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The chair will be taken at noon.
By order of the Board,
E. S. OLOUSTON,

General Manager.
Montreal, 20th Octob:r, 1905.

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The Annual lieneral Meeting of Shareholdens will be held at the Banking House of the Institution on Wednesday, the Jenth day of January next, the C) air to be taken at noon.
D. OOULSON,

General Manager.
The Bank of Toronto, Toronto.
25th October, 1905.

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By order of the Board,
D. R. WILKIE,

General Manager.
'Iornto, 24th October, 1905.

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The Chartered Banks.

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The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16 th to the 30 th of November, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
GEO. P. SCHOLFIELD,
General Manager.

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## Traders Bank of Canada

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By order of the Board,
H. S. STRATHY,

The Traders Bank of Canada, Toronto, 13th October, 1905.

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## BANK OF HAMILTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a dividend of five per cent. for the half year ending 30th November, on the paid-up capital of the Bank, has this day been deciared, and that the same will be payabie at the Bank and its Branches on lst De ember next.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16 th to 30 th November, both inclusive.
The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Bank at Hamilton on Monday, January 15th, 1906, at twelve o'clock noon.

By order of the Board,

## J. TURNBULL,

General Manager.

## THE ONTARIO BANK

Notlce is hereby given that a Dividend of three per cent. for the current half-year being at the rate of six per cent per annum, upon the paid up Capital Stock of this institution, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after Thursday, the First day of December next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16 th to the 30 th November, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.
C. McGHL,

General Manager.
Toronto, 19th October, 1905.

## EASIIERN TOWNSHIPS BANK.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held at their Banikng House in the city of Sherbrooke on WEDNESDAY, SIXTH DEUGMBER next. The chair will be taken at 2 o'clock, p.m.

By order of the Board,

## J. MACKINNON,

General Manager.
Sherbrooke, October 31, 1905.
The Chartered Banks.

## BANQUE d'HOCHELAGA

## NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of three and onethalf per cent ( $31 / 2$ p.c.) for the current half-year, eyual to seven per cent. ( 7 p.c.) per annum, on the paid-up capital stock of this institution, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the head office of this bank, or at its branches, on and after the First day of December next.
The transfer books will be closed fron the l6th to the 30 th of November next. both days inclusive.
The annual general meeting of the shareholders will take place at the head office of the bank, in Montreal, on Wednesday, the 20 th day of December next. at noon.

By order of the Board.
M. J. A. PRENDERGAST, General Manager.

Montreal, October 17th, 1905.

## La Banque Nationale head office: quebec.

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$\$ 1,500,000$
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-The residents of the Isle of Pines have isslied a declaration of ndependence from Cuba and arganized a new gevennment as a United States territory. A delegate to congress will. bs sent to Washington in order to have questions affecting the future of the island idscussed before the House of Representatives, ignoring Cuban authority. Maiss meetings were held under the name of territorial convention and cfficials were appointed to fill ail positions except those that must be named by the president under the constitution of the United States.
-The Department of Inland Revenue is taking active sleps towards suppressing the sale of adulterated foods. An inspector came through Brockville some time ago and collected samples of goods trom the shelves of local merchant. They were submitted to the Dominion Analyst, and during the past month reports have come back in the firm of a demand for fines for selling adulterated goods, mainly pepper, cream of tartar, and jams. The fines have ranged from $\$ 9$ to $\$ 24$, and in each ins ance were promptly paid to the officer who served the paper. The merchants, however, will seek redress from the wholeszlers, who will undoubtedly have to make good the several amounts of the fines.

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-Assessor Janzen estimatios vire wual value of builả ng ; erected in Berlin, Ont., this season will amount itio $\$ 350,000$. The waterworks plant, owned by the city, will show a net pirifit of $\$ 10,000$ this year.
-The commercial agent for canada in viexico, writes to the Government that the Mexicans are beginning to produce raw sugar. Cheapmess of labor and land in Mexico will off. set the preference enjoyed by the West Indian producers.
-Two steamers having a tonnage of 7,000 each, to be launched next Spring, are to be built in England to the order of a Norwegtian firm this winter for the St. Lawrence coa:carrying trade of the Dominion Coal Company.

- During the month of October over 25,500 cals pas:ed through the St. Clair Tunnel of the Grand Trunk Railway Company. The figures are as follows: East-bound, 13,032 ; west-bound, 12,597. This is a larger record than for the same month last year.
-A new city branch of the Traders' Bank of Canada has been opened in Toronto at the corner of King and Spadina avenue. This branch will prove a great convenience to the business men and othens in that vicinity. The cornor h-s been remodelled and made into a first-elass banking office. The new branch will be under the management of Mr. F. B. Bennett, late manager of Prescott.
-Some 700,000 bushels of wheat have been sent out of Saskation and points north to Prince Albert this season. Up to last Mionday 240,000 bushels had been shipped from Saskatoom; Rosthern shipped 330,000 bushels, Hague, $99:=20$ bashe's; Oster 4, 5.0:0 bushels.
-The Dominion Oil Company of Detroit have purchased the plant of the Detroit and Dominion Oil Co. at Leamington, which includes six producing wells, power house, tanks, etc. This will make the Dominion Oil Co. one of the biggest companies operating in the Camadian cil fields.
-The Government bornty on pig lead produced in Canada has been reduced owing to the sliandard price of the lead in London. The bounty was formerly 75 cents per hundred poands, providing the total did not exceed $\$ 500,000$ a year. The increase in price in London has cansed a reduction in the Canadian bounty.

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-An otticial relurn received by the trade and commerce department trom Hiort William and Port Anthur elevators shows that during October there was received $11,541,937$ busheis of wheat compared with $6,738,935$ bushels in Ootober 1904, the shipmemis out of the elevators being $10,427,166$ compared with $3,821,239$ in Octobar the year pravious.
-Canada's commercial agent to Japan writes the departmeint that to the excellence of Canadian butter from Canadian creamenies, tribute is paid by the fact that package samples in tins for a Lokio firm, that by mischance remained at the customs in Yokohama for two months of the hot season, and when opened were in first-class condition. All the butter from Calgary gave excellent satisfaction.
-Silk seems to be the chief manufacturing industry of France. The value exported last year was £ 11476,00 (about $\$ 57,000,000$ ), -which is $\$ 1,310,000$ less than the previous year, but yet some fifteen millions above the second mamufacturing industry-woollen tissues. Half the exports go to the United Kingdom. France imported for the same period, nearly $\$ 60,000,000$ worth of raw silk and sillk waste, and exported about 27 millions' worth of the same material.
-The Japamese Consul, Mir. T. Nosse, has received word that his Government and many cattle-raisers in Japan are surprised and pleased at the condition in which the car the e recently purchased in Canada arnived. He says Japanese cattle buyens are already aware of these facts, and large purchases will likely be made each year. The Japanese breeders are reponted to have more faith in Canadian pedigrees than in those of the United States.

- The report of the Intencolonial Railway for the month of September shows a small surplus of earnings over expenditure. The earnings were $\$ 686,271$, leaving a surplus of $\$ 24$, 659 . For the past three monthos the average deficit has been reduced to $\$ 25,938$, so that if this is maintained the year would close with only a small deficit. There will be a saving of $\$ 300,000$ for the year in the maintenance of way, and $\$ 100,000$ in the coal bill.

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-The attempt io estabiish quick lunch eating houses in London has proved a costiy faisure. Both the American restaurants of this character on the Strand have just gone out of business: One place had a pregarious existence for two years, during which it went through two bankruptcies, white the other lasted a few months and then failed so completely that the shareholders have not recovered a penny. Both places made a specialty of American delicacies, such as cranberry pie, sinkers, waffles, oyster cocktails, and baked beans. Londoners refused to fiform acquaintanceship with these American speciaities, and this, combined with mismanagement and extravagance, doomed the scheme to fai.ure almost at the start.
-In the drawing of the Alaska boundary line, United States residents have found themselves in Canada when they thought they should be in the United States. Dr. W. F. King, chief Canadian astromomer, states that in accordance with the judgment of the tribunal that sat in London, the boundary is being run between the lines as claimed by each country. That is to say, it is farther from the coast than Canada claomed, and nearer to the coast than the United States admitted. The complainants appear to have taken it for granted that the boundary has been established just as the United sitates argued it would be. The joint survey was carriad on during the summer of 1904, and the present year, but will not be completed until next year.
-Cable advices to the United Siates State Department from Singapore say the United Sitates boycott in that quarter, which was thought to be practica'ly suppressed, has taken on a decidedly serious aspect. Many anonymous fefters have been recajved, probably by merchants who have dealt in United States goods, which have had the effect of completely paralyzing the trade, whish in Singapore is very largely conduated through Chinese menchants. It is feared by the State Department's informant that this is only the beginning of further serious trouble. The department finds it very difficult to deal with this phase of the boycotit for the reason that it exists, not in China proper, but in a British dependency. The only feasible course appears to be to request the Chinese Government to use its moral influence with Ohinese subjects outside of China to desist from further attacks upon United States trade.

