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-Rich deposits of mercury have been discovered in New South Wales.

—The results so far obtained in vanilla cultivation adjacent to Zanzibar, East Africa, are almost negative.

A COMPANY is being formed for the purpose of building a tramway from Rossland. B. C., to a point on the Columbia river.

—Winnipeo is shipping some fair sized orders of boots and shoes to Hong Kong and Shanghai.

—The shipments of the Dominion coal company for August were 158,777 tons. The total output was 165,929 tons. The amount sent up the St. Lawrence was 124,540 tons.

-The contract for the construction of the Midland Railway from Windsor to Truro, N.S., has been signed, and preparatory work will commence this fall. The road is expected to be completed a year hence.

The plant of the American Rattan Co., Toronto, will be removed to Walkerton. This was an American concern, the shareholders of which were in Gardiner, Mass., and was established in the Queen city some ten years ago, on which occasion ten years exemption from taxation was granted. The Americans now dispose of their interests to a syndicate of Walkerton business men, the deal involving it is said \$75,000.

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- -THE latest intelligence from Labrador confirms the reports of the complete failure of the cod fishery this season.
- -- Been has been reduced to five cents per glass at Rossland. It is an inferior article.
- —THE first of the series of cases instituted in Toronto against companies for omitting the word "limited" has been dismissed by consent.
- —The provision in the Quebec game laws prohibiting the killing of beaver will last until 1899. If this be rigorously enforced, the cost of beaver skins will likely go up.
- —St. John, N.B., has asked the Government to allow the city \$25,000 annually for twenty years for its winter port improvements which when completed will have cost \$700,000.
- —A REPRESENTATIVE of a large Nova Scotia lumbering firm is in Labrador inquiring into the possibility of carrying on large operations there for the British market.
- —Greece is again going to try to keep up the price of currants by limiting the supply. A special session of the Chamber of Deputies has been called to consider the question.
- —THERE are seventeen bridges to construct between Lethbridge and Macleod, the first thirty-five miles of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, and most of these are long and high.
- -J. M. Ross, of Hamilton has purchased the factory and plant of the Haggart Manufacturing Company, Brampton, and will reopen it in about a month.
- —Is the British Board of Trade decides to abolish the load line for north Atlantic ports, St. John, N.B. wants to be included, and the members of its council have petitioned the authorities to this effect.
- —CHINKSE cotton mill shares are now regularly quoted in Shanghai stock broking circles. It will be judged from this that home production is on the high road to such eventual success as will shut out a valuable export trade before long.
- —The numbers of the Dominion unsigned ten dollar notes, which were stolen from the Napanee branch, run from No. 46001 to 47,000, series A, dated 2nd January, 1888, and were not countersigned by D. II. Bains as pro cashier.
- —THE Rathbun Co. Deseronto, which has a capacity of 120,-00 feet of lumber daily, has greatly diminished its output for the remainder of the season, in consequence of the low values both in Canada and the United States, and in the latter case the high duty.

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- —A RECENT shipment of 200,000 bricks from Puget Sound to Delagoa Bay, in South Africa, is one of the curious cross-currents of trade, for it would seem as if the distance would prevent shipments, but the bricks were taken as ballast by a sailing vessel, and at a nominal rate.
- —New Zealand flax, which has generally been cultivated and brought to market in such a blundering fashion, as to earn for it the very worst repute for quality, has finally disheartened producers, and there is a strong effort being made to substitute for this crop, esparto grass or ramie, which would grow well in the colony.
- —MR. J. C. McGEE, son of the late president of the Union Loan & Savings Co., Toronto, has been appointed manager in succession to Mr. Maclean who has retired after thirty years service in this capacity. Mr. Maclean will continue on the board of directors and continue to give the company the benefit of his long experience and intimate knowledge of the company's affairs.
- —An English student of foods, Prof. Hertert W. Hart, of London, at present in Canada in furtherance of his investigations, says about flour that the present milling process of the world is capable of great improvement, as it sacrifices a great portion of the sustaining properties of wheat in the whitening process. He thinks that wheat ground up whole into some palatable form would be the basis of the greatest sustenance.
- —The exports of tinplate from Great Britain to the United States which were the lowest on record during the month of July, 1897, viz., 5,484 tons, or 60 per cent under the figures for July, 1896, were still less during August, when only 3,526 tons were exported. In August, 1895, British makers sent to the United States 23,531 tons. At this rate of decrease it will not be long before tinplate exportation vanishes altogether.
- —Vancouver business men are talking of the Pacific town becoming the Liverpool of the twentieth century, as a result of the projected all British railway to the Yukon. The result of the altered conditions in transportation upon the commerce of Vancouver and the other coast cities will certainly be of incalculable advantage, but whether or not the Klondike is capable of bringing about such a metamorphosis as is looked for, is a prediction of some rashness as yet.
- —Great Britain imported very little wood pulp from Canada in 1896, the quantity being 2,714 tons, of the value of \$46,850 Norway sold 205,677 tons of the value of \$4,271,820. Sweden came next with 94,917 tons of the value of \$2,957,485. The United States only exported 847 tons of wood pulp to England in 1896 valued at \$35,380. The transhipment of wood pulp from Great Britain to the United States was much heavier, viz:—4,167 tons valued at \$164,215.
- —An experiment made in Georgia of planting Egyptian cotton seed has turned out so satisfactorily that this species will be put down next season very freely. The argument in favor of Egyptian is that the yield is larger, and the cost of picking less. The lint is of an intermediate quality being of a yellow tint and shorter than Sea Island. Two and a quarter pounds of seed cotton will produce one pound of lint. The picking is done much easier, as the bolls do not hold the cotton so tightly as ordinary cotton.



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-Tur copper mines at Harvey Hill, Megantic, have been closed on account of the new export duty of \$4 a ton.

-THE Crows Nest Pass Co., Ltd., is applying for incorporation with headquarters in Toronto and a capital stock of \$100,000.

-IT is reported that lobster fishing is still going on in the vicinity of Ecum Secum and Marie Joseph, Guysboro, Co. N.S., though it is in the midst of the close season, which is July to January 1st. The lobsters caught are said to be canned and sold after the first of the year.

-THE principal promoters in the American Malting Co., formed last week in New York are Milwaukee brewers. The capital of the concern will be \$30,000,000, and besides virtually controlling the brewing business of the United States, will as well control the barley market.

-TπE Grand Trunk has just issued a circular to shippers on their line, apnouncing the stoppage of the privilege of completing the loading of a through car at some way point. Hereafter a train will be stopped for lumber, grain and live stock only, and an additional charge will be made for the service.

-During August Scotch shipbuilders launched 24 vessels of 33,832 tons—17 steamers of 32,332 tons, an auxiliary screw vessel of 600 tons and 6 barges of 900 tons-as compared with 18 of 17,080 last month, and 25 of 21,838 in August, 1896. To the total the Clyde contributed 17 vessels os 30,492 tons, the Forth 5 vessels of 1,200 tons and the Tay 2 vessels of 2,140 tons.

-Tipe Audit Company of Canada with a capital of \$25,000 is seeking letters patent for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the books, and financial condition of corporations, partnerships, individuals, railroads manufacturing and mining enterprises. The names of the applicants are :- Robert Davidson McGibbon, William Miller Doull, Erastus William Wilson, William Forest Robinson, Joseph Alfred Gurney.

-WITH primary receipts of wheat increasing, and a pause both in export and speculative enquiry, together with the worlds shipments this week being larger than expected, and the available supply also shown 3,000,000 bushels above expectations, the wheat market showed diminished recuperative power early in the week, but with export demand, is renewed more freely on Wednesday last, the tendency on the whole points to speedy recovery.

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-Tuk annual returns of the Irish flax crop for this year which have just been made up show a decrease in the crop of close upon 30,000 acres when compared with the crop of 1896. The first sample of the new fibre was exhibited about the end of August in the Belfast market, and was sold at 6s per stone, the quality being only medium and not satisfactory if taken as indicating the nature of the crop. Possibly, however, this piece of flax may have been hurried through the various processes, and not allowed sufficient time to mellow.

-Willist the rate for cheese to Liverpool from this port is at present 20s, that to Bristol is 30s, and the discrepancy naturally has given rise to much dissatisfaction among shippers. There is another grievance ventilated in the fact, so it is alleged, that Montreal is being discriminated against in favor of Boston, to which port Canadian railways only charge some 2c more from any point in the country, whilst ocean freight from Boston is possible to be had at as low as 12s 6d. This makes so serious a difference against Montreal that quite a large movement of Canadian cheese is passing out to the United Kingdom from hat port.

-Compared with the capital of some of the English banks, the largest United States institutions dwindle into in significance. The National Provincial Bank of London, has \$79,000,000; Bank of England, \$73,000,000; London and Westminster Bank, \$70,-000,000; London Joint Stock and Lloyd's, each \$60,000,000; Union Bank of London, \$55,000,000; London and County. Banking Company and Bank of Liverpool, each \$40,000,000. Even the Canadian banks tower above those across the border.

-A surr to recover 19s 6d paid by cheque sent through the post has been tried in London. It seems that the cheque was sent without any request being made for payment, and the payce claimed such was stolen and the endorsement forged. The Court held that when a member of the public chose to send a cheque by post he did so at his own risk. If it got lost or stolen he must put up with the consequences and, gave judgment accordingly.

-The injurious effect of the "truck system" upon the value of the fisheries of the Maritime Provinces which has already nearly annihilated the Mediterranean trade, has an illustration at our doors. The market is demoralized with small consignments of indifferent fish from the Gulf, which are sold to the first comer, and barely leave anything to the owner after paying freight and commission. There will no doubt be a radical change when the results after recent sales in Montreal bring home their moral to the unhappy factor down by the sea.

-THE timber market in England is settling down to steadier values, now that freights evidence no likelihood of getting lower, since all the available tonnage in the Atlantic trade is taken up for the unusually heavy grain and cotton shipments, and when these cease, the season will be too far advanced for rates to recede; besides which the winter rates of insurance are now in force. Those English shippers who have large stocks still on this side, contemplate holding goods over the winter here; another circumstance contributing to more solidity in the British

-Application is being made to incorporate "The William Drysdale Company, Limited," 'publishers, booksellers, stationers and importers, to take over the old established business of William Drysdale & Co., with capital stock \$50,000, \$15,000 to be preferred stock bearing interest at 6 per cent., secured upon the profits of the business as a first charge thereon. The number of shares is to be 5,00°. The applicants are: William Drysdale, merchant, Montreal; Rev. W. David W. Morison, of Ormstown; John Alex. Hawthorne, James Allan MacKay, both of Montreal; and Dr. Benjamin Nathaniel Wales, of Robinson, who are to be the first provisional directors.

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—A RECENT canned salmon poisoning case in England discloses the fact that the salmon was bought from a huckster for 2½d, who in turn had purchased it along with others of the same kind from a retail grocer, in whose window it had been exposed for months being alternately baked by the sun or chilled by the frost. The label was torn off, and it is altogether likely that long before it was sold as shop worn, it was unfit for consumption. These facts throw a flood of light upon the ways and methods adopted for the placing of unsalable goods in the homes of the poorer classes of Old Country artisans, and should also have an important bearing upon the question recently raised as to the quality of the canned salmon shipped from British Columbia.

—The Orange Free State (South Africa) some years ago offered a substantial bonus for the manufacture yearly of a certain quantity of cloth and blankets from wool grown within the Republic, but no person or firm has yet risked the enterprise. This is not because of any special difficulty in transplanting the woollen industry to the region, but is owing to the fact that the merchant seems likely to be able to more than compete with the manufacturer for many years to come. There are at the present time two woollen factorics respectively in Cape Colony and Natal—small concerns run by water power. The Transvaal has now subsidized a firm to erect a mill and turn out a specified quantity of woollen goods annually.

—Fire at Picton, Ont., on Tuesday brought total loss to Hall & Co., stained glass, and badly damaged the stock of Fralick & Stanton, tailors; Young & Co., drygoods, suffered extensively from water and smoke. The list of insurance gives the latter \$4,500 divided between the Manchester, and Liverpool, London & Globe. Fralick & Stanton were insured in the Mercantile Fire Insurance Company, the Northern Insurance Company, the Ætna Insurance Company, and the Waterloo. G. M. Farrington, tailoring and gentlemen's furnishings, in the adjoining block suffered slight damage by fire and smoke, insured. S. Collier's residence was also damaged by water and smoke, insured in London Insurance Corporation for \$500. The total loss will aggregate probably \$8,000 to \$10,000.

