spimuing iudustries of Gugland are not in a Homishing condition, had if these conditions continue to prevail it does not indicate a rate of consumption of actual cotion to give much relief to the spot markets when cotton begins to bo marketed in England, and therefore, it may be necessary to look to Ameritun and Continental spinners for a spot demand. The general situation and feeling is bearish.
-Tue alstract of the condition of 8,707 National bouks of the United States shows that on July 18 the loans and discounts amounted to $81,034,000,000$, an increase over the call of May last of $\$ 20,000,000 ;$ stock, securities, \&c., $\$ 101,000,000$, an inerease of $\$ 6$, 000,000 ; due from reservo agents, $\$ 258,000,000$, a gain of nearly $\$ 1,000,000$ : hawfil money reserve, $\$ 439,000,000$, a decrease of $\$ 13,-$ 000,000 ; capital stock paid in, $\$ 071,000,000$, a decrease of $\$ 4,000$, 000 ; surphis fund, $\$ 245,725,000$, a decrease of nearly $\$ 1,000,000$; rividends unpaid, $\$ 2,580,000$, an increase of $\$ 300,000$; individual deposits, $\$ 1,078,000,000$, an increase of $\$ 8,000,000$, and bills payable, $\$ 0,900,000$, an incrense of $\$ 700,000$.
-Tne Supreme Court of Georgia held, in the recent case of The Western Union Tolograph Company va. Ryals, that a telegraph compauy does not lucur liability for the statutory penalty
becanse of delay in transmitting and delivoring a message unlogs the delay occurs after actual payment or tender of the charges; and that where, by mutual agreement of the sonder and the company's agent or operator, the charges are held open as a debt to be subsequently paid by the sender, or by him and a third porson jointly, this is meither actual payment nor any substitute therefor with reference to the penal element of the statute, and it makes no difference that the message is forwarded over the wire nominatly as a prepaid message.
-Tres National Blindness Iusumace Company of Enghad, a concern of very recent formation, has not managed to survive its infantile troubles, having just now ontered upon what islikely to prove the most lengthy portion of its existence-the winding-up period. When it was started insurance men predicted that, while in all probability a company transacting accident business might find it pay to have a special blindness bruch, with very low premiams covering the one risk, there was not enough in the scheme to warmat the formation of a company depending exclusively upon blindness assurance. That opinion has now been justified by recent events. Another company of a similar nature -the Blindness Insumace Company of Cardiff-is still lin the field, but it is doubtrul if it maintains its position thero very long. In any event it camot possilly attain ayy considerable proportions.
-Casir policies are non-assessible in mutual companies even in the interest of outside ereditors, according to a decision just rendered by the Supremo Court of Pennsylvaia. This decision is of exceptional interest becanse the cont defines the distinctious between those insured under caslo and note premiums in mutual companies, and those insured for cabli premiuns in stock companies. Both of the former classes, according to the court, are alike members and partners entitled to share in profits, ete. The policyholder in the stock com pany on the contrary acquires no right of membership. His policy is issued on the credit of the capital stock and he is neither interested in the protits nor concerued with the losses. The mutual member, on the contrary, is responsible for the losses to the extent of the premium paid or agreed to be paid.

- Most of the apricot crop of California is now dried. The later sections-such as the Sauta Clara Valley-are in the midst of drying. The quantity of this year's product of dried apricots is established variously at from 700 to 1000 twelve-ton carloude, or from 8000 to 12,000 tons. Owing to comparatively short fruit crop in the eastern states and to nearly if not quite all of the product of dried apricots and other dried fruits of the erop of 1893 haviug been consumed, Califormia producers were in hopes of getting good prices, especially for all the ouly stock. Some shipmonts were made the very last of June, but on account of the


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rallond strike none of theso shipments got outside of Californit. In the meantime the pressure to sell by growers is great, owing to minty canses, first of which was their failure to realize on green-fruits shipments, which were entirely stopped, together with all other shipments, by the raihoad strike.
-Just as bace held first phace among trimmings during the summer so jet passementerie is the elect of antumu deconations. Fashion is consistent in giving prominence to jet passementeries for lall as they are much moro appropriate to the season than Hufly gamitures of lace. Jet is a decidedly pretty and striking frimming and in the findy cut varioties imparts an indescribable tonch of marnilicence wherever it is placed. Unlike most glittering ommentations, it is not dulled by exposure to atmospheric inthences, and is exceedingly duable, therefore commending iself as an economical trimming. In the fall goods the designs and combinations are entirely new. Sced-like beads, very linely cut, and otdly shaped uncut jet stones, enter largely in their make-up. These stones increatse the desimbility of the new trimmings ly their mique shapes as well as their wondorful milliamey. Some are hat and round or oval, while others are friangular or olongated and sharply pointed. Very decided novelties which are proportionately high priced, have cabochons with a satin or moire finish.

- Acable from Bugland silys: Wheat at eighteen shillings a farter is perhaps the most important fact of the week. The Haglish lamer is now face to faco with both a moderate harvest and the lowest prices ever known. The harvest is only moderate, indeed, when compared with his hopes of last month. Down to that lime the weather had been grod. lit has since broken, and, white the yieh remains large, the quality will be inferior. The wheat estimate is 31 bushels per acre, as against an average of 29.23 bushols for the hast ten years. Barley is reckoned at 34 bushels and oats it 42 . Grass crops are still 50 per cent. above the average, but for the hast antee weeks large crops have been bying ent, which could not be carried on account of alinost continuous wet wathor. The best prices fur wheat are quite four shillings per yututer less than lasti, year. If these low figures be mantaned, tho condition of the British farmer will be, says a
high authority, "deplorable." Twenty years ago wheat prollts of highly cultivated farms in lengland were from fifty to ninety dollars per acre. This year's crop is hardly expected to yield a profit exceeding thirty.
-Tine following are included in the recent business difficulties in Ontario: J. A. Moore, general dealer at Worthington (near Sudbury) who has assigned. He took over the business of his brother who failed about a year ago. The concern was smalh.Oliver Bros, wall paper dealers, Petrolia, have assigned. The business originally belonged to F . Oliver who admitted his brather, W. C. ns partner in the spring af' 'g2. Too limited capital seems to have kept them cramped, and besides, their line of goods will not readily admit of successful efforts to keep stook from accumulating.-D. M. Shelds, grocer, also of Petrolia, has found his trado merging into unprolitable channels and has assigned. He was formerly of Whitney \& Shields but has been pulling alone for some five-years.-F. Comfort, Gainsboro, Ipe, has assigned.-Win. MoKeever, Hamilton, who has been conducting a small coal and wood business for some years has assigned.
- Business dilliculties in this province during the past week Include : E. G. Belisle, general dealer, St. Andre $A$ velin. He began about eighteon months ago and might have succeeded but for a loss by flre last Feb'y., since which time he has been endeavoring to regain a footing but at leugth has been compelled to assign.-Alfred Demers, of this city, who has been conducting a limited trade in boots and shoes for some years has given the assignee possession. He owes about $\$ 000 .-\mathrm{A}$ brief experience in the grocery trade has taught R. $\Delta$. Dubrale, of this city that there are many things to be considered in the retail city trade to-day besides the belief that buying a stock of goods from the wholestale house and placing it for sale will sustain the holder. He began about elght months ago with limited means and now assigns owing some $\$ 1,500$. Too much competition did not allow him a chance to make any headway.
-Mr. Join Bogant, consulting engineer to the Cataract Construction Co., has inspected the Kakabeka Falls on the Kaminis-

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tifuia River, which falls into Thunder 13ay, to test their suitability as a location for at large pulp and paper mill to be one of the largest, if not the largest, in Canada. Mr. Bogart found the falls to be 40 feet wide and 125 feet high, and suitable to develop a remarkable power. The region abounds in spruce and other woods. The parties who are back of this scheme are from Philadelphia, New York and Bangor. It is the purpose to build a milion-dollar mill for the manufacture of paper for shipment to the English market.
-Behleville, Ont., suffered a heavy loss by fire on the Brd instant, the large shoe store of Hanes \& Lockett being almost entirely consumed. The loss will reach about $\$ 43,000$. The following iusurance companies are interested: Queen's, $\$ 6,000$; Royal $\$ 0,000$; British America, $\$ 5,000$; Northern, $\$ 5,000$; Caledonit, Phouix of England, and Manchester, each $\$ 3,000$; National of Ireland, \$2,800, and North British \& Mercantile, $\$ 2,000$.-At Pointe Au Pic, Que., on the 2nd inst., twenty-five buildings were destroyed causing a loss of about $\$ 50,000$.
—Tus firm of Belcourt McCracken \& Fenderson, barristers, etc., Ottawa, Ont., has dissolved, Mr. N. A. Belcourt las formed a partnership with J. A. Ritchic, under the style of Belcourt \& Ritchie, whose oflices are those occupied by the late firm. The acceptance of the position of Crown Attorney for Carleton county Ont., by MLr. Belcourt will not in any way interfere wiih his practice in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec as heretofore.
-AT Campleellton, N.B., W. A. Mowatt \& Co., general dealers, have assigned. The firm began business about two years agoand appeared to be doing well.--Some surprise was caused by the assignment of Max Ross, cigars, St. John, N.B. His liabilities are estimated at about $\$ 5,000$. Fe began soms four years ago and seemed to share a fair measure of prosperity.
-Ties vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Yarmonth, at Yarmouth, N.S. caused by the death of Mr. J. W. Moody, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. S. A. Crowell ono of its leading merchants.