-A's an instance of the manner in which large mortuary estates are involved, that valued at $\$ 8,000,000$ lefit by Alexander Dunsmuir is conspoctous. His niece, Mrs. Edna W. Hopper, and the mother of the dead capitadist, Jean O. Dunsmuir, are joined in their efforts to secure is all. On behalf of the claimants a bill in equity was filed on the 9th inst. at San Franciseo to deceare void the will of the deceased admitted to probate in British Columbia, and to set aside the proceedings at Nan Francisco whereby an authenticated copy of the testament was admitted to probatie, and letters testimentary issued hereunder. A feature of the action is that of Attorney Mountform, a member of the firm of Wilsom and Wilson, represlentatives of James Dunsmuir, sole devisee urder the will of his brother, Alexander Dunsmuir, is direo ly accused of fraud and flagrant violation of the ethics of his profies-on.
-In the annual report of the Americam Cottion 010 . the chairman of the board lays stress on the fact that taniff wars continue to grow in intensity. "It seems probable," he says, "that this bar to the natural growth of U.S. com neres wit' Europe may not be cuned until comgress takes steps to me it on the grounds of greater fairne-s and reciproca! favar those countries whose in erests have so suffered from the lu dera of the U.S. current tariffis that thay have retalinted in kind.


The disaffection covers the greater part of Europe, though in varying degrees. It is most acute and mast directly affects the interests of the cotton oil industry in Austria, France Germany and Italy." Permanent investment account was charged wish $\$ 436,941$, for real estate, ginneries, and other purchases increasing capacity and for tank cars. The account was oredited with $\$ 152,151$ from sales of real estate, building's and old machinery. The net working capital of August 31 was $\$ 6,082,524$, of which $\$ 627,949$ was cash in bank.
-According to a report oy the Geological Survey the total output of crude petroleum in the United States in 1904 was $117,063,421$ barrel's. The total value of all the petroleum marketed in New York was $\$ 101,170,400$. The gain over 1903 was $16,602,084$ barrels and $\$ 6,475,416$ in value. For the first time the quantity of oil produced west of the Missiscippi was greater than that produced east of that river. New pools were discovered in Texas, California, Kansas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma, and many extensions were made to old fields. The report says that all indications point to an increase in the production of petroleum for a series of years. The Mexican Central Railway has entered into contract with the Mexican Petroleum Co., whereby the latiter is to furnish fuel oil for the entire system during a period of tifteren years. It is estimated that the petroleum company will receive fifty million dollars from the railway during the fifteen years.

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-A sub-agent at Galt, Ontario, of the Metropoli an Lfe of New York, is described as having recently attempted an unusual role to account for the shortage of about $\$ 50$ in his accounts. He told the chief of police that he was knocked uncomiscious and robbed of money, partliy his own. He subsequently admitted his tale was untrue and the injuries selfinflicted. An examination of his books showed that some fifty dollars in collections were due the company before the alleged robbery took place. He said he was in financial difficulties, had used the company's funds and could not te place them. He had no accomplices. He bruised himself on the forehead with a stone and simulated the unconsciousness in which he was found. If his shortages are not made good the guarantee company will probably prosecute. His name is Guy M. Graham, and is described as "a well educated and well connected Englishman of good address."
-According to the periodical report of the London Transatlantic Passemger Oonference the thotal number of parsengers carried by the respective lines from September 29 to O:tober 12 were: Westbound, finst-class 3,956 , second-class 4,231 , third-class 18,936 ; eastbound, first-class 1,166 , second-cla s 1,087, third-class 5,234 . Taking the aggregate for 1995 to date as compared with last year there has been a large increase in the volume of westbound passengers, e-pecially of
the emigrant class, the number being 272,116 in advance of 1904. The first and second classes show an increase of 10,586 and 12,704 respectively. The eastbound passengers in the steerage show a falling off of 106,436 , whilst there is an increase of 11,240 in the saloom and 7,013 in the second class. It will therefore be seen that although there was an enormous exodus of emigrants last year owing to the low rates caused by the rate war, the emigration business this year has been exceptionally heavy.
- In Indian trealy, desigmated as No. 9, has been signed by thie Ontario Minister of Mines and Lands,, with the Dominion Government. It deals with 90,000 square miles of land, lying north of the height of land and east of the land specified by treaty No. 3, which itself lies north of the Lake Superior region. By the terms of the treaty, the Indians in the tenritory specified receive $\$ 8$ per head the first year and afterwards $\$ 4$ yearly. Each family of five gets a reserve of one square mile. The commissionexs, two appointed by the Dominion Govermment and one appointed by the Province, joumeyed through this territory, beginning at Denorwig, on the C.P.R., north to the Albany River, thencè east to Font Albany, Moose Factory, and Lake Abitibbi. They found far fewer Indians than they anticipated, and were able to reserve only 106 square miles, which provides for 1,666 In dians. The Province pays the per capita grants, while the Dommion pays the expenses of the commissiovers' survey, also the cost of delivery of the money, which is a heavy item.


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## THE PANAMA CANAL ENTERPRISE.

While Canada has joined the two great oceans, and is working at a second line off communication to be completed in a few years and perhaps a third-thereby opening to settlement one of the 'argest and most fertile areas in the world, our nelighbours are busy cutting a canal across the narrow isthmus which separates these oceans in the West-Indian latitudes, a rather visionary undertaking that ruined many promoters and stockholders $n$ fow years ago in France. If any people could accomplish the more than herculean task, it would be our neighbours with their indomitthble will and prac-

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tically illimitable money power; but having already spent some 60 millions of dollars in acquiring the work in course of construction from the French owners and ' pressing it forward to completion, they now find themselves inclined to figure up the benefits derivable from so great an expenditure of money. The result does not seem satisfactory.
Alt a recent banquet in St. Louis, Secretary Tift spoke on the subject. He concluded by saying that 50 millions of dollars were taken out of the Treasury of the United States, 40 millions for the French Panama Canal Co., and $\$ 10,000,000$ for the Republic of Panama, for the canal as it is and the right of way and the Panama Railroad. "Ten millions were voted to begin the preliminary work on the canal. That $\$ 10$,000,000 is about exhausted. The pay roll at present amounts to something like $\$ 600,000$ a month, and there is not enough money on hand alfter the payment of the

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bills to meet the December pay roll. There are bills unpaid for material and supplies which should be paid at once. The delay is quite oppressive and unjust to the creditors of the Government. It will be necessary, therefore, for Congress to make an emergency appropriation to carry on the work without calamitous interruption. Nothing could be more dissastrous than to have the pay rol.'s go unpaid for even a few weeks. I know there is a disposition in some quar ters, and possibly among some members of Congress, to re-inve-tigate everything connected with the canal. But while this desire to know all about the canal and its construction is most commendable, it will hardy be allowed to delay the current appropriations for the daily work by $13, \mathrm{C} 00$ laborers that is now being so successfully carried on." Latest advices from Washington announce that "an estimate of $\$ 16,000,000$ for continuing work on the Panama canal has been sent to the Treasury Departminent from the War Department to be sent to Congress. The sixteen million dollars is for expenditure up to and ${ }^{i n}$ icluding the fiscal year ending June 30,1906 . A part of this money will be needed at once, and an emergency appropriation will be asked for. It is said at the offices of the commission that unless money is provided as soon as Congress convenes all work must cease."

Among the great obstacles in the way of construe ion are the raging torrents and great tortuous rivers along the way which the rains swell beyond all control thris far;, and the unavoidable enormously deep cuts, shaped like a " V ," through the mountains in that portion of the backbone of the continent. The effect of the rains during the rainy season upon the sloping sides of the cuit must always be a source off anxiety to those interested in or using this (when comple ed) greitsest wonder of the world.
Our own Sir William C. Van Horne's new railway enterprise, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific, a few hundred miles to the north, is likely to return something to the promoters before the trans-isthmian Panama canal can earn a dollar for Uncle Sam.