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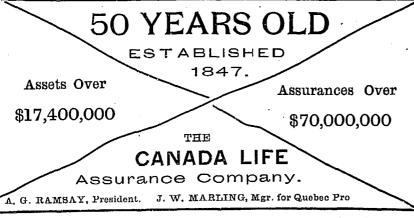
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the States for the year which ends 1st September. The total crop for the year was 8,714,011 bales, weighing 4,383,819,971 pounds, compared with 7,162,473 bales, weighing 3,595,775,534 pounds, in 1896, and, 9,892,766 bales in 1895. The distribution of these crops of cotton is reported as follows:--

Home consumption	1896-97	1895-96	1894-95
	bales	bales	bales
	2,887,017	2,586,554	3,007,522
	76,848	66,828	99,092
Other exports	5,968,422	4,646,084	6,719,713
	6,045,270	4,712,912	6,818,805
	5,935	4,088	42,171
Total dist'dStock and importations	8,938,252	7,303,554	9,868,498
	224,241	141,081	24,268
Total crop	8,714,011	7,162,473	9,892,766

The general trade depression which has prevailed so long has had an especially adverse effect on the cotton industry, the consumption having been restricted by the shortened incomes of the wage-earning classes. Since July however the demand has been more active, and an inroad has been made on the heavy stocks which had rapidly accumulated during the election excitement of last year. The quietening down of that excitement, and the removal of the disturbing uncertainty about the tariff, with a revival of confidence in the financial prospects of the country, have been followed by crop conditions which are most favourable. This combination is having a marked effect on the consumption of goods, the increase of which is giving activity to the cotton mills of the States, as it will to those of Canada, for a very large amount of the extra sum realized for this year's crops will be utilized in the purchase of cotton goods of all grades. The harvest money will find its way through a variety of channels into the cotton mills, and the regular wages of the workers therein will be one element in adding to the value of the wheat and other crops, for good and constant wages always increase food consumption. So close are the interdependencies and relations of trade that the value of the cotton crop of the States is enhanced by the extra value of the wheat crop of Canada, and, although he may have to pay more for his bread, the cotton factory operative is more than recouped by the extra demand for goods creating more demand for his labour, and assuring him steadier employment.

We quote the following from our contemporary's valuable statement of the prices ruling in New York for "low middlings uplands" cotton for a series of years :-

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association

(INCORPORATED)
FREDERICK A BURNHAM, PRESIDENT. Minimum of Expense.

Maximum of Accomplishment

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

Covering Year Ending December 31st, 1896, shows

INCREASES. In Cash Income,
In Invested Assets,
In Net Surplus,
In Business in Force,

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New Business Received, \$84,167 997 Total Business in Force, \$25,026,061

Death Claims Paid since
Organization - \$28,825,665,66
Death Claims Paid in 1896 over \$13,000
for each working day in the year.

Membership, 120,000. Assets, \$5,750,000. Net Surplus, \$4,030,000.

Expenses to Each \$1,000 at Risk Less than 50 p.c. that of its Competitors. Why pay the full Dollar to others for that which you can purchase of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association for Sixty Cents? No personal liability to any member.

EXCELLENT POSITIONS OPEN in its Agency Department in every Town, City and State, to experienced and successful business men, who will find the MUTUAL RESERVE THE VERY BEST ASSOCIATION THEY CAN WORK FOR. Further information supplied by any of the Managers, General or Special Agents in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain or Europe.

Home Office, Mutual Reserve Building, Broadway & Duane St., N.Y.

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Prior to October 1, 1874, quotations were by old classification, which was about $\ensuremath{\mathrm{gc}}$, higher than new.

It is noticeable how low prices have ruled all through the depression years since the close of 1892 when adverse financial conditions began to develop, and, as a consequence, the consumption to decline.

The plague and famine in India have been very unfavorable to the cotton trade, the demand for goods having decreased, and prices being consequently less profitable. Although the British shipments to India, and to Argentina owing respectively to famine and short crops, were reduced, the British trade in cottons was kept up to the average, as "its spinners and manufacturers send their goods to every country in the world, so that ordinarily when one customer diminishes his takings the loss is made good by others." Another fact is that trade in the old land having improved in 1896 and 1897, the home consumption was largely increased, as the home consumption of home manufac tures in Canada will be by the revival in trade which is now setting in. The extent of Great Britain's exports of cottons to India, China and Japan is shown as follows:

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The world's consumption of cotton is stated by our contemporary in the following table:

World's				
Consumption				
in bales of Great	Con-	United		m : .
500 lbs. Britain.	tinent.	States.	India.	Total.
1880-81 2,858,000	2,365,000	1,694,000	297,000	7,214,000
1881-82 2,912,000	2,558,000	1,758,000	312,000	7,540,000
1882-83 2,995,000	2,704,000	1,900,000	358,000	7,957,000
1883-84 2,933,000	2,704,000	1,795,000	416,000	7,848,000
1884-85 2,746,000	2,604,000	1,527,000	467,000	7,344,000
1885-86 2,902,000	2,772,000	1.822,000	504,000	8,000,000
1886-87 2,955,000	2,912,000	1,939,000	569,000	8,375,000
1887-88 3,073,000	3,037,000	2,024,000	617,000	8,751,000
1888-89 3,016,000	3,256,000	2,148,000	697,000	9,117,000
1889-90 3,227,000	3,432,000	2,185,000	791,000	9,635,000
1890-91 3,884,000	3,631,000	2,367,000	924,000	10,306,000
1891-92 3,181,000	3,619,000	2,576,000	914,000	10,290,000
1892-93 2,866,000	3,661,000	2,551,000	918,000	9,996,000
1893-94 3,233,000	3,827,000	2,264,000	959,000	10,283,000
1894-95 3,250,000	4,030.000	2,743,000	1,074,000	11,097,000
1895-96 3,276,000	4,165,000	2,572,000	1,105,000	11,118,000
1896-97 3,265,000	4,264,000	2,738,000	1,020,000	11,287,000
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Note.—The above does not include American cotton consumed in Canada, in Mexico, and burnt, which we have given in a previous table.

The average crop of the United States from 1890 to 1896 was 7,817,000 bales, the crop of 1896-97 was 8,435,000 bales. There is every prospect of the consumption in Canada and United States going beyond the figures for some years. The imports of cotton goods are therefore likely to be much greater, but whether this movement will be enlarged by the preferential tariff has yet to be ascertained, as so far it has failed to develop the import of British goods as expected.

THE ELECTRIC AGE.

The truly remarkable developments of water-power for industrial purposes, as witnessed in Europe and North America during the last few years, point to the substitution of water-power for steam-power at no distant year, and as a consequence to the transfer of the chief manufacturing industries from countries rich in coal to those rich in the possession of its great modern The two great Provinces of central Canada nave long lamented the want of coal, and many were the efforts to substitute other means for smelting and other purposes from time to time. Even of late years that our geologists are shown to have erred, especially in the North-West, the revolution being brought about by the application of water-power is something one could not have dreamt of twenty years ago or less. The progress of electrical science is likely to more than compensate both Ontario and Quebec for what they have long lacked through the want of adequate supplies of coal.

It is not a little singular that water, which had so long preceded steam as motive power coupled with the principles of the turbine wheel, so fully worked out early in the century, should almost down to 1890 have achieved so little in this direction. The overshot and undershot wheels were so antiquated that water was passed by as a thing too absurd for usefulness in the age of steam. The arrest of progress was due chiefly to the growing scale of manufacturing operations. In earlier days the power to drive a mill rarely exceeded 100 horse-power, and many had only a small fraction of that quantity. For modern requirements up to and exceeding 1,000 horse-power the old style wheels were totally inadequate. Then the economy in the expenditure of power which might be effected by erecting the factory in some country district where cheap waterpower existed was found to be more than counterbalanced by the increased cost of carriage and freight entailed by the position, to say nothing of the disadvantages in respect of labor, which, as is well-known, is in many cases much more difficult to control than in larger centres of population.

The water-wheel has been replaced by the turbine, and can be adapted to any head of water. In the modern system of transmission of power by alternating currents, the mechanical energy developed by the turbine is converted on the spot into electrical energy by means of the dynamo; and this energy may then be carried by air-lines to the locality in which it is to be used.

Although there is a certain amount of loss suffered by the operation of transferring electrical energy some distance from the locality where the power is produced, this loss is not of very great importance in most cases where the water is in sufficient quantity. Thus factories may be built wherever the natural and economic conditions are most favorable to the process, and the electrical energy developed miles away can be delivered at the factory by an aircable as easily as water through pipes from a distant reservoir. The following figures, for which we are indebted to the London Spectator, will give some idea of the wonderfully rapid advance that has occurred in recent years in this branch of engineering science: In America the total of the larger installations is 72,000 horse-power, with the prospect of this total being increased to 150,000 when the Niagara scheme is completed. In addition to this, there are a very large number of smaller plants in operation in the mining districts of Colorado and Nevada. Switzerland occupies the second place with 32,000 horse-power. This will be increased to 48,000 when the second water-power plant on the Rhone, near Geneva, is completed. France follows with 18,000 horse-power, which will be increased to 30,000 by the completion of the power-plant near Lyons. Germany has only one water-power of any magnitude, that at Rheinfelden. This will yield 16,000 horse-power when completed. Italy has 18,000 horse-power; Sweden and Norway between 10,000 and 20,000 horse-power each, with almost limitless possibilities of further development; while England and Scotland come at the end of the list with only 4,000 horse-power.

It is almost needless to dwell upon the various purposes for which this power is now utilized. It is used directly as electrical energy for lighting purposes and for chemical and metallurgical operations, transformed again into mechanical energy by means of the electric motor; it is used for the various street railways, suburban tramway systems, for producing wood-pulp, and for driving machinery of all kinds at mines and workshops. The significance of these new steps forward in the application of water to industrial purposes is certainly startling. It signifies that man has at last learned how to effectually master and utilize one of the mightiest natural forces of the earth. Coal is exhaustible, but our rivers and our water-falls offer an inexhaustible supply of energy. The writer of the communicated article in the Spectator, of which we avail ourselves, points to the day when the great coal producing countries which occupy the leading position as manufacturers, owing to their extensive coal fields, may find themselves largely deprived of that enviable position through the competition of this wonderful modern energy. This carries with it a question of tremendous significance for the prosperity of the countries concerned. Canada has, in her abundant water privilege, a stored-up energy that cannot fail ere many years to more than counterbalance any disadvantages which she has hitherto labored under owing to the lack of coal in the two older provinces of the Dominion.

ELECTRIC RISKS IN FIRE INSURANCE.

Although it is upwards of 15 years since one of the leading British fire offices established rules for electric light installation and for electric power, the fire underwriters, including the office referred to, it is needless almost to say, have not been standing still meantime in adapting themselves to any improved order of things adopted (under new discoveries) by those who have been using the system for either or both purposes. conditions imposed by the insurance companies and the improvements suggested by them from time to time meanwhile, have brought about a condition of wiring and installation that has greatly modified the risk on premises where they are employed. Nevertheless, a number of losses have been circumstantially traced to electric wiring, always however with the conviction that where a total loss takes place it is impossible to satisfactorily trace the origin of the fire to the alleged electric causes. They are in some degree to be compared to what was said of the two great learned professions, in which the lawyer had the best of it by telling his medical friend that the mistakes of his (the doctor's) profession were all underground. so great a degree of perfection, however, has the employment of electricity for lighting and power purposes been carried, that there is no difficulty now-a-days in obtaining through any experienced electrician a certificate that the premises which he has prepared for the purposes, are practically free from liability to accidents such as were common enough in the early days of the applied science. During the last two or three years, however, efforts have been made, especially in the United States and to a considerable extent in Canada also, to induce the State or Provincial or Civic governments to constitute the rules and requirements in connection with wiring and apparatus for electric light, heat and power, under a special department controlled. by these respective bodies. These efforts have already received the commendation and sanction of various experts in the different centres throughout the United States, and, we are glad to say, in Montreal, also; and the day cannot be far distant in which the conditions surrounding the use of electricity will be as well understood and provided for as are those connected with our · system of water service.

We cannot enter here into all the details necessary for the proper elucidation of this subject; we may return to it later on. 'We could wish that a copy of the National Electrical Code, recently issued by the Code Committee of the National Conference on standard electric rules, which we learn has been practically adopted by our own Fire Underwriters' Association, could be placed in the hands of every person using or likely to use electricity for lighting or power purposes in Canada.

The Underwriters' National Electric Association was started early in 1894. Its object was the securing of uniformity of rules to be enforced by insurance inspectors. These rules were adopted by nearly all the underwriters' organizations, and had received the hearty approval of many of the most prominent manufacturers and central station men. Late in that year the Committee sent out a circular-letter with blanks inviting suggestions for changes or additions to the then existing rules. The answers to these letters received careful consideration. Feeling that the work still lacked completeness, a communication was sent out shortly afterwards, suggesting a joint conference composed of delegates from various associations throughout the United States. The object was to codify, promulgate and enforce a standard set of rules which should meet the conditions then existent and be acceptable to all electric insurance and allied interests. The results of the consideration by the various organizations were referred to a Code Committee, and accordingly in October, 1896 a number of suggestions for changes and additions in the Underwriters' Rules were prepared. These were referred to the National Electric Association through the underwriters, and a report was made showing that nearly all of the suggestions had been adopted, and giving the reasons why the few that were rejected had not met with approval. The magnitude of the work may well be inferred, and this will account for the delay of some six months further in issuing the Rules. But the result was that a National Electric Code was adopted which was printed in pamphlet form, entitled "The National Electrical Code", a little waistcoat-pocket pamphlet of some 56 pages, including index, which covers every practical point that could be suggested or thought of to the date of the issue of that pamphlet in the present year.

The rules prepared by the Underwriters' National Electric Association having been submitted, were fully approved. Due consideration was had to the attitude of the underwriters in the matter who, it was claimed, "should make their rules as favorable to the electric institutions as the overcoming of the fire hazard will permit." The organization now has the co-operation of the electrical, architectural and all allied interests, This Conference has accomplished its work in a most satisfactory manner, a work that stands as a precedent, so that should occasion ever again demand, it could be modified as required.