- A'r Arnprior, Ont,, P. T. Dagenais, tailor, has been forced to ussigu. He has been in business some dive years, without, however possessing much capital, and difheulty in collecting of late seems to have brought about his present trouble.
- Notwinistranding the proclamation issuod by Governor Chapleau for the observance of "Labor Day;" Monday Brd inst,, as a statutory holiday, Chief Justice Cazeau of Quebec held open court throughout the day, practically combatting the right to issue such a proclamation.
-Avormen carriage factory is spoken of for Kingston, Ont. A Gananoque dealer is tho promoter.
-At Selkirk, Man, a general dealer named Paul Magnuson has been foreed to assign through pressure of dullness in trade. IIe has been in business about five years.
-'Pue Montreal Street Railway Company has petitioned the St. Antoine Council for a permit to lay a double track on Western avenue from Victoria avenue to the western limits of the
municipality.
-Towns and villages contemplating the adoption of a new light will flnd it to their interest to correspond with the Tnctndescent Gas Light and Construction Co., of Grand Forks, N.D., of which Mr. Thos. Hennesy is the general manager. This company are prepared to erect plants under their system which will cost abont one-half the old system, and not much more than an electric plant would cost. The cost of the light will be less than half the cost of electricity and the users have the convenience of having the gas for cooking, heating, lighting and power, while electricity is only used forlighting and then generally only until 12 p.m. It is the gencral experience of gas men who operate both plants in conjunction that, the gas plant has to carry the electric, or in other words the money mate in the gas department has to go to meet the loss in the electric department and, if either is giveu up, the electric is the one to go. This has been the experience of managers of plants in cities of under 10,000 population. The public naturally like to give electricity at trial; but when they find out how costly it is, they soon seek out a grood gasplant again, for it is a well-known fact that the life of an electric plant is only about five years and the wear and tear and renewals required in that time will about equal the original cost of construction. Parties who are interested in constructing electric plants will deny this statement, but if any one will take tho trouble to wr.te to any gas company who operate an olectric plant in comection with their gas system they will find the above statement will be corroborated. On the other hand a gas-plant constructed under this system will require but very lithle expense for repairs after the first cost. It is the only system yet discovered which can be successfully introduced and operated in towns of 2,000 or upwards.
-Tme record of gross and net eamings of the American milroads for the first half of the current year, as compiled by the Financial Chromicle, is not an agrecable one. The losses have been tremendous, as the following summary for the six months ended June 30 will show:

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The decrease practically wipes out the increases reported in the previous four years. Last year the net increased only 1 per cent., the year before 5 per cent., in 18013 per cent., and in 1800,13 per cent. All these increases have been lost, and net eurnings are about where they were iu 1880.
-Tre ITamilton, Ont., Customs returns show duties collected in August amountiug to $\$ 70,246,80$, against $\$ 40,825.84$ lor the same period last year, an increase of $\$ 23,421.55$.
-Pme electric railway between the towns of Galt and Preston, Ont., is shortly to be extended to Hespeler, a thriving town some miles distant from the latter place.
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## PRODUCTION OF GOLID AND SILVER.

The last report of the U. S. Director of the Mint, Mr. R. D. Preston, shows an increase of $5: \frac{1}{2}$ million ounces of silver for 1892, or abont 9 !per cont. over that previously given by the mint authorities. Other changes are also made, especinlly for Mexico.

Mr. Preston gives the silver yield of the U.S. for 1893 at 60 million fune ounces, equal to about 402 million dollars, as against $63 \frac{1}{2}$ million ounces of the value of deb million dollars in 1892. The value of the gold output in that country incrensed from about 33 million dollars in 1892 to 36 millions in 1893. Montana and Colorado decreased their silver but added to their gold output. For last year the value of the total gold yield of the world is estimated by Mr. Preston at about 105 millions of dollats and the output of silver at 161,100,000 ounces. The subjoined comparative table is given:-

|  | THE WORLIJ's Gold. | Silver. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year. | \$ | Fine Ounces. |
| 1803 | 155,000,000 | 161,160,000 |
| 9 | 146,000,000 | 152,940,000 |
| 91 | 130,000,000 | 137,170,000 |
| :90 | 119,000,000 | 126,094,000 |
| 's9 | 123,500,000 | 120,214,000 |
| '88 | 110,500,000 | 108,827,000 |
| '87 | 100,750,000 | 90,124,000 |
| 's0 | 100,600,000 | .93,276,000 |
| :85 | 108,350,000 | 91,052,000 |
| 'S4. | 100,700,000 | 81,597,000 |

An examination of the table will disprove that the contention of: bi-metallists, that it was the inexpansiveness of gold production in the face of an increased currency demind for the metal owing to the diminished use of silver, which was the actual cause of the fall in the prices of commodities. Were their theory tenable, the large increase in the yield of gold, as shown by the table, would have again sent prices up. On the contrary, as is well known, prices have been sagging all the time. It is estimated that the average fall in prices since 1883 has been fully 15 per cent.

Dealing with the subject, the Economist of London (to which we are indebted herein), replies to the possible argument that it was only until 1888 that the gold yield showed any material increase, and that low though the general level of prices now is, it is not much lower than in 1886.
"Tf from that," says our contemporary, "it is sought to draw the conclusion that althougli the addition to the world's rold supplies has not yet sufficed to produce a rise in prices, it las, at all events, prevented them from falling as they had done prior to 1886, then it is necessary to point out that the rise between 1886 and 1888 took place before the supply of gold began to be appreciably angmented, and that since 1888 , alduough the gold production has been incroasing rapidly, the downward movement in prices has been far more pronounced than it was in the previous five years. It is evident, therefore, that the supply of gold has not had that overmastoring influence upon prices which the bi-metallists seek to ascribo to it."

In comection with the influence which the supply of the precious metals may have had upon prices, Mir. Preston directs special attention to the fact that the world's gold product in 1893 did not fall very much short of the value of the gold and silver product combined prior to 1873 . According to Dr. Soetbeer, the value of the world's output of both gold and silver in the five years $1861-5$ averaged $\$ 170,925,000$ yor annum, and in the succeeding years $1866-73$ the average was $\$ 190,830,000$. In 1893, as has already been shown, the valuo of the gold product alone was $\$ 155,550,000$; in the current year it lids fair to reach $\$ 170,000,000$, and a similar increase in 1895 would bring the total up to about $\$ 185,000,000$. Mr. Preston goes into calculations as to the amount of gold used in the iudustrial arts, as to the quantities formerly absorbed by India for other than monotary purposes, and as to the presont accumulation of gold by the Russian Government.

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As the outcome of these he arrives at the conclusion that the value of the gold and silver" that might have gone to add to the monetary circulation of civilised countries in the years just previous to the depreciation of the whito metal (1s66-73) was $\$ 60,560,000$, as compared with $\$ 77,520,000$, the value of the gold alone, available in 1893 for coinage purposes, an inicrease in the latter year of $\$ 7,000,000$." lf, however, estimatos of the total production of the precious metals must be to some extent conjectural, the estimate of the quantities used for industrial purposes are more conjectural still. They are, indeed, only vague guesses, and different peoplo guess vory differently.

Mr. Preston, taking the mean of a number of different estimates, puts the value of the industrial consumption of gold throughont the world at $\$ 60,000,000$, but whether: that is near to or wido of the mark there are really no nems of ascortaining. We prefor, therefore, not to go into that portion of his calculations. The chief point is, as he puts it, that "the fact that the value of the gold output in the near future will probably equal the value of the average output of both gold and silver in the years immediately preceding the beginning of the dopreciation of silver, must have an important bearing on the question of international bi-metalism,; although, of course, "it cannot be admitted to be decisive of such necessity."

## OUR FIRE BRIGADE.

It is strange the delusions we sometimes labor under. We have alivays had the impression-we might say con-viction-that the fire brigade was formed and kept up for the purpose of putting out fires, just as part of the duties of a police force-though there may be some among our citizens to whom this will sound like a grotesque satire-is to prevent robberies and capture robbers. But alas! So far as Montreal is concerned we have come by this time to the conclusion that we have been the victims of misplaced confidence, and that our fire brigade has been inaugurated and is carried on chiefly to parade the streets in shining brass helmets with appropriate uniforms when visitors come to our. city for a holiday, to gallop round the Champs de Mars for the amusement of mursery maids and children should sailors from the briny ocean favor us with their presence, or to take trips down the river and have a good time if a few firemen from the neighboring States arrive to interchange views regarding the methods and appliances employed in fighting the devouring element. We are aware that to the uninitiated this may appear to savor of rank heresy; for are they not accustomed to read in the daily newspapers, which somehow they consider to be like statistics and cannot lie, that at a large fire the brigule did "noble work", and by "heroic offorts succeeded in confining the flames to the building in which they started? ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ These words have been re-
peated so often that they are open to the charge of monotony, of which we should not complain were it not that they not unfreguently gloss over the disagreeable truth with the pleasint poetry of imagination.

What are the facts of the case, let us ask, looking the matter squarely in the face? Montreal is one of the most solidly built cities in America; we have an ample water supply, abundance of engines, ladders and other appliances, to which lately has been added a watertower. Anil yot we find that almost every fire, beyond a more incipient blaze, results in the total or nearly total destruction of the property contained within the walls of the building in which it started. That the fire seldom (not always) extends beyond these walls, is, we are lain to suspect, due to the walls themselves rather than to any great merit on the part of the brigade, for where the walls have been of flimsy construction the fire generally has extended, as an instance of which we have merely to allude to a recent fire, which began in a brick encased stable and was allowed to work its way through an adjoining coal slied into a steam laundry, which latier was gutted from cellar to roof. But of course, this fire, like all others in Montreal, according to the newspaper reporters, was magnificently handled, and it redommed to the credit of our brigate. A few days subsergentily another large fire oceurredin Craig Street, resulting agrain in a hary loss, to which the new watertower was brought hut not; used, causing the very natural exclamation from a matagrer of a company largely interested-" What is the Water-tower for anyway? Is it for ornament?"
We freely almit, that, our Montreal brigade have great difficulties to contend with during our severe winters; buti from observation it would seem that our fires are just as disistrous in the summer as in the winter, and we camot helpasking how it is that Toronto, for example, which is not nourly so substantially built as Montreal, and whose brigade has not such numerous equipments, doos not, sulfer from her fires as we do? Surely the only inswer is thati"there is something rotten in the state of Denmark" with us, and that "the proof of: the pudaing is in the eating."
When our brigade succeeds in putting out the majority of other than incipient fires without serions loss, -when it falfils this duty and omits its useless and inane parades for distinguished visitors, Tack-lars, and "sich," then but not till then, shall we heartily echo the pruises bestowed upon it by our daily contennoraries. Until such time our insurance rates are likely to remain higher than in 'loronto and elsewhere, butat present for incompetenncy and bombast we can only compare the Montreal fire brigale to the Montreal police force. Give us a stronger comparison and we will use it:

In conclusion let us not be misunderstood. The men themselves may be all they should be if properly directed, but Napoleon's remark that "an army of stags commanded by a lion is better than an army of lions comminded by a stag," is applicable to the guidance of any large force of: men.
. One word respecting trips and pienics: Every fireman, from the Chief downwards is entitled to a holiday oceasionally; but as in every larga establishment or army, these holidays shouldbe arranged so as not to lessen the efticiency of those left on duty, it would be thonght very properly the heightit of folly, for a general stationed in fronti of an ambushed encmy to propose, or even
allow, a considerable portion of his army leave of absence, if only for a day. Well, fire is our brigade's ambushed enemy; which should never be permitted to catch them at a disadvantage.
Abolish childish parades and picnies, knock on the head all aldermanic interference, and instil useful drill and discipline into the foren, or we shall never be able to be justly proud of our fire brigade.

