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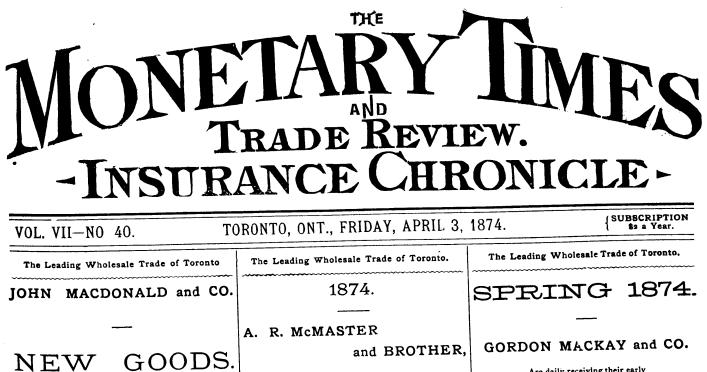
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BARLEY, strange to say, is coming from Europe to America this season. In the month ending March 14th, 465,203 bushels were brought into the United States, British and Continental ports.

THE rather numerous guild of storekeepers in Levis, opposite Quebec, has been lessened, we see, by three; Messrs. Blonin & Carrier having assigned; Maguire & Ferland, grocers, given up business; and Mr. F. X. Gameau, dry goods, left, and his stock sold out by auction.

THE DEATH OF Mr. Hugh McInnes, of the firm of McInnes Bros. & Co., of Hamilton, is announced. For twenty years he had been a prominent member of the firm, and became known to a large circle of friends with whom he was held in high esteem.

OCCASIONAL instances are given where great hardship to creditors is inflicted by the working of the Ontario law respecting chattel mortgages. We hear of one in which a certain creditor of C. U. Lindsay, merchant, Ottawa, held one of these documents. It appeared, when affairs came to a crisis, that all he possessed was covered by this mortgage. Other creditors, some of them quite recent, could not get a cent upon their claims; there was simply nothing left for them, the assets, insufficient as they were to pay all in full, having been swallowed up by the claimant under chattel mortgage, and sold for his benefit. This claimant had taken the mortgage as security for endorsements. The question presents itself-Is not the insolvent punishable for having bought goods and incurred obligations knowing that all he had was in the power of the endorser?

CERTAIN wares, gorgeous with tinsel and decoration, and entitled "articles of religion," were the occasion of a novel law suit in Montreal lately. One Morris who retailed was

religious objects. The former avowed that the importer charged him 250 per cent profit and proved this by customs invoice. To save his case the plaintiff confessed to a fraud upon the revenue, and fyled two other invoices in Court which differed 70 per cent from each other. The letter which accompanied the two invoices. says : "Herewith is the real invoice ; one with " 20 per cent added ;" (to deceive customers) " and another with 50 per cent under cost to " base a declaration on at the Custom House. " It passes very well that way." The religious objects did not pass very well this time however, for the judge, after dismissing the suit of Delva as founded on a fraudulent contract, ordered the papers to be impounded, so that Government may proceed against the parties for fraud upon the revenue.

An English journal mentions as a rare act of integrity---which we would be glad to see imitated in Canada-the case of a suspended firm as follows :-- Among those who succumbed to the monetary panic of 1857 and 1858 were Messrs. Kendrick and Pearson, iron merchants, of the Bilston Road. Their liabilities amounted to over 30,000l., while their assets were but 14,2001. They paid 8s. in the pound, under circumstances which secured them the sympathy and respect of the commercial world. The partnership was dissolved, and while Mr. Kendrick continued the business in Wolverhampton, Mr. Pearson started again in West Bromwich. Both met with great success, and out of it they have jointly paid the 12s. in the pound left unpaid to their joint creditors of 1857. The astonishment of some of the creditors on receiving a cheque, with, in many instances, a necessary reminder, for the circumstance had been forgotten, may be

Strachan, grocer, of Toronto, held on Saturday last, it was determined to wind up the estate. The liabilities were shown to be \$53,000 in all, consisting of direct liablities \$30,000, and indirect \$23,000, with assets nominally about \$34,-000. Mr. Strachan was unfortunately involved with the Messrs. Cox & Co., having given them accommodation paper to the extent of \$4,000; and their failure was the immediate cause of his suspension. It transpired at the meeting that Mr. Strachan had two bank, accounts, in which he was accommodated to the extent of \$20,000 and over. The fact was also elicited that of the paper discounted for him, only \$9,-200 was legitimate, the balance being accommodation obtained from various parties. After the statement had been carefully examined, the chairman of the meeting concluded that the probable liabilities could be reduced to \$50,000, and the assets to about \$30,000. An offer was made by the insolvent of 45c. in the dollar, which was at once refused; and the assignee instructed by resolution to close up the estate as speedily as possible, under the supervision of three inspectors, which were appointed. There seemed to be no impression that Mr. Strachan had acted dishonestly; but there was a feeling that he was incompetent for the business he had undertaker, and therefore it was concluded to be unwise to accept any arrangement. As evidence of this, it was mentioned that some time ago a statement of his affairs, given to one of the banks, showed a surplus of \$53,000a sum much greater than his entire assets !

IT IS anuounced from Montreal that Mr. Mr. C. J. Brydges has resigned his position as General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway. He only holds the office till his successor is appointed. It appears that he has had this step



quoted at from 60 to 65c per brl., nothing doing

in refined. All kinds of business very flat.

is the countrys gain.

-Ninety-nine vessels, the total of whose tonnage is 76,680 tons, are building in Nova Scotia under survey of the Bureau Veritas.



SAVINGS BANKS OF THE DOMINION.

Aside from the chartered Banks the legally authorized receptacles of the public savings are: 1. Savings Banks under the management of Trustees: 2. Government and Post-office Savings Banks: 3. Permanent Building Societies. A blue book recently issued supplies us with valuable information respecting each of these classes of financial institutions, up to the middle or end of 1872.

The returns cover the transactions of three savings banks under the management of Trustees: the Caisse d'Economie, of Quebec, the City and District, of Montreal, and the Toronto, of this city. At the end of 1872, these three possessed assets which compared with two previous years, were as follows :—

Total assets 1872
Against which were liabilities as under :
Total liabilities 1872\$7,394,194.88
Total liabilities 1871 7.024.552.62
Total liabilities 1870 5,384,623.12
The principal items which composed the
assets were :
Government securities \$120,236.67
Seignorial claims 345.075.51
Municipal debentures
Railway bonds
Harbour and other debentures 102,800
Bank stock 1.043.865.12
Mortgages, real Estate 34.830.11
Notes secured by collaterals 2,587,305.21
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Deposits in banks at Interest. 1,937,869.61 Cash on hand...... 14,647.33

Accrued Interest 1,628.79 Interest due 27,754.45 Real Estate, furniture, &c 230,434.60 Miscellaneous 38,346.77	
Total	1
Total liabilities\$7,394,194.88 As between the three banks named, the deposits are divided thus : Cassie d'Economie\$2,011,409.68 City & District	1
Toronto	

The total number of depositors was 20,-341, against 21,514 in 1871, and 19,562 in 1870, of whom 516 had more than \$1600 each at their credit at the end of 1872. The surplus profits of the Caisse d'Economie are not stated; those of the City & District were \$84,264.05, of which \$6,035 was paid in charity; those of the Toronto, were \$4,811,54. The expenses were, Caisse d'Economie \$26,123.86, City & District \$22,671.98, Toronto \$2,851.70; the total for the three banks ending in 1872, \$51,647.54, against \$33,479.36 in 1871, and \$35,937.90 in 1870.

Turning to government saving banks, we find the amount on deposit in the Provincial Savings Banks at Halifax, on 30th June, 1872, was\$1,045,353.80, against \$943,-340.88 in 1871. In the New Brunswick Savings Banks there were \$1,001,523.57 on deposit on 30th June 1872, against \$1,167,-113.79, at the corresponding date of the previous year. In the Post office department the deposits amounted to \$3,096,500.-01, owned by 21,059 depositors. The totals then, for all the savings banks are:

Government Savings Banks...\$5,143,326.80 Savings Banks under managment of Trustees.....

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Total savings 1872

Increase in 12 mpnths was ... \$554,453.20 There are besides these deposits considerable sums held by brokers and private bankers; but taking the above sum we find that it is equal to \$3.78 per head of the population, according to the census of 1871.

There were in the chartered banks of the 5,000,223.99 Dominion, not including the Banks of 102,800 Prince Edward Island, on the 31st Dec., 34,839.11 1872, deposits payable after notice, \$22,-850,733. Classing these with the savings of the people, above given we have a total 14,647.33 of nearly \$11 per head of population.

LONG CREDIT.

Of all the forms in which this mischievous system shows itself the most delusive and objectionable is that of dating goods forward. We had thought we were making progress towards a better state of things. Long credit has been the bane of trade in Canada. It has eaten away profits as fast as they are made and condemned many a man to an old age of misery. After a lifetime of hard work he has found his supposed surplus melted away in a mass of old debts which no human power could collect, and instead of being able to enjoy the evening of his days in a well earned ease the drudgery of dependence and povery is his lot for life.