To return to the practical application of the subject. as most people may understand it. The wiring of a house or building of any kind is a great deal more important than many people imagine; and the accidents that have occurred in connection with electricity have all been traceable to carelessness or the use of indifferent materials. It is shown that of the fires which occurred in New York City in one year, 259 were from the use of parafine, kerosene, &c., 110 from gas, 35 from matches used for gas, 88 from candles, 7 from arc electric light, and 1 from incandescent, the last named loss being quite insignificant. It has well been said that the wiring of a house for electric lighting purposes is one in which a person should think twice before accepting the lowest tender for the work. In the case of gas or water-pipes, if the work has been badly done, the faults soon become noticeable, but with electricity detection is not so simple, although the results of bad work are equally serious. We need say nothing here of the character of the different kinds of wiring used. Among the various insulators porcelain is now generally chosen; for gutta percha, which has been so largely used for telegraphic and sub-marine work is not serviceable for electric light work on account of its yielding so readily to the influence of heat. Damp is the great enemy of the electrical engineer. Throughout the length of his wires every joint and every connection must be thoroughly damp proof; and anyone in cutting wires in case of extreme necessity should not use an axe the handle of which has become damp or wet—or with wet hands—water being one of the best conductors of electricity next to copper wire.

What is called going to "earth" is familiar to everyone who has ever noticed the effect of a rain-storm upon the electric currents in the upper regions of the atmosphere; damp or water, gas pipes or damp walls or plaster or stone become conductors by which the electric current in houses is made to reach the earth. A fruitful source of trouble is what is termed "short circuit" which is a result of leakage by which a current gets direct from one wire to the other by a short cut instead of completing its circuit through the lamp. It has been well said in connection with the ocean cables that electricity finds it easier to travel from one side of the Atlantic to the other through the thousands of miles of copper wire than through the half inch of insulation encircling it; but once a "short-cut" is made, a rush of electricity ensues through the weak spot, and in the case of currents used for electric lighting the wires become heated and a fire is liable to take place. The safety fuse or cut-out invented by Edison has accomplished much to prevent such accidents. "But this is another story."

THE BANK OF ENGLAND AND SILVER.

The bimetallists, and their most active supporters who are owners of silver mines, must be admired for their audacity and persistence under most adverse circumstances. They have made overtures to the Bank of England, looking towards the Bank holding a fifth, or some other proportion, of its bullion reserve in silver. This is as bold a proposal as for a proposition to be made to the Pope to turn Lutheran. The London Times which first made known that such a scheme was proposed, told the Directors in remarkably plain terms that any approach to bimetallism was the very thing the Bank was bound to resist with all its power. It denounced the scheme as being as impracticable and foolish as it would be to attempt to pass, "an Act for the restoration of rotten boroughs," than which nothing could be more absurd. The amount of silver which the Bank would have to keep on hand if one-fifth of its bullion reserve were held in silver, would range from \$35,000,000 to \$45,000,000. To raise its stock to this figure the Bank would have to purchase the greater proportion of it, as its stock, though large, is only a few millions, which is kept mainly to meet the requirements of the country banks in England, which

rely upon the Bank of England for such supplies as they need for the convenience of wage-paying customers. The stocks of silver held in England are practically a wages fund, which fluctuates in extent according to the weekly demand for paying wages in the manufacturing districts, which demand is regulated by the state of trade. Were the Bank of England, and other English banks, allowed to issue notes of a less denomination than five pounds, or \$25, there would be a heavy decline in the amount of silver in circulation, as wage-sums could then be paid to artisans, and by them disbursed in paper currency.

The tendency of the times is towards this change, which is likely to become a very lively question in England in the near future. Under such conditions the Bank is not likely to increase its stock of a metal which is becoming less and less in favour for currency every year. As to the Bank increasing its stock of silver to meet the contingencies of foreign exchange, that is equally improbable. When the Bank Act of 1844 was passed the currency of the nations of Europe was on a silver basis. But a revolution has since taken place in this respect, the initiation of which arose from the large additions made to the world's stock of gold by the supplies created after the discovery of gold mines in California in 1848, and in New South Wales in 1851. Α highly significant prophetic incident occurred in the latter year by the inflow of gold into France under the influence of the substitution of a gold for a silver coinage, a movement which excited great interest, and which was the first great step made towards the adoption of a gold standard of currency throughout Europe. In more recent years other continental nations have substituted gold for silver, and even in India the same change has taken place. The demand of India for silver to settle its exchange balances at one time seemed endless. In 1857 the Bombay Times estimated that, that dependency since 1850 was richer by \$200,000,000, which was largely represented by the perpetual drain of silver towards that country. If those who are puzzled to account for the heavy depreciation in the value of silver since 1850, would consider the effect of its wholesale displacement for currency and exchange purposes by gold, which was rendered possible by the enormous increase in gold supplies after 1848, they would no longer see any mystery in the cheapness of silver. It is now less needed, less in use, less in demand, than fifty years ago, hence less valuable. The Bank of England is no longer liable to be called upon, or likely to find convenient, to ship silver anywhere as an exchange operation, as it once was. Nor is it in the least danger of finding itself short of gold to meet all possible contingencies. Were it to put 35 to 45 millions dollars' worth of silver into its vaults as a reserve, such metal would be of no more active service than a load of bricks. Its value would be liable to depreciation, and the fact that the cash reserve of the Bank of England was to so large an extent held in a metal no longer available for redemption and exchange purposes, would weaken that unbounded confidence which has been created by this institution, which is the pivot of the whole world's monetary system resting upon a gold basis.

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE.

"A masterly exposure" says the London Insurance Monitor of the fallacies connected with the payment of fire extinguishing expenses, "was recently made by the Borough Accountant of West Bromwich (a suburb of Birmingham) a careful study of which will repay city fathers all the world over, and must surely have the desired effect of turning them from their folly in this matter-with the exception perhaps of one gentle alderman in Toronto. This Queen City father is, or was, in the glue trade, so that it is only to be expected that he will stick fast to his original opinions whatever betide." Our English contemporary could have included the name of Alderman Hannaford of Hamilton in the same category had it known of the latest convert to the principle of municipal insurance in Canada, but perhaps one example of hastily erected barriers of distorted facts and misapplied figures, behind which the misguided friends of municipal fire insurance on this side of the water have entrenched themselves, was enough. The "masterly exposure" referred to deals with the three varieties of "Municipal Insurance" which so far has been made familiar in the Dominion. The proposal (1) that a town should enter boldly into the business of general fire insurance, taking every class of risk on a sliding scale of rating, and under compulsory powers, if necessary: (2) the self-insurance of municipal property only; and (3) the inter-insurance of municipal or other property by a mutual combination for that purpose of a number of municipalities.

The weak spots in schemes No. 1 and 2 were lucidly pointed out, and the fact commented upon that whilst done under No. limited business has been will continue to be done, it never and has never will amount to much. It was moreover finally shown that for a Corporation to accumulate by a graduated scale of saving the premiums, an Insurance Fund representing 55 per cent of the municipal property at risk in one particular town, 130 years would be required of uninterrupted prosperity, unbroken by any fire loss, and with no change in the interest of three per cent per annum, and no expenses chargeable against such fund for collection and management.

We commend this to the consideration of the sundry gentlemen who have lately been asserting that large fire insurance dividends have been paid recently out of "excessive premiums." "The whole business of fire insurance rests upon the principle of selection, and schemes operating in a limited circle would necessarily have greater losses than those covering a wide area and embracing every description of risk. A small premium income, moreover, would not pay, as a certain amount of expenditure is necessary, which could not be met out of a small revenue, and provide sufficient margin for losses. Large offices with big incomes have recuperative powers to which corporations in their limited sphere of action could not aspire. These companies could meet a bad series of years with a certain degree of equanimity, whereas a corporation having only a relatively small surplus would experience disaster upon the first heavy loss."

COTTON-SEED OIL.

There is no industry of modern times the details of which are so little known as that of oil. We do not allude here to the petroleum employed for illuminating purposes, but to that product of the upper soil used for food or as a lubricant in certain manufactures. The Philadelphia Record has been gathering some information on the subject derived chiefly from departmental works recently issued. It appears that last year the Southern States produced no less than four million tons of cotton seed. It finds that from September, 1896, to June, 1897, the exports from New York amounted to 11,367,142 gallons, and from New Orleans to 5,662,802 gallons. Cotton seed oil was also shipped during that period from Galveston, Baltimore and other ports. Ten years ago the hulls remaining after the oil had been pressed out were burned; but more recently it has been found that these hulls are highly valuable as cattle food, ranking in value with timothy or corn. It is estimated that the potential value of the hulls and meal fed to cattle and the droppings used as a fertilizer during the past year was \$113,000,000, or over half the value of the lint cotton of last year's crop; and these seeds were once thought a nuisance!

An officer of the Southern Cotton Oil Co. in Savannah, says there are now forty-one mills in Georgia alone, the larger mills having a crushing capacity of 250 tons every 24 hours. The total crushing capacity of the mills in the Empire State of the South is 2,200 tons in 24 hours. The average crush in the State each season is about 200,000 tons, producing 150,000 barrels of oil, 80,000 tons of hulls and 70,000 tons of meal. "On the present market value of products the average value of the output is about \$2,750,000."

Cotton seed oil is now largely used in the United States under its own name for culinary and other purposes, and it is exported to all foreign lands, where it passes as "pure olive oil," "cocoanut oil," "Jersey butter," "compound lard," etc. It possesses the quality of being difficult to distinguish from the genuine articles it is intended to imitate. Since September 1, 1896, France imported from the United States 21,000 tons more of cotton seed oil than during the corresponding period last year. It is now feared, however, that with Egyptian cotton seed oil within easy reach, and owing to the unfriendly view of their new policy evinced by foreign Governments, France may stimulate the establishment of factories at home for crushing the African cotton seed and expressing the oil, and thus materially curtail a business in which the Southern cotton seed oil manufacturers have heretofore found a profitable output.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

- Earnings 1st to 7th Sept. :

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1897	549,380
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Increse	49 970

THE HARBOUR PLANS.

During the earlier part of the year this Journal had a series of articles on the subject of the proposed Harbour enlargement and the various plans that had been made for that purpose. The last of that series appeared on the 18th June last when it looked as though the question was then nearly settled to the satisfaction of most of the parties interested. At that time the Minister of Public Works sent down from Ottawa a plan prepared by the Chief Engineer for examination, This plan provided for three piers of a moderate length with space enough between them to allow the shore end of the basins to be used as berths for the larger class of vessels, the whole to be on the present level, and providing at the same time for the widening of Commissioners Street to 100 feet. Some of the trade organizations decided to accept this plan provided the piers were lengthened to 1,000 feet. This was agreed to by the Department of Public Works, and a plan complete in that respect was later on officially sent to the Harbour Commissioners by the Minister with his recommendation that it should be adopted.

In the interval—during the hot weather—different parties, with entirely distinct motives, set about to thwart the adoption of that plan. All kinds of abuse were heaped on the heads of the unfortunate men at Ottawa, and new plans and counter-plans were suggested and proposed until the number reached was "No. 19", which is the last submitted for public approval—with others, it is said, still to follow! It looks now as if nothing at all is to be done to provide the additional berthing-space required in the central part of the harbour to supply the present needs.

The last plan, called No. 19, is a modification of Plan No. 6 and is not likely to be approved, with a pier so near the entrance of the Lachine Canal; and it has also the chief objections raised against its prototype No. 6.

Some of the trade organisations have given the last proposed plan a more or less qualified approval, but the end is not yet in sight by any means. One important body has suggested that the high level or low level feature need not now be settled, but surely that is one of the features first to be considered. It has been pointed out in these columns as well as elsewhere, that if the high level is adopted that, for the four or five years during construction, the railway traffic on the wharves would be upset and blocked, whereas with the low level there would be no interruption.

Another suggestion equally crude was that a large elevator should be built on one of the piers. On the level proposed there would be about fifty feet deep of earth-filling—or made ground—which is the most unsafe ground to build on. Imagine anyone foolish enough to invest money in building a large structure like an elevator with its heavy chimney adjunct on such a foundation!

There are other features of these plans of sufficient importance to discuss over again, especially in view of the long delay that has already occurred in coming to a decision on this all important matter. The City Council has yet to be heard from. Something must soon be done about the temporary dyke on the river front. It is becoming more rotten and unsightly than ever as the months roll by, and the property owners are perfectly justified in regarding it as a nuisance and as de-

preciating the value of their property. We are informed on the authority of one of the largest proprietors on that street that concerted action is to be taken to compel, by legal process, the removal of the dyke, and to recover damages for the years since it was constructed.

We may return to this subject again, as it is one that deserves the attention of all who have the best interests, not only of Montreal, but those of the trade of the whole country at heart.

LIVERPOOL TIMBER MARKET.