## THE OCTOBER BANK STATEMENT.

Owing to the bank statement arriving too late for this issue it is held over until next week.

The statement is a remarkable one as it marks the highest point yet reached in circulation, in deposits and

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in discounts, all three of which received conssiderable additions during the month as appears by the following comparisons:

|  | Oct. 31, 1905. | Sept. 30, 1905. | Increase. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Circulation. | \$76,890,863 | \$69,831,259 | \$ 7,0¢9,604 |
| Deposits in Canada. | 500,690,975 | 487,460,296 | 13,230,679 |
| Discounts in Canada | 450,413,017 | 443,011,879 | 7,401,138 |
| Total Loans | 589,984,116 | 595,026,389 | 14,957,727 |

The circulation reached $\$ 78,464,648$ during the month, but had receded at the close down to $\$ 76,890$,863, which is $\$ 4,664,500$ in excess of same date last year.
There was a margin left for further expansion of note issues of $\$ 6,974,000$, which is quite as near to the limit as is desirable. In 1904 the aggregate margin at end of September was $\$ 15,846,000$, which was pulled down in October 1904 to $\$ 7,520,000$, the increase in circulation in October last year having been $\$ 8,430,000$, which is $\$ 1,3 \% 1,000$ more than the increase this year.

Of course each one of the 34 banks had a margin, the aggregate of the small ones making a total of some 3 to 4 millions. The only banks with a margin of any amount were, the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of British North America, the Bank of Commerce, the Eastern Townsh ps, whose margins aggregated $\$ 3,360,000$. We doubt, however, whether their respective managers were desirous of enlarging their note issues, deeming it preferable to keep well within the limit.
The increase of call loans outside Canada by $\$ 3,-$ 600,000, and of current loans also ouitside Canada by $\$ 1$,600,000 , were contributions by Canada to the New Yorkers. There the strain had run money up to 25 per cent. and the help of Canada was, no doubt, useful. Whether operators in this market appreciate rates being advanced because money was sent to New York is not doubtfinu, they do not regard this movement as fair.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON THE WAR-PATH.

Whatever opinion may be held as to his policy, it is unquestionable that the Right Honble. Joseph Chamberlain is in dead earnest, and is a fighter of heroic mould.
In the great Free Trade movement the two champions, Cobden and Bright, had most powerful anxiliaries. Wherever meetings were hedd throughout Great Britain there were local and imported speakers of high oratorical power. They had at their back the wealth of Manchester, from which most liberal supplies were drawn to pay perambulating advocates, to flood the land with tracts and pamphiets, to subsidize and to establish newspapers. Besides these forces the Anti-Corn-Law Leaguers had an ally of overwhelming power in the condition of the industrial classes, whose sufferings were depicted with burning intens ty in the Corn-Law Fihymes of Ebenezer Elliott. Such volcanic outbursts as the following would sound absurd in these days:
> "Monopoly! if every funeral bough
> Of thine be hung with crimes too foul to name;
> Accurst of millions; if already thou,
> Watch'd by mute vengeance and indignant shame,
> Art putting forth thy buds of blood and flame
> What will thy fruitage be?
> Now imp of beggary curse their dad, and squall For mammy's gin; and matron poor and clean
> With tearful eye begs crust for lodger lean
> And famished weaver, with his children three, sings hymns for bread."

Such a picture was no exaggeration in Anti-CornLaw agitation days, when heavy import duties on wheat helped to make bread dear, and restricted the foreign trade of England. Mr. Chamberlain has no such a'lies; all the greater is his courage in fighting his fiscal battle, and no wonder he hits his opponents mercilessly.

At B rmingham a few nights ago he addressed 4,000 of his constituents. He said, "The sooner we get into clase conflict with our opponents the better I shall 1 ke at"; which may be compared with Nelson's signal to the Captains of his fleet to bring their vessels "close alongside the enemy as then victory was certain."

Some of his rattling sentences were, "Suppose we are beaten. Well, we have been beaten before, and I omnot see that we should be any the worse off-for a time.". "I womld rather be part of a powerful minority than one of an impotent majority."- "If the radicals win, let us project ourselves into the future, then their lot will not be a happy one!" Of Lord Rosebery's course he said: "He sows nothing successfiully, so nothing comes up." He described Lord Rosebery as putting himself up to auctlion with too high a reserve on himself. "His programme is all headlines in capital letters."
As to his own policy Mr. Chamberlain said its main object was, "to secure more emp.oyment for the indu:trial population of England, which would be the great:est social reform ever known." The means to attan this were thus stated: "We want the power of retaliating against those who treat us badly, and we want the
power of preference for those who treat us well." That is wel! put

Mr. Chamberlain declared that although export trade had enlarged, yet in this time of professed prosperity the wages of working people had diminished by nearly $\$ 10,000,000$ a year.

He declared that "the Free Traders have nowremedy, but I have a remedy. I call upon working men to demand that they shall be defended against the unfair competition which during the last 30 years has taken 150 millions of dollars of wages out of their pockets to put it into the pockets of their competitors."

He admitted thatl some recent elections had been unfavourable, but, "we in Birmingham will carry the flag high," in the certain hope of ultimate success.

When addressing the Board of Trade in this city a few days ago, Mr. Chamberlain's representative, Mr. Hewins, prophesied that, in two years, the Chamberllain party would be in power. Certainly the disintegtation going on of the Balfour party and the "mixed and muddled" condition of English Liberals, who , have no policy, except the negative one of opposition to Mr. Chamberlain and no leader who commands the entire confidence of the party, are highly favourable conditions for the success of a policy which is very definite, very patriotic, and which forms a part of the gieater movement-for consolidating the British Empire.

## THE DUTY ON DRESS GOODS AND BLEACHED COTTONS.

Prominent dry goods men favour a redu ti n of the duty on Bradford made dress goods from 35 to 30 per cent. This was unanimously affirmed at a recent meeting of wholesale men in the Board of Trade Building, Mr. George B. Fraser, president, it the chair. They also wish to have white cottons plazed at 30 per cent., agreeing in this respect with the catton and other manufacturers.

There are among those interested in the prosperity of our cotton mills, many who fancy that there must have been an oversight or the part of the government three or four years ago-when the last revision of the tariff was effected-in neg.ecting bleached cottons altogether, while they advanced the duty on coloured and prints to 35 and greys to 25 per cent. This would not be surprising if the statement made lefore the recent session of the Tariff Commissioners in Montreel were foun led on fact-namely that the Valleyfield Mills (Montreal Cotton Co.) were ablle to sell and had actually sold goods to the United States. The only , cotton thus serit was a small quantity of raw-under exceptional circumstances. It is to be hoped that Hon. Mr. Fielding, Sir Richard Cartwright and others, have been properly informed on this point meantime.

Were bleached goods changed to 30 per cent., making the duty on English goods 20 net-an advance which no one would feel as it would amount to a tax of blarely 2 cents for each family per annum, in Can-ada-it would yield a fair degree of encouragement to an enterprise that not only maintains a city, but ren-
ders prosperous a territory of agriculturists over a radius of ten miles around it.

We imported bleached cotitons from Great Britain to the extent of somewhat over 12 millions of yards during the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1904, on which the net (preferential) duty was $\$ 150,63 \%$. The imports from all countries in the same period were 15,226000 yards, the total duty being $\$ 209,960$. The U.S. sold us during the same time nearly $2 \frac{1}{2}$ millien yards under the general tariff, Switzerland 25,000 yards, France 7,000 yards, and highly protected Germany (under th? surtax) 17,140 yards, the last of which paid duty of $\$ 922$.

## BETTER LATE THAN NEVER, MR. PRESIDENT.

Mr. Richard A. McCurdy, President of the Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York, and of its business and agencies in Canada (under the mbnage:ship of Mr. Lafayette Browne of Montrea') caused quite a stir a few days ago at a special meeting of the company in New York by annoureing that in view of the recent investigations and disclosures in that city, his own salary had, by his request, been cut in half-that is from $\$ 150,000$ to $\$ 75,000$ a year. This action was taken at a meeting of the finance committee, and Mr. McCurdy said it was the first step in reducing the expenses of the company. Salaries of the other executive officers of the company also have been reduced, the saving amorunting in all to between $\$ 145,000$ and $\$ 150,000$ a year. Mr. McCurdy's statement to the directors preceded the submission of the investigating committee's first r-port. This committee, which was ramed to examine into the affairs of the company, made a significaut request for a broadening of its powers and recommended chs:nges in practices by the company, "which on their very flace are loose, unsound and open to criticism." The e mmittee recommended that, pending its further inquiry, the executive officers adopt immediately a policy of retrenchment.