This is no fanciful sketch or overdrawn picture. It is an "ower true tale," as many man knows by bitter experience. Long credit has an irresistible tendency to generate bad debts. The one is the legitimate and inevitable effect of the other. And bad debts again bring about insolvency and demoralization. We doubt if any commercial country in the world was so tormented with these evils as Canada. We do not except even the United States, certainly not as a whole, though the evil may be as great in some of the newer regions of the West as it has proved itself here.

But things may go on till they become perfectly intolerable. Such evils are so mischievous as to produce a strong desire for reformation, and we had thought that such a reformation had been in progress for some time back. Strenuous efforts have been made in various quarters to do business on shorter terms of credit and we are glad to say with considerable success. Many a trader is now steadily prospering owing to his having acted on the following maxims for some time back :

BUY LITTLE AND OFTEN.

Buy for cash if possible and take the discount.

Buy on short credit if not possible, and avoid renewals and work on light stock. Sell at a small profit for cash.

Attract cash customers by offering inducements to pay. If you cannot sell for cash send your bills in every quarter. Collect close.

These maxims are all quite contrary to the old fashioned method of long credit, easy collecting and never ending files of book accounts. But what was the result ? Why, that in the course of ten years, on an average only about one man out of every ten was left standing. All the rest had gone through insolvency, and were either struggling with poverty or had left the country.

the following infallible receipt for bringing on insolvency :

Buy once a year as much as you can get credit for.

Get as long credit as you can, and for the sake of it don't mind the price.

Sell on twelve months credit as much as you can persuade people to buy.

months and go on selling as before.

get your own paper renewed too.

Do not trouble to collect small accounts. Let them run till they are large ones.

four years, hand their accounts to the Division Court.

These maxims steadily followed, we will undertake to be successful in bringing to insolvency any trader whatever. The length of time required to bring about this consummation will vary of course, with the amount of capital the trader started with, the circumstances of the district, and the risk. But they only require perseverance to ensure success.

But we are not misanthropes. On the contrary, we claim to be the honest trader's best friend. We have a horror of insolvency, as the curse of commercial life, and do our very utmost to discountenance every practice that leads to it.

It is for this reason we have spoken, in somewhat strong terms, of dating goods forward. It should be discountenanced if for no other reason than that it is a very mean business. By this practice a firm may be able to keep, nominally, an understanding with other members of the trade, as to terms of credit, while breaking them all the while in spirit and intent. If four months' credit is the general rule he can state that his terms are four months. But to sell a man goods on the 1st of March. on the understanding that the four months only begins to run from the 1st June, is a miserably mean evasion. It is a sham and a pretence. The credit is really seven months, and a trader who is guilty of such a practice is cheating himself, his customer and the trade.

No doubt it is a great temptation, especially to a weak or struggling house, to have goods sent in months before payment is asked. But this very temptation is the dangerous thing on both sides. Travellers like to swell up their orders, or their commission sales, and in these days of keen competition men will do almost anything to "do business," but the merchant who sends them out should know his own the mortgages. To our knowledge, impro-

In fact, if we had a misanthropic pleasure interest better than to consent to such a in the miseries of mankind we would put practice. For what is the effect of it? It forth and commend to everybody's notice is impossible, taking human nature as it stands, but the effect will be this: The retailer will buy more than he wants. He will, bye-and-bye, get behind in his payments and ask for renewals. He will put off his goods on long credit, and get his books full of heavy accounts that cannot be collected. He will almost certainly fail or abscond some day, and If they cannot pay take a note at six then away will go the profits made by means of forcing goods upon him under the If they cannot pay the note renew it and | delusive notion of dating forward.

Besides this, the merchant himself will be deluded by the extensive sales that his travellers have made. He will be led to If your customers do not pay in three or order more of the goods that have been sold. Just when he gets them he will find his market forestalled, and that by his own servants. Goods then will lie on the shelf and when payment have to be made all the shifts of financing will have to be resorted to in order to get through the difficulty.

> Look at it then in what light we will, this dating forward is a bad system. It is disreputable. It is not an honest and fair business proceeding, but a trick of trade. And it is certain to recoil mischievously on all those who countenance or practice it. Short credits, small profits, rapid buying and selling, small stocks, quick returnsthese are the only rules that will carry a a man safely along in these days, and every merchant who is alive to his own interest will do his very utmost to develope them.

BUILDING SOCIETIES.

We devote a good deal of space to a tabulated statement of the Permanent Building Societies transacting business in the Dominion in 1872. It is derived from official sources; and though the figures are becoming somewhat stale from the tardiness with which they have been published by the Government, they have not yet lost their interest or value. The steadily increasing number of these societies, the facility with which they may be organized under the general act, and the large powers conferred upon them by that statute, render it important that full information should be afforded the public respecting their position. Especially in view of the fact that they are active competitors for the savings of the people at rates which the chartered banks cannot afford to pay while employing the funds in the ordinary channels of commerce. The returns would be much more satisfactory if they informed us as to the standard of valuation adopted in estimating

per methods of valuation have been adopted in certain cases. Every actuary knows that everything depends on the basis of valuation assumed; a difference of one per cent. in the rate fixed upon would in the case of a society having large loans, make all the difference between constructive insolvency and a large surplus. It would also be satisfactory to know how much of the profits were derived, if at all, from premiums on new issues of stock. Without this information any conclusions drawn from the figures as to the relative prosperity of different societies might be very wide of the mark.

On the 30th of June, 1872, the nineteen societies named in our tabulated statement had on deposit the sum of \$2,473,267.94, or about 8oc. per head of the population, according to the census of 1871. This was, however, less than one-fifth of the total deposits in the savings banks, other than chartered banks in Canada at the date named, as appears from figures given under the heading "Savings Banks," elsewhere.

One reason why the Building Societies can outbid the chartered banks in the competition for deposits is that they lend nearly the whole amount received, while the banks find it necessary to hold about 20 per cent to meet sudden demands. At the date of the statements printed on another page the nineteen societies therein named had on deposit, including unpaid interest, the sum of \$2,705,633,and held in cash only \$134,412, or about one half of one per cent ! This seems a ridiculously small proportion to hold; but we are not prepared to so describe it. These deposits are chiefly at notice, and the societies, doubtless, rely upon bank accommodation. or, upon raising money from private lenders on their mortgages. It would, of course, be only under circumstances of extraordinary pressure that these sources would be unavailable; but such a possibility must be always contemplated by every well managed institution. A few of the societies hold debentures which might be available in certain eventualities in preference to mortgages. The total amount held in this way was \$90,451.

Another point in the returns which is deserving of notice is the low rate of expenses incurred by these societies, in proportion to the business done. As the best comparative test, we have estimated the ratio of expenses to assets, and find it to be as follows :---

Quebec	.011
Montreal	.018
Frontenac	•010 }
Freehold	•009 ⁻
Union	·009
Commercial	.013

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Oxford	•001 }
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Ottawa	•000¥
Civil Service	'001 }
Hamilton Provident	·002
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Building and Loan	.001 3
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While it is the province of the banks to facilitate commerce and manufactures, the building societies serve the purpose of building up our cities and towns. The conditions on which their money is loaned admit of its expenditure in permanent improvements. It is apparent, therefore, that they serve a most useful purpose in our industrial economy. Legislation will be sought at the present session amongst other objects to relax the restrictive provision of the present law which limits the deposits to three-fourths of the paid-up capital. It is desirable that every legal power necessary to the successful working of these institutions should be granted; and since a precedent was established last session it is most likely they will get all that it is intended to ask; still care must be taken that the door be not opened wide for future To have a very large proportion trouble. of the public savings loaned on mortgage would be unsafe ; but unless the total deposits secured by the building societies should greatly exceed the amount so held at present we cannot see any chance of difficulty from that source.

A DEFICIENT REVENUE.

The country has been somewhat surprised, not to say startled, to hear by the speech at the opening of Parliament that there is a deficiency in the revenue for the current year. For some years back we have been sailing along on the tide of prosperity, and had apparently concluded that this must last for ever. It is a somewhat rude awakening to be informed of a deficit. It brings back unpleasant reminiscences of former days, when deficiencies thing in the question to cause alarm, inaswere chronic, and one bad harvest followed much as they have the following security : another in dismal succession. But we I. \$100,000 Government Deposit held for have not had a bad harvest. The de- their benefit; 2. The "Life Fund" in the pression in the lumber and timber hands of Canadian Trustees for Canadian trades can scarcely have had anything to do with the deficient revenue. The truth is, we trusted too much to the continuance of prosperity. Our importal nadian policies, and of the whole of the ac-

unfortunately, instead of anticipating а check, as experience might have taught us, we went on increasing our expenditure. The late Finance Minister was warned not 3-5 to trust too much to a continuance of large imports; and it was, if we mistake not, our present Finance Minister that gave the warning. This did credit to his judgment, though he could not then foresee that the task of making up a deficiency would be his first experience of office.