From the table of statistics given below it will be seen that the stocks of most of the important woods in Liverpool on 1st September were very heavy. In some, such as spruce and deals, the supply is excessive says the Timber Trades. Journal the stock being nearly 28,000 standards, against about 11,000 standards last August, and the former figures do not include the large quantity stored in Manchester on Liverpool importers account. Of course there has always been a greater or less quantity piled in Manchester, but never, we think, to such an extent as at present. Prices have made no further decline, this movement being checked by increasing scarcity of tonnage with the upward movement in freights and rates of insurance. One entire steamer cargo has been stored intact on behalf of the shippers, whilst another cargo of Bay Verte goods is being piled away entire by the importers. On paper the stock of pine goods-13,639 standards-seems very large, but shippers have been most desirous to get their contracts forward whilst freights were low. Tramp steamers are now abandoning the timber trade for the better paying corn trade, and freights from Montreal are now having a very firm upward tendency, advances of a considerable nature having been arranged for October and November shipments.

	Sto	ck.	Consum	ption.
•	1896	1897	· 1696	1897
•	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet
Quebec Square Pine Waney "		516,000 }	110,000	104,000
St. John Pine	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Other Ports	Nil.	2,000	Nil.	Nil.
Red Pine	14,000	2,000	Nil.	Nil.
Oregon Pine	176,000	147,000	7,000	27,000
Californian Redwood	167,000	107,000	8,000	85,000
Danzig, &c., Fir	69,000	75,000	6,000	23,000
Swedish and Norway Fir	12,000	10,000	9,000	Ńil.
Pitch Pine hewn	241,000	347,000	65,000	95,000
" sawn	838,000	589,000	311,000	306,000
" planks	151,000	304,000	76,000	129,000
Oak-Canadian & A	244,000	313,000	115,000	63,000
" Planks "		157,000	92,000	65,000
Elm		45,000	21,000	27,000
irch logs		182,000	66,000	76,000
" Planks		100,000	85,000	16,000
Ash		27,000	18,000	25,000
East India Teak		158,000	32,000	21,000
Greenheart		181,000	7,000	9,000
	Stds	. Stds.	Stds.	Stds.
Quebec Pine Deals			4,510	4,918
N.B., &c., Spruce & Pine	10,743		16,638	20,883
Baltic Red Deals & Boards	5,482	4,773	2,421	4,501
" Flooring	2,010	3 8,098	1,913	1,259
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AMERICANS HANDICAPPED.

In reference to the much advertised success of American manufacturers stealing the markets of continental rivals in all parts of the world; and particularly so as regards steel rails, an extensive Maryland manufacturer rises to remark that the export trade so far done can no more than be considered experimental, and it will be some time before it can be prophesied with any degree of confidence whether the business will prove to be profitable. "The American manu-

facturers are handicapped to a great extent," according to this steel magnate "by the costliness of transportation. He points out the fact that the British have facilities in transportation not obtainable in the United States. To nearly every part of the world there are regular lines of steamers running out of British ports which carry the products of the English mills at rates which encourage the shippers. Americans have to depend upon foreign bottoms exclusively, and in the case of rail shipments must depend upon the tramp steamer, whose rates are higher than would be the case if regular lines of vessels were running to the ports it is desired to reach. American tariff duties on ores also operate as another handicap, so that with high freights and customs dues on raw material the profit obtained in the foreign market for rails is not large." The ascendancy of the British merchant marine helps to minimise the probability of the American monopolising the markets of the world with his overproduction, and it is perhaps only equitable the "dog in the manger" greed of our neighbor comes thus against as formidable a stone wall as his own tariff. It is a little exhibit of the law of compensation, that outsiders can view without seriously infringing upon the code of good manners, or violating the eleventh commandment.

THE MERCANTILE FIRE INS. CO.

Mr. James Lockie, the worthy president of the Mercantile Fire Ins. Co. of Waterloo, Ont., writes us as follows under date the 13th inst.. concerning a paragraph relating to that company which appeared in the Journal of Commerce of last week, page 393:—

M. S. Foley, Esq.,

Editor and Proprietor Journal of Commerce, Montreal:

"Dear Sir,—An item in your widely circulated Journal of the 10th regarding the 'Mercantile Fire Ins. Co.' contains two mis-statements, and I will be obliged if you will publish this letter in your next issue as a correction.

The head office of the Company still remains in Waterloo but a branch office has been established at No. 4 Richmond street east, Toronto, where in future all the insurance business of the company will be transacted.

T. H. Hall is only a clerk in the office and has nothing more to do with the management than any one in a similar position.

Alfred Wright, Esq., is the sole manager and secretary of the Mercantile, a gentleman of recognised ability and nearly a quarter of a century's experience in fire underwriting, who has for many years been the very successful manager of the London & Lancashire Fire Ins. Co., which position he still retains, and it is a very high tribute to his ability that he has been appointed manager of two such important companies. I remain yours respectfully,

James Lockie, President, Mercantile Fire Insurance Co."

ACCIDENT INSURANCE.

A proposal for compulsory insurance against accident is at present under consideration by the Belgian authorities, a plan having been framed by a committee appointed for that purpose. Mining, metal, textile, ceramic, chemical, rubber, leather, paper industries, food and building industries all being included in the list. The employers are to pay one-half and the men the other half. Special boards, comprising both master and men, are to be formed, and the masters are re-ponsible for the premiums and for the insurance being effected. Belgium being largely a manufacturing country with an almost congested population, is perhaps better adapted to such a scheme.

A RAILWAY TO KLONDIKE.

A company is being organized in San Francisco, to be incorporated under the laws of Arizona, having for its object the construction of a narrow gauge railway from tidewater on Prince William Sound, up the valley of the much talked of Copper river, and thence across the divide to a point on the Yukon river near the boundary line of British Columbia. The name of the company will be the Alaska Central Railway Company, and its capital stock \$5,000,000. The promoter is Col. John Underwood, of that city, a former extensive railway contractor. Associated with him, he says, are Elijah Smith, of New York, the controlling spirit of the Oregon Improvement Company, and John W. Cudahy and P. D. Armour, the Chicago packers and one or two local capitalists. The proposed road will be about 322 miles long. Senator Perkins and Capt. Goodall are mentioned as possible members of the board of directors. As a North Briton once remarked—in a more promising case—"I hae ma doots."

THE DOMINION COTTON CO. AND THE SELLING-AGENTS.

As indirectly alluded to last week, there has been no little stir in wholesale dry goods circles of late, owing to rumors of a probable severance of the connection for many years existing between one of our largest cotton manufactories and the selling agents here and in Toronto. The reports circulated in the streets and through the press are more or less wide of the mark.

The new order of things organised a few years ago, by which the suicidal practice of the 'eighties was discontinued, and the double object accomplished of saving from destruction one of our most important industries and guaranteeing to consumers a steady market for their wares, and value for their money, reflected no little credit on its promoters, prominent among whom was the head of the firm of the Selling Agents. The Dominion Cotton Co. was established, and so successful was the new departure that within a short time idle or struggling mills began to pay once more, hands to be assured of regular employment and storekeepers to hope that a new era had dawned upon the country. Those who years ago had ventured their money in the mills which now fell in with the new proposal, saw handsome returns accruing; and they were not disappointed. The property advanced in value, and good dividends were paid. It was shortly deemed advisable to issue new stock, increasing the capital to 3 millions, the new shares-aggregating 12 millions-being divided pro rata among the shareholders at a nominal 10c in the dollar. The consolidated stock 10 began by paying per cent dividends, but these were reduced to 9, and eventually to 8 per cent a year or two afterwards, while the last dividend was only 6; but this, be it remembered, was on the doubled capital of 3 millions of dollars.

During the last few months the question of the distribution of the goods for the future had been under consideration when a certain proposal was made to the Selling Agents which they could not see their way clear to agree to, the result being their resignation of the position that they had held for so many years. The Company have now as a consequence undertaken to sell their own goods direct, but exclusively to the wholesale trade. The Selling Agents have for years been identified also with other prominent Canadian manufactures, including the Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Co., the Penman Manufacturing Co. and others, and these they continue to handle as vigorously and satisfactorily as usual.

As regards the system pursued in distributing goods, this differs on both sides of the Atlantic. In England many mills sell direct to the trade, retail as well as wholesale, while in the United States the great bulk of the goods, indeed all of

them, we believe, with the exception of a single mill, are sold through agents, men usually of long and valuable experience in the trade, who reside or have their distributing centres in the large cities, chiefly in New York. Trade conditions differ in the various countries, and each will adopt that which best suits itself. The new order of things referred to is to some degree tentative, but the Board have every confidence in its success.

BRITISH TIMBER MARKET.

Spruce deals have slumped in Liverpool £1 per standard owing to large arrivals on consignment which have swamped the market. Importers feel an acute grievance against shippers that they should have filled them up at the high prices ruling early in the season, and take occasion to break the market towards the end. "Very little sympathy would be felt towards shippers who have pursued this policy" says the Timber Trades Journal "if they were to reap the consequences of their reckless proceedings. The import from Canada also continues heavy, but this case differs from the former shippers, as comparatively little is being placed on the market by Montreal and Quebec houses. The "Strathgarry," with her cargo of pine goods from Montreal, is discharging higgledlypiggledly, without regard to marks or numbers, the owner disclaiming all responsibility under his bills of lading. With the regular liners a different state of affairs obtains, the business with these vessels being carried on in a saner manner. Arrivals from Canada are the conspicuous feature of the week's import into Bristol," continues our contemporary. Indeed, so large have been the arrivals at Avonmouth that the wharves are entirely congested, and the greatest difficulty is being experienced in working the traffic. The sheds are simply blocked with all sorts and sizes of Canadian goods, the difficulty of handling being increased by the number of merchants to whom the stuff belongs. Some idea of the quantity may be gathered from the fact that the "Alberta" is a vessel of 3,161 tons register, practically the whole of her cargo being wood goods. "Niagara," from Montreal brought further large lines, while the "Etolia" has now arrived to be followed by the "Montcalm," on passage."

BUSINESS VICISSITUDES.

S. T. Suggit, hardware merchant, Grand Valley, Ont., who has been in financial difficulties for some time past, has assigned his book debts to Samuel, Benjamin & Co., Toronto. Suggit is at present in trouble with his creditors on account of a sale he made of his stock, and he was recently arrested on the charge of fraud. His case is at present before the Attorney-General's Department.

A first dividend of 17½ per cent on the dollar has been declared on the estate of Bachrack & Co., Toronto. This will realize the creditors \$11,390.07. The total direct liabilities were \$65,086.47. A further dividend it is expected will be declared.

Jacob B. Griffith, manager of the Hamilton Street Railway Company, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Griffith's money was tied up in Street Railway stock, and as this has not been a dividend-paying investment for some time, and numerous obligations were pressing on him, Mr. Griffith was compelled to assign.

Waldron & Maden, dry goods merchants of Kingston, have assigned to E. R.C. Clarkson. The liabilities are about \$7,000, with assets about the same.

Abraham Cohen, general store. Chatham, who it will be remembered disappeared in December last, owing some \$18,000 to creditors, and before leaving for the United States drew from the bank where he kept his account some \$11,000, has, under threat of extradition for fraud, consented to place \$6,000 at creditors' disposal. The stock which was sold some time after his clearance across the line realized 87c in the dollar, or \$9,313, and with the \$6,000 referred to, the creditors will now be paid between 50 and 60c in the dollar, which under the circumstances is considered favorable. Among the creditors of the estate are:—

Burns & Lewis, \$2,400; Sterling Bros., \$800; R. C. Struthers & Co., \$1,100; the D. K. Green Manufacturing Co., \$665; The London Shoe Co., \$600, all London firms; The Hudson Bay Knitting Co., \$800; E.A. Small & Co., \$1,400; Doull & Gibson, \$1,600; The Thompson Shoe Co., \$450; Joseph Osfold, \$500; McKinnon & Thompson, \$380, all Montreal firms; John Calder & Co., Hamilton, \$1,700; Chalcraft, Simpson & Co., Toronto, \$350; The McLaren Shoe Co., Toronto, \$267, and Racine & Dion, Quebec, \$266.

R. H. Greene & Co., wholesale boots and shoes, Toronto, finding themselves in deep water, called a meeting of creditors on the 9th inst, and submitted the following statement:-Liabilities direct:-Bills payable, \$58,302.98; accounts payable, \$3,418.39 Total \$64,721.37. Indirect - Customers' paper under discount, \$53500. Assets:- Received for sale of stock and furniture, cash \$5,000, notes' \$33,210.51, \$38,210.51; Colonial Mutual stock, \$150; bills receivable, \$92; accounts in liquidation (of no value) \$7,-745.29. An offer of 50 cents in the dollar was made, 30c cash, 10c in 3 months, and 10c in 6 months, interest at 6 per cent, se cured by his brother J. J. Greene, of Hamilton, The offer was accepted by creditors representing over \$52,000 of liabilities and it is believed the entire matter will be arranged satisfactorily in in a few days. List of creditors :- W. A. Marsh & Co., \$7,675; H. H. Polley & Co., \$3,648; Aird & Parthenais, \$146.55; G. Bresse & Co., \$3,463; F. Schryburt & Co., \$434; O. Poirier, \$149; Webster & Tabor, \$788; H. Griffith, \$1,441; Laniel & Co., \$120; Thompson Shoe Co., \$1,821; Knipe Bros., \$1,538; Pellerin & Dufresne, \$55; J. H. Larochelle, \$797; Bedin Felt Boot Co., \$1,-252; Jobin & Rochette, \$441; J. S. Langlois & Co., \$2,193; Cana. dian Rubber Co., \$2,108; Adams Shoe Co., \$5,442; Migner, Goulet & Garant, \$2,529; J. V. Plamondon & Co., \$3,501; J. Ritchie, \$9,896; Dominion Shoe Co., \$3,072; H. B. McCarthy, \$38; Ever Ready Dress Stay Co., \$227; Donovan & Pearce, \$158; Thouret & Co., \$194; Chase, Chamberlin, \$336; J. Palmer, \$532; Fitzgibbon, Schafheltin & Co., \$522; M. C. Dizer & Co., \$857; J. B. Hetu, \$451; Mason, Cobb & Co., \$832; Prouty Bros., \$17; Three Rivers Shoe Co., \$459; Spaulding & Swett, \$1,369; Demers & Co., \$345; Ware, Lincoln & Thayer, \$215; Budden, Vermette & L., \$2,198; G. V. Oberholtzer, \$308; H. Lapointe, \$29; Griffith & Cogswell, \$879; E. Green, \$2,000; R. J. Latimer, \$227.