The president, although not a bachelor, will probably be able to live comfortably on the $\$ 75,000$ a year that remains to him. The admissions implied by the reductions are significant enough .

## UNPROFITABLE WOOLLEN MANUFAOTURE.

The "Textile Mercury" of Manchester, England, refers to the closing of the old estlab'ished woollen mil's of Applegate Bros., Bradford-on-Avon, as marking the discontinuance of the woollen manufacturing business in that town. The cause assigned for the cessation is keenness of compettition and difficulty in getting sufficient advance in prices off the finished goods to cover the cost of raw material. An application of Mr . Chamberlain's retaliatory fiscal policy had doubtle s enabled the firm to continue in their sphere of usefulness in and around thatt district, where they afforled profitable work to many families, the memters of which
must now seek employment elsewhere, and study meantime the Free Trade problem at their leisure. The shopkeepers in the town will also have some cause and opprortunity for contemplation while waiting for customers to replace the old ones. The premises have been secured by a rubber manufacturing firm, bout it must take time to train employees to the new work. The woollen machinery, most of it quite modern, was being disposed of privately alt latest accounts. Here is a possible lesson for our tariff commissioners.

## CITY AFFAIRS AND THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER.

The proceedings of what is called the Legillative Committee of the City Council are of much interest to the citizens at large and of speeial concern to the community.

The 1 egal fraternity are an influential body in the City Council, and are naturally, as becomes them, desirous of employing their talents for the general good. They are not, however, much behind some of their lay brethren in promulgating propositions which are to remedy all the ills pervading the civic government. One and all would seem to be desirous of rushing to the Lucal Legislature for power to do this and the o her thing, and to tax every conce vable object that may vex the peaceable, well-intentioned citizens.

The era of the refformers who obtained the new charter only a few years ago, seems to plave passed. We were told after that Charter was passed that there would be no more need for going to. Quebec, for the city would have home government to the fullest extent, and the people, if appeated to, could determine for themse' ves what improvements and legislation were desired.

Those rights and powers given to the people had at no time been fairly invoked, and they now a e delilerately set aside as if they had never existed. What a falling off there is in this respect from the s'and of the platriotic men who rescued the city from its doplorable condition of on'ly a few years ago, and ye: some of the more prominent men who now are pushing the proposed amendments to that charter are men elected to carry out the views of the reformers to whom the public of this city owe so much.
There is something so incongrobus in the position as to be almost ridiculous in the idea of a great city like Montreal, with a revenue and expenditure greater than that of the province of Quebec, going cap in: hand to the provincial Legislature and asking for power as to how its internal regulations shall be made and as to how the money shall be raised for its street paving and cleaning and such like, when all the time the pople themselves have the power in their own hands to de ide what they need.

What can the members of the legislature from the remote parts of the Province know about the requirements of a city like Montreal? The question, when, put like that is unanswerable. It is well-known that votes of the members on all such matters are obaived
-for, or against-by a system of log-rolling. The votes of the country members are too often obtained by a promise of support for other measures in return.

The result of such a system is that whenever any measure affecting what the rural members consider the rich city, of Montreal, it is an easy matter for interested persons or powerful and astute corporations, to introduce something inimical to the general interests of the city. Such has been the experience of the past, and we seem to be now rushing headlong into the stream more hadlong than ever.

It must be said, hbwever, that the country members of the Legislatcre are not the only ones to be blamed in the past. Some of the memkers of the council sent to Quebec to promote the measures ficr the city, and even some of the representatives for the city in the Legis'ature, lent themselves in a marked way to the log-rolling that placed upon the statutes some of the cosfly and objectionable measures that the city is now called upon to pay for at the expense of the ratepayers.

Herein lies the danger of going to Quebec. How is it to be guarded against, if the members specially sent to guard the city's interest are recreant to their trust. If the Aldermen will go to Quebeo they should be careful in naming the men they send in charge of their measures.
There is nothing in any of the suggested measures, so far made, to warrant obtaining further legislation for civic purposes. Many of them are trivial, interf rences with the rights of citizens, and tend to no grood purposes. Some are important and could easily be obtained by a popular vote if the citizens approve off them. If the citizens do not approve them, why force those measures upon them by the influence of the rural members of the Legislature who can know nothing about them or the requirements of the city.

One of the latest propositions is made by a most worthy and progressive alderman to obtain aulho ity to borrow some three millions of dol'ars for so-called permanent street paving-a thing unknown here. Why go to Quebec for that when the machineiy by which that object can be obtained is already prov:d d for in the charter.

That provision in the charter is a sulutary way of obtaining improvements, that obtains flewhere and seldom fails to be sanctioned when the object is beneficent. It may be that more revenue is required for so progressive a city as Montreal, but the means for obtaining it should be derived from the people themselves.

When the new charter was under diecussion, th's Journal, as well as others, strenuously advocated the introduction of a system that prevails in many cities of Great Britain, the United States and Canada-to provide for their annual requirements. Instead of a fixed, rigid, annual tax, as here, there the city authorities estimate the requirements for each department for the coming year in detail, and summing up the whole. a rate sufficient to cover the amount is declared. The rate thus declared is watched by the ratepayers and it is seldom objected to, because aldermen all over the world are careful to keep taxes down to the lowest, however ready they may be to borrow and spend.

At one time that proposition was likely to have been adopted, but unfortunately nariow preconceived notions prevailed, and it was passed over.

It is not yet too late to amend the errors of the past in this respect, and if the aldermen will ,persist in rushing headlong into danger, let them adopt that sa.utary. measuis- if it is not now possessed of it-which would effectually remove the complicated questions of how to raise a revenue commensurate with the city's absolutie Heeds.
There is one thing that the City Council should be clear upon-and persistent-that is, to protest vigornusly through its representatives against the in roduction of private bills by interested parties, bills inimical to the interests of the citizens at large,-and if such measures are attempted to be tacked on to the city bill and likely to pass, the city bill should be prompily withdrawn as a protest. If such a course had been adopted in the last and previous sessions of the legislature the citizens would have reaped some benefit.

The citizens generally will do well to watch the proceedings of this, so called, Legislative Committee, which is so industrially at work in proposing amendments to the charter and seeking for powers that must affect residents in the city in various ways, and lead to a return of the old state of financial embarrassment from which the ratepayers had hoped to be relieved for all future time.

Now that the city is, very properly, at last, about to enlarge its borders it should, at the same time assert its right, of autonomy, now really possessed for most purposes, and, at once and for all, refuse to be governed by rural influences. In the past the provincial government, as a body, has refused to he? p to protect this city from all such private measures forced upon it, even against the decisions of the City Council. That protection, however, was never refused to the city of Quebee, which, as a consequence, is free from the burdensome operations of monopolies that Montreal is afflicted with.
The recent change in the Quebec Government will, it is reasonable to hope, result in a like protection of Montreal from injurious private legislation, from which cur sister city has been exempt.

## ASPECTS OF FISCLAL REFORM.

We continue our extracts from Sir Charles Follett's essay in the "National Review" on the above subject:
Then it is argued that further taxation of imported food must embrace articles capable of production here (which the present food taxes do not), and so mi'itate against the dogma that there must be no increasing price which does not all go to the Exchequer. Possibly, even a slight taxation on beef, mutton, dairy produce and corn may do agriculture a little good; but, though the tax may be absolutely needed for the Exchequer, or, still more, for the consolidation of the Empire, it must not be thought of. It is contrary to Britain's insular Free Trade.