## THE FALL RIVER STIRIKE.

IThe strike now going on among the workers in the forty large cotton mills in Fall River, Mass., deserves more than passing mention. Although primarily inaugurated to resist a cut in wages, it is really an attempt upon the part of the employes to force up the market for cotton goods. 'Ihey recognise that theiremployers are not in anyway to blame, and that the cot has been brought about by the overproduction in cotton goods. Ihey argue that in order to keep up prices it is necessary to cease production until the country has consumed the surplus, and hence they have gone out on what they call a "vacation" to permit that end to be brought about. Were they able to control the entire cotton production of the United States no donht they might be able to increase prices in this manner, or, in other words to compel every wage earner to pay more for everything they manufacture. But, fortunately for the country, they can only shut down $2,546,488$ spindles and 59,879 looms, out of the $15,640,000$ spindles and 324,866 looms that supply the American market. This menns only about $1 \overline{5}^{1} \frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the supply; hence the result of this attempt to interfere with the current of trade is tolerably certain.
The troubles which culminated in this peculiar movement began in 1892 when the first announcement of a suggested reduction in the mensure of protection was made in the Democratic phatform. At that period the average price of the goods principally made in Pall River was 4.1-10 cents per yard, and the avernge overstock of all the mills, 7,000 pieces. In that year the week's labor was reduced by law to 58 hours. This meant practieally an increase in pay of $3_{3}^{1}$ per cent. Just before the Presidential election the mill-owners increased the wages $6 \frac{2}{3}$ per cent of their own volition; and it was charged that they did this for the sake of influencing votes. As a matter of fact it was done to avoid a strike. They were making money, prices were good, and the mills busy. Their employes were just preparing to demand their share of the profits, and so the mill owners figured out that they might as well give it freely, and reap what credit they could out of it, since it had got to come anyway.
But soon a change came over the market. The price of Fall River goods fell to 4 cents in January 1893 ; to $3 \frac{7}{3}$ cents in April, when it became a certainty that the tariff was to be altered ; to 27 z in July; to 23 conts in August; and finally to 28 cents when it became kuown that the changes were not to be according to the Democantic platiform, and no one knew what they were actually going to be. Not only this, but the demand fell off. Most of the factories work from six to nine montlis ahend of the market, and so rapidly did the decline in demand set in that, in spite of their caution, the overstock began to grow stendily until on August 18 th it reached 885,000 pieces, and at the close of last month,
despite the fact that the strike had been in force a fortnight, it was still $6 \overline{0} 0,000$ pieces.
In the latter part of 1893 , when prices were sagging, the manufacturers cut off the 10 per cent increase they had gramted the year before. This was done withont a strike; but not without much grombling and discontent. It was held by the manufacturers that the aetual cost of making the goods was 23 cents, and hence that the cut was justifiable; while the men contended that the cost was only 2 cents, and that there was no necessity for the reluction. The truth is probably somewhere between the two.

Be that as it may, the stendy fall in prices brought them so perilously near the cost line that in February last another cut was spoken of. This was at first opposed by many of the manufacturers on the ground that it must lead to a strike, and that it was cheaper to keep the mills open and make groods at a small loss than close them in view of the heary fixed charges. But when the price struck 25 cents all those who were holding out came in to the agreement, and the second 10 per cent was ordered on the ground that the selling price was less than the cost of the goods. The mill-men of. fered to show the employes their books to prove the truth of this contention, and so satisfied were the latter that it was true that all agreed to the cut, with the execption of the weavers. Mhese latter took the eurious ground that, while it was evident there were 835,000 pieces in stock, and that the price of $2 \overline{\mathrm{~g}} \mathrm{e}$ was not remunerative, they would prefer to have the mills closed rather than aceept reduced pay. They hold that in a month this overstock will have disappeared, that the demand is reviving, and that when the surplas is absorbed prices will rise and there will be no necessity to accept lower wages. Accordingly they have taken a" vacation ", and the mills are closed.

It now remains to be seen which will prove to be right; the mill-owners, or the men. The owners say that low prices have come to stay. The men argue that they are only temporary, and that they can force them up by voluntarily abstaining from work. In the meantime they are losing $\$ 178,000$ every week in wages; they are eatiug up theirestavings, and ruming into debt in hopes of controlling a market in which their product only figures as $15 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the total supply. The result is easy enough to forecast. The weavers will learn a costly but salutary lesson as to the operation of the laws of supply and demand, and finally they will go back to work quite satisfied with their first attemept to force up the price of manufactured goods by cornering the labor warket.

## MUNICIPAL PAWNSHOPS.

Some form of impledging effects as security for advances in money or produce has existed almost since prehistoric times. It is as ancient as barter, and far older than banking. Records of pledging are found among the Chinese and the Greeks at very early dates, and that it existed amongst the Israelites, the Egyptians, and the Assyrians, is proved by the frequent references to. its practice in the Bible. All the early money-lenders were pawnbrokers before they were bankers. In the early days of funance banking and pawnbroking were indissolubly comnected, and though, in conrse of time, the two branches became differentiated, the pawnshop may still be looked upon as the
poor man's bank, and the banker as the rich man's pawnbroker.
In medieval times pawnbroking was synonymous with usury. It was then largely in the hands of the Lombards, who appear to have taken kindly to it from the outset, and the three halls which now hang in front of most pawnbrokers establishments are the escutcheon of the Medici family, who were pawnbrokers before they were princes. It was the exactions of these Lombards which led the Italian church to form charitable institutions intended to liberate the poor from the hands of usurers by granting them loans at moderate rates of interest, and often with no interest at all. These institutions were called Monti di Pieta, and became the model of all future pawnshops in continental Europe. The first instance of a pawnshop regulated in the interest of the borrowers was in Bavaria as carly as 1198. There was one in the franche Comite in 1350. The first Italian one was founded at Perugia in 1440 , and it was not until 1.577 that one was established at Avignon in France By the end of the seventeenth century there were Monts de pieto, formed more or less after the Italian model, in most of the countrics of Europe, and the characteristics of the original institutions are perpetuated in those of: to-day, although they lave long since ceased to be managed ly the clorgy or to be under the influence of the churches. The main object-the protection of the poor from usury and their relief from distress-is still maintained; ind in all the Latin countries they are comnected with hospitals and charitable institutions to whom their profits are donated. In forty-four towns in France there are manicipal pawnshops of this character. The highest rate of interest charged in them is 12 per cent. per amum, while in England the minimum rate is 27 per cent. and the maximum rate reaches as high as 1014 per cent. In the endowed Mrouts de piete, such as those at Montpelier and Grenoble, no interest whatever is charged. In Germany there are over a hundred institutions of this class, and in all the large towns and cities the rate of interest charged is 12 per cent. At Dresden the interest is 9 per cent., and at Leiprig it is only 8. Almost all the municipal pawnshops are connected with savings banks, and are self-supporting, and in most of them the interest charged is from four to five per cent. In Austria the system closely resembles that of Germany; but in the Royal pawnshops in Vienna and Prague, 10 per cent. interest is charged. In Spain the rate in the municipal pawnshops is 6 per cent, and in Holland and Belgium it rums from 5 to 8 per cent.

From these few facts concerning continental pawnshops it will be observed that they are all organized in the interest of the horrowers and the community. Let us now look at the laws regulating pawnbroking in Ingland, and in our own country, and we shall find that they are framed to protect the lender rather than the borrower, and hence that there is an opening for the establishment of municipal pawnshops upon the continental model that will really relieve the neiessities of the poor.
In England the only attempt at pawnshops in the interest of the borrower was made in 1095, when the directors of the Bank of lingland contemplated opening a "Lombard" (pawnshop) for the reception of small pledges at a penuy a pound interest. This idea was never carried into eflect, and from that time the
pawnbroking trade was not recogni\%ed by the law until 178.4 when the interest; was regulated for the first time. It was then fixed at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per month, and the perion of the loan confined to one year. Various other acts, were passed-all more or less favoring the lender -until 1.872 when the present law was framed. This ach permits interest at the rate of 27 per cent, per anmum theoretically, and on large sums this is the rate charged ; but on lowns under tos the pawnbroker can charge fal for the ticket and did profit on each two shillings, or part of two shillings, for each calendar month, or part of a month. This makes the profit on the sum of: 2 s lent out for one week at the rate of 2 to $\mathbf{3}_{4}^{3}$ per cent. per ammun. Considering that in number of the pledges taken in the poor listricts are for sums under 2 s, the following table gives the percentage of interest really levied by the pawnbrokers:-

| Loall | leriod | Ammual rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2s | One week | 2106 |
| ds | Thuree days | $50 \overline{5}$ |
| 1s 6.1 | 'three days | 676 |
| 1s | One week | 400 |
| Is | Three days | 1014 |

Ihese figures savor strongly of usury. And when we remember that statisticians estimate the number of pledges taken in every yeur, in England at 400,000,000 , and the average value at ts, thus making the total loans $\$ 100,000,000$, we can see what a strain upon the poor this' enormous rate of interest must be. At the minimum rate it would amount annually to $\$ 27,000,000$ and could its real extent be ascertained it would certainly be fir larger. In no country is the amount of pawning done so large is it is in fingland, and nowhere else does the pawnshop play so prominent a part, in the domestic economy of the working man. Yet lingland is one of the few nations who have neither state nor municipal pawn-shops and where usurious interest is permitted to grind the laces of the poor.