Proceedings in the demand of assignment made upon H. B. Muir & Co., wholesale woollens, Montreal, have been stopped, and the difficulty, which arose out of a misunderstanding as to the due date of a promissory note will be satisfactorily settled.

Zotique Bartrand, doing business under the name of the Dominion Grain & Provision Co., Montreal, is in trcuble, charged with fraudently obtaining \$500 worth of produce from J. Boyder's general merchant, Robinson, Que.

At a meeting held on Tuesday of the creditors of the firms of S. Rogers & Son and Rogers & Hubbell, Ottawa, whose difficulties arose out of the absconding of Hubbell some few weeks ago, it was decided to sell the estates by private tender. The statement of assets and liabilities for the Rogers & Hubbell firm show the former to be \$3,700 and the latter \$24,000, the principal creditors being the Molsons Bank, which has a claim of \$16,000. The assets comprise a seat on the Montreal Stock Exchange, worth \$2,500, and office furniture and book debts valued at \$500. The assets of the S. Rogers & Sons firm are: Book debts, \$11,-000; buildings and stock, \$12,000. The liabilities are placed at \$16,000. The principal creditor is the Bank of Ottawa.

A meeting of the creditors of Mr. Thos. Hood, lessee of the Royal hotel, Hamilton, was held on Friday last. A statement was presented showing nominal assets of \$16,281.42, consisting of about \$11,000 hotel furniture, \$2,262.72 liquors, etc., \$2,224.95 book debts. The value of the license is not included in the assets. The preferred liabilities are:—Rent due Williams' estate \$3,969; taxes, \$1,244.68; wages, \$1,293; chattel mortgage, \$620; and the other liabilities, \$6,545.01. The statement shows a surplus of \$1,100.

Clarence William Henderson, manufacturer and contractor, Westmount, has assigned at the instance of Dame Cecilia Fanny Thompson wife separated as to property of David Henry Henderson, lumber merchant. The liabilities amount to \$10,514.37. The principal creditors are:—Mrs. D. H. Henderson, \$4,266.10; James Baxter, \$1,000; Fred. Nash, \$1,000; Canadian General Electric Company, Toronto, \$433.15; E. J. Savage, \$1,225; Western Electric Company, New York, \$252.81.

G. Bresse & Co., shoe mufr. Quebec, whose failure we noted last week, have made an offer of 30c in the dollar, which so far has not been closed.

Mowat & Co., departmental store, Napanee, are offering to compromise at 35c. Their liabilities are \$30,000, and assets \$20,000. Gault Bros., of Montreal are the leading Canadian creditors, and are in \$5,000. The chief creditors however, are Stewart, Macdonald & Co., of Glasgow, to whom Mowat & Co., owe \$20,000.

A. Lalonde, hotel keeper, at Cascada Point, assigned a short time ago and being unable to arrange a settlement with his creditors the assets were sold in Montreal this week. The sale realized 40c on the dollar.

The Bodega Wine Co., Montreal, has suspended payment. The liabilities are in the neighborhood of \$8,000-G. Lewis & Co., dry goods Montreal, has assigned to Kent & Turcotte, with liabilities about \$5,000.

William A. Richardson, proprietor of the Sherbrooke House, Sherbrooke, Que., and who a week ago made an abandonment of his property for the benefit of his creditors, has been arrested under a writ of capias and respondendum, upon the charge of secreting his property. The liabilities are about \$10,000.

The Commercial Hotel, Brockville, operated by Mr. George Donaldson, is in the hands of the Sheriff. On Saturday afternoon last Donaldson was arrested on a capias as he was about to leave for Morristown. He then assigned.

Robert J. Latimer, manufacturer and wholesale dealer in carriages, bicycles, sleighs and agricultural implements, Montreal has assigned, and also the Latimer Carriage Co., a concern of which the insolvent was chief promoter, and which was incorporated last month with a capital of \$40,000. The demand was made by White, O'Halloran & Buchanan who are creditors to the amount of \$210. Another demand was made by the Brantford Carriage Co., who have a claim of \$5,668. The statement of liabilities filed shows liabilities of about \$94,000. The assets consists of stock in trade, debts, store, building at Sherbrooke; a farm at Woodlands; house and lot at Sherbrooke, and shed at St. Hyacinthe. The principal creditors are: -The Canada Carriage-Co.,-Brockville, \$13,073; Cassett Bros. & Co., Brockville, \$10,326; Brantford Carriage Co., \$5,668; William Gray & Sons, Chatham, \$4,668; G. M. Cassett & Bros., Brockville, \$3,934; Deering Harvester Co. Chicago, \$3,541; McLaughlin Carriage Co., Oshawa, \$2,300; J. W. Mann Mfg. Co., Brockville, \$2,852; Workman & Ward Mfg. Co., London, \$2,402; Wilkinson Plough Co., Toronto, \$2,194; Chatham Mfg. Co., Chatham, \$1,807; P. T. Legare, Quebec, \$1,000. Privileged: P. Mullen, rent, \$3,600; Bishop's College, Lennoxville, mortgage, \$3,000; Molsons Bank, mortgage, \$3,802; M. A. Weld, Canton, \$2,525. Secured: Molsons Bank. \$10,873; Banque du Peuple, \$2,150; Banque St. Jean, St. Johns, \$400; N. Devens, \$1,041. Mr. Latimer has been in business upwards of twenty-seven years, and his present misfortune is attributed indirectly, to the People's Bank failure.

—The inauguration of the opening of the new steel railway bridge, built by the Grand Trunk System over the Niagara River, will be signalized by brilliant displays of fireworks and a lighting up of the various sheets of water forming the Falls by coloured electric lights, after the manner of the Giesbach Falls in Switzerland. The celebration will take place on the 23d, 24th and 25th instant.

—The banquet to the Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, by the Montreal Board of Trade, which took place at the Windsor last evening, was an unqualified success. About 375 tickets were sold, and somewhat over that number including invite t guests, sat down to table. The addresses call for later mention.

—The offer of 20 cents in the dollar, cash, made by J. A. Cantlie & Co., of this city, was finally accepted this week, and creditors have already received their cheques. Mr. Cantlie, who is still in the prime of life, purposes resuming business immediately. The Thorror claim was the largest, about \$37,000; the total liabilities were about \$180,000.

-Lonsdale, Reid & Co., wholesale dry goods, city, whose failure and settlement were duly noted, have determined to go into liquidation.

-Tim Berthier beet root sugar factory belonging to M. Lefebvre & Co., has been bought by Boivin & Wilson, Montreal, for \$5,400.

GROCERY NOTES.

Reports of the mackerel catch from Canadian points indicate an extremely light pack. The New England catch to date reaches only 8,000 brls., whilst up to same date in previous five years the catch has averaged 33,000 brls. The Irish pack is expected also to turn out much less than last year.

Lever Bros. (Sunlight Soap) owing to the Dingley bill having practically shut out importation, will locate a factory in the United States, and with this purpose in view a representative of the large English soap concern will arrive in that country the middle of next month.

The estimates for the coming orange crop in California agree on from 7,000 to 8,000 cars as against 5,000 cars last year. This means an increase this year of from 600,000 to 900,000 boxes. The early varieties will arrive about the end of November.

Chicago has recently adopted a peculiar produce regulation. Shippers of fruits and vegetables have been notified that the ordinance prohibiting netting over baskets will be rigidly enforced.

The stock of peanuts in Virginia is less by 55,000 bags than it was a year ago, and until the new crop comes upon the market in November next, prices will rule high.

A writer in a Boston paper speaks of the time rapidly nearing, when the canned fruit industry will cease to be a money making enterprise, and the few who are now beginning to see the future of a business dealing with dried fruits will be millionaires. Dried fruit sells at about half the price that canned fruits command, and goes five times farther.

Owing to the great advance in broom corn, United States manufacturers have advanced prices 25c per dozen.

Prospects for Japan new crop rice are very good and the yield will in all probability be greatly in excess of last season's. There has been up to the present only a very slight decline in prices, and only small parcels have been shipped to Australia. Latest advices speak of the visitation of a typhoon which may seriously affect this view.

Latest cables from France quote 78 francs, cost and freight, for double prepared 60-65 prunes to the half kilo in quarter cases. Prunes are higher on the Coast, and offers are limited. Bids of 34c f.o.b. for Santa Clara fruit in bags have been declined for October shipment, and counter offers made at 4c f.o.b. There appears to be great difficulty in securing 40-50 fruit, and market for this size is advancing with plenty of buyers.

The visible supply of raw sugar has decreased 130,000 tons the past week, the total now being 1,430,000 tons, against 1,500,000 tons a week ago.

The efforts of the Western wholesale grocery trade to bring about a fixed understanding as to the prices Montreal grocers should sell sugars in Ontario, which we have before alluded to in this column, came to the surface again this week, when the wholesale trade of this city with representatives of leading Toronto houses, met the refiners, and from all accounts the meeting was not of that harmonious disposition the Western trade expected. It looks indeed as if the Montreal wholesale grocery trade will not go so far as to oblige the Western men by consenting to a plan which would handicap their chances of securing business in Ontario worse than ever, and we hear positively whatever may be the outcome, two of the leading French firms here will not affix their signature to the agreement at any price.

Foreign granulated which earlier in the year was brought into this market in experimental quantities, has risen to higher ambition latterly, and since last writing several orders for round lots—in one case for 500 bags—have been given on the basis of \$3.00 per 100.

DRY GOODS NOTES.

It is well known that six-cord thread is mostly used for hand and machine sewing for domestic purposes, and that such thread is more costly to make than three-cord thread, which is used at present more especially for basting and manufacturing purposes. A Newark, N.Y., inventor has produced a three cord thread for hand and machine home sewing, which is not only less expensive of manufacture than six cord thread, but which is much superior having double the resisting power.

A large Continental thread-making firm which recently compelled Coats to reduce prices in Canada has now carried the war Into England, and is attacking the Coats-Clark Chadwick monopoly on its own ground.

At a meeting at Rouen of cotton spinners, representing 1,100,-000 spindles, it was resolved to suspend production for three months, and to induce other French spinners and weavers to do likewise.

Mohair has of late been selling for 60 cents a pound, a price unheard of since the early seventies, when it began to decline, reaching 18 cents in 1888. The breeding of Angora goats in South Africa, the importation of merino wool, and changes in fabric fashions brought about the decline, but mohair is now on the rise, and may hold its own again for a time.

American ribbon manufacturers have advanced prices on all plain fabrics one quarter of one cent per ligne. This marks a decided change in the condition of the ribbon business; for the past four years the manufacturers have been selling their goods in a buyers' market. Not since 1892 have conditions favoured or even permitted such an action.

Knit goods manufacturers in the United States contemplate advancing prices to conform with the increased cost of the raw

BUSINESS CHANGES.