This sounds exaggerated, but it is absolutely the policy of that gratesque society, the Free Food, League. Never was any body more miscallid; for, While it comprises names whose sincerity demands the utmost respect, it was founded by Sir Michhael Hick:Beach, who, chal'enged (as having been the geates: taxer of food of list century) to explain "Free Food," wrote: "I have no objection to taxation of food, provided it is not of a protectionist character."
One would be more disposed to accept this explanation, unsatisfactory as it is, if the eminent exp'ainer had not been himself the introducer of a tax distinetly protectionist in character. There was a great deal of misconception about the transient one shill ng du'y of 1902 on corn. The popular idea, dificially encouraged, was that it was merely a revival of a stale re-quirement-a fossil dug up only as a war terminator, a registration duty. It was, however, nothing of the kind. It was no revival. It was a new tax, intended for war or peace; and designed permanently to broadell the area of taxation. When Sir Robert Pesl left the one shilling it was for statistical purposes, becaurs? we had then no accurate statistics as to free goods; but he treated it as nothing, and said "Corn will be duty free." In 1864, Mr. Gladstone, regarding the tax as ncither objectionable nor ephemeral, remidell $d$ it, theugh then unneeded for statistics, at threop nre a hundredweight, with a corresponding excess for the manufactured article, flour. The alolition by Lord Sherbrooke (then Mr. Lowe) in 1869 was a flent is ic waste of public money, which by now might have paid off thirty-six millions ( $\$ 180,000,000$ ) of Englard's National debt. Reimposed in 1902, the tax was no mry a "registration duty" than the tax on hair powder is; and, as no countervailing duty was put on home corn, it was a tax of a distinetly "proteationist character," intended to be permanent, to be incressed if necessary, and the princip'e of it to be possibly extended to oth r articles of food. In principle, in fa-t, it stond (a: rr)posed) on precisely the same plane as Mr . Chamberlain's scheme for Colonial praference.

It may be urged, no doubt, that, theugh protectionist in character, the shilling duty d'd not, in fract "rotect," as it did not raise prices; and this, except as to millers, who did gain, is fairly true. But can any League honesity balse a distinction on this acridental result? and if it can do so, why all the Free Food Lelague fulminations against Mr. Chambarlain's arcument that a two-shilling duty will be met ty correp paling rsults? Indeed, Mr. Clsamberlain's proposed dyty is, of the two, more likely to be non-protective. The shilling duty was on all imported corn. Mr. Chamberlain's is suggested only on non-Imperial corn, and, by the law of supply and demand, must throw the duty on the non-Imperial.
The Free Food gospel, in fact, having regard to the corn duty of its founder, is the most absolute myth.

Why, then, is the elector roused agairst the 2-shilling duty so that he will not even discues it? Simply by misrepresentation and mendrejou- ploc rds. "We can冋lways," wrote, scme years ago, a we'l-known Fr e Trade professor, "uphold Free Trade, whatever the ar-
guments against it, by placards of the big and little loaf"-that is to say, by hoodwinking the British electorate in order to lengthen the days of a professoial theory. The professor was, however, wise in his generation. Against mendacious placaids the electorate is almost powerless. The need for exceptional legislation for the unemployed-marches of the unemplayed to London-may possibly tend to enlightenment; but the poisonous harm which these placards do is not confined to votes, it extends to character. I heard, recent'y, off a populous villege in one of the home counties where every labouring man was in farour of chelapness at any cost (even with low wages), and leisure rather than constant employment!

A year ago, at Tariff Reform meetings, the idea of certain and constant employment was cheered. It is now received in gloomy silence. Cheapness was the only god. It now has a twin brother, Idleness. In May last, a noble lord-a Free Trader-commenting on some remarks made in a provincial city to working men as to constant employment, said: "See how these Tariff Reformers want people to work," and he was applanded! Deluded creaturcs! It would s:em that they have never heard the fable of killing the goose that laid the golden egge, er realised that, if the industries go one after another, the country can never find any employment for them at all, or any wage at all on which to enjoy their cheapness, when they are simply mariners, bank clerks, dock carriers, 1-adere of trucks, or commission agents

It is well to warn them that, whether they like it or not, or vote for it or not, now, they will have to place these duties on food sooner or later; not for Mr. Chamber'ain, but for the necessities of the United Kingdom, since in no other way, as was seen in 1902, can the increasing and absolutely necessary calls upon the Exchequer te pos illy met. (We must here direct the attention of our readers to certain articles in the "Journal of Commerce" that appeared during 1903 undrr the caption, - Who pays the Duty?")
"There is, however," says the essayist, "one course, and a splendid course open to the electors, by which the burden may be lightened, and what looks like decay be trandformed into invincible stability; namely, by converting the isolated fonty-two millions into a vast federated Empire of hundreds of millions all shering the common burdens." What are we, if we persiet in standing alone? Lord Goschen said recently: 'How can we expect our countrymen to hold their awn against the enormous'. y increasing populatiors of other countries?' and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach supplements this by saying that 'Unless we get the co-operation of our colonies for Imperial Defence our Imparial power must go.'"

These Chancellors of the Exchequer know, from their Treasury experience, Free Traders though they dre, that England's sole escape from inability to meet her inevitable expenditure is Consolidation of the Empire; and yet the people shrink from the only means by which that is atta nable. "Commercial Urion must precede political and military umion, and we cannot
wait for ever." And an able writer says: "The mass of Englishmen are as inaccessible as the seven sleepers to the prollound changes in the economic world, determining the fate of nations; but yet it is certain that, within twenty years, the balance of popu'ation in the world will have turned so heavily against us that our prospects will be gloomy indeed." Years ago Lord Rosebery said: "If you wish to remain alone in the world with I eland, do so; burt you cannot hase the boon of a powefful Empire encircling the ghobe with a bond of commercial unity and peace without some sacrifice; yet it is a cause for which we might be content to live, and if need be, to die." We don't, alas! hear these noble words from Lord Rosebery now. Political exigency requires him now to tell townopoople, with one breath, to vote against Mr. Chambrilain's Imperial Scheme, because it may cause a slight rice in the loaf; and, in the next breath, to warn agrisultu alists not to support Mr. Chamberlain because the duty he proposed is too low to add anything to the prica of corn. Verily, political consistency is banished to Jupiter and Saturn! but the noble words are the right words, and perhaps some day Lord Rossbery may lad his fellow countrymen back to Imperial thorughts.

There need, in fact, be no "sacrifice," if the British elector will have a little courage now and refuse to be mendaciously placarded. But, if he selfishly rets as no subject of the Mikado would dream of acting, he will have, ere long, to bear a burden ten times heavier than any within the range of possibility under the proozals before the country. He may centemptuously e st adrift the Empire handed down to him, but he cannot get rid of the debt incurred in building it up. He may be content to be only a citizen of a petty island in the North Sea, but if he is to be provided with food in his island, where agriculture has been destroyed by Free Imports, he must still keep up, alone and unaided, incomparab'y the greatest Navy in the world.
Which will he do? He can't escare the alternativ. It is on him like the Old Man of the Sex on Sinbal the Sailor. Left alone he would, true-hearted and n ble as he is at the bottom, boldly face what the sons of the Empire will share with him, decline o a ${ }^{3} \mathrm{mi}^{+}$that England and decay should ever be breathed together, and stretch out to the future of the vast and unitel Emp re lying before him.

Will he do this? or, bombarded by false p.acards, cajoled by the Free Food Lelague, will he be driven back to complete protection, as his only esoare frem a benkrupt Exchequer, too late to s ve the Im ral. i u ton; and, ceasing to "rule the waves." sink to the lev I of a third-rate Power, when the greate $t$ ileal then ever gleamed on the imagination of our race stall he perished for ever?

## (Conclude.1.)

-London Clearing House.-Total clearings for week elkding November 16 1905, $\$ 1,132,565$.

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## RECENT TRADE DEVELOPMENTS.