It is now a matter of much speculation how the deficiency is to be met. It seems to be concluded, though we have had nothing yet but the bare statement, that retrenchment cannot be effected. Why, we know not. We should have thought retrenchment a very natural mode of meeting the case, and more certain than increase of taxation. There is a point beyond which taxation cannot go with profit. Further increase only leads to diminution of consumption, to illicit entries of goods. The taxes imposed in the United States have to be taken into account in some cases, and notably in certain articles which are produced equally on both sides of the line. Our duties cannot be raised beyond theirs without smuggling being the consequence. Still, there are articles which should be taxed, if there are taxes at all. There is, we understand, considerable excitement in the tobacco and spirit trades, and much discussion is going on as to whether additional duties are to be imposed; but all speculation is in the dark. An advance in the duties on various classes of goods manufactured in Canada is anticipated, but how far these anticipations will be realized nothing whatever can be known beyond the merest guesswork.

THE POSITIVE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY. We notice in the Insurance Times an attack upon this Company couched in the violent language to which that journal is accustomed, in reference to the disputed point as to the longevity of Europeans in India. This subject we shall not discuss here. The article has been reprinted and circulated amongst the policy-holders in Canada. We do not see that there is anypolicy holders, and composed of the investments in Canadian Government securities of Eighty per cent., of the premiums on Ca"Guarantee Fund " in England, from which the Life Fundmust be supplemented should it ever be reduced below what would be sufficient to meet the amount at risk in Canada, independent of the \$100,000 deposit; 4. The Capital and Assets of the Company in England.

WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS .--- A correspondent, referring to our article on "pawning" goods for advances, gives some facts which are interesting to the public, as they serve well to show the abuses which attach to this kind of business. His remarks relate to the case of Austin & Co., of Montreal! "This man [Austin] obtained ad-" vances secretly and solely on the security of " the goods, and did not get paper, as in the " case of Ritchie, Gregg & Co., which was an-" alogous in some respects. All his goods were " pledged to A. Saunders, Moss Bros., and the " Exchange Bank, through E. Lyman Mills, a " broker, who is as keen as the two Jewish firms just named. No one supposed that Austin was pawning goods. The charges made for the advances by Mills as cover for the Exchange Bank were unique. The Bank charged a straight 18 per cent., with security for 25 per cent. more than the loan. When the estate went into bankruptcy the existing " loan from Mills was paid off, and cost just 23 " per cent., which, added to the Bank's charge, "made a total of 41 per cent., which charge " just swept away the margin. I would there-" fore suggest as two clauses of a new ware-"housing act, that every warehouseman "should keep a register of all goods ware-" housed, the register to be open for public inspection; and that all warehousemen should " be licensed, so as to bring them under con-" trol. Also, that it should be a misdemeanor " for a licensed warehouseman to sign notes for ' goods left in his charge, or to make advances " in any other way on them. The banks and " mercantile agencies would doubtless see that "the registers were regularly inspected for " pledges of goods, and would know how to "act." We should be glad to see the existing law amended so as to remove its present defects; and in making a change, the above suggestion would be entitled to careful consideration.

ANCHOR MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY .----Great energy has been shown in organizing this company. We understand that within two months capital to the amount of about \$250,000 was subscribed, and \$20,000 of the first call of 10 per cent. paid in and deposited with the Dominion Government in municipal debentures. Business has already been commenced, and will be confined exclusively to marine. A large number of merchants and shippers have become interested in the company as stockholders.

DOUBLE LIABILITY.-The value of the double liability clause in our bank charters is likely to tions went on growing year by year; and, cumulations thereof; 3. The security of the Acadia in Nova Scotia. The British Colonist

says "the assets of the Bank being insufficient to meet the debts, calls have to be made on the shareholders up to double the amount of their stock. Half of the stock being held by bankrupt firms, who have made over their shares to the assignees of their estates, nothing can be got from them, and of the balance of the stock, a large proportion is held by widows, orphans, maiden ladies and poor persons, who have already put all their money into the concern and have no more to give. There are but very few stockholders who can stand calls to any extent; their means being principally in lands, now quite valueless, are not available for any purpose, and when we see it reported that the assets are \$100,000 less than the liability, it occurs to us that it will not be possible for the amount short on the assets to be forthcoming at east in this generation. It is a good thing that the creditors of the Bank of Acadia are principally banks and wealthy individuals and firms, as the inevitable loss will not hurt anybody much. The note circulation is very small and will probably be redeemed for near its face by parties having calls and other obligations to meet. We think the best course for those connected with the Bank of Acadia would be to offer to compromise with their creditors, most of whom would no doubt accept a reasonable offer seeing that the enforcement of the double liability clause would be fraught with ruin and complete irrecoverable disaster to the unfortunate stockholders, most of whom were innocent of any participation in the mismanagement of the Bank."

-Mr. Frederick Cole, who had been lately called to England by the Commercial Union Assurance Company, and who was formerly the Secretary and Manager of the Company's business in Canada, under Messrs. Morland, Watson & Co., has received the appointment as Chief Agent of the Company for the district lying between Port Hope and Quebee, and will open for transaction of business on the 1st of May. Mr. Cole will be an upright supporter of the Underwriters' Association.

-IT is annonneed that the head office of the Ontario Bank will certainly be removed to Toronto; and in consequence, the premises of the institution here will be greatly improved. This wise determination when carried into effect, will result favorably to the interests of the Bank.

Correspondence.

FINANCE AND BUSINESS IN NEW YORK.

(From our own Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, 30th March, 1874.

As anticipated in last week's letter, the House of Representatives passed the Currency Bill, fixing the legal tender circulation at \$400,000,000; and notwithstanding the vehement protestations and warnings of the minority, the Senate promptly followed suit. But the inflationists it seems are not yet satisfied, and they are now trying to provide for additional bank note circulation, either by the direct authorization of specific additional issues, or by the passage of a general Free Banking law.

Among the many crude and impossible schemes suggested from time to time by our currency doctors for the cure of all the financial evils of the country, it would be indeed strange if there did not occasionally appear a glimmer of com- active during the week, but the improvement in from the denuded outcrops and through the

mon sense; and this agitation for free banking, if successful, will go far to neutralize the mischievous legislation of Congress with regard to both Banking and Currency, and will ultimately defeat the very ends the inflationists have in view. In the meantime, the sole idea of the majority in Congress seems to be-more circulation-more greenbacks and bank notes, interpreting it to mean more money, more capital, which they say in the face of a 3 per cent. money market, is so much needed to carry on the great industrial enterprises of the country; and as it can thus be so easily obtained, they are determined the country shall not suffer so long as a sufficiency of printing presses can be found.

Business in Wall Street, at least, has been very active during the past week. On the passage of the Currency Bill by the House, stocks became active, and advanced 1 @ 2 per cent and when the Bill also passed the Senate the activity was redoubled, and a further advance in all securities dealt in here was attained. The high prices were taken advantage of by the large speculative holders of stocks to get rid of their loads, and by the end of the week prices had declined considerably from the highest figures.

No important change has taken place in the money market, although a tendency to slightly higher rates of interest is noticeable, no doubt caused by the general shifting of loans necessitated by the increased volume of business in the buying and selling of stocks.

The variations in the Bank statement are small and immaterial. The figures are as follows :---

10110.	
March 28th.	March 21st. March 29, '73
Loans \$286,177,500	\$285,866,200 \$274,348,700
Specie 25,439,300	26,696,000 16,179,100
Legal tenders 60,585,100	60,184,400 38,729,800
Deposits 230.730.000	240,991,100 193,508,700
Circulation 26,720,400	26,717,300 27,635,700
Proportion of re-	
serve to liabili-	
ties 32.28 p.c.	32.45 p.c. 24.08 p.c.
Rate of interest	
on call loans 3@5p.c.	3@4p.c. 7@1-16p.day
The closing prices o	f the principal stocks
compare as follows with	the quotations for the
two preceding weeks :	1
Marc	h 30. March 23. March 16.
New York Central	100% 008 1018
Erie	37 42 44
Lake Shore	80 77 79
Wabash	44 454 474
North Western	56 548 548
do proferred	73 70 72
Rock Island	107 105 106
Milwaukee & St. Paul	44 42 43
do preferred	648 62 65
Ohio & Mississippi	31 Sol 31
Union Pacific	37 3 34 34
C. C. & Ind. Central	322 302 314
Hannibal & St. Joseph Del. Lack, and Western	32 31 30 30
Del. Lack, and Western.	110 108 108
Western Union Telegraph	79 77 78
Pacific Mail S. S. Co	47 44 43
Atlantic & Pacific pfd	167 16 17 1

Gold closed last week at 115, but under the news of more inflation, rapidly advanced, reaching 131. It afterwards declined to 123, and closed firm at 13½. The carrying rates have ranged from 2 to 5 per cent. The future of of gold is somewhat uncertain. There does not appear to be any immediate prospect of a demand for it for shipment, and until there is such a demand, it will be difficult to see how higher rates than the present can be maintained. It is not unlikely, however, that the usual shipments will take place during the summer, as there are indications of a revival of the import trade, with a slightly increasing demand for our stanles from the other side. This state of staples from the other side. This state of things will be helped by the inflation schemes now passing into law, and if we superadd the possibility of these considerations attracting the attention of some clique of gold operators, we may even see an approach to last year's prices.