In this comitry the rate of interest allowed is 2 per cent per month, or portion of: a month, with a further charge of: 2 cents for the ticket up to $\$ 5$, and of 5 cents over that, amount. 'Ihis is the lowest rate on this continent. In the State of New York the legal rate is 3 per cent. per montil, and in Massuchnsetts 5 per cent. per month, or fatation of a month. These rates are open to the same objection as those in. England; namely that they bear severely on small sums lent for short dates, and thus have a tendency to grind the very elass Whose poverty should most entitle them to protection and to whom the existence of a municipal pawnshop, charging even as high as 10 per cent. per innman would be an inestimable bencfit.

Iti may not be deemed desitable by many that such institutions should exist. But unfortumately, in the presentis state of society, the pawnbroker has become as necessary as he was under other and carlier systems of civilization. So long as there are recarrences of prosperity and depression, a vast population living from hand to month, and a fierce struggrle for very existence, the pawnbroker must be indispensable. The army of casual workers, whose employment is uncertain and earnings small, depend on his help, and oven men in regular work must: go to him, when incapacitated by accident or iliness, in order to tide over their difficulties. It is useless to saly that they should have saved
money for just such an emergency. In most cases their pay leaves no room for saving, and they have no bank accomnt that they can overdraw at, a pinch, as some do who preach most loudly about the improvinence of the working man. All that they possess are their personal effects and their cipacity for labor. When they need money they are forced to raise it on the only security they have to offer. There is nothing dishonorable about the transaction and nothing to be ashamed of. Should they not then be enabled to obtain the loan they reguire at cheaper rates than they are now forced to pay? And would not this end be best attained by the formation of municipal pawnshops on the same system as that which has stood the test of practical experience so succossfully in continental Burope?

## TAXING NOLUGAGES.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Hrlifar Ferell, in a well written editorial, takes issue with us on the subject of taxing mortgages. It holds that we err in believing that any tax would, in the long run, be paid by the mortgagor instead of the mortgagee, and thas that it would simply mean an addition to the burden of the former interest paid. It argues that, as mortgrages represent the ownership of a certain amount of property and as people are tixed according to the amount of property they own, why should not they pay taxes on mortgages?

Here at the very outset is an orroneons pronosition. The mortgagee does not own the property on which he advances his savings, any more than a pawnbroker owns his pledges. He simply holds it as colliteral security tor the money he has loaned. The true owner of the property does not transfer the use or enjoyment; of it to him in anywny, and hence, as the mortgagor is still the de fucto owner and enjoyer of it, the law looks upon and taxes him as such.

In support of its argument the Ferald cites a hypothetical case:-
"A man owning a $\$ 5,000$ honse, mortgages it for $\$ 3,000$, and invests the $\$ 3,000$ in business phant or goods; how is he now taxed? He is taxed on the full value of the house and also on the value of the business plant, that is on $\$ 8,000$. Yet it is perfeetly clear that that man really owns only $\$ 5,000$ worlh of property. Who owns the other $\$ 3,000$. Why cortainly the mortgagee."

Not at all. Our contemporary bases its argument on fallacions grounds. 'The ownership of the house his not in myway been transferred. The mortgagor continues to reside in it, or rent it , and hence is justly called upon to pay taxes upon it. The $\$ 3,000$ he has borrowed on its security is presumably also earning money, and hence is equally subject to tixation. As 110 prident man would borrow money unless he felt that the investment of: it would at least return him the interest he paid for its loan, as well as a profit to himself, he actually has $\$ 3,000$ invested tior his own benefit at the time and must consequently pay taxes thercon. It rests witli himself to ascertain before borrowing the money that its investment will return sufficient to cover all imposts and still yield him a proper proportion of remuneration.

Our contemporary groes on to say that the fimal incidence of the tax camot be predicted with certainty. It alleges that the same objection was urged against the
proposal to make the real estate tax in Halifax a lien upon the property, thas taxing the owner instead of the temant. Tt was then predicted that rents would rise by the amonnt of the tax, which the Herolld says they did not do. Here again we join issuc. We hold that the final incidence of the tax can be predicted with absolute certainty,-and that it will fall on the shoulders of the mortgagor. The instance cited of the failure of the imposition of a tax to increase the price of rents in Halifax has no bearing whatsoeyer on the case. 'Ihere is no parallel betweon the renting and the mortgaging of a property. These are governed by entirely distinct laws. House rents fluctuate solely in accordance with the laws of supply and demand. An increase in building, or a decrease in the number of house seekers are the chuses of a decline in house rents, as an influx of new inhabitants or a scarcity of suitable tenements will eanse them to rise. With mortgages it is different. Owing to the practically fixed rates paid for money by the banks and governmentor other savings institutions, the rates of interest on mortgages are similarly unchangeably fixed at a slightly more remmerative rate. 'To reduce that rate by the imposition of a tax would be to remder the louning of money on mortgare less desirable. Capital would seek other channels. Mortgages would be more diflicult to secure, and the result would be that the borrower would be compelled to pay a larger interest in order to mako up for the deficit mased by the tas. lihe lender, in fine, must lave the full worth of his money.
This is one of the many instances in political ecomomy where theory and practice clash. Theoretically, a tas imposed upon a certain class is paid by that chass: but practical experience fumishes us with many examples to the contrary. Wconomic and social conditions interfere to warp its incidence, and the result is olten directly opposed to the intentions of its framers. It hat beon the mistake of our contemporary to base its arguments upon theoretical grounds and, as a consequence, they will not stand the test; of actual practical conditions.

## AMERTCAN RATLWAY PROSPECTS.

According to Henry Clews, United State, crop reports show improving prospects for the railroads. The latest estimates indicate a probability of fully $500,000,000$ bushols of whent. Up to the 20th of August, the crop of corn was estimated at about $1,500,000,000$ bushels ; but later wenther conditions have encouraged the hope that; the yield may prove to be close upon an average. So far as respects transportation interests, the increase in wheat, amounting to sonething noar $100,000,000$ bushels, will probably quite offset any possible falling off in corn ; for, relatively, a smaller portion of tho corn crop than of the wheat crop is subject to long hauls; and the large increase in the latter crop will have to travel from west to east for export. lit therefore would not be sur. prising if the earnings of the railroads out of this year's crops guite equal thoso of average years. So far as the crops affect the farming interest and its ability to purchase supplies at the east, the chances are much better. than they were carlier in the season. If the price of wheat is low, yet its yield is now estimated at 25 per cent. greater than last years; and, for any reduction, of say 10 per cont., in the crop of corn, there is, at present, the compensation of an advance over last year's prices of the same date of fully 30 per cent. 'The firmers' prospects may therefore be reckoned as fully up to the average of late years.

## PAGRIC COAS'l FURS

Letters from Vancouver say the catch of land fnrs during the past season has been an cxcellent one. Not only is the quantity nearly double that of last year, but the exceptional length and severity of the past winter has rendered the quality far better than usual. Bear is especially predominant. All varieties jare represented by thickly furred skins and thanks. to the persistent efforts of the dealers, the Tndian hunters are at last not only giving their peltry better care, but are preserving the head and claws most stitisfactorily. Jhis applies also to the several kindred furs. Cougar, coyote and wolf have also arrived in greater numbers, but hore the offect of the governmental bounty is still met to the matila-" tion of many a magnificent rug. The take of manten and mink has been large, but a great number, constituting the coast catch, are not so well colored as is desirable. 'The supply of boaver is large and satisfactory, both in quantity and quality. A large number of them being of a beatiful dark shade, are well adapted for making up umplucked. Theso were sent down in large numbers from the Kootenay. A few otter and silver fox have beon sent down, but in no greater numbers than usual. The following are the prices groted:

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. 1, } \\ & \text { Sarge } \end{aligned}$ | No. 2, Medium | No. 2, Large | No' 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bears, black.. | . 25 | 15 | \$ 9 |  |
| Bears, brown. |  | 14 | 9 | - |
| Beats, grizzly. |  | 15 | 9 | 0 |
| Bears, cubs.. | ( | - | : |  |
|  | . 50 |  |  |  |
| Beaver. | 8 | (i) | 4 | 2 |
| Otter ... | ${ }^{6}$ | 5 | 3 | 1.50 |
| Marten, dark. |  | 1.50 |  | 50 |
| Martin, pale.. | I | . 75 | . 50 |  |
| Fishor..... |  |  |  |  |
| Lyix. | 3 | 2.50 | 1.50 |  |
| Fox, red.. | 1.75 | 1.25 | . 70 |  |
| liox cross... | 0 | 5 | 4 |  |
| Fox; silver. | 7 | 50 | 25 | 10 |
| Wolf. |  | 2 | 1 |  |
| Wolverine | 5 | 3 |  | 1 |
| Raccoon. | . 40 | . 30 | 25 |  |
| Wild cit. | . 75 | . 50 | . 30 |  |

With marine furs the case is difforent. According to the San Trancisco corrospondent of the Hur I'rude Reviow, the take of seal-skins this year: has been of exceptionally poor quality. Really sound and good-si\%ed skins are scareo, and the bulle of the cargoes are composed of small pups, extra small, and gray pups. From 60 to 65 per cent. of gray and pinky skins is roported. In fact no lot is without an extraordinary proportion of pinky skins, and experts can give no reason for this oxcopt that the salt used this season did not possess proper curing qualities. On this account the hunters propose to put their salt through an analytical process before using it next year.
.I'he first lots offered sold at from $\$ 8$ to $\$ 8.25$; but; as the vossels continued to come in, buyers foumd that the skins did not run well, and an immediate drop in values was the result: Each lot contained from 20 to 30 per cent. of gray pups, beside a large proportion of pinky skins, and it soon became apparent that out of the 100,000 skins of the North West catch there will be only 30,000 or 40,000 desirable skins suitable for manufacturing purposes. Consequontly buyers held off:- But, just at the critical moment, came an offor from Messis. C. M.. Lampson \& Co., of $\$ 7$ advance per skin for all shipments consigned to their house. This closed outt the local honses in Victoria, B.C., at onee. The hunters figured up thatian advance of 97 per skin was far preforable to accepting $\$ 8$ on a positive sale, as in any event they could only lose $\$ 1$ per skin on shipmonts. They did not figure at all on the skins bringing less than 87 at auction in Thondon, as thoy did not consider themselves responsible for any margin. "Business of this kind is well enough in its way, but local dealers feel that it ought to be stopped, as they are being gradually. shat ont froni active participation in the market. Even whon offered fair prices the hunters refuse to sell to the
doallors, oxcept at so much per skin all around, withont permission to sort out the varions sizes. This prevented coming to terms, as the dealers would not consent to pay as muel for a gray pup as they would for a good sized skin. As a consequence local oxportors are making lut feve purchases, and the catitch of the senson will be tolerathly ovenly divided behiveoin C. M. Lampson \&Co., Culverwell Brooks \& C'o., and the Hudsons Bay Co.