At the Bradford Technical College recently, Prof. A. F. Barker gave the usual monthly lecture on Recent Trade Develapments. In fibreis and yarns, attention was directed to the re-appearance of chlorinated wool. Experiments had some years ago been carried out in the direcion of obtaining piece-dyed fancy effects by the use of chlorinated and otherwise prepared wool, apparently with little success; but there was always the chance, said the lecturer, of such a me hod as this suddenly developing in some useful direction. The attention which was being directed to South Amevican wools had a significance which should not be overlooked. Another matiter for consideration was the blending, not only of wool with vegetable fibre (such as cotton, linen, ramie, etc.). but of such fibres as cotton and ramie in the production of novel effects. With wool so dear as at present, tussore silk "aist was even spoken of as a wool substitute; and, blended with other materials, it might lend itself to the production of novel and useful yarms and fabrics.
In dealing with wood combing and spinning, the lecturer referred to a shont article on the action of scouring agents on the strength of wool, which had appeared in a Paris paper. Lit le was heard of late of the absorbent earth method of scouring wool, but it was evident that present-methods were not considered altogether satisfactory, and consequently the latest method of scouring $m$ ght still take on a useful form. A new carding machine (a Huddersfield invention) was being placed on the market; and although this was of moist importance to the woollen mamufacturer, still, bearing in mind the large quantities of Belgian yamn consumed in Bradford, it might have marked usefulness to certain Buadford mamuficturers.
Under the heading of Weaving, Designing, and Manufucturing, the introduction of some very interesting noveities into the Bradford trade were to be noted. The warp-stop motion of the Textile Appliances, Ltd. (of G'acgow), wa now being applied in Bradford in a useful manner, and was worihy of the consideration not only of the manufacturers, but aiso of those who thought that electricity might be applied wi h advantage in many textile mechanical motions. Thrie inrentions of Messrs. Cauwes B lbille et Cie., of Paris, shoad certainly claim the considenation of the fancy manufacturer; all had reference to groods of a moire character. Tie first invention was an inclined reed, which, working upon a centre, varied the beating-up of the weft. The socond was a reed constructed of movable reed wires, which might be pressed by means of a wooden matrix into any required form, and so fixed that upon being placed in the loom it produced a "mravature of weft in the fabric, and upon the fabric being "moire'd" in the ordinary way it presented most interesting characteristics. The third invention was the in roluct on of a talse reed, the dents of which might be moved across the piece to produce a pattern-owing to these false demis in each paricular position beating the weft more densey than it would be beaten were the false dent not present. This last invention, combined with that first noted, prodrced same real'y remarkable "ondule" effects.
Attention was next directed to an article ou une prinsiple of actuating the shuttls in power-looms, this being most important in view of the like!y return to faycur of moinair goods, in which the weaving of slackly twis'ed, weft was a most important factor. As be ing of interest to figured goods marnfacturens, a new machine of Mr. J. Parkinson, of shipley, in which the lace and peg holes of jacquard cards were cut and the cards laced by the same machine, was referred to by the leaturer and i'lustnated by lantern slides.
Under the heading of Miscellaneous, perhaps the most interesting was the tendency at present being manifested to standardise the work of all Conditioning Houses, bo h British and Continental. Without doubt there was a marked tendency towards standardizing in the trade, and this tendency should be developed as far as possible by means of tedinical colleges and schools, and also by the Conditioning

Houses attaining to and keeping an irreproachablle standard of accuracy and uniformity.
With reference to styles, there seems to be a tendency in the United States and Oanada to favour Bradford goods more than had been the case. In both men's and women's wear, blacks would be a safe line, and variation might be effected by variety in raw material, varigi y in spinning and twisting, variety of combinations in wamp and weft, and variety of finish.

## A CREDIT RATER DISCREDITED.

What are known as Mercantile (or Commercial) Agencies are little known outside banks and wholesale houses. The efforts, therefore, to establish a new agency on a large scale, a very few years ago in Canada and the United States, created no ripple in business circles here or there. Some of the offices were not self-sustaining, and storms ascailed them in Toronto. Hamilion and elsewhere. To this we made copious reference at the time. Now the failure of the International Commercial Ageney, which has a brameh in Winnipeg, is annoumesd. Mr. A. B. Lang'ey, Torontio, has been apmointed orficial assignee, and the settlement of the company's atfairs is in progress. "It is reported." says the Manitoba Free Press, "that some of the Torontio directors are responsible for the trouble." This company, which only opened its buanch in the west nine months ago has been doing a good business there, according to our contemponary, but thad ditficulty in making its way in the conservative cast, Where other, and longer established Agencies practically controlled the field. In Winnipeg the branch opened with a single office and a staff of five, but at the present time occupies five cffices, and has a staff of twrnty. The members of the local staff are heavy losers by the failure, which they blame entirely upom the eastern offices. Tha west has bsen more than paying its way, and it is their intention to try and keep the western business going as a separate ofncern." What a "mercantile agency" wants five offices for, even in so active a centre as the capital of the Prairi Provinco, would puzzle the manager of one of the large, old established "agencies," "The company," says the Free Press, "Fas offices at Toronto, Hamilition, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax and Winnjpeg. The officers are: Fresident, S. F. MicKinnon; visepresident, Senator MacKay; secnatary-trasurer, John F.e t; manager, Owen Smiley."
since writing the above, a liquidatior has been appointed. Assets, as stated, nominally $\$ 251,000$, that imcluding good will, a rather indafinite itsm; the liablities $\$ 230,000$, of which $\$ 200,040$ is to subscribing shareholders.

## NEW GERMAN OCEAN LINE.

German shipowners, not content with controlling heiel 0 fore a goodly share of the Atlantic sarvise, appear to have now turned thair attention to smaller competitors at home. Representatives of the principal Hamburg shipping companics have just organized what is termed a Pratective League, which is expressly aimed at Bremen as a re aliatory measure in view of the organization of the Roland (Bremen) Line. At the same time it was decided to establish an entirely new steamship company to compete with Bremen in'ercsts. The name and destination of the new line are not published, but it is assumed that it will be called the Syndicate Line, since a number of Hamburg shipping companies partscipate in tie ventune. It is also supposed that the line will ply to American ports. It is projected to start with ten steamers ranging from four to ten thousand tons. A director of the Ham-burg-American Line, has assumed provisionally the chairmansinip of the new concern.
The Hamburg-American Tine has issued a statement aimed
to prove that the Nonth German Lloyd Line is behind the Roland Line undertaking, since the Vice-President of the North German Lioyd Company and a member of the koard, are both in the direatorate of the Roland Line. The statement further sets forth that the North German Lloyd Company has appoint ied its agents at Hamburg to be agenits of the Roland Line as well as of the North German Lloyd Company. The Protective League intends to increase its fleet yearly by three steamers, which will be principally used in the interests of all the League members at reduced rates against competition, while they will carry eargoes for outsiders at the wisual rates. The. capital for these stermers has already been subscribed.

## OLAIMANTS OF FIVE MULIONS.

"Tis a wise child that knows," etce, but wisdom as to - kingly paternity seems an exception to the rule. The reportied recent examazation of the documents rela ing to the marmage ceremony between George IV. and Mrs'. Fitzherbent, papers known for more than a century to be deposited in Coutt's Bank, London, has renewed much of the old-ime, almost-forgotten gossip surrounding that incident in the then Prince's career. There is scarcely a city of any magnitude in Canada which does not possess one who is proud to claim descent from him whom Sir Waliter Scotit pronounced the "First Gentleman in Europe." but whom Walter Savage Lander (in his impromptu quatrain History of the four Georges) chanacterized in different term, thus:

> "George the Finst was ever reckoned Vile; buit viler George the Second; And what montal ever heard Any good of George the Third? When from earth the Fourth *** ** Heaven be praised, the Georges ended."

As it was never known that any issue resulted from the celebrated mixed marriage neferred to, and there was but one born of his second wife, Caroline, the daughter of "Barunswick's fated chieftain," it is not surprising that no one has taken the trouble to trace any of the so-caled descents. As for any large estate awaiting some rightful claimant, it is known that even King George himself was obliged to commit what some people looked upon as- big amy,-but the statutes did not-in order that the nation should pay his debts, as is usual when the he r or throned monarch gets married. Mns. Fitzherbert, whose maiden name was Maria Anne Smythe, a native of Hampshive, married Edward Weld at 19, and married Mr. Fitzhenbent at 22. The twice-widowed lady marred the Prince of Wales (aged 22) when in her 29th year, sanctioned by her church ceremonial. She died at the age of 81 .

- An evidence of the rapid growth of Tomonto is given by the police census taken recently, shows the population to be 262,749 . In November, 1901, the police census returncd the population at 221,583 .


## -Mr. James Reid Wilson, head of the firm of Thomas

 Robertson and Co., who took a flying trip to his native land recently, speaks in glowing terms of the state of business in the United Kingdom, especially in these barometric trades, iron and steel, shipbuilding and tex ile manufactures. Mr . Wilson left the stranded Viotonian at this side of Quebec, and crossed on the Bavarian on whish he returned to Montreal, but which also grounded at the Quaran ine on her next outward royage. Mr. Wilson holds practical views on the navigation of the St. Lawrence.
## BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

The stock of E. J. Scatt, general store, Giore Bay, Ont. has been sold at 75 c in the dollar.
G. A. Fleury, trader, Scott Junction, Que., is offering a compromise of 60 c cash.