Foreign Exchange has been a little more

the volume of business has not been sustained. and the price, which advanced on Wednesday from 4.85, 4.88 to 4.85¹/₂, 4.88¹/₂, has again been reduced to the former figures—the reduction giving rise to no increased demand. Much, if any, lower figures, however, are not looked for ; but, on the contrary, it may be expected that the rates will gradually advance.

The imports and exports, &c., at New York for the week and from the beginning of the year, compare as follows with the corresponding periods for the last two years :

-	I	mports.		
a	187 Week ending 27th	4	1873	1872
n	March \$12,43 Total, since 1st Jan 100,52	31,936 \$	13,884,598	\$ 9,64 ,044
			113,328,540	99,707,553
s	E	Exports.		
Ł,	Week ending 24th March \$ 5,4			•
e	March \$ 5,4 Total, since 1st Jan 63,03	13,034 \$ 14,973 .	5,260,047 59,026,609	\$ 3,120,757 48,937,989

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Sight rate of stg.			
exchange	4.871	4.843	4.89
Price of gold	13	17	. 10
Rate of interest on	-		
call loans.	3 @ 5 p.c.	7 @ 1-16 p. c. p	er dav.

GOLD MINING IN NOVA SCOTIA IN 1873.

The condition of this branch of the mining industry has maintained much the same position it occupied when reported on last year. A further decrease in the total yield is noticeable, partially to be accounted for, perhaps, by the general demand for miners throughout the country and the rise in the rates of wages. The Returns from several mines as those of Lawson at Montagu, Donaldson at Oldham, and the Eldorado Co. at Wine Harbour show highly satisfactory yields. No changes from those of last year have to be noted in the methods of working the mines, the tribute system being most general. In the last report reference was made to the introduction of this system of mining, by which working miners are enabled to utilize their knowledge and labour to the greatest advantage. It is undoubtedly the best adapted to foster a true mining spirit. As far as possible it should be encouraged, and few official obstructions put in the way of working men willing to venture their labour in mining speculations. At the same time it should not be forgotten that the men of this class are almost always without the capital requisite to open the setts as thoroughly as even they them selves would approve of doing had they adequate means; but for the supply of their immediate immediate necessities they are compelled to extract quartz as speedily as possible, and get some return for their labour. The system, as at present conducted, is only adapted for surface workings and where the water is light. It is attended by this great disadvantage, that the tributers interest in the property they work being merely temporary, they leave the small shafts and slopes imperfectly stowed and secured, in consequence of which rupture of the walls sooner or later taking place allows free access for the infiltration of surface water. This admission of water is not of so much importance when the depths of the workings is shallow, but most serious when great. In most cases it ultimately leads to abandonment, due either to the want of capital necessary to erect pumping apparatus, or because the expense in-curred by pumping becomes insupportable. Unfortunately this country is exceedingly wet and comparatively speaking, level, so that adits for unwatering a district can seldom be resorted to, and pumps have generally to be used. When mines have been abandoned and allowed to fill with water, much expense is entailed on the workers of leads in adjoining areas on account of the water, which finds its way down

shattered rock. Were lessees to require proper attention to be paid to the protection of the outcroppings of the leads, either by requiring them to be left unwrought, or the excavated space to be well packed, and the walls kept from falling together, much of this trouble might be avoided. The lessees could make such stipulations with the tributers, and their agent on the ground could see them carried out. Most of the claims are held in small areas, and while they are so, companies cannot work to advantage. Capital might perchance, however, be profitably invested by being more particularly directed to supplying efficient machinery to do the hoisting and pumping. The leads so drained and made workable being divided into setts and worked by tributers at rates proportionate to the value of the quartz previously extracted from each sett.

Stormont.-Work was abandoned early in the year and has not yet been resumed. Miners have, however, not yet lost faith in its mines, and look forward to the speedy renewal of operations.

Wine Harbour .- The Elorado company during the greater part of the year, obtained very satifactory returns from the Plough lead. They are now continuing the sinking, as their endeavors to find the continuation of the lead to the east of the fault proved ineffectual. On the adjoining area, F 4, Mr. McIntosh opened the western extension of the lead, but which on account of the poverty of the quartz he had to abandon. The company also extended the main tunnel until it cut the Mitchell lead 70 feet from the surface. Work was also perfomed on the Norton and Hattie leads. The main lead at the Barrasois on the Orient and adjoining properties, areas 2 and 18 Block 6, has been reopened and worked. A sample of 32 tons of the best tailings from the Eldorado mill, yielded 1 oz. 13 dwts. 12 grs. of gold and 4 lbs. of mercury, equal to \$34.65, at an expense of \$28.-

15. Sherbrooke.—The production of gold in this vear. district was in excess of the previous year. The principal working being on the Dewar lead in areas 651 and 652 to a depth of 250 feet. The continuation of the lead as far as area 625 has been stripped and as the stopes over this extent have been but imperfectly stowed, a crushing in of the hanging wall, and free admittance of much water, resulted. The lead where it is worked, undelies areas 621, 622, 623, and 653. Mining on this lead was, for a time in the autumn stopped, owing to the destruction of the engine house by fire. Mining on the leads of the New York and Sherbrooke Company's property was abandoned in August, after four years continues operation. The main shaft on the South lead, which starts in area 641, enters at a depth of 20 feet area 611 about midway between the side lines, and terminates at a depth of 300 feet. The stopes on the west side being 25 feet deeper than the shaft, while those on the east side are not so deep. The north lead was abandoned when the shaft attained a total depth of 250 feet. On the Hayden and Derby property, the adjoining area to the south, the lead discovered and opened the year before by Mr. West, was steadily worked, and the stopes, which he carried down 150 feet in width have reached a depth of go feet. The tributers who the previous year took the Pal-merston property, continued to work the lead then opened in area, 747 and other parties have worked its extension in areas 749 and 750. The lead thus worked is very irregular in thickness often swelling out in the "rolls" to two feet in width. Other tributers worked on the Stryker lead, area 751, and on the adjoining properties to the east, the Canada and Caledonia, with varying success.

Harrigan Cove .- Operations were here abandoned early in the year, and although the prospecting had given fair promise of success, the renewal of work has been indefinitely postponed. At Shear's Point, nothing further has been done.

Fifteen Mile Stream .- Attention was again directed to this locality, and the tributers who worked are reported to be satisfied with their prospects. They are preparing to erect milling and pumping machinery.

Tangier.-Mr. Forrest continues to be the principal operator in this district. His tribute right on the Tangier Company's property terminating, he ceased working the South lead when the shaft had a depth of 100 feet and the stopes a width of 300 feet, the Little South lead at a depth of 60 feet with stopes 200 feet wide, and the North lead when at a depth of 35 feet. The latter is 80 feet distant from the South lead, and this last from the Little South lead 16 feet, on the small claims numbered 100 to 179. Some slight excitement was produced in the summer by tributers on the Field lead near the river, striking a rich piece of ground. After the mine had been opened on areas 82 to 84, to a depth of 60 feet and on a length of 200 feet, work was suspended for the winter. The promises held out by this lead induced others to prospect on its continuation across the river, and favourable surface indications were met with. The Strawberry Hill Company in the beginning of the year sank the main shaft some Iz feet deeper, or to a total depth of 164 feet. The lead, only about one inch thick, yielded nearly one ounce of gold to the ton of quartz, of Qu but not sufficient to warrant a continuation of the sinking. They then did some surface pros-pecting, and drove a tuunel across the leads some 62 feet, but proved nothing satisfactory. ld per ton c Work was then abandoned on the Hill until the autumn, when tributers took Froud's property and discovered a new lead 7 inches thick, on areas 233 to 235. They were fortunate in strik-ing the lead, as the "throw" was fully one hundred feet to the south. So promising does viel ton "the this new lead appear that other parties are opening the extension of the lead on areas 231 pield, " and 232. At Mooseland, Mr. Irving continues to work the same ground he had open the previous year.

Quartz ci maximu Gay's River .- Mr. McDonald has continued his drift to the deep, following the lines of junction of the slate and conglomerate and re moving the softer material in immediate conthe tract with the bed-rock, throws into the waste the large boulders that compose the greater part of the deposit. A large quantity of material has consequently to be handled for the theo theof moderate yield obtained.

Waverley .- Messrs. DeWolfe abandoned all work early in the spring. In the autumn the property containing the Union lead was let to ploy the tributers, who worked it to a small extent. r emj nes, The tributers who last year took the American Hill property from Mr. McClure, continued to work steadily. They sank the main shaft to a daily l lluvial of the depth of 230 feet, and on the top of the hill erected a pumping engine. Other tributers took hold of Wilson's areas on Laidlaw's hill, and drove a tunnel to drain and work the well known barrel quartz of that locality.