## THE EAJON PATLURE.

The failure of Tames Eaton is Co., dry goods merchants of 'I'Gronts, with total liabilitios of $\$ 150,000$, was one of the most unoxpected and complete in the history of the dry groods tritle. Several months azo young Baton came to this city to hiny goods. No one ever dreant that the houso he reprosented bill heen practically insolvent for years. The grlamor of the name dazaled local merchants, the house was known to bo doing a large business, and no one ovor thought that a firm would bo adding fresh dopartmonts to its stores and making extonsive alterations on the very evo of suspension. Yett such proved to be the case. Young Eaton cut a wide swath while he was down here. He purchased the stock for a now clothing department, amounting to nearly $\$ 7,000$, besides buying from nonlly every leading house in the city. And he pureliased all his goods on the usual terms, discounted the time, and gave notos at thirty days. This confirmed the opinion of his solvency.
After his doparture, howevor, cortain creditors legan to feel nueasy. Hiwas whisporod that the 'loronto housos had becomo aftrid of him, and had unioaded his account on this city. But no ono suspected tho crash was so near, or that the estitito was as poor as it turned out to be. When the news came overy one anticipated a fair dividond at the worst. Thon it loakod out that, in addition to the $\$ 00,000$ he owed to Canadian creditors, ho was indebled to tho firm of Stewart, \& Me Donald of Clisgrow in the sum of $\$ 96,000$. This camo like a thunderelap upon tho local creditors; for it was next learnt that the Manitoba lands held by Stowart \& MeDonald and valued hy leaton ati $\$ 70,000$, were really worth only aboutit $\$ 10,000$ and thas that there would be $\$ \$ 6,000$ of Scotech chaims in aldition lo rank on the ostate. Considering that the stock was only valued ati $8: 39,529$, this mado the lookout an oxtromoly lolue one, and it is folt that if the estate pays 10 cents in the dollar, it will be all that can bo oxpected.
'The loss falls with particular woight upon the Montreal ereditors; for many of them have not seen one cont of money tor their groods, as laton failod before the first payments foll due. On the $\$ 30,000$ worth of goods he bought in woutroal it is quostionable if ho has paid $\$ 3,000$. His largost ereditors here, who sold hime $\$ 6,500$ worth of clothing, have only recoived $\$ 100$, and others havo tho samo oxperienco to rocoment. Tho 'lloronto houses havo fared better; but even in their caso there are good groouds for complaint.

It looks as if young Baton had expected that Stowart, \& McDonald would consider their claim for 806,000 offset by the Manitoba lands, and go on oxtending to him tho same credit as they did to his father, who is now satid to be imbecilo. But thoy did not. Although thoy had dealt with James Eaton for Unirty yours thoy wero not prepared to give the son credit when thero was so honvy a liability against the firm in their books. Possibly they mistrusted his youth and business capacity. At all events all his efforts to secure an arrangement with them failed, and tho stock was ordored to be sold on the 12 th inst. Tho principal croditors in this city are:-Donll \& Ciibson, $\$ 6, S 06 ;$ Robt. Jinton \& Co., 84,686 ; MeIntyro Son \& Go., 84,031 ; Gault Bros. \& Co., $\$ 2, S 0 \pm$; Lonsdale, Reid ©Co., \$1,717; Goo. Leslio \& Co., \$1,001; S. Greenshields Sonn \& Co., $\$ 1,316 ; 1$. A. Boas \& Co., $\$ 306$; J. Nectillivray \& Co., $\$ 820$;
 Paul \& $\mathrm{Co}_{0}$, , 8547 ; Mont. Waterproof Co ., $\$ 160$; Thibuadonu Bros. © Co.. $\$ 373$.

In Thoronto they are:-Caldecott, Burton \& Co., $\$ 3,700 ; \mathrm{A}$. Bradshaw \& Son, $\$ 2,936$; Samson Komedy \& Co., $\$ 2,519$; Reid, 'J'aylor © Bayne, $\$ 2,009$; Gale Mf'g. Co., $\$ 1,286$; Jolm Macdonald \& C'o., \$1,198; Gordon MeKay it Co., $\$ 1,105$, Toronto Lumber Co., $\$ 1,950$; Lailey Watson \& Co., $\$ 1,009$; Crompton
 St. Lawrence Foundry, $\$ 650$; MeNillan \& Wallace, $\$ 8366$ Diagman \& Lorimer, $\$ 552 ;$ Wm. Bryce, $\$ 545 ;$ Alexander \& Anderson, \$523; F. C. Daniel \& Co., \$515; S. T. Mckimon \& Co. \$476; Evening Star, $\$ 450$; McWilliam \& Everost, $\$ 428$.

Besides these there are:--John 13. Clapman, Iondon, \$5st; Leitch \& IUurnbull, Hamilton, \$500; P. M. Lawrenson, Woodstock, 祖 400 ; C. 'Iurnbull, Galt, $\$ 322$; 'T' Bradburn, Peterboro, $\$ 905$. The proferred elaims amount to $\$ 2,858$.
This failure would seem to furnish a further argument in favor of a Merchant's Exchange, whore wholesalers conld meet, oxchange views, and ascertain what new customers, like Daton, were doing with other houses in the trade. Such im oxchange has been frecuently advocated in these columns, yet not only have no steps been taken to form it, but even the daily meetings of dry goods men on Change, inaugurated when the new l3oard of 'Trade building was opened and from which so much benefit was expected, have been practically discontinued for some time past.

## THE MONTAGNON CASE.

As was expected, news has been received from France, that the reported death of the alsconding contractor, Jules Alontagnon, which was commented on in our last issue, was incorrect. The missing man has been found, and is living and in grood health. 'The information sent to Jules Montagnon's wifo, to Rev. Father Grenier, of tho Oblat Order, and to Mr. Simeon Cognait, insurance agent, that he had been killed while visiting his mother in France, is ovidently unfounded. Consequently the insuranco companies and benefit associations who had been requested to pay out the various insurances on Montagnon's life will hive nothing to pay, at lenst for the prosent. They are, however, investigating into the matter to find out, how the story originated, and who wrote the letters in question.

We have received tho following letter from one of our sul)scribors in British Guiana, and publish it in order that it may reach the people chicily interested in Canada. It is to be hoped that our frionds in St. Johm will see to it that no obstacle stands in the way of direct trade with our fellowcolonists in British Guiana.

Georgotown, British Guiana Aug. 11, 189\%. The Editor of the Jounali of Comanemer.

Montreal, Cauada.
Deab Sin,-The following letter from Mr. S. A. Harvey Culpepper, who is town agent for some of our largest sugar plantations, speaks for itself:-

To E. D. Nackay, Esq., Goorgetown.
Drar Sir,-My attention has been directed by one of oul merchants in the sugar business to the fact that the railway clargos from St. Joln and Halifax to Montroal and Lowor Canada operate against the Camadian line of steamers being availed of for cirrying sugar, and that sugar can be delivered by rail from New York to Montreal at a much cheaper rate. These excessive railway charges should engage the consideration of those desirous of furthering the sugar businoss direct with Canada and I point out this anomaly that you may bring it to the notice of those interested in the extonsion of our trade relationship. Yours truly,
S. A. HARVEY CDIPEPPPER.

Again-I loarn that stevedore charges at St. John, N.B., aro so high that it is almost impossible to ship by that port for western provinces. Why, we are told down here that owing to this fact it is cheaper to ship to Moncton via Falifax than by St. John! Can these fanlts be romedied?
. am , dear sir, Yours faithfully,
E. D. MACKAY.

THE FALL FAIRS,
A gratifying faature of the numerous annual exhibitions held throughout the Dominion is the growing succoss which almost invariably attaches to them. The visitor who attends the exhibition without any desire to buy or sell, is taught, perhaps without having given it previous considoration, many lasting lessons. Every article shown is mado as perfect as the skill and judgment of its owner can devise, and is displayed to the public in the simplest and best manner possible in order to bettor exhibit its improved qualities. The skilled mochanic who perhaps thought limself foremost in his art; observes here some handiwork which, surpassing his own former achievements, begets in him at once a desire to furthor his efforts.
The rapid progress made through the various uses to which electricity is now applied, is full of interest to those whose occupations keep them romoved from the centres of population. The yearly exhibitions are to them more interesting from many points than to those who dwell in the towns and citios. Boing producers themselves of much that is admired, they have a donble interest in viewing the choicest productions in the land.
The Fair which is boing held at Sherbrooke this week is proving even a greater success than was anticipated by the directors. The Industrial Fair which opened at 'loronto on the 3 rd instant also gives promise of outdoing the achievements of former years.