Recent minor assignments include the Co'onial Ink Co. Ltd., Hamilton; Campbell Bros., grocers, Kenora; W. F. Horton Co., fancy goods, London; Achille Michaud, general store, Cabano, Que.; Bouchard and Michaud, storekeepers, Chicoutimi; Camille Delonme, hotel, Montreal; Cement Building Block Co., Wimmipeg; J. Smith, store, Star City, N.W.T.; W. J. Robinson, trader, Tisdale, N.W.T.; Orangeville, On. Fuıniture Co., Ltd.; Petrolia, Ont., Packing Co., Itd.; Marshall, Bros., tradens, Seaforth; F. J. Riley, grocer, Simcoe; Eugene Barcelo, grocer, Montreal; Rochen and Parement, tailors, Montreal, John Vaux, grocer, Montreal; S.hef£er Bros. and Co., dry goods, Campbeilton, N.B.; W. J. Fîsher, machinist, Ber'in; W. M. Mackay, drugs, Port Colbome; Peter Purvis, woollens, Teeswater; Zoel Pellein, grocer, Bromption, Que.; W. A. Ross, general store, Hopetown, Que.; Curtin's City Expreas, city; L. P. Lefabvre, dry goods, ©ity; Alf. Olivier, grocer, city; St. Louis Shoe Co., Montreal; J. Stein, boos and shoels, city; S. Desmarais, general store, Richmond; Cote and Co., traders, St. Flavie Station; W. F. Lawrence, planing mill, Maple Creek, N.W.T., Davis and Loader, hotel, Rossland.

Meetings of creditors are announced as follows: Langtom and Hall, Ltd., publishers, Toronto; O'Connor and Wilson, hardware, Ottawa; Jos. Beaubien, contrachor, Montrea; Guenette Freres, hardware, city; Elz. Lafrance, baker, Quebec.

Woodhonse, Rozand and Co., wholesale millinery, city, have assigned, and they probably owe $\$ 4,0 \times 0$ to $\$ 5,000$. The business was of a moderate character, sales for the current year being estimated at little over $\$ 25,000$. Although expenses were light, nearly all the work being divided among the partners themselves, it is probable the bueiness did not yield more than a fair living. This firm is a succession of-the jobbing millinery business formexty carried on for a year or so by Geo. Woodhouse, jr., under the style of Geo. Woudhouse and Co. The three partners are: Geo. Woodhouse, semior; Albert E. Rozand and Geo. Woodhouse, jr. The senior partner has had a lengthy experience, having left the employ on the formation of this firm. of Thos. May and Co., with whom he had been connected for over 30 years, latterly as a buyer in their flower and ornament depantment. Rozand had also been employed by the same house for some 10 or 12 years as city traveller, etc. Geo. W. Woodhouse, jr., was or'gina'ly of Woodinouse and McDiarmid, mfrs, agents, and subsequently represented Cockburn and Rea, wholesale millinere, Toronts. They had a fair trade connection, and were steady, industriaus workers, but have had too much competition to contend with, and probably too limited a capital to support a sufficint revenue for so many partners.
The sit. Louis Shoe Co., city, has assigned. This firm is composed of Benj. Vaillancourt, as genera!, and Licuis E. Gagmon, as special partner, the 'atter having $\$ 800$ in erast in it. The firm at one time claimed assets of $\$ 4,500$, and a surpius of $\$ 3,700$. The present liabilities are mode.aie, and probably do not reach $\$ 5,000$.
Israel Nantel, merchant of this ci'y, has assigned on demand of Mr. Heotor Bourgeois. The arsets consist of stock in trade, books debts and propenty situate on St. Matthew S'reet, while the liabilities amount to about $\$ 12,000$.

A Superior Court petition has been granted or a winding. up order against the Canadian Preserved Butter Company, Limited; of St. Johns, Que. Arthur W. Wilks has been appointed provisional guardian. The assel's of the company are nominally about $\$ 75,000$ and the liabilities $\$ 50.000$. Tha order was granted at the request of Mr. Pierre de Bacourt, of St. Johns, with a claim of $\$ 1.570$, and the company consents Zo close up its affairs. The plant was formerly the property of Mr . S. J. Roy, of Sabrevois. Creditors will meet December 12 .

Mrs. V. Brosseau, doing a small provision business under the name of V. Brosseau and Cie, Montreal, has consented to assign on demand of J. E. Merizzi.

## LINEN NOTES.

The condition of affairs in Russia is affecting more than one industry.. Latest advices from Dundee, Sootland, to the Manchester Textile Mercury, refers to the withdrawal of quotations of linen in that city towards the close of last month. Sample parcel's sold for eariy shipment could not be deivered, owing to difficulty in bringing material from inland markets in Russia. Business is thenefore greatly restricied, and much anxiety is felt as to the outcome of this grave crisis. Linen yarns have been in much better demand, but many spinnens were unwilling to contract for forward, and withdraw from the market. A good bus ness was being carried through at the advamee of $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ to d per spl . Toiv yarns have felt the demand better than flax qualities, and rigght tow wefts have sold freely. Wet-spun yarms had aiso been bought in quantity, and were again firmer. Linen goods were irregular, heavy qualities being rather dull, in many instances slow; but medium and fine qualities were, showing a steady improvement, and general prospects more cheerful. Prices cannot be said to be dearer, ais competition is very keen, and late quotations are accepted for present business.

## THE GOSPEL ACOORDING TO CARNEGIE.

As might have been expeated, a score or more of reporters waylaúu Mr . Carnegie as he was stanting on a trans-atlantic voyage beginning of last week, and obtained from him some opinions concerning the topics of the day, especially those on life insurance. "The insurance soandals," said Mr. Carnegie, "have made a profound impression throughout Europe. The root of the trouble is that there are so many men in America who are so good-natured that they lemd their names to finanoial institutions and assume duties which they have not time to perform. Their respectable names are used as decoy ducks by the real managers of the institutions over which they have no control. What we need to control such evils is men in ofifce who are not money grabbers, who are retired firom business and who will conduct public offices as they would their awn business. The impression is caused by the fact that business men will not protect their names as they protect their dollars. I have been asked time and again to become a director of some of the insurance companies, but I replied that if the inotitution is a good onle I wil! trust my dollars with it, but not my name. That is sacred."
-At a meeting of the directors of The Home Bank of Canada, held on Wednesday, November 15th, Lt.-Col. John I. Davidson, President of the Davidson and Hay Company, Limited, and the Western Brokerage Company, Limited was elected a director to fill the vacancy in the board caused by the death of the late Mr. Thos. R. Wood.
-Montreal is not singular. The deoline of agricultural fairs in Vermont is very marked, says the "Epringfield Republican." One after amother of these agricultural exhibitions have been given up, becanse of the difficulty of making both ends meet, including the show of the state agr:cultural society. The Rutiand county agnioultural society, one of the few that has continued to give an annual exhibition, finds itself some $\$ 3,000$ in debt, with th's year's premiums not yet
paid.

## CHANGES IN sTYLES.

One hears with some degree of incredulity that the timehonoured black (meliton or vicuna) frock coat and vest with tweed trousers and silk (top) hat, without which no one with any pretentions to gentility could heretofore appear in the streets of London-are about to become garments of the past,. as much as the knee small-clothes and swallowtail coat of the regulation stage (peasant) Irishman. Now we read, lounge suits, sofit collars, deriby hats, and brown boots are worn everywhere. Manufactures of silk hats are in despair, while tailors aver that the making of frock coats wiil sorn be numbered among the lost ants. -While men's fashions are tending towards simplicity, women's are becoming more extravagant. The latest Paris importation is a skyseraper hat, a towering erection of straw and feathers, standing between 6 inches to a foot high. It is tilted on its edge, and is likely to oreate much grumbing if worn at the theatres.-Light yellow boots and shoes are not so much in favour for next season, but dark shades are likely to prevail.

## STOCK EXCHANGE COMMISSIONS.

The new schedule of commissions fixed upon by the Montreal Stock Exchange is as follow: Banks and insurance compames $1 / 4$ to 1 per cent.; sitocks seiling over 200 per cent. on their par value, $1 / 4$ to 1 per cent.; stocks selling below 200 per cent. and dowa to 10 per cent, of par value $1 / 8$ to 1 per cent.; stocks selling below 10 per cent. of par value, 1-16 to 1 per cent. ; bonds, $1 / 8$ to 1 per cent.; government tax of two cents for every hundred dollars or fraction thereaf of the par value of such shares, bonds, debentures or debenture stock, payable by seller. The charges have evidently been determined upon with some regard to prevailing ennditions, a consideration which must meet with the approval of her clients, both sellers and buyers.