QUIBLE - Joseph Bessette, mnfr. agricultural implements, Iberville, Mrs. J. Bessette trading in this name; A. S. Allan, grocer, Montreal, Mrs. A. H. Bradshaw trading under this name; A. Charpentier & Co. plumbers, Montreal, Mrs. A. Charpentier A. Charpentier & Co. plumbers, Montreal, Mrs. A. Charpentier ceased doing business under this style and new firm formed—style unchanged; P. Comte & Co., builders, Montreal, dissolved —Mrs. P. Comte continuing, style unchanged; Empire State Watch Co., Montreal, dissolved, Geo. Wesley & H. Neustat continuing, style unchanged; Forsyth & Thomas, brokers, Montreal, new co-partnership; L. Gravel & Co., jewelers, Montreal, commenced by siness; F. A. Langlois & Co., flour, Montreal, new co-partnership; Martel & McDougall, contractors, Montreal, new co-partnership; Metivier & Beaupre, builders, Montreal, dissolved; Queen's Hotel, Montreal, Wm. Hanson ceased ding business under this style; Boulard & Boucher, hardware, Montreal, commencing business; J. R. Clogg & Co., wholesale fruits, Montreal, Mrs. J. R. Clogg sole owner; Magnant & Frere, hardware, Montreal, commencing business; Hector Cardinal, grocer, Valleytield, commencing business; F. A. Cookson & Co., wholesale men's furnishings, Montreal, Fredk, A. Cookson sole owner; Perrin Frere & Co., gloves, Montreal, dissolved—business continued by the Country Montreal, diss Perrin Fiere & Co., gloves, Montreal, new co-partnership; Quintal & Fils, wholesale grocers, Montreal, dissolved—business continued by J. E. Quintal, Alfred Marion & C. J. M. C. Havard, style unchanged; G. Broese & Co., mfrs. shoes, Quebec, offering 30 cents in the dollar, cash; McCord & Neil, commission agents, Quebec, dissolved; W. C. Brochu, general store, Bulliad Commencing business; Eureka Sole Co., mnfrs', agents, Durham S., J. B. I. Prefontain sole owner; W. A. Reburn & Co., traders, Hatley, new co-partnership; J. S. Bourassa & Co., ventilators, Montreal, new co-partnership; Bruneau & Guenette, grocers, Montreal, commencing; Dugas & Co., contractors, Montreal, new co-partnership; Eagle Brand Maufg. Co., mfrs. suspenders, &c., Montreal, new co-partnership, Gravel & Boulard hardware, Montreal, dissolved; Gravel Frere, grocers, Montreal, disolved; Marrotte, Leblanc & Co., spice mills, Montreal, Samil, Marrotte admitted as partner—style un-Montreal, new co-partnership; Eagle Brand Manig. Co., mirst suspenders, &c., Montreal, new co-partnership, Gravel & Boulard hardware, Montreal, dissolved; Gravel Frere, grocers, Montreal, disolved; Marrotte, Leblanc & Co., spice mills, Montreal, Saml. Marrotte admitted as partner—style unchanged; Monette & Fils, builders, Montreal, new co-partnership; Pacific Packing Co. of Victoria & Vancouver, salmon packers, Montreal, Geo. Lightbound sole owner; Renshaw & Emerson, merchants, Montreal, new co-partnership; P. Routhier, grocer, Montreal, commencing business; Tremblay & Gingras, builders, Montreal, new co-partnership; I. Vineberg & Son, clothing, Montreal, Harry Vinoberg sole owner; Bernard Hubert & Co., grocers, Quebec, new co-partnership registered; Ulric Drouin, hardware, Quebec, commenced business; Lamothe & Co., curriers, Quebec, dissolution registered; B. Schwaftz & Co., general store, St. Cashnir, new co-partnership registered; St. Henri Provision Co., St. Henri, dissolved—J. B. Richer continuing; Alph. St. George, grocer, St. Jeanne de Matha, succeeded by L. P. Deslongchamps; L. E. Dionne & Co., dry goods, Montreal, commenced business; Dugas & Lafond, men's furnishings, Montreal, dissolved; Lajoie Freres, grocers, Montreal, commenced business; J. F. Trudeau & Co., grocers, St. Johns, Mrs. J. F. Trudeau sole owner. Mrs. J. F. Trudeau sole owner.

Ontario—E. & S. Currie, mnfr. neckwear, Toronto, G. F. Watson admitted a partner, style uuchanged; T. J. Elliott, bricks, Chesley, sold out to McLarty & Boyle; J. E. Hall & Bro., harness, Comber, dissolved and J. E. Hall continues; Thos. Hill & Co., general store, Flesherton, giving up business; J. M. Chisholm, general store, Lions Head, succeeded by R. Dealy; Miss E. Mundle, millinery, Merrickville, commenced business; W. H. Trott, shoes, Merlin, sold out to Frank Lambert; P. B. Tester, grocer, Ruscom, moved to South Woodslee; C. E. Nasmyth & Co., drugs, Sebringville, closed this branch; Mitchell & Hooker, implement agents, South Woodslee, dissolved and Mitchell continues; Geo. Scott & Son, grocers, Toronto, dissolved, Geo. Scott continues; E. H. Schlimin, tailor, Acton, succeeded by Cooper & Akins; Crawford & Deaves, grocers, &c., Brampton, Geo. Crawford retiring; A. O. Burnett, tins & stoves, Gananoque, commenced business; Fred. Hartley, general store, New Durham, sold out; Morgan & Son, grocers, Oshawa, sold out; W. M. Butler & Co., hardware, Arnprior, commencing business; E. H. Tallman, general store, Merrickville, commencing business.

Manytoba—W. Hafner, hardware, Boisevain, dead; J. H. ONTARIO-E. & S. Currie, mnfr. neckwear, Toronto, G.

Manifoba.—W. Hafner, hardware, Boisevain, dead; J. H. Walton, furniture, &c., Dauphin, starting; Miss H. M. Thomas, millinery, Deloraine, opening; Miss McLeay, fancy goods and millinery, Lethbridge succeeding Mrs. Campbell; John White, general store, Oak Lake, advertises business for sale; H. L. Chabot & Co., liquors, Winnipeg, succeeded by Paul Sala; D. W. Fleury, clothing, Winnipeg, commenced business; F. Clouthier, grocer, &c., Winnipeg, sold out grocery business.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Est. of R. M. Woodward, general store, Granite Creek, J. H. Brigham has taken over this business; Thos. Wi son & Co., general store, Rossland, dissolved, Thos. Wilson retiring; Kootenay Brewing, Multing & Distilling Co., Ltd., Trail, established wholesale liquor & beer depot at Sandon; S. Grossman, mon's furnishings, Silverton, started; E. L. Moraud, hotel, Lumby, added grocopies. Lumby, added groceries.

Nova Scotta-Feltus & Morton, stationery, &c., Digby, new co-partnership; Burbridge & Colwell, drugs, Halifax, new co-partnership; Mrs. George McKay, groceries, &c., Westville, opened out in business.

New Brunswick—W. A. Chapman, grocer, Moneton, succeeded by R. A. Chapman.

NEWFOUNDLAND -Fortune & Sharp, drygoods, St. Johns, new co-partnership.

LEGAL RECORD, &c.

Week ended Sept. 15th, 1897.

The following is a record of transactions and cases in our Canadian courts of law, comprising Writs Issued and Judgments Rendered for sums of \$300 and upwards, (Montreal, from \$175, and upwards), and Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale for sumof \$550 and upwards, as taken from the public records It will be understood that the actions or items do not necessarily affect the credit and soundness of the persons or concerns named, as they may have been paid or otherwise settled, and that good defences may exist in cases of writs, &c:

WRITS ISSUED PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Montreal—E. W. Gilman vs M. Gregory, \$250; Greene & Sons Co. vs J. A. Higginson, \$213; T. F. Trihey vs J. A. Metayer, \$829; J. A. Drouin et al vs J. C. Perrault, \$200; S. P. O'Donnell vs J. B. Sparrow, \$841; H. F. Jackson vs H. Sumners, \$395.

\$518.

St. Valler—L. Blais vs Louis Parent.......—Fonderie de Plessisville vs C. Benoit et al.....—G. Caron vs De M. Lafriniere et vir...... 399

Montreal – L. A. Wilson vs ti. W. Bode et al, \$315; H. M. Price vs Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., \$16,000; A. De Lorimier vs A. Renaud, \$500; L. Groulx vs A. Robert, \$1,010; C. C. Kiffen

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& F. M. Scarff	Fys. E. J. Walsh et al, \$580; R. H. Brand vs	Osnabruck Tp-A. Empey et al vs Gordon Baker, jr., Geo. Ker	= rr
J. R. Willard, Quebec—Peoples Ba	nk of Halifax vs O. Bresse jr., et al. 487	James Martin, I. Shaver & Alex. Eamer, \$4,000. Toronto—J. Virtue vs A. W. Burk, \$714; Comet Cycle Co. vs	
	Ducastel vs J. A. Deschamps 500 tvs Edouard Labelle 530	J. Cosgrave, \$813; American National Bank vs H. E. He	n.
	tvs Edouard Labelle	wood, \$7,882; T. Tibey vs A. P. Jamieson, \$1,025. Marie Cote vs Catholic Order of Foresters 2,00	
New York-J. S. Pa	aquet vs J. R. Willard & Co 1,649	WRITS ISSUED, MANITOBA & N. W. T.	50
Lachine-L. Grouly	Sept. 14. vs Alex. Robert	Sept. 9.	
Montreal—C. B. Sha	w vs P. A. Asheline, \$200; R. S. Clift vs H.	Dauphin—G. Barker vs Sylvester Bros. Mfg. Co 8	00
	48; L. B. Houle vs T. Cere, \$193; P. Vallerie che & de Chasse de St. Jerome, \$943; C. L.	Winnipeg-London & Can. L. & A. Co. vs J. A. & J. F. Grund \$6,421.	у,
Letang et al va	s J. E. Desjardins, \$382; Hon. A. A. Thibau-	Sept. 15.	
deau vs A. Ga	uthier, \$2,500; J. F. Lovett et al vs Dme. R., et vir, \$577; M. Rutherford vs R. J. Kell,		84
\$293; J. Cochr	ane vs J. H. Leroux, \$257; Dme. H. McVey,	JUDGMENTS RENDERED, PROVINCE OF QUEBRO.	. 4
et vir vs R. N Electric Co., \$	adon, \$485; Helios Electric Co. vs Royal	Montreal—C. X. Tranchemontagne agt W. Beaudry, \$386; He	on
	u vs P. B. Dumoulin (Dmgs), \$400; A.	L. F. R. Masson et al. esql. agt Patk. Matthews, \$18	39;
Charlebois vs	Jean Tache, \$3,000.	Traders Bank of Canada agt A. T. State, \$301.	
	Sept. 15.	Sept. 18. Montreal—H. G. Burleigh et al agt F. A. Langlois et al. 3	106
	ne du Peuple vs Louis Boutet 868 eur General vs Majorie Montminy 1,000	Sept. 14.	
Granby—A. Garceau	vs Bercins Monty (dmgs) 2,000		.00
	Thibaudean et al vs G. Constant, \$2,500;	Montreal—C. Letang et al agt Theo. Giroux, \$227; O. Leger a Arthur Lemieux, \$202; C. Meunier agt C. W. Mayat	
	vs Z. Corbeille e al. \$300; J. Harper vs man et vir, \$275; J. E. Homier et al vs J. C.	\$401; Montrea' St. Ry. Co. agt Montreal Park & Isla	nd
Lesperance, \$2	≥,500.	Ry. Co., \$2,708; J. Compte agt Dame Catherine Mulleave	э у ,
Waterloo-W. P. Ne	du Peuple vs J. O. Martel 939 blson vs A. F. Savaria (dmgs) 5,000	\$264; Dame L. Lalamand agt Horm. Viau. \$205. St. Rose—J. O. Godin et al agt M. Desjardins Fils 3	371
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London Tp—L, ▲, Co	opeland vs W. H. & P. Abray 300	JUDGMENTS RENDERED, ONTARIO. 2,4	:#0
Metcalf Tp-M. Gou	gh vs Jno. McCaw (dmgs.) 1,000	Sept. 9.	
Peterboro—J. Murdo	artin vs Clothilde Dube et al	Essex-American Rattan Co. Ltd. agt J. B. Gourlay et	al,
Sarnia—J. L. Stepler	vs W. E. Sitlington & Co 481 t Supreme Court vs Rev. Wm. Muir et al,	\$320. Hamilton—W. C. G. Smart agt Jemima & Saml. McCreac	lv.
\$7,698; Toront	o General Trusts vs F. S. Wilkins et al.	\$641.	
exrs., \$8,512; (Ry. Co., \$723	Corpn. of Hintonburgh vs Ottawa Electric		760 398
1ες. σσ., φελο	Sept. 10,	Toronto-I. H. Cameron et al agt A. L. Jarvis 1,1	136
Berlin-Levy Bros. C	Co. Ltd. vs Hy. Knell 407		569 365
Cumberland—P. N. \$913.	Thompson et al vs W. J. Stewart et al,	Sept. 10.	
Golden Lake-A. R.	Hughes vs L. E. Parsons 300		780 240
London—Gowans, K	ent & Co. vs C. R. Somerville (Disputed),		340 8 74
Rainham-Barbara I	Huffman vs Geo. & Maude F. Nie 400	Kansas City, Mo., U.S-Dora Moran agt Richd. Henry et	al,
	et al vs Wm. & M. Graydon, \$5,273; C. M. s Wm. & M. Graydon, \$4,253; E. Blong vs	\$548. Sept. 15.	
Jas. Duffy et	al, \$895; Bank of Montreal vs J. R. Mac-	Anderdon-Clara Martin agt Chas. Lafferty, \$500; J. Martin a	ıgt
	Wallace, \$5,136. au vs Aurele Pacaud et al	Chas. Lafferty, \$2,500. Halliwell Tp—R. B. Morden agt G. C. Barker	393
	ward vs Michigan Central Ry. Co 2,000	New Hamburg—Bank of Montreal agt Hy. Brodrecht 4,0	017
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	rk vs Jas. Clark		396 35 9
London-W. Chapm	an vs Ed. McGarvey	York Tp—S. M. Lea et al, exrs. agt Jas. White	
	an vs J. M. Campbell et ux	\$2,895.	
Raleigh Tp-J. L. I	Day vs Richard Jenkins 423	Sept. 13. Gorrie-W. McKenzie agt W. H. McBride	314
\$9,820.	Bros. & Co. vs W. E. Sitlington & Co.		502
	et al vs Alf. & A. Essex, \$2,826; Canada L.	Toronto—Montreal Watch Case Co. agt E. & A. Gunther. Ypsilanti, Mich—Landed Banking & Ln. Co. agt A. L. Now	431 rlin
Lemon, \$485.	vs Geo. Scott, \$4,117; J. Enright vs Hy.	et al, \$16,412.	
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	tual L. & I. Co. vs J. G. & A. Watson 1,280 ichardson, exrs. vs Jas. Lancaster et al		700 498
(Dmgs), \$5,000) .	Napanee—The Queen agt G M. Elliott	535
	hermehorn vs Jno. Hudgins 350 Ionsinger vs W. McPherson (Dmgs) 1,000		805 865
Grimsby N. Tp-H.	Sinclair vs R. H. Crow	JUDGMENTS RENDERED, B. C.	
	Bloomer et al vs Geo. Cann		
Hungerford—T. Joh	inston vs Saml. & Mat. J. Powers 800		408
	ot vs Peter Guinter	JUDGMENTS RENDERED, MANITOBA & N.W.T.	
St. Catharines—R.	M. Rice vs T. G. Rice, \$5,150; Emma & D.	Arden—Northwest B. & S. Co. agt Jno. McClung	304
Toronto—Ellis B. B	vs J. C. Rykert, \$400. urrell et al vs W. E. Dunn et al, \$789; Bell	Manitou—Manitoba Mortgage & I. Co. agt T. & E. Cas	
Organ & Piar	no Co. vs C. E. Hawkins, \$2,000; E. Biong O'Donnell, \$389; T. B. Brown vs Toronto	\$1,119. Sept. 15.	
Mineral Wool	Co., Ltd., \$450.	·	403
Westmeath Tp—Fra	aser & Co. vs Emily J. Lawless 548 vs Wm. Bailey & wife 3,562	Prince Albert-T. H. Brooks agt Killarney Fish Co 1,	
Wolfe Island Tp-J	Coyle vs Rod. McGregor	JUDGMENTS RENDERED, N.S.	
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weiler, \$2,870	er & Lillooet Gold Mining Co. vs D. B. Det- ; Bridge River & Lillooet Gold Mining Co. vs	Sept. 10.	
C. K. Hagedo	rn, \$1.425.		711
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Sept. 15.	CHATTEL MORTGAGES, B.C.
Kingston Station—G. G. Power, general store, for	Grand Forks—E. E. Inbody, hotel, for
Sept. 15.	Cumberland-Cumberland & Union Water Works Co., for
Charlottetown—Walter Lowe, contractor, for	\$10,000. Chattel Mortgges, N. S.
CHATTEL MORTGAGES, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. Sept. 9.	Halifax—F. G. Morris, grocer & baker, for
Dutton—Hy. Hollinshead to E. G. O'Donnell 640	CHATTEL MORTGAGES, MAN. & N. WT.
Galt—A. W. Thomson to P. Bernhardt	Sept. 10. Arden—Jno. & M. McClung to G. Rodgers & Co \$1,054 Portage La Prairie—H. S. Patterson to J. Cowan 4,000 BILLS OF SALE, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Southampton—Malcolm Murray to D. McLeod 881	Sept. 9.
Toronto—W. K. Murphy to W. T. Kiely, \$1,300; H. J. Cox, jr. to W. Garside, \$1,933. Watford—J. A. McLeay to Vantuyl & Fairbank 1,010	Toronto—W. Garside, as assignee to H. J. Cox
Sept. 10.	Toronto-Ballard Electric Works to Ballard Elec. & Machine Co. Ltd., \$4,600.
Aylmer—R. H. Hemstreet to W. Warnock	Sept. 13.
Clifford—Mrs. Lavina C. Eckenswiller to A. Weir Guelph—James Hough to J. Hayden	Hamilton-E. G. Payne to Brown, Boggs & Co
Ingersoll—Thos. Bellamy & wife to Emma Saunders	Carleton Place—Ann R. Merick to C. F. Burgess 1,600 Toronto—A. T. Johnston to J. W. Benning 1,200
Tilbury—W. P. Walsh to C. C. Kij pen et al	Sept. 15. Rat Portage—A. Gibson to Gibson & Hook
Toronto Junetn—Alex Hain to Mary Hain	Trenton—Gilmour & Co. to McArthur Bros. Co 114,070 Bills of Sale, B.C.
Socy., \$6,909. Windsor—W. G. Deary to J. Garney 1,050	Sept. 10.
Sept. 13. Peterboro—Mathew Dean to II. LeBrun et al, \$620; Stephen	New Westminster-Chong, Soong & Co., conditional sale for, \$1,123.
Holland to J. Callenane, \$1,123; Martin McFadden to Margt. McFadden, \$2,001.	BILLS OF SALE, MAN. & N.W.T Sept. 9.
Toronto—Mrs. Aggie Farquhar to W. F. Donaldson, \$650. Sept 14.	Selkirk—Geo. Stovel & Co. to Moody & Sutherland 1,125 Sept. 15.
Carleton Place—C. F. Burgess to Ann R. Merick	Baldur—Baldur Farmers Elevator Co. to Manitoba Grain Co., \$3,800.
Mersea-Martin Terryberry to C. E. Naylor	BILLS OF SALE, N.S.
Paris—Jno. Ealand to G. Bernhardt, \$2,140; Mackie & Marshall to A. Bauer, \$700.	Dartmouth—H. S. Congdon, publisher, for
Toronto—Elizabeth IIIII to A. H. Smlth	TINITATION TO TATALO
Sept. 15.	EDMUND EAVES
Aurora—T. T. Caster to F. T. Andrews	Importer and Wholesale Dealer in
L. Hicks to Pinkerton & Cooke, \$608. Rat Portage—J. P. Earngey to Toronto Type Foundry Co., \$1,181; J. P. Earngey to C. W. Chadwick, \$1.518.	Watches, Clocks and Jewelry
Toronto—F. W. McLean to W. J. Mitchell, \$900; J. E. Chester & wife to J. A. Carlow, \$3,433.	Temple Building, 185 ST. JAMES STREET,
Walkerton_W R Telford to H Carall 1554	· ·