## ANO'LHER OPENING FOR OUR LUNBER.

Norwegian lumber journals comment on the large shipments of planed boards from that country to Australia. A number of vessels are now loading in Norwegian ports for the Tsland-continent and, with what has gone out before, the quantity of planed boards for Australia this year so far will amount to fully 10,000 standards. Sawn goods have also been shipped, but the guantity will hardly reach 1,000 standards. 'lo South Africa shipments of planed wood were somowhat frequent during the earlier part of the year, about 4,000 standards having been consigned to there during the first sis months of I894, against less than half that quantity in 1893. The shipments of deals from Norway for Africa are of no importance, but from Sweden the quantity appears to have been about 5,000 standards. Why shouid not our lumbermen secure a portion of this trade?

## THE NEW GOLD FIDLDS.

The eyes of the silver producers in the United States are now anxiously turned towards the new "El Dorado" in western Australia which, if we are to credit the figures on the London Stock. Exchange and the statements of the AgentGeneral of the colony, bids fair to cast into the shade the greatest gold-fields on record. Some of the sensational "finds" reported yielded over 4,000 ounces of gold to the ton of ore, and in anothor instance the precious metal is said to have been half the weight of the stone treated. The most prolific steady yield heretofore, that from the Mount Morgan mine in Queonsland, is barely three ounces to the ton, and this mine paid dividends during the last soven years of $17 \frac{1}{2}$ millions of dollars. The export of gold from the colony has incrotsed from $\$ G, 000$ in 1886 to 21 million dollars for the year ended June 30th last. There is however quite a difficulty in the way, owing to the scarcity of wood and water.
The genoral belief that business in the Maritime Provvinces' escaped the prevailing dulness of the more westerly portions of tho Dominion, and especially of the United States, is confirmed by the experionce of prominont houses. Mr. N. Curry, president of the large buthling and manufacturing establishment of Rhodes, Curry \& Co., of Amherst, N.S., who has been sojourning a day or two this week in Mrontreal, is one of those who brings such good tidings. The hoase of Thodes, Curry \& Co. maintain on their pry-roll some 450 hands, employed on their various contracts, of which 325 are engaged on the Dominion Coal Co.'s works at Cape Breton.

## EFFECIS OF THE NEW TARIFE.

Travellers visiting this city from the United States say that the final settlement of the tariff has already led to an improved tone in business. Already the movement of mannfactured goods westward is making itself felt in increased westward-bound transportation on the railroads, and if all the reports are true of the low stocks of these goods remaining on hand at western distributing points, they will require large amounts to fill them up. This ought to revive the manufacturing interests of New England and make a market for the unsold surplus of their product which now encumbers mills like those of Fall River and New Bedford, and has compelled them to suspend operations until they can obtain labor at cheaper rates. After this is effected they will probably be ready to go on as briskly as they did before the panic, and a similar good fortune, it is to be hoped, a waitssimilar ostablishments in other parts of the country. A few weoks will, however, demonstrate the truth or the fallacy of these forecasts, and the making of them is more interesting than important. Whatever bo the result, there is no denying that a more chearful feeling pervades the business community, and whether it be produced by solid facts or by unsubstantial imaginings is of no practical moment.

## THE PRODUCHION OF OAMPHOR.

The war in the East has seriousiy affected the value of camphor; for although camphor was formerly produced in Sumatra, Borneo, and othor parts of the East Indies, all now known to the trade comes from Japan and Formosa. The camphor tree is a large evergreen of symmetrical proportions, somewhat resembling a linden. It bears a white flower, which ripens into a red berry. The camphor is extracted from chips taken from the roots or from the stem near the root, the wood yielding about 5 por cent. of camphor, and the root a larger proportion. The ammal export of Japan camphor averages about $5,000,000$ pounds. The forests in Japan ownod by the people are now almost denuded of tim ber, but the govermuent still possesses large woods of camphor trees, which, it is estimated, will maintain a full average supply of gum for the next twenty-five years. Plantations of young trees are also making and are woll taken caro of, and, although camphor has not hitherto been extracted from troes less than seventy or eighty years old, it is expocted that undor the present intelligent management equally good results may be realized in twouty-five or thirty years.

## CAPPING 4 CLTMLX.

Four pieces of folt cloth (cap material) which were passed through the Custom Houso here last Tuesday for Maclean, Waldron \& Co., paid on the 25 per cent. ad valorem duty $\$ 32.75$, and on the 5 cents por 1 lb . duty the sum of $\$ 24.45$, making a total of about 45 per cont. duty. The freight, wharfage and entry were $\$ 7.12$. The caps for which the goods are used are those mostly worn by the artisuns and the poorer classes of our country population who cannotafifurd fiur coverings. The goods are also largely omployed by the chief wholesale clotiling houses, such as J. W. Mackedie ©Co.; H. Shorey \& Co., E. A. Small \& Co., and others for the manufacture of the chenp, warm overcoats in demand ly the same classes.-And yot it is asserted that the country has an equitable tariff and a paternal government !

## LEI YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

Inquirios reach us frequently from readers wishing to know where goods not advertised in our columns are to bo bought. Thosday a Queboc man asked for the addresses of hop-denlews; yesterday we had inquiry from a . Kingston firm wanting the addresses of any one manufacturing Sheopskin Matts. Why don't people keep thomselves and their business before the public?

[^0]GRAND TRUNK RALLWAY COMPANY.
Return of trithic week ending Sept. 1st, 1894:

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Passenger Truin Larnings............. 150,148 105,805 Preight do. do. .............. 235,5 5 (90 213,005

T'otal do. do. ........... $\$ 388,712$ \$408,949
Decrease 1894, $\$ 20,237$.
-The hamess business of 'T. Donkin \& Co., at Shelburne, Ont., is in the hands of the assignee atter a 5 years' existence. Liabinlities ahont $\$ 1,400 .-\Lambda$ pressure of chams has caused the assignment of 'T.J. L. Orme, grocer of Port Stanley; Ont. Me began with litule capital in the summer of '00.-G. B3. Itaskins, tins, Mellourne, Ont., hats assignod atter a business experience of four years.-I. B. Bowe, a foumber in a small way, at Paisley, Ont. for some yeats, hats heen pressed into assigning through lack of Insiness.--C. Price, general dealer, Itolland Centre, Ont.. has assigned after an misuccessilul altomplat an extension of timo... 1 Io compromised some 15 years ago and appeared to be afterwards regalining.
-N. E. Brats, manuficturer of shitts in this city since the summer an, hats assigned. His liabilities, direct and otherwise, will foot ap some $\$ 20,000$ - U. Maleotie, hather and tohaceo deater
 business about 12 yours, succooding fairly well till ambition prompted hin to upen a seeond store through which added care he seems to have ahmulemed his previons order of hasiness.-A. harouche, feneral store, Buiu St. Baul, Que., after a msiness experience of several years has issigned with hiabilities of about \$:3, 200 .--J. It. L'lleralt, deater in laty, at St. Valerein, Que., met with losses which has cunsed himto assigh. Hoowes about $\$ 7,000$.
-'Inemany friends of Mr. John W. Alexander, brother of Mr. A. W. Nexamber, fomerly manger of the Bell Organ and Piano Minuficuming Co., Guelph, Ont., will bo pleased lu leam-as we gather trom the decertery-nat he hats, in connection with Mr. John Kidd, superiutendent, and MLr. W. MeComoll, traveller,
bought out the Bominion Organ and Piano Co., of Bowmanville. 'Ine new firm is now in possession.
-Armek an unsuccessful attempt to obtain an extonsion of time, A. Descary, tobaceo dealer, of this city has assigned. Mis liabilities will reach about $\$ 10,000$. Jis career has been brief, having only began in the spring of "93. Ire is satid to have met with some losses in the interval, which assisted his failure.
--The grocery business of W. S. Blackwell, Toronto, has been seized by the bailiff under a landlord's warrunt.-A. C. Fraser, wholesale and retail dealer in hardware and coal, Joronto, has called a meeting of his creditors.
-Mr. A. W. Murinocir, ol Toronto; of MLurdoch, Barber \& Co., is in the city ondeavoring to arouse some interest among mannfacturers in his scheme lor intercolonial trade with Australia, Niji, Now Kealand, ©c.
-Charies A. Jemaidieur, lormenly a benk clerk, but who absconcled with $\$ 2,700$ in August 1808, has just committed suicide in this city at the age of only 20 years. The way of the transgressor is hard.
-An application for incorporation has been made for the London Electric Company of London, Ont. The capital stock is \$250,000.
-A. F. Chuncir, woodenware, Bedford, N.S., and A. J. Cameron, Port Howe, N.S. have assigned.
-C. Bourassa, contractor of this cily, has assigned. Linbilities $\$ 4,000$.

PERSONAJ.
Mr. Duncan Muntyre, of the wholeante dry goond firm of McIntyre, Soll is Co., left last Monday on a trip to Great Britatn ant the conthent. The head of the firm, his lirother, Mr. Win. C. MeIntyre, bas but newly returned from a visit to the trang-athantic markets.
Mr. Geo. s. Waldron, of the wholesate hat firm of Maclean, Wadaron is co., is agaln in the vortex ufter a pleasant trip to and eojourn in England and the continent.

Mr. Watter Ellis, of the leading wholesale dress goods house of Thi Michan \& Co., London, England, is on a visit to the city, and is staying at the Windeor.
-At the German mandures a new shoe sole for soldiers will be tried. It consists of a kind of paste ol linsed oil, varnish, and iron lilings with which the soles of new shoes are painted. It is said to keep the leather llexible and gives the shoe greater resistame than the best mails. Already, in many regiments, the usual iron mails have been exchanged for mails of almminum.