Oldham.-Early in the season Mr. Shaffer ceased to work on the Richey lead and that with the mines in the adjoining property have since remained unwrought. Some tributers opened the Hall lead and for a time worked with success. Their operations were, however, but of a temporary character. Mr. Donaldson increased his facilities for extraction by the erection of 10 inch cylinder horizontal engine as a substitute for the small portable engine previously used. The engine drives by wooden friction gearing the winding drum and also two 34 inch pumps. Much water has to be contend-ed with as the rock is open and the surface very swampy. The main pumping shaft has & Oil Springs Railway Co.

been sunk to a depth 130 feet. Three new drawing shafts have been put down to the west and the exploitation in that direction continued by a tunnel driven under some 20 feet of cover. In working to the west and to the deep, the lead has been found to thicken from one to five inches and the quartz to be enriched ; yielding 4.17 instead of 1.16 oz per ton.

Montagu .- Mr. Lawson, with his customary vigor, has continued sinking the Albion main shaft in the hopes of again striking a shoot of rich quartz. He has now reached a depth of 300 feet, but has not yet struck paying ground. The mining to the west of the barren ground has proved profitable, and it is the enxtension of this shoot in an obique direction that will, it is expected, be struck in the main shaft. In the mill he has adopted the use of blankets, which, if they do not collect more amalgam than the plates, aid, at least, in collecting the auriferous pyrites; and as the pyrites are rich in gold, prove of value.

Renfrew.-Mr. McClure trenched some new ground in the eastern section of this district and exposed numerous leads, but none of which did he find promising.

Uniacke .--- A few tributers worked in several places about the district, but with no great success.

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DRESDEN AND OIL SPRINGS RAILWAY .--- The qualified ratepayers of Oil Springs carried a Bylaw to grant a bonus of \$10,000 to the Dresden

Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.—Cobourg, March 27.—The dwelling-house of Mr. G. Watson, about a mile and a half from town, was totally destroyed. Loss about \$300; no insurance.

St. Thomas, March .- A fire broke out in rear of the saloon occupied by Huffman Bros., and gutted the building, damaging also those on each side. The Fournal says the burnt building was owned by Mr. Zavitz, and was insured in the Western for \$1,500 and in the Waterloo Mutual for \$500. Huffman Bros., were insured in the North British and Mercantile Company for \$1,500 on liquors, cigars, &c., and \$500 on furniture, plate, furnishings, &c. Mr Hutson's building and stock of wall paper, &c., sustained a loss estimated at \$4,000. He is insured in the Waterloo for \$1,000, in the Western for \$2,500, in the Queen's for \$1,000, and in the London and Lancashire for \$1,000. Mr. Chas. Cleveland sustained a loss of about \$500 in removal of stock. He had no insurance. Mr. John Wilkinson's fruit store was seriously damaged, and his loss in stock and damage to building, furniture, &c., may be set down at \$2,000. He is insured in the London, Liverpool and Globe for \$1,800 on the building, and in the London and Lancashire for \$1,200 on stock. Messrs. A. & A. McColl, merchant tailors, sustained a loss of about \$450 in the removal of goods. They hold a policy for \$1,500 in the Waterloo Mutual. The origin of the fire is as yet a mystery.

Orillia, March 24.—Smith & Ball's sawmill at Severn Bridge was destroyed by fire between twelve and one o'clock on Tuesday morning. Loss, about \$12,000 ; no insurance.

Montreal, March 27th .-- A shed in Montcalm

street. Loss \$300; not insured. Montreal, 26th.—Hay-loft, 20 Cotte street. Loss \$500; insured in the Queen. This fire was extinguished with difficulty, and at one time proved very threatening to Alloway's Livery Stable and the Theatre Royal, to which it lies in close proximity.

Montreal, 27th .--- A fire was discovered in a row of sheds, situated in rear of B. Vallee's houses, Workman street. Loss \$1,000. The fire is evidently the result of entering the stable with a lighted candle carelessly. Not insured. What might have proved a serious conflagration had it occurred at a late hour, was nipped in the bud at an early moment, in the handsome building owned by Mr. Pratt, forming part of the block owned by Cross, Pratt & Judah, and situated on Saint James' street. Loss about \$500 on building, and by water, to the property of the Chabert Art Association, \$200; Insured with the Citizens'.

Port Stanley, March.—The barn of D. Camp. bell, near this place, was burned with [contents insured in the Beaver Mutual for \$1,500.

CONDITION OF BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Perhaps, at no period since the close of the war, has there been such a general complaint of the dullness of trade and of quiet in the financial markets. It is not impossible that the depression may be more severe in this city than at other points; for the effects of the late panic have been more deeply felt here than elsewhere, and there are certain local causes which are operating to the disadvantage of New York trade, and equally benefitting the business of other commercial centres; but, nevertheless, the inactivity of trade appears to be common to all sections of the country.

This state of things was hardly expected, for the sound condition of business at the outbreak of the panic and the rapid apparent recovery from the derangements of the crisis created a the market dictates a contrary course.

hope that the spring trade would show but little of the effects of the fall catastrophe. Experience has demonstrated that this expectation was too sanguine. Much as it may be a matter of congratulation that bankruptcy was not more common and that men of business were able to offer such a stout resistance to the severe strain to which the panic exposed them, yet we now have evidence that this resistance involved a considerable loss of vitality and that the recovery was less complete than has been supposed. There is still a large amount of postponed indebtedness to be settled; still, a disposition to curtail credits to the weaker class of firms until they have served a period of probation and demonstrated that they were not vitally injured; there is a serious prostration of those branches of business dependent upon railroad construction, and a large amount of labor unemployed which six months ago was actively engaged in connection with such enterprises; and, still more important, there is a general economy in private and public expenditures, which lessens the demand for a wide class of products. Superadded to these causes of depression, the basis of values is kept unsettled by the uncertainty as to what may be the character of the financial measures to be adopted by Congress. Whether the prevailing dullness is to be attributed to the latter cause to the extent that is very generally supposed is perhaps open to question; but there can be no reasonable doubt that it contributes very seriously to keep confidence unsettled and to prevent the employment of capital in investments extending into the future.

These are the obstacles which stand at present in the way of an active and healthy condition of business. From their nature their removal must require time and patience. But it is not to be overlooked that the process through which we are now passing will, after all, have valuable results. It will sift and cleanse our credit arrangements; it will weed out our weak enterprises, and divert capital from employments which are not self-sustaining; it will expose whatever is unsound in our in-dustry and commerce and finance, and thus effect a general purgation which will place affairs upon a basis for a truer and more enduring prosperity.

The condition of the money market is such as to assure comparative ease for a considerable period, assuming that the Treasury will not attempt any contraction of the legal tenders issued during and since the panic. Until the fall trade, the mercantile demand for discounts is likely to be light, and the low prices of stock reduce the amount to be borrowed by the Wall Street dealers. And even in the event of an active fall business and higher prices for stocks, the large amount of legal tenders thrown into the bank, through the new issues will so far strengthen the reserves as to enable the Lanks to expand their loans to meet any demand that is likely to occur. In course of time, the new issues of legal tenders will drift into general circulation; and then this cause of ease in the local market will be removed; and probably some considerable portion of the new supply will be so distributed during the crop movements of next fall; but it will require a succession of seasons to entirely neutralize the relieving effect of so large an increase as \$26,000,000. For these reasons, we may safely calculate upon an easy money market through the present year, on the condition, as we have stated, that the Treasury does not call in any part of the " reserve " lately put into circulation.

Speculation is completely held in check by the uncertain position of financial legislation. The larger operators appear disposed to dis-count the probabilities of currency measures on the safer side, and are therefore willing to allow prices to sink, except where their position on

The gold premium is influenced chiefly by the prospects of legislation on the currency, rising as reports seem to favor inflation, and falling with rumors of an opposite tendency. The commercial situation is regarded as on the whole favoring a steady, if not a lower premium; and the negotiation of several millions of railroad bonds in London, within the last few weeks, operates in the same direction.

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HAMILTON AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY.— The financial position of this enterprise is thus stated :— Bonuses—Innisfil
Collingwood 29,000
Simcoe
Peel 30,000
Georgetown 10,000
Halton 65,000
Hamilton 100,000
\$554,000 Less discount 41,550
Balance\$512,450
Stock subscribed 25,000
Stock pledged 225,000
\$250,500 Government grant at \$2,500 per mile
for 129.71 miles
mile for 44 miles 22,000
\$346,250 The grant is \$42,800 less than was asked for,

the amount sought being at the rate of \$3,000 per mile for the whole line. The totals of the severals sums specified are as follows :----

Stock Government		••	250,500
Government	aiu	•••	504,250

Total \$1,109,200

The balance necessary for the construction and equipment is to be provided for by the bonds of the company.