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Financial.

Thursday Ev'g, Sept. 16th, 1897. The week under review retains a continuation of the same strength as before reported, and in the majority of securities a distinct improvement, although efforts to bear down particular stocks has been a feature at nearly every session of the Board since last writing, but these tactics

did not succeed, the inclination of the "street" being to hold on in the certain belief that the moment is not auspicious to let go. This strong sentiment can be perhaps gauged by reference to Richelieu and Ontario, which last week went above par, a thing hitherto, and for a long time considered a dream. On pressure of the bears three blocks of less than a hundred shares in all sold on Wednesday afternoon at 95 to 98, whilst this morning's price went up to 991/2. It would be imagined that the general public, from past indifference, had none too much liking for this stock, but its strength today expresses the general feeling that any stocks are better than none. Canadian Pacific sold during the week to 2,709 shares, and is 3 points higher. There is an active demand for this stock in London, where the expectation is confident in view of the large West-

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ern traffic this season, coupled with the very favorable earnings the road has made of late. Toronto Railway, Montreal Street, Gas and Cable are firm. A feature of the exchange turns up this week with large sales of Dominion Cotton, which, it is said, is actuated by the contemplated change in the business methods of the mill, reference to which is made elsewhere. The local money market is unchanged at 3½ for call loans and 6 to 7 per cent. discount. Brazilian Exchange for week ending September 15th is as follows—

Sept.	9	8d.
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Below is the usual comparative record of sales for the week supplied by Messrs. Chas. Meredith & Co.

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Montreal	78	240	236	223
Commerce	120	139 1/4	1371/2	125
Hochelaga	25	145	145	124
Merchants	1	183 1/2	183 1/2	168
Ontario2	06	101	100	55

MISCELLANEOUS,

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Comm Cable 1195	1941/	1091/	1.4.4
Comm. Cable1125	104/2	1831/	144
Can. Pacific2709		72	
Gas	19514		185
Mon. St. Ry 1549	225	224	216
" New stock. 1600	2181/6	217%	
Toronto Ry4165	85	8334	. 72
Bell Tel 10	1691/2	1691/2	154
Rich. & Ontario 450		95 ~	86
Telegraph 150	180	1761/2	160
Duluth Pref 50	81/2	81/2	7
Duluth Com 375	$4\frac{5}{8}$	414	4
Royal Electric 215	133	131 1/2	110
Mont. Cot. Co 116	135		125
Cornwall Ry 25		521/2	
Dom. Cotton Co1191	911/2	7812	95
West L. & Tr. Co. 10	97	781 <u>7</u> 97	,
N. W. Land 25	56	56	
St. John Ry 25	130	130	
Peoples H.&L.Co. 15	42	42	
" Bonds \$2000	90		
Halifax Tm. Co., 921	120		
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MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS. Thursday Ev'g., Sept. 16, 1897.

In wholesale circles this week there has been a satisfactory turnover all round, Grain is somewhat slow at the close owing to the uncertain trend of Chicago, due to weaker cables, but prices affoat Fort William are firmly held. For flour there has been a large foreign movement and considerable doing in maritime trade of which Ontario sorts have filled so far the bulk of the demand. Feed is firmer large orders of Ontario bran being bought on Boston account, and an advance is spoken of. Cheese and butter hold practically the same position as last week, with perhaps an easier undertone. Exporters state that they cannot get an order over cable. In groceries, sugars remain as last week, with, however, prospect of a rise, in the near future, following the upward trend of refined in New York which has continued unchecked for a fortnight past. The tea market is characterised in a jobbing way by more receipts and fewer sales, but wholesalers report that the retail demand is picking up. The position of dried fruits in primary markets shows currants down 6d and Valencias up that much, whilst California varieties are generally very firm. The paint and oil market is more active, with leads advanced another 25c per 100 and turpentine 1c. Linseed oil is a trifle unsettled, the market on spot not being disposed to follow altogether the strength across the line, and quotations vary from 42 to 48 for raw. Leathers and hides remain unchanged. The heavy contracts of last week, having given place to delivery of contracts rather than making new ones. Hardware lines show a reduction of the discount on shot from 17½ to 12½ per cent, and an increase in sisal rope of ½c on the several sizes. Metals continue to be firmly held, and the tendency seems to be toward higher values, noticeably pig lead, which has already advanced 70c since the middle of last month. A feature of the present week is the unusually heavy failure list, which would seem to indicate that quite a few firms are desirous of liquidating their responsibilities to date on the basis of a favorable composition, and thus be enabled to reap the most benefit from the good times coming.

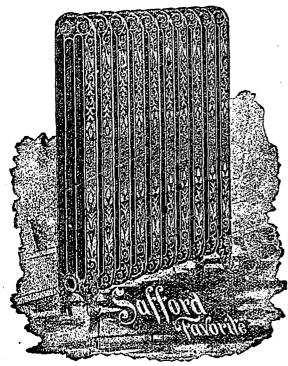
BUTTER AND CHEESE—The export demand for the former is slow and buyers this week are not plentiful at 19½c, although holders quote finest creamery at 20c. The bulk of the business doing is hence more confined to local wants. New York reports strictly extra fresh creamery

firm at 18c, and supplies in handy compass of really first-class stock, whilst the general character of the remainder shows faulty quality owing to the recent hot weather in the West. The experimental shipments of Minnesota and New England butter to London made last June turned out according to a Washington despatch, unprofitable on the whole, and there will be a cessation of eagerness to capture the English market under present conditions. This should be encouraging to our own producers, who are desirous of establishing a firmer hold in the United Kingdom against Danish butter, unprejudiced by any competition from America. The cheese market is at sea as to values, and until English cables come up with something definite, there will be more or less conjecture. The feeling, however, is steady to firm at nominally 9½ to 9%c for best Brockville. In New York, the largest export buyers are reported to be out of the market, and this has given to things a weak and shifty tone, with 9½c certainly the extreme price paid for exceptional fancy quality.

CEMENT—An advance of 2d is cabled on English cement, which may likely have its influence upon spot values before next writing. In the meantime values remain unaltered. This week there are no large sales to report, but several small lots of Belgian of the highest grades have gone into consumption. The arrivals, week ending Wednesday last, were 2,100 brls. English, 2,300 Belgian and 38,500 fire bricks.

DRY GOODS—During the week there has been an active request for men's underwear in fall and winter weights. Medium and low-priced lines are shown in greater variety and more attractive patterns than in former seasons, and have met with such ready sales that the manufacturers find their mills taxed to their utmost capacity. This applies especially to staple and plain knit lines, with ribboned cuffs and skirts. Arctic underwear is shown in various qualities, in natural and fancy clouded patterns. In the finer qualities of wool goods plain Shetland and natural are the favorite colors. Knitted top shirts are also active, neat fancy patterns and self navy, gray, and brown being most in demand. A representative of a large cotton manufacturing concern interviewed this week stated that the bulk of trade this year eclipsed the results of the last five. At present the mills are unable to keep up with the current demand, and have little time to follow their usual custom of piling up goods in anticipation of later trade. Prices on cottons still remain on the low basis which has now existed for some months, but it is expected that a material advance will transpire before the year is out.

FEED.—The demand for bran is active at \$11.00 to \$11.50 for Manitoba, and \$10.00



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for Ontario in bulk. Winnipeg quotes bran \$8, and for small lots about a dollar more. Supplies of old crop hay are not heavy and the market is hence firm under a fairly good demand at \$11.50 to \$12.50 No. 1, and 9.50 to \$10.50 per ton for No. 2, in car lots on track.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The demand for export is of greater volume than last week, and this covers Ontario wheat to a larger extent than has occurred so far. There is also a growing request from the Lower provinces, whilst-locally, dealers are evincing renewed interest to pile up lasting stocks. Foreign buying of hard Manitoba is at present based at 34s 6d, which, compared with last year at same date is an advance of 14s 6d. Ontario millers are getting equal to \$4.80 on track. The demand for Oatmeal is still quiet and chiefly of a jobbing character at unchanged milest.