## Sunancial.

## Thursday Gth Sep., 1804.

The report presented by the directors of the Bamk of British North America at the semi-amual meeting wasa disappointment ; the earnings of the batuk falling umber expectations, ln fact in order to pay an interin dividend of $21 / 2$ per cent. it was necessary to call upon the amount houghat forward, as the net profits of the hall year were ouly $\mathbb{L} 10,512$. 'The stand taken by the directors in inmediately cutting down the dividend is gencrally apmovedof; but hore is is a possibility that the next dividend will not exceed 3 or $31 / 2$ fer cent., and hence that the lotal dividend for the year may lall under 6 per cent. instend of being the $71 / 2$ per comb generally paid. On the Stock Exchange the weok hats been a quiet one. Offerings wore light, and the trading was merow and profossional; athough there was an incerease in the investment denand. Street Raihway was the only stock the sales of which went over the thonsume. It clused at $1001 / 2$ low straight, and 150 for new stock, against

104 and 140\%1 at the opening. Gas also gained two points on the week. The decline in sterling exchange in New York, owing to the light demand and tho increased disposition on the part of the banks to dratw, was fathfully reflected in this market. Posted rates wore 4.56 and 4.87. Netually paid 4.85 to $4.85 \frac{1}{4}$ and and 4.85\% to 1.86 . Cables $4.86 \frac{1}{4}$. In this market sterling sixties sold at 9 to $1 / 8$ and 974 to $93 / \mathrm{s}$. Demand $0.3-16$ to $5-16$ and $01 / 2$
 are at $1 / 2$ to 1-10 disct. between banks, and par to $1 / 4$ premium over the counter. Call money still rules at 4 to $41 / 2$ per cent., and discount at 6 to $61 / 2$ per cent. In New York money on call is 1 per cent. Time money is dearer at $21 / 2$ per cent. for three months. Commercial paper is less active at lrom 3 to $51 / 2$ por cent. as to name and date, In England the Bank of Fingland rate is still 2 per cent, but call money on the street is $1 / 2$ to $1 / 2 \mathrm{per}$ cont. and discount $1 / 2$ to $0-16$ per cent. Bar silver in Jondon $30.3-16 \mathrm{~d}$, The lollowing are the tranactions on the Stock Exchinge for the week as per Chas. Meredith \& Co., stock brokers:

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| MLontreal. | $\therefore 22$ | 221 | 2203 | 2151/ |
| Pcoples. | 38 | 124 | 124 | 111\% |
| Moolsons. . | 10 | 168 | 168 | 170 |
| Merchants. | 61 | 107712 | 105 | 1511/4 |
| Union... | 45 | 103 | 103 | 104 |
| Commerce. miscmians | $8$ | 141/4 | J411/4 | 132 |
| Pacific Land | 1s.96000 | 108 | 109 |  |
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## Cable. <br> Telegraph...   Gas............. $508 \quad 100 \quad 1491 / 21^{7101 / 4}$  $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Now " } \\ \text { Lown \& Mort. Co. } & 50 & 1461 / 4 & 1461 / 4 & \ldots 500 & \text { par }\end{array}$ <br> MONTREAI CLMARING HOUSE.

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## MONTREAL WHOLESATI MARKETS. <br> Thursday Evening Sept. 6, 1894.

The business situation continues to show signs of improvement in some lines by more liberal purchases of goods and larger quantities of orders received. The fall millinary openings this week attracted considerable attention, but some dry goods merchants are not satisfied with the result of payments maturing on the fourth. The Westspaks more hopeftul, however, where notes appear to have been better met tham here. In the grocery trade sugars are moving brisk, and tea is also chaiming the attention which has been encircling it for some weeks, and is conistantly appreciating in value. This is brought about by more than a single causc. The rate of exohange is gradually becoming higher on account of silyer advancing, which moans that ẹverything wo buy from China and Japan will now cost more money. These countries are borrowiug money and silver being

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legal tender with them means also an advance in that metal in the siver producing countries. Rice is firm at present quotations. Now crop raisins are offered at advanced ligures as the market here is hare. Payments in the grocery trade are reported grood.
Butrer anj Cireese,-Scarcely any piurchases on export account are being made in butter, and transactions are simply in a jobbing trade. Finest creamery seems to attract a litule more attention lately and purchases have been made of latest output at 19 c , a fevy small transactions at a fraction over this figure have been heard of. Dairy is quiet at 16 to 17 c for fincst townships. Chetese-With advanced cables and adowncing prices in the country, the cheese marlet continues to wear the same leatures Which chanacterized it during the past weeks. With buyers paying the same price to the factorymen as prevails here, it should mean another 3fe advance in this market, The situation is looked upon in the light that the market being entirely in the hands of speculators, so long ats they continue laying and reluse to sell, prices will contimie to advance. Present quotations are given in prices current on another pure.

Cemext, Etc.-Arrivals of cement during the week aggregate over 10,000 casks, which have relieved the scaroity of stocks on spot, and importers are now in a position to fill their orders promptly. Prices aro very firm, ocean freights having advinced from 1 to 2 s per ton over summer rates, and quotations now range from \$1.05 to 82.05 lor Euglish brands, and 81.85 to 51.95 for Belgian ex-ship. The demand for fire bricks is light and stocks on hand more than ample to fill orders for present shipment. Prices quoted are $\$ 15.00$ to $\$ 21.50$ per thousand ex-ship, according to brand and quantity.

Drues and Cimmicals.-No new features have transpired in these lines. A steady trade is being done and prospects brighteniug. In the English market solvent naptha is easier, but not markedly so; sellers seem rather more inclined to meet buyers' views, but there is no pressure of stocks. Creosote maintains its high level of value, and is expected to do so, as the Scotch coll strike is keeping supplies iow:

Carbolic acids of all qualities are dull and rather lower in price. Acetates of lime are quiet,buyers' wants being well covered, but prices are firm, and expected to improve before long with the customary advance in freights from America. Acetate of soda is ratherdull on spot, but there is more enquiry for forward delivery, prices ruling very low and steady. Acetates of lead are quiet, and the recent reduction of $\delta^{2}$ per ton in forcign white has caused no increased demand. Nitrate of lead is moving better. Prices of alum for export have been redtuced is per ton. Carbonate of ammonin has less enquiry, and muriato of ammouia is rather easier. Carhonate and caustic potash are quite firin; and prussiate of potash maintains its value.
Dry Goons.-The paper maturing on Tucsday last was very poorly met. Most houses report that less than fifty per cent. of the notes due on that day were paid, and that partial and even entire ronewals were the rule. The usual improvement in remittances noticeable at the commencement of each month was absent, and merchants report money slow and collections diflicult. The fall millinery openings attracted a largo number of buyers; but tade has not been brisk, and one large house reports its trade $\$ 30,000$ behind that of last year. Travellers on the road are sending in fair orders, although many honses are not inclined to press goods and buyers still operate cautiously. The city retail trade is dull, and the improvement expected from the opening of the schools has been retarded by the warm, wet, disagrecable weather of the beginning of the weck. But wholesalers report is better feeling all over the country, and now that Che crops in the North-West are begiming to move both trade and remittances are expected to improve.
Fhoun and Granc-The Manitoba crops are commencing to move at prices varying from 40 to 42 acceording to loct-tion- These figures are egual to 500 at Fort William, or a slade higher than Duhath wheat. Farmers evidently intend to thrash and sell at once and the movement of wheatpromises to be brisk and increasing until the end of next month. The quality of the wheat is, if anything, better quan last year, and the yield is about 2,000,000 bushels livger. The oat crop is also above the average. Old wheat delivered alloat at Port William is quoted at 58 se and new at 57 c . In this market trade is quiet and prices for wheat are purely nominal. Peas in store bring 71 to 72 c , and No. 2 oats sell at lrom $331 / 4$ to 34 c . Beerbohm's cable advices say:-Cargoes off coast, wheat, quiet but steady; maze, nil. Cargoes on passage and for shipment, wheat and mize, quiet. Mark Jame English and foreign wheat, quiet. American maize, very firm. Dambian maize, not much demand. California wheat, off coast, 23s 9d; promptly to be shipped 24s; nearly due, 23s 9d. Freuch country markets, mather easier. Liverpool spot wheat, firm, but not active; spot maize, steadily held. Flour is not so active, but the demand from abroad continues and a l'air average business was transacted at $\$ 8.50$ to 83.60 for ness Was transacted at $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 3.60$ for strong bakers' as to brand. It is said the Mimueapolis mills are, now using 5 bushels 45 pounds of wheat to the barrel of flour instead of $41 / 2$ bushels as heretofore. This is to throw more into the bran for feed for which there is a strong demand. It will mako a difference of 100,000 bushels of Wheat at this point alone. In this market Feed is also active under a strong demand. Prices are firmly held. Oatmeal is quiet and unchanged.
Gremen Pruts-Heayy supplies continue to come forward, and, as a result, prices are being kept low. A good demand, however, exists and dealers are satisfied with the season's trade. As reported in our columns some weeks ago the latest estimate for the winter apple crop shows about 50 per cont. of a produc-
tion. Quotations are:-California Peaches 40 to 60 c per basket ; blue grapes 25 to 30 c per basket of 10 lbs . Oranges Messima or Catania, $\$ \overline{0}, 160$ size, $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.00$. Banamas, finest full fruit, per bunch as to size, Tū to $\$ 1.00$. Evaporated Apples per lb. 14c. Egyptian onions per bag about 112 pounds 7ūc. Nuts, Filberts, 9c, Almonds 18c, Walnuts 10 c , Peanuts 8 to 0 c . California peaches $\$ 1.00$ to $\$ 1.25$; plums, $\$ 1.25 ;$ Pears, California, ripe $\$ 1.50$ to 2.00 ; Green $\$ 2.25$ to 2.50 . Apples, brls. $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 2.00$; basket 20 to 30 c . California gripes (Tokay's) $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 3.25$ per crate ; Califormia muscat grapes, $\$ 2.50$. Canadian Peaches per basket 50 to 60 c ; Cumdian plums 00 to Sōc. At an anction sale in this city on the 5th inst. Bartlett peurs sold at $\$ 1.60$ to $\$ 2.10$ per box; Congress do., $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.00$. German prunes, 95 c to $\$ 1.10$. Yellow egg plums, 80 to 00 c . Crawford penches, 70 to 80 c : Clings 60 to 70 c . Musent grapes, 9 éc to $\$ 1.20$ : Tokays, $\$ 1.60$ to $\$ 2.50$. Lemons, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.70$ per box. Apples, $\$ 2$ to $\frac{8}{2} 2.7 \%$ per barrel. Barlett pears sold at *is per bil., kegs $\$ 1.75$. Plums in baskets, $\overline{5} \% 1 / \frac{1}{2}$ to 05 c .