PORK PACKING IN THE WEST .- The whole number of hogs packed in the West,—Ine whole number of hogs packed in the West, from the winter seasons of 1849-50 to 1869-70, inclusive, as reported by the Cincinnati Price Current, and for the seasons of the transformer for the seasons of 1870-71, 1871-72, 1872-73, and 1873-74, according to the reports of the Superintendent, submitted to the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, will be seen from the following table:

ionowing table.	
Years. No. of Hogs.	Years. No. of Hogs.
1849-50 1,652,220	1862-63 4,0 69,520
1850-51 1,332,867	1863-64 3,261,105
1851-52 1,182,846	1864-65 2,422,779
1852-53 2,201,110	1865-66 1,785,955
1853-54 2,534,770	1866-67 2 ,490,791
1854-55 2,124,404	1867-68 2,781,084
1855-56 2,489,502	1868-69 2,499,873
1856-57 1,818,468	1869-70 2,635,312
1857-58 2,210,778	1870-71 3,623,404
1858-59 2,465,552	1871-72 4,782,403
1859-60 2,350,822	1872-73 5,456,004
1860-61 2,155,702	1873-74 5,383,810
1861-62 2,803,666	

BROOM CORN.-The sowing of broom corn will receive much attention in California this season, and as Chicage broom makers buy the Californian sooner than that raised in the Atlantic States, there is little doubt that this crop will be largely increased in the future. A factory for broom making has been established at Vallejo, the owner of which has bought up all the broom corn to be had in the State. Double the quantity will be raised next year.

-Government have given a piece of public land in Kingston, for the depot of the Kingston and Pembroke R. R.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter. MONTREAL, March 31, 1874.

We have very few changes of material consequences to report in prices, but quietness has prevailed in almost every branch of the wholesale trade, Dry Goods alone excepted. The business in that department as a rule has been active, although there are some houses who complain that business has not been up to the market of last year. The hardware Merchants Exchange has now been established, and the first meeting was held last Thursday when the question of prices was fully discussed, and our quotations for this week are those adopted at that meeting. The business done in Breadstuffs has been very light. Provisions are steady, stocks limited and business has been of a retail character. Ashes firm and steady. Groceries in moderate demand. Weather during the week has been more like the month of January than the beginning of spring. A good deal of snow has fallen and till yesterday the sleighing was good, last night the frost was pretty sharp, today is clear but very cold.

Ashes-Pots.-This market has beeu very firm and a fair amount of business has been done but our closing quotations of last week have not been maintained and towards the close the market for Firsts had a quieter tone and sales to a fair extent were made at \$6.15 to 6.20 ;a few barrels of seconds changed hands at \$5.30 to 5.50 and thirds at \$5.00. Pearls.—No transactions have taken place in this description of ash since our last report, no receipts, and prices nominal, The stock at present in store are Pots 2142 brls; Pearls 537 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- For heavy goods there has been very little demand this week. Spring has been very fittle demand this week. Spring goods are fairly active. Prices are about the same as last week:--Men's kip boots 2.75 to 3.00; do calf do \$3 to 3.75; do do congress, \$2.50to 3.50; do buff do \$1.75 to 2.25; do split brogans \$1.10 to 1.25; do kip do \$1.40 to 1.50; do prunella congress \$1.23 to 2.00; womens heavy boots, goc to \$1.25; do pebbled grain balmorals, \$1.20 to 1.50; do prunella do 75c to \$1.75; misses heavy boots 75c to \$1.00; do pebbled buff balmorals \$1 to 1.20; childs do 60c to \$1.00; Infants shoes \$3.50 to 10 per doz.

CATTLE .- Market well supplied, demand brisk. Extra $\{6.50 \text{ to } 6.75\}$; 1st quality $\{5.75 \text{ to } 6.25\}$; 2nd quality $\{5.25 \text{ to } 5.70\}$; 3rd quality $\{4.25 \text{ to } 5. \text{ Old cows, stags and bulls } \{3.50 \text{ to } 5.75\}$ 4.25 per 100 lbs live weight. Sheep.—Scarce, from \$6.25 to 6.50. Spring lambs \$4.25 to 6 each.

DRY GOODS .- Generally speaking this trade has been active, although some complaints are made that business has been rather lighter than last year, and possibly this may be the case in some instances, as buyers this year have been acting very cautiously. The retail trade in consequence of the unseasonable weather has been very dull. Stocks in the wholesale trade in some departments are getting pretty well broken in upon, and a number of orders to England have been repeated. Clothing, a very satisfactory business is being done, remittances in this trade are not nearly up to the mark, and merchants here are cautious in filling orders. DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Transactions have

been small and quotations are much about the same as last week. Bi carb--Still keeps scarce and \$5.871 to 6, is readily obtained. Sal soda -Is a shade easier and sales were made at \$2.-25 to 2.50; stock getting low. Alum-2 21/2c. Epsom salts-steady at 2 21c, sales chiefly at inside quotations. Soda ash 25 to 3c. Borax Bleaching powder is scarce on the spot, and sells at 3 to 3 c. A good deal to arrive has been placed at about 1 c under our inside quotations. Copperas \$1 to 1.25. Sulphur \$3.50 to 400.

RAW FURS.-The following is the result of Otter 20 per cent, lower than last March. Lynx 20 per cent. lower than last March. Fisher 15 higher than last March. Silver Fox 20 per cent. higher than last March. Cross Fox 10 per cent. higher than last March. Red Fox same as last March. Marten 25 lower than last March. Mink 15 lower than last March. Bear same as last March. Our Market is quiet and prices are unchanged—:Beaver, \$1.75 to 2 prices are unchanged—:Beaver, \$1.75 to 2 per lb; black bear large \$8.00 to 10.00; ditto small \$6 to 8; fisher \$6 to 8.00; silver fox \$25 to 50; cross fox \$5.00; red fox \$1.50; lynx \$2; marten, dark Labrador, \$7 to 8; pale marten \$1.50; prime dark mink \$2.50 to 3.00; mink dark 2nd\$ \$1.50 to 2; otter \$9 to 10; fall muskrat 12c; winter muskrat 15 to 17; spring muskrat 22c; racoon 25 to 50c; skunk 20c to 30.

FISH.—The stock of fish has not yet been replenished, the market being very bare of all kinds and high prices still rule. The demand being beyond the present supply. Dry cod is dearer, and any sales which have taken place since our last have been at \$5 to 5.25. Salmon \$14 to 16, according to sample. Labrador herrings very scarce and for inspected \$6.50 to 7.50 is asked. Scaled herrings 3oc.

FLOUR.-Receipts for the past week 7,400 brls total receipts from 1st January to date 107,195 barrels, being a decrease of 8,733 barrels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1873. There has been a very limited demand for flour on the spot, the market to-day closing sluggish and nominal. Some sales have been made during the week of spring extra, for delivery the latter end of April at \$5.68; for May delivery, buyers and sellers have been apart in their views. Our quotations of last week in some cases have not been maintained, and from the cases have not been maintained, and from the present state of the market all our quo-tations may be looked on as more or less nominal. To-days quotations are:-Superior extra \$6.15 to 6.30; Extra super-fine \$6.00 to 6.10; Superfine \$5.25 to 5.40; Superior Balace Bound Bound Spring extra \$5.60 to 5.65; Strong Bakers flour \$5.75 to 5.85; fine \$4.70 to 4.75; Middlings \$4.30 to 4.40; Pollards \$3.90 to 4.00; Upper Canada bags \$2.60 to 2.80; City bags (delivered) \$2.90 to 2.95; Oatmeal 5.25 to 5.30 according to brand. Cornmeal \$3.30.

GRAIN .- Wheat .- Receipts for the past week 1810 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date 89,427 bush. being a decrease of 17,403 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1873. Market still keeps very quiet and nominal in the absence of transactions. Canada spring for delivery in May has been offering at \$1.321 without finding a buyer. Maize. The market is quiet but firm with sales at 70 to 75c. Peas .-- Market steady with a good demand for May delivery, and several round lots have been placed during the week at 93¹/₂c and 92¹/₂c per bushel of 66 lbs. Oats.—Scarce, market firm and advancing sales at 42 to 43c. Barley. Quiet and a shade off since last week, \$1.15 to 1.20 being present range of quotation. Pot Barley \$10. Pearl Barley \$18. Clover seed 91 to roc per lb. Timothy \$3.10 to 3.25 per 45 lbs.