Fight—With three fast days occurring this week, the demand has been brisker and appearances denote that before long this will become a regular feature. The near approach of cooler weather is hastening receipts from the seaboard, and enquiries are commencing from handlers whose facilities deny their appearance on the market at other seasons. With the failure of the Labrador cod catch, it is likely better prices will be obtained later for large dried, which at the moment are slow at \$8.50 to \$4.00. There are no Cape Breton herring on the market, and only small supplies of other kinds, viz: Labrador at \$4.50, No. 1 Shore herring at \$8.50, and Nova Scotia at \$4.00.

Guogenies—The demand for sugars is fairly active, with considerably more business promising from the West as we go to press. There is no change in quotations from a week ago, and 4c would still be acceptable for round lots of standard granulated. There has been several sales of foreign granulated at \$8.60 this week. Yellows are still quoted at 3 5 16 to 34c as to grade. In New York there is indication, according to brokers, of further advances in prices as soon as refiners pay 4c for raw, and this looks imminent in the confidence importers display as to holdings in store. The rise is looked upon as a certainty before many days, and as values

went up 1/3c on most grades in that market last week, it would appear that a rise would not come unexpected here. In the ten market the demand appears to be ex-landing somewhat. Dealers seem to have made up their minds that values are not likely to go lower, and even so, whatever trifling decline comes about be ween now and the introduction of winter rates of freight, would only be equivalent to the extra cost of transit, and in this frame of mind there is not only brisker movement to be said of teas, but of all other staples. A Yokohama advice states that teas suitable for the Canadian market are in good request. These consist of third crop leaf grading above fine, and whilst fairly attractive in leaf, has very poor cup quality. The coffee and spice market shows no important transaction. The former continues easy at primary sources, and it is possible to lay down Rios and Santos in Montreal at very low prices at the moment. Spices are firm for all kinds, and a seasonable demand is passing for jobbing quantities at full figures. The tendency in dried fruits full figures. The tendency in dried fruits shows alightly lower quotations for currants in Patras. De la advices, on the other hand, are higher for Valencias to go by second direct steamer to this port. French prunes have advanced 3d at Bordenux Culifornia prunes are sure fruits. deaux. California prunes are very firm, and for some sizes these are practically out of the market already by their almost pro-hibitive price. A few bags of the first of the new crop layer figs are expected to arrive in New York tomorrow via Liver-pool, but it cannot be gathered that any are for Montreal. Sultanas and Malaga raising are scarce and firm. It is regarded probable that opening prices for dried and evaporated apples this season will be anywhere from ½ to ½c per lb. higher than last year. Both syrups and molasses are firm at the advance redesting and last year. Both syrups and molasses are firm at the advance made recently, and as stocks of the latter are believed to be in good shape, further improvement in values is anticipated. Owing to the character of the advices from New Orleans anent yellow fever, the market there is unsettled. advices have been received from Japan reporting damage to the rice crops by the typhoon, the market is firmer in consequence for Japan sorts. Limited receipts of new crop Carolinas are arriving in New York, but the full movement will not set in porth for couple of process and White in the couple of process are also as a superior of the couple of th north for a couple of weeks or so. Values, which originally promised to be low on account of the large crop, are, in the face of numerous southern mills shutting down because of the plague scare, tending higher.

Grain—The foreign demand for wheat on the local market owing to the uncertainty at Chicago is less active, but the position is none the less firm and bids of 95c for No. 1 hard Manltoba afloat Fort William are refused. Ontario millers report an active foreign demand for No. 2 at 91c. Winnipeg advices state that the favorable threshing weather led to early and large deliveries, and quite a liberal quantity of new wheat is moving. The alleged combine reported to be on the tapis in Manitoba and which was denied by one of the largest elevator concerns doing business in the North—west, is galvanized into renewed interest, by the news that farmers in Manitoba are being paid 6c per bushel less than the price prevailing immediately south of the line.

GREEN FRUITS—Receipts of small fruits growing less, the market is firmer and better prices realizable. We quote Canadian pears \$1.45 per keg, and 55 to 95c per box, and for overripe goods 85 to \$1.40 per barrel. Apples, which are fairly plentiful, sell at \$1.40 to \$2.30 per barrel for Alexandria, and \$1.90 to \$2.60 for St. Lawrence. Grapes are worth 11 to 16c per basket (10 lbs.), peaches 17½ to \$5c.

LIVE STOCK. The offerings of live stock were fairly large this week, but quality was poor and business on the slow side, and shippers found difficulty in purchasing suitable cattle for export, but this was balanced by the continued demand for stockers for the U.S. Locally good cattle sold at 3½ to 4c; fair at 2½ to 3½c; common at 2 to 2½c and inferior at 1½ to 1¾c per 1b, live weight; sheep at 3 to 3½ per 1b, live weight; lambs in good demand and prices fairly well maintained at \$2.75 to \$3.50 each as to size and condition. The supply of calves was small, for which the demand was good at prices ranging from \$3 to \$10 each. Light weight hogs sold at 5¾c and heavy at 5c per 1b, live weight,

LEATHER AND HIDEs—There is no further change to note this week, prices are firm at the advance on leather, and now that local manufacturers have placed some heavy contracts, buying is not so free; but there is considerable export trade doing, and this, with active deliveries going on, furnishes a healthy stir in Lemoine street. For common dry hides the market continues to show a firm tone, and the mod-

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erate offerings find ready purchasers at full values. Advices from the U.S. show the disposition of tanners to be a waiting one, owing to the high price for hides, compared with the leather, and they are reluctant to pay more than 11c for native steers. In the North-west the hide market is irregular, green hides being quoted in Winnipeg at 6½ to 7c, and sheepskins, fresh, take off 20 to 30c. From Chicago the report comes that nothing but a total cessation of the demand for native steers or a sudden influx of native cattle will engender any hope of lower prices. The situation is unusually strong, and all kinds of leather made of native steer hides, such

as harness and belting leather, are being severely affected in price. The harness tanners have been compelled to change their quotations so frequently of late that before their new rate cards were distributed the tanners were compelled to announce further advances. Hides of all kinds have maintained a high average level of prices all the year. The extreme prices of 1895 are often quoted, but this year, while the highest point of 195 has not been touched, the average has been fully as high, if not higher.

METALS AND HARDWARE—The market shows continued firmness. During the week a change has been made in the discount on shot, which originally stood at at 17½ p.c. This has now been reduced to 12½ per cent, and we quote ordinary 6c, chilled 6½c. Tin and terne plates are arriving in free enough quantities, and whilst prices remain unchanged, quotations are easier for round quantities. There has been an advance in sisal rope of ½c on all sizes, and at the moment a fairiy good demand exists. London cables pig tin a shade lower, and for copper reports a good deal of speculation on that market. Pig lead slightly easier under more extensive offering in primary markets.

Paints and Oils—Since last writing leads have advanced again, and are now quoted 25c higher at \$5.50 for pure. In white and red lead there is no change, but these are very firm, owing to the enlianced value of base material. Turpentine has advanced 1c to 45c, advices from the South indicating still further improvement in first cost. For linseed oil the situation on spot shows that whilst some holders ask 42c for raw, there are more who want 43c, and it would appear, by the values ruling in N. w York at the moment for Calcutta seed oil, that the higher price is more consistent. Gaspe cod oil is weaker owing to increased offerings. Norwegian cod liver oil has advanced 5c to 10c per gallon with sales at 60 to 65c. There is said to be no more-steam refined seal oil offering in Nild, and prices on spot are firmly held. Castor oil continues scarce at 10 to 10½c.

Produce—The egg market has taken a winter phase since last writing, and 17c is asked for single cases of fresh, whilst for round lots choice candled 13 to 16c is about the idea. There is also a big improvement in heans, and for car lots holders quote 80c for picked, smaller quantities sell at 90c to \$1.00. Hops are worth 15c for new crop, and 6 to 8c for yearlings. Maple products are neglected and values are pretty much what buyers want to pay. Sugar is offered at 6 to 6c, and syrup in wood 4 to be per 1b.

Provisions—A fair jobbing trade is doing locally at unchanged prices. The Chicago provision market reflects the hesitating tone of wheat, but is stronger than a week ago. Liverpool cables lard weaker and declined 3d.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

(Revised by Telegraph),

TORONTO, Sept. 16, 1897.

Wholesale trad: continues fairly active travellers are sending in good orders, and the tone of the markets is firm. The outlook is encouraging, with payments generally good. Prices of leading staples continue to rule firm. The receipts of oats and peas are limited, while wheat is in fair offer. The money market is easy, with call loans ruling at 3½ to 4 per cent. I'rime commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent. Sterling exchange weaker. Speculation has been very active during the week with the tone of the markets strong. Dominion Bank higher, with latest sale at 254½. Imperial 194, Ontario 100½, Commerce 139, Montreal 240, C.P.R. 76½ xd, Toronto Electric 146½. Cable 184½, Western Assurance 170½, British America Assurance 120½, Northwest Land pr. 54¾, Gas 210, Ontario and Qu'Appelle 50, Toronto Railway 84¼, Freehold Loan 115, L. & C. 98, Imperial Loan 110.

BUTTER, &c. — Trade is fair and prices continue to rule steady. Best dairy tub is selling at 12½ to 14c, and pound rolls at 14 to 16c. Large choice rolls 15c, and inferior lots 8 to 10c. Creamery is firm with tub quoted at 17 to 17½c and rolls at 18 to 19c. Eggs firm, with fresh lots 12½ to 18c per doz. in case lots. Cheese firmer at 10c in a jobbing way.

DRESSED HOGS-Receipts are very small and prices nominally unchanged at \$7 to \$7.50.

FLOUR AND GRAIN — The flour trade is quiet, with demand limited. Straight rollers are quoted at \$4.35 to \$4.40 west. Ontario patents \$4.60 to \$4.65. Manitoba patents \$5.75 to \$5.85, and strong bakers \$5.40 to \$5.50. Bran \$7.00 to \$7.50 west. Wheat is firm; new red winter quoted at \$6 to \$7c west, and new white at \$8c. No. 1 Manitoba new hard sold at \$6c Fort William and old at \$1.05 Goderich. No. 2 hard \$1.05 to \$1.08 Goderich or Owen Sound. Oats firm at 24c west for new white and at 23c for new mixed. Peas sold to 48c north and west. Corn 30c west and rye 45c east. Barley sold at 25c for feed.

GROCERIES — Trade is fair, with prices as a rule unchanged. Sugars firm at 4½ to 49-16 for granulated and at 3¾ to 4½ for yellows according to quality. Rio coffee 10 to 13c. Teas in fair demand with prices firm. Black peppers are higher. Canned goods unchanged; tomatoes are quoted at 80 to 85c; peas at 70 to 75c; corn 60 to 75c; salmon, (Cohoes) 95c to \$1.10. Valencia raisins, off stalk 5 to 6c, and selections 6½ to 7c; Currants, 5¾ to 6¼c. Bosnia Frunes 6 to 6½c.

LEATHER—There is a good trade reported, and prices are firm all round.

HIDES AND SKINS—Hides are firm, with fair demand. Cured rule at 8% to 9c. Green are unchanged, with dealers paying 8% c for No. 1, 7% c for No. 2, and 6% for No. 3 Calfskins firm at 9 to 11c the latter for No. 1. Sheepskins \$1 to \$1.25 and lambskins 70c. Tallow is unchanged at 2% to 8%c, the latter for small lots.

LIVE STOCK — The offerings of cattle are fair, and prices firm. Sales for export at 4½ to 4½ c per 1b, the latter for choice beasts. The best bulls bring 8½ to 3½ c per 1b. Stockers 2¾ to 3½ c per 4b. Butchers cattle in fair demand and firm. The best bring 3¾ to 4c, medium 8½ to 8½ c and common 2¾ c to 8c.

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PROVISIONS-The market is quiet, with cured meats unchanged. Mess pork \$14.50 short cut \$16 to \$16.50 and shoulder mess \$13.50. Bacon steady at 834 to 91/2c for long clear. Roll 101/2 to 11c and backs 111/2 to 12c. Smoked hams 12 to 13c. Lard steady at 6½ to 7c according to package. Dried apples 4 to 4½c. per lb, and evaporated 5 to 5½c. Beans 65 to 75c per bushel. Potatoes higher at 80 to 90c per bag.

Woon-Business. quiet, with stocks light. Fleece quoted at 19 to 20c and unwashed 12 to 12 1/2c. Pulled wools 21 to 22e for supers and 23 to 24e for extras.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

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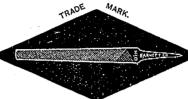
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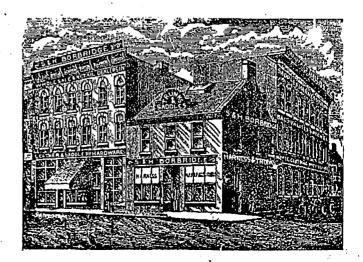
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