Grocrriss.-Tea continues to hold an active part in the grocery trade through the same causes which intused new life into it some weeks ago. A private cable from Japan this week tells of a further advance equal to 2 cents per pound. Trade is failly brisk as retailors see nothing to lose in supplying themselves ahead if within their means. A large business is being done in sugar at unchanged prices. Ex-grmulated is held at $41 / 4 \mathrm{c}$, and yellows at 3 a to de, as to brand. Syrup continnes in light supply. The season for a better movement will shortly be on haud and some dealers anticipate an advance, basing . Their calculations on the disparity between the present price ind that of sugrar. New Valencia raisins are selling to arrive at 6 to Tc. New curmats are expected to bo in light supply owing to a reported shontage inthe erop. In canned goods the new prices have not yet heen f'ully placed. The market contimues quiet and unchanged. Red sulmon is likely to be scarce, and stales have taken place at $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.30$ on spot. Coffees are fairly active and firm at prices noted on another page. Trate on the wholo is decidedly better, and the business of the country is looked to as satisfactorily sound. During the depression in the carlice part of the year the retail grocers were among the firsit to buy siauingly and only for actual needs. This resulted in a largo measure in turning many batances of stocks into money, which otherwise would have added to the supplies carried forward, and the beneticial result is now shown by the promptness with which grocery bills are met in the present season which admits of less ready money among country dealers tham will prevail later.
Hides, enc.-The supply continues light. In fact there is no stock of light hides on hand. The boom evidently continnes in regard to lambskins which are now quoted at düc. Montreai green hides are unchanged from last week at $\$ 1,00, \$ 3.00$ and $\$ 2.00$ for No. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Tranors paying do cents more for assorted, cured and inspected. While some occasional sales are reported above these figures, the quotations given are a lair basis.

Leather and Shoes.-Business in leather continues comparatively unchanged. A somewhat better movement is reported in sole, but with this exception transactions ate conflned to small orders. Among the shoe mandacturers a better business is roported from some sources, owing to the increase of mail orders, which. while not heavy, are inade up by numbers.

Hors.- $A$ plentiful yield greets the growers of hops this season, both near and far. 'Jhis added to the fact that there is still a rather heavy supply of old stock in

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#### Abstract

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consumers' hands leaves the market extremely dill. Prices for the new crop, ats a consecpuence, are very low as compared with the opicning prices last season. In the United States the yiold is expecter to show abmost donlle that of '103. The long continued drought had the eftect of preventing, to some extent, the full expansion of the leaves, butg the erop is nevertheless lirsh chass. 'The dry weather will, however, cause the hops to weigh somewhat lighter:
Inon and Merals.-Very little is doing in pig iron. Scoteh iron is too dear to touch, and as a consequence American pig is still coming over the botder and more of our buyers are groing there for their stuppies. The limal cunting of the coke shike in the United States has been followed by the putting of so many new fumates into bhast that pricos havo sagged arain at Pitsiburg. This enalles them to land American pig in this market at \$17.50 of' a quility equal to Scoteh iton costing ${ }^{2} 20$ per ton ex-yard. Cundim pig is dull, but holds its trale woll at $\$ 16.50$ to $\$ 16$. Tij for No. 1 Siemens and Ferroma, Bar iron is dull and weak at $\$ 1 . \mathrm{T}_{0}$. Trin plates have losi, their upward tendency in England, and here they are wouk and lower. Wo yuote $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 2.85$ lor I. C. cokes, and \$e.25 to st for ehatcoals according to brand. The stock at Swansea is eabled at 288,000 lwxes, or ath increase of 45,000 boxes over lats years' ligures. 'I'in, copper, rine and lead ine quiet. We quoto copper at I) Ife in smatl lots and 10 c in harge. Canada plates aro steady at \$2.10. In the United Slates the market is dull, aud the entuiry for finished iron keeps within the nimrowest limits.

Poparows-The market continues well supplied from local points. The low price of 50 cents per bug which at present prevails, will, it is thought by some dealors, be of short chatation,owing to the scarcity in tho Western States and the lowering of the duty which will canse more shipping from here. Complaints of blight are lieat from some sections but these are not by any mems gemeral. The drought in Ontatio has causod a shortago there.

Olas, wich-An advance in Norwegian cod livor oil, equal to $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ has taken placo in the primary maket. Glycorine contimmes dirm. Glass and whito lead are lirmer though not adsanced here. Late transactions in this market have been only of a small nature. Coal oil is somewhat firmer as the active season approaches, though prices have ats yet undergone mo change. American in car lots, 150 ; all smaller quantities how 10 c .

Provisions and Eacs.-A better enguiry existed for provisions during the early part of the week, principally from the country. Camada s.c. heavy is now quoted at $\$ 19.00$ to $\$ 20.00$. The Chicago market has advanced, and holdings here are very light. Jatrd is attive and firm with an advince of $1 / 4$ in compound refined, which is now hold at $7 / 5$ to rye. Fitys. -The market is still full of stock which, not of tho choicest, is dilticult to move. Best candied stock are held at ! to 10e, the greater number of transactions being at the former ligure. Select fresh stuck are scarce and diflicult to procure; 11 to 12 e being tho quoted figures. There are retailed here at all prices up to $2 \overline{0} \mathrm{c}$.

Smeds.-There is sarcely any timothy or clover offoring as yet. Only those farmers who really need money sell early, othors hold for the colder weather. Threshing already done shows fair timothy and clover, but oats shows lighter grain and of light weight. Beans are unehanged in price at $\$ 1.45$ to $\$ 1.50$ per bushel for white ordinary, and $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.55$ for hand picked.

Woot.-Mannfacturers who are needing supplies are now buying lireely and paying 5 to 10 per cent. advance. The present arailable stock here is extremely light. A cargo consigned to a firm in this city is expected to reach here about the deth inst. A private cable from london this week speaks of business there as contherl with in very narrow limits, with an advance of E to 10 per cent. in prices.

## TORONTO WHOLISACIE PRADE: <br> (Revised by 'Tolegraph.)

Toronto, Scpt, 6, 180.4.
Thavellers are all in; dealers are preparing lor a large store trade, which usually takes place during the progress of the Industrial Lxhibition. Prospects are grood, with in improvement expected on last autumu. September payments have been well met, and the number of failures are likely to be small. Money on call contimues cheap at 4 to $41 / 2$ per cont. and prime discounts are unoted at $61 / 2$ to 7 per cent. Sterling IExchango is weaker in sympathy with New York market. Business on the Stock lixchange is fair with values generally steady. Dominion sold at 2r0, Standard at $1681 / 2$, Commercoat $140 \%$, Imperial.
at $1831 / 2$, Gas at 10312 , Western Assurance at $1461 / 2$, Cable at 142 , Canada Landed Loan at 12012 , Canada Permanent att 178 , Fammers at 115, London \& Cuadian at 120, Frechold at 140.
Burrers, ©c.-Receipts moderate and prices unchanged. Choice tub dairy sells att $17 \frac{1}{2}$ to 18 c , and inferior 14 to 10 c . Jarge rolls 15 to 18 c . Croamery 20 to 22 c . Liges firmer at 8 to $91 / \mathrm{c}$ per dozen, while strictly fresh bring $101 / 2$ to 11 c and cheese unchanged at 934 to 10 c for new.
Deessed Hoos.-Offerings light and the demand limited. Small lots of fresh sell to butchers at so.75 to $\$ 7.00$.
Flour and Grann-Mour is dull, with prices heavy. Straight rollers at $\$ 2.45$ to S2.60, Toronto lireights. Manitola fours dull at $\$ 3.40$ to $\$ 3.50$ for patents and $\$ 3.30$ to $\$ 3.40$ for strong bakers. Oatmeal dull at $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 4.10$. Bran is stendy, sellime at $\$ 13$ Toronto freirht, at $\$ 14.00$ for small lots here. Shorts $\$ 16.50$ to $\$ 17.00$ here. Wheat irregular with demaud limited. White sold at $521 / 2$ c for new west fud red at 52c. Spring sold at 56 c on the Midamd. No 1 Manitoba hard at Gro west, and at (i) to 70c oast. Barley limm with nome oftering. Peas sold at bec lior new outside. Oats firmer with sales of new at $2!$ to 30 con track and at 25 to 20 c outside.

Grochmes.-'Phere is a fair trade with prices gencrilly firm. Sugars sell at $41 / 2$ to 450 for granulated and $31 / 2$ to 410 c for yellows. Coffees firm at 21 to $211 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for Jios. Teas are firm, with a fair demiand. Camed vegetables sell at 900. New fruits will be arriving within a fow days.

Hardware--Trade is on the quiet side, but the feoling is improving.

Thenes and Skins.- Wides are in fair domand with cured quoted to 33 Kc . Dealers pay 3c for No. 1 green and 2c. for No. 2 Sheopskins unchanged 80 to 35 c . Tallow is being bought at $51 / 2$ to $53 / 4$ and sold at 6 to $01 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.

Live Srock-Receipts have increased, and prices are inclined to be heayy. The best shippers sold at 4 and medium at $3 \%$ to $3 \% \mathrm{4c}$. Choice butche rs bring 3 3ge to $31 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ medium 3 c , and inferior $21 / 4$ to 29.4 c . Sheep for export in domand at $81 / 2$ per 1b, and spring lambs dull at $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 2.75$. Hogs oasier the best bringing $\$ 5.4 \overline{0}$ thick fats $\$ 4.90$ medy inferior $\$ 4.25$ to $\$ 4.00$.

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order to facilitate progress tho new firm has secured able workmen from the United Slates and elsewhere, and introduced by their assistance some desirable. novol features into the manufacture of clothing. One of the difficulties long experienced by the trade was the making of suits to fltmen of cortain standard builds. In attempting to strike a fow average sizes, some of the oldest houses often succeeded in fitting nobody. A United States establishment has fits for everybody. The new firm las introduced among many, other varieties the "Stout MIan's Coat" and suit, which camot fail to be in demand by many middle aged men throughout the Dominion. The new method of strengthening trousers where they usually give way first, is also worthy of notice. The idea had already been introduced in England in the preparation of the more expensive class of men's underwear, except that in the trou-

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