GROCERIES .- Teas .- Low and medium grades of Japans sell readily at full prices, and a large quantity have changed hands during the week. The stock of this kind of Tea is at present low, but this want will soon be supplied as a large number of invoices are now on the way here via San Francisco and Panama. We quote medium inside quotations. Soda ash $2\frac{5}{8}$ to 3c. Borax 22 to 26c. Saltpetre \$9 to 10. Cream tartar ground 31 to 32c. Caustic soda \$5 5.25. at fairly remunerating prices. Sugars.—Market

well stocked and demand very fair. Raw sugars. Bright grocery grade have been selling at 71 to 7½c; Barbadoes for refining purposes 6½c; Scotch refined is in light supply and commands from $7\frac{1}{2}$ to g_2^1 ; Canada refined crushed A g_2^1 to g_3^2 ; Dry crushed g_4^3 to roc; Ground ro to ro_1^2 ; Yellow refined 7_4^1 to gc. *Molasses.*—Market has upward tendency. We quote 22 to 24_2^1 c; Barbadoes 40 to 42c; Porto Rico 35 to 36c; Golden syrup 44 to 50c as to sample; Amber 68 to 70c. Coffee.—Advices from Europe report a very heavy decline in the price of this article, and operators are not quite so confident of its position as they were a short time back, and at the moment buyers seem inclined to wait before purchasing to see if the market has touched bottom. Sales in consequence has been very light during the week and at present it is almost impossible to give quotations. Fruit .-- The stocks just now are very light some pretty large sales during the week having helped to clear the market. Layer raisins \$2.50 to 2.60 according to size of lot. Valencias in demand at $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{3}{2}$ c; Sultanas 12 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ c; Currants 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ c; s Almonds 15 to 16c; Dates 5; Figs 9 to 10c; Walnuts 10 to IIC; Filberts II to I2C. Mostly all shelled fruits are nominal. Spices.—The opening of the ports in Acheen has affected the price of Black pepper and prices in Samatree has met a heavy decline, and our quotation of last week could not now be obtained. Cloves are a shade dearer 47¹/₂ to 50c being now paid; Nntmegs are firm at \$1.00 to 1.15; Mace \$1.30 to 1.40; Cassia 20 to 22c; Pimento g_1^1 to g_2^1 c; White pepper is 1c off since last week. *Rice.*—There is a fair demand for the retail trade at \$5 to 5.25. Stocks are very low, and no reduction in price need be looked for owing to the famine in India.

HIDES AND PELTS .- Market is steady at last weeks prices, demand being quite equal to supply. No 1 inspected \$8.00 to 8.25; No 2 ditto \$7.00 to 7.25; No 3 ditto \$6.00 to 6.25; No 2 ditto \$7.00 to 7.25; No 3 ditto \$6.00 to 6.25; Sheep and Lambs Pelts \$1.30 to 1.75; Calfkins 15c per lb. HARDWARE.— Increased activity prevails throughout the various branches of the trade, and prices are firm for leading goods. Tin Plates are in limited supply, and command full figures. Cut Nails sell freely at manufacturers' list prices. Bar Iron meets with fair enquiry, but present prices do not admit of any profit to the importer. Block Tin is being pressed on the market at low rates, in cansequence of an-ticipated lower prices. Remittances are fairly satisfactory. Our quotations to day are those agreed upon by the Hardware Exchange :--*Pig Iron* per ton-Gartsherrie and Coltness, \$34.50 to 35.00; Glengarnock, \$32.25 to 32.50; Carnbroe, \$32.50 to 32.00; Monkland and Clyde \$33.50 to 31; Hematite, \$41.50 to 42. Bar Iron per 100 lbs. Scotch and Staffordshire, \$3.10 to 3.25; best ditto, \$3.25 to 3.50; Swedes and Norway, \$5.50 to 6.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$7 to 7.50. Canada Plates per box-Glamorgan and Budd, \$6.25 to 6.50; Arrow and Garth, \$6.25 to 6.50; F. and W. row and Garth, \$6.25 to 6.50; F. and W. Crown, \$6.50 to 7.25; Hatton and Penn., \$6.25 to 6.50; Squares and 14×20 , 25c extra. Tin Plates per box—Charcoal IC, \$10.50 to 11; ditto IX, \$12.50 to 13.00; ditto DC, \$9.00 to 9.50; Coke IX, \$8.00 to 8.50. Hoofs and Bands per 100 lbs, \$3.75 to 4.00; Sheets, best brands, \$4.00 to 4.25; Boiler plate per 100 lbs, \$4.00 to 5.50; Russia Sheet Iron, per lb, 16c to 17c. Cut Nails per 100 lbs, \$4.25 to 5. Wrought Spikes per 100 lbs, \$5.50 to 6. Shot, Canadian, per Spikes per 100 lbs, \$6 to 6.50. Pressed Spikes per 100 lbs, \$5.50 to 6. Shot, Canadian, per 100 lbs, \$7; ditto, English, \$7.50. Lead per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$6.50; Sheets, \$6.50; Bar, \$7.00. Steel per lb—Cast, 13c; Spring per 100 lbs, \$5.50 to 6: best ditto, warranted, \$6 to 6.50; Fire ditto, \$6 to 6.50. Idgot Tin, \$30; Ingot Copper, \$22.50 to 23. Horse Shoes per 100 lbs, \$5.75 to 6. Proved Coil Chain, $\frac{2}{3}$ in., \$7.00 to 7.50.

7.50. LEATHER.—The course of the Leather market

for the last month or two has been even, quotations remaining in the main unchanged during that time. The supply of the staple has been gennerally equal to the demand ; though just at present there is but a small stock of desirable Spanish Sole of medium weights, and inferior quality, has in several instances to take the place of superior. Prices of this article how-ever remain the same. In Slaughter Sole, the stocks are rather larger than usual, and as a consequence inferior lots are difficult to place and some sales have been effected at rates slightly under inside quotations. Harness .-Continues dull and neglected such sales as have taken place approximating more nearly to the inside quotation. Opening of the navigation may help prices. Upper.— In fair demand for light well finished stock, but heavy is still difficult to move. Buffed of good quality is very scarce and prices have stiffened some-what. *Enamel* and *Pebble* are wanted. Our quotations are :- Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 25 to 26c; ditto No. 2 23 to 24c; Buffalo sole No. 1 22to 23c; ditto No. 2 18 to 20c; Hemlock slaughter 27 to 31c; waxed upper light and medium 34 to 42c; ditto heavy 33 to 38c; grained upper 35 to 42c; splits large 26 to 32c; ditto small 18 to 25c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs 60 to 75c; ditto 18 to 26 lbs 50 to 65c; sheepskin linings 30 to 42c; harness 26 to 30; buffed cow 14 to 17c per ft.; enamelled cow 18 to 19c; patent cow 19 to 20c; pebbled cow 14 to 17c; rough leather 27 to 29.

LIQUORS.—Brandy.—Market active and ad-vancing. Favorite brands in wood such as Martells and Hennesseys sell from \$2.50 to 4. Other brands from \$2 to 2.40; cases \$6 to 15. Large sales of this liquor have been made during the week, within our range of quotations. Gin.—Prices are well maintained, sales of De-Kuypers at \$1.50 to 1.521 in wood; green cases \$4.121 to 4.25; red cases \$7.25. Other brands in proportion. High wines.—Are in good demand at \$1.55 duty paid. NAVAL STORES.—Exhibit very little change

in prices, but the demand continues moderate. We quote spirits of turpentine steady 60 to 621c. Rosins are steady and unchanged in values. Strained rosins.-\$4.50; ditto No. 2\$5; ditto No. 1 \$5.50; ditto pale \$6 to 7. Coal tar-\$3 to 3.22. Pine tar-\$5. Pine pitch-\$5. Coal pitch-\$4.50.

OILS .- Market quiet with very little moving at present. Cod oil.—Is almost nominal at 56 to 58c. Steam refined seal 621 to 66c. Ordinary pale seal 54 to 57c. Linseed raw 70 to 721c; ditto boiled 75 to 772c. Olive oil 95c to \$1.05. Palm oil 81 to 92c. Petroleum.—The demand is decreasing, and only sales of retail parcels reported. Lots of say five barrels are placed at 20 to 201c, and single barrels at 21 to 22c, for car loads the quotations is 19 to 20c.

PROVISIONS. — Butter. — Receipts 23 kegs; shipments 239 kegs. The present extreme prices for butter has bept back business, buyers being afraid to operate beyond the supply of immediate wants. We quote store packed western 26 to 27c; dairy ditto 29 to 30c; Eastern townships butter 30 to 32c. Cheese.-Reeeipts 415 boxes; shipments 600. Market quiet but steady, fine factory 121 to 13c; finest fac-tory 13 to 14c. Pork.—Receipts 244 barrels; shipments 41 brls; in sympathy with the Western States market. Prices have an upward tendency here, and to-day the market closes firm at \$18 19 for inspected mess; for uninspected the quotations is 50c less. Beef.—Market nominal at \$15 for prime mess. Lard.—firm at 11 to 11.2c. Tallow.—Rendered 6 to 6½c;

ditto in the rough 3½ to 4½c per lb. SALT.—Market quiet and nominal; fine \$1.15 to 1.30; coarse \$1 to 1.10.

WooL .--- Quotations are, for fleece wool 30 to 32c; pulled wool super 32 to 34c; ditto No. 1 black, and unassorted 30c. A sale of unassort-ed pulled were made during the week at our inside figures.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, April 1, 1874.

There has been a good deal of activity in Dry Goods during the past week, and boots and shoes have been in demand, but in most other departments of the wholesale trade, there has not been much doing. Flour and grain have not been moving to any extent, and for provisions, there has only been the ordinary con-sumptive demand. Money is coming in pretty fairly from country customers, and there is not more than the usual amount of maturing paper calling for renewal.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- There have been a good many customers in town during the past week, and a large business has been done. Prices remain steady. CATTLE.—Beeves.—The supply of cattle has

been large since last report, the receipts amounting to about 400 head, and] the quality has been above the average. Prices range from \$3.75 to 5.50, anything higher being extremely exceptional. The following are some of the sales made: two cars, averaging 1400 lbs, at \$70; one car, averaging 1360 lbs, at \$5.25 per 100 lbs; two cars, averaging 1400 lbs, at \$63; one car of prime steers, averaging 1420 lbs, at \$5.50; three cars, averaging 1500 lbs, at \$75. Sheep.—There were only a few lots in during the week, which sold at \$8 to 10 for first class, \$5 to 6 for second-class, and \$3 to 4 for thirdclass. Lambs .- Last years' are only coming in small lots, and prices are nominally unchanged. Spring lambs are beginning to arrive, and are quoted at from \$2,50 to 5. Calves .- The receipts are improving. Prices range from \$3 to 10.

DRY GCODS.-There have been a good many buyers in town during the past week, and a large amount of goods have been disposed of. Buyers, however, are purchasing with a good deal of caution, and although leading houses have done a larger trade than during the corresponding month of 1873, this has been due not so much to the increased orders given by individual customers. but the increased uumber of orders which had been booked. It is now stated that the total imports for this year to date will fall short of those for the first three months, but the Custom House returns for March are not yet to hand to verify the accuracy of this statement. Prices of cotton and wooollen goods are much the same as last year, but silks are decidedly cheaper.

FLOUR AND MEAL.-Flour.-In store on 30th inst. 33,041 brls, against 32,316 brls the previous week, and 30,351 brls at the corresponding date of last year. The market has been steadily dull during the entire week, closing moderately firm, however, and with a little more enquiry. Extra is nominal at \$5.50 to 5.55, with no recent business to establish quotations. Spring wheat extra sold yesterday at \$5.10 in store, which is about all that could now obtained for it. For superfine \$5 f. o. c. would be paid, holders asking \$5.05 to \$5.10 Oatmeal -Has continned to stiffen in price, and is now firm at \$4.90 to 5.15, according to quality, with late sales at within the range of these quotations. Bran-Has been scarce and wanted, with sales at \$15 to 15.50 on the track. GRAIN.—Wheat.—In store on the 30th inst.

731,401 bnsh, against 725,349 bush the previous week, and 427,675 bush at the corresponding date of last year. The advices from Liverpool have recently been more favorable, and a portion of the previous decline in prices has been regained, owing to weather wet and unfavorable for crops. Here, there has been scarcely a transaction, both buyers and sellers being content to await the opening of navigation, which may shortly be expected to take place. Of spring wheat no sales have been reported, but buyers could probably be found for No. 1 at and combing is quoted at 31c to 32.

\$1.19 to 1.20 in store, holders asking \$1.21 to 1.22. Fall wheat could be sold at \$1.27 in store for No. 2 white, and No. 1 Treadwell in cargo lots. A single car sold yesterday at \$1.261 in store. Barley.—There has been no car lots recently offered and prices are nominal. Farmers' loads are realizing from \$1.20 to 1.35. Peas.—In store on the 30th inst. 95,026 bush, against 101,446 bush the previous week, and 52,876 bush at the corresponding date of last year. The Liverpool market has been a declining one, latest quotations being 43s per quarter, and prices here have given way somewhat in sympathy. A lot of 5000 bush No. I was sold the other day at 71c in store for delivery in May, and yesterday two cars were placed at 68c on the track,—the latter being the current price for farmers' loads. Oats.—The receipts continue unequal to the demand, and prices have further advanced, sales having been made at 47 to 48c on the track, according to location, which is about the present value. *Rye.*—Small lots sells at 70c, but cargoes for delivery at opening of navigation have brought considerably over the figure.

GROCERIES.—Coffee.—Owing to a heavy de-cline in the English and American markets prices here have receded, and Java is now quoted at $27\frac{1}{2}$ to 30c and Rio at 25 to $27\frac{1}{2}$ c. Fish.—There is now little enquiry, and the market is bare of most kinds. There are small stocks, however, of dry cod, prices of which are without change. Fruit.-Valentia raisins have sold in round lots at 77 to 8c, and small quantities at 81c. Currants have been quiet, held at 6 to $6\frac{1}{4}c$ for new and $4\frac{1}{4}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}c$ for old. Rice.—There have been sales in round lots at \$4.871 to 5.121 as to quality, but for small lots holders are steady at \$5.25. Spices. Cloves are held at 47¹/₂ to 50c with very little do-ing. Pepper is unchanged Sugar.—Has been quiet during the past week, and business has been done on the same basis as to price as previously. Tea.-The market is now quiet, both in lines and in broken lots, but prices are are firmly maintained, and holders are not dis-posed to press sales. *Tobacco.*—Inactive and unchanged.

HARDWARE.-There has been a moderate demand for goods during the past week, and sales have been to a fair extent. Prices are somewhat unsettled, but are for the present nominally un-changed. There has been a considerable decline of late in the home markets for pig iron, but manufactured iron has as yet only very slightly given way.

HAY.-Baled has has been in good demand and selling freely at \$18 to 21 by the car load as to quality.

HIDES AND PELTS .- Are entirely without change, the supply continuing about as last noted.

LEATHER .- The market is rather bare of stock just now, and prices are pretty firm all round, but there is no change to note in quotations.

PROVISIONS .-- Butter .-- Market easier, supply having considerably increased. Late sales have been at 30c to 33 for fine tub, and 28c to 30 for large rolls. Cheese.—Scarce and dearer, with none now selling at under 15c. Dried Apples .--There has been a further advance established. holders being firm at 10c. There is a fair enquiry but actual business is confined principally to small lots. Eggs.—In good supply, packed selling from 13c to 15, as to quality. Lard—Has sold at role to rol for therees, and IIC to II for tinnets, as to quantity and quality. Bacon—Has been going off to a fair extent at 8³/₄c for Cumberland cut. Hams.---Smoked at 12²/₄c to 13c. Pork .-- Mess is nominal at \$17.50 to 18.

WOOL .- The market for pulled wools is steady, with only a limited business. Super has sold at 32c, at which it could still be placed,

STATEMENT OF THE	AFFAIRS	OF	PERMANENT		BUILDING	SOCIETIE	ries in	CANAD	A, 1870,	1871, AN	ID 1872.
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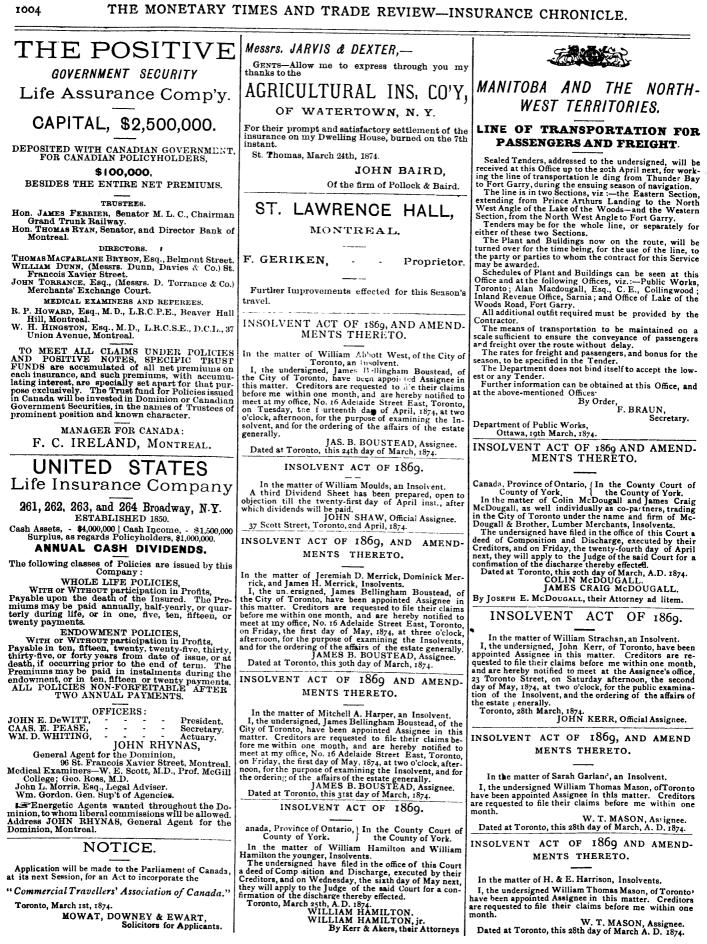
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Application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate the

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Toronto, March 1st, 1874.

MOWAT, DOWNEY & EWART. Solicitors for Applicants.

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	All other liabilities 1,148,084 78 	THOS. A. TEMPLE & SON,
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.	Surplus, December 31, 1873         \$4 06 :,405 25           Increase of assets during 1873         \$2,744,082 94	102 Prince William St., ST. JOHN, N. B., Superintendents for the Maritime Provinces
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