## COTTIN EXPERLMENTS.

Interest in the cotton growing experiments abroad, which bave come so prominenily to the foreground since the advance in cotton prices in the Amer.can marikets is very gerleral, not only among cotton growers in the South, but among manufacturens of cotion, and trademen wherever thes? various industries are all impontant. The manager of the Swaziland Corporation in South Africa, in a recent report to the directors of that corporation, has this to say about the experiment in South Africa: "Unider instructions from the board, we established a small experimental cotton plantation on a portion of our land in the middle veld. Four varie ies of cotton were planted-Elgyptian, Brazilian, Sea Island and Upland Big Ball. The seed of the latter arrived late; consequently the plants suffered in the severe hurricane of June ist, blossomed in the early winter, and the test was not a fair one. Both the Egyptian and Brazilian varieties grew well. The average number of bolls per tree was 40 , but in quality and size the Brazilian was the better of the two. Cotton seed was distributed generally throughout the eant y by the British Cotton Growers' Assoociation and the Trans. vaal Agricultural Department, and I have had an opport nity of inspecting a number of the plant ed areas, which, however, were of too small a size to enable one to form any opinion as to the economic possibilities of the product. But the year's growth in various parts of Swaziland proves that the climate and soil are congen'al, and that the p'ant will do well in most parts of the country, and once cheap transport is available, there will be every encouragement for the estab ishment of a cotton plantation on a commercial sca'e."

A report has just been issued by the superintendent of the mines branch of the department of the interior, and is announced as the first of a series on the economic minerals of Canada.

The report deals with two varieties of mica-muscovite and phlogopite. The occurrence of the former is limited to a few locations in Canada, and mining of this mineral has been attended with many difficulties, owing to the great dispersion of the deposits, their sporadic and sometimes erratic occurence, and their inaccessible location.

The phlogopite, or amber mica, industry, however, is in a flourishing condition, the output for the last year having a valke of close to $\$ 200,000$. This mineral was mined some 15 years ago in connection with phosphate in tne Lievre and Templeton country, but at that time it was not valuable, and, therefore, was thrown away. To-day many of these old phosphate mines are in operation for the sake of the mica, the phosphate on account of its low value at present being mined as a by-product. Phlogopite mica is exclusively mined in Canada and its flourishing condition is due to the large demand for electrical machinery. Large companies like the General Electric and the Westinghouse are operating extensive cutting establishments in Ottawa, which are supplied with mica from their mines in the Ottawa county and from Sydenham. The next important producer of mica is India, but it appears that the Canadian article is preferred.
-The Miramichi section of the Richards' es acice in New Brunswick has been bought by the International Paper Co. of New York; the price is given out as $\$ 625,000$.
-The Canadian Bank of Commerce has opened branches at Kinistino, Sask., Vermilion, A.ta, and Yellowgrass, Sask.
-Mr. J. H. Campbell, well and favourably known in Montreal, has been appointed branch manager of the Molsons Bank at Vancouver. Mr. Campbell has been manager of the bank's branch at Trenton.
-Reports received at the Canadian Pacific Railway headquarters in this city indicate that up to yesterday $33,750,000$ bushels of what had ben marketed at pointis ai'ong the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the North-West since the opening of the present season, as compared with $^{2} 15,750,000$ bushels during the corresponding period of 1902 , an increase of 110 per cent. Receipts at Fort Wil'iam are greatly in excess of previous seasons, $18,250,00$ bushels of what having heen received at that point since September 1 .
-The death of Mr . Walter Kavanagh, which took place at his residence in Montreal on the 22 nd 'nst, removes a prominent and well-known figure in insuranse circles. Formerly with the old firm of Simpson and Bethune, he berame chiof agent in Canada for the Scortish Union and Nationil, and subsequently, until a year or tiwo since, for the Norwich Union. Although troubled with deafness latterly, he enntinued to devote his usual urremitting attention to business. He was in his 53rd year. He leaves a widow and two chi'dren to mourn his lass.
-There is a scarcity of men felt in the lumbering camp's of the Martime Provinces, attributed to the general spread of overmuch school education. Such is the opinion of the Hon. Mr. Tweedie, premier of New Brunswick. Bether, dountless, to err on the right side, whatever the consequences.
-At the recent monthly meeting of the Montreal Insurance Institute, Mr. John Hague read an excellent paper on "Some Phases of Capital and Labour," which was acknowledged by a hearty vote of thanks moved by Mr. Johnson of the New York Life and seconded by Mr. Timmis. Mr. S. P. Stearns, manager of the Equitable, was in the chair.
-Carrier, Laine and Co., Levis, Quebec, referred to at some length last week are supposed to owe $\$ 350,000$ to $\$ 400,000$. A correct estimate of the assets is not yet available. The firm themselves value them at about half a million, a figure much beyond what could be realized. A statement will appear shortly; in the meantime the many stories afloat are mere guesswork.
-The Canadian commercial agent at Bristol says that the Welsh coal owners intend, on account of the high price of anthracite in this country, to enter into competition with the Pennsylvania mine owners in the Canadian market. It is said that a higher grade of coal can be sold in Caniada from Wales at a prices less than that paid for United States coal. The intention is to ship the Welsh anthracite to Quebse and have it broken there into the size for use.
-The Quebec Department of Agriculture issues a bulletin giving the results of the year's operations. Wheat was 77 per cent. agaanst 58 per cent. in 1904 ; banley was up to expectations, being 81 per cent.; oats exceeded the 81 per cent. estimate, being 87 per cent. against 37 last year; potatoes were about an average yield; green fodder similar; hay, beans, carrois, and maize were satisfactory; turnips excellent; tobacco gave 77 per cent. against 75 last year: arpples were mostly an inferior crop.
-A despatich daited 17th November from St. Paul, Minn., via New York, announces that the Nor'h American Life Assurance Co. has brought suit to compel the Minnesota Insurance Commissioner to deliver up to the company securities to the amount of $\$ 112.401$ deposited by them with the Commissioner, acconding to the law of the State, for the benefit and security of all policyholders. There are now in force only nine policies issued by the company to parties residing in Minnesora, and having practically ceased to do business in Minnesota, the company sues to take out of the hands of the State Commissioner a due proportion of the amount of securities he holds. Is Minnesata in noed of an Insurance Investigation also?
-Under authority granted at a speeial general meeting of the shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank, the 10th of February, 1903, the capital stock of the bank was increas:d by the sum of $\$ 1.007,000$. of which 5.000 shares amounting to $\$ 500,000$ were then allotted. The directors have now dsed d to call up the remaining $\$ 500,000$, which will be offered to the shareholders, in the proportion of one share to five of the old stock at 60 per cent. premium. The first cail of 10 per cent. capital with 10 per cent. of the premium, making
a total of $\$ 16$ per share, will be due and payable on the 2 nd of January next, and subsequent instalments for equal amounts will be payable on the first of the nine folowing months.
-The land companies report an active demand for farm lands in all parts of 'Manitoba, Saskat herwan and Al'er'a. Their business this year has been of the mast sati fa tory character, the greater part of the land sold having gon into the hands of farmers who will se'tle on their holdings, makel improvements and become producers. The extensior of railways has had a beneficial effect on the situation, having increased the demand and enhanced values very considerably. The price of Canadian Pacific Railway lands are to-day from $\$ 3$ to $\$ 4$ an acre higher than they were th's time a year ago in certain districts so affected, and chiofly in northern Alberta along the line and branches of the C. and E. railw $y$. in Saskafchewan along the Prince Albert line, and in the region between the main C.P.R. line and Yorkton. The prices have been increased gradually as cond'tions warranted. The Saskatchewan Valley land company have also advanced prices a couple of dollars an acre. This comeany have sold an imb mense area of land this year. principally to colonists from the United States.

## THE SOVEREIGN BANK OF CANADA.

Mr. D. M. Stewart, General Manager of the Sovereign Bank of Canada, has addnessed a circular to the sharcholders from which we make the following extracts, which cannot fail to prove interesting to our readers:- One of the unseen evidences of the Bank's strength and general character is the manner in which the recent issue of stock $(\$ 325,000$ is sued at 25 per cent. premium) has been taken up. In the first place the stock at our disposal was over subser bed eleven times, and althongh the shareholdeis have until next March to complete their paymen's, over 95 per cent. of the total amount has already been paid up.

Although the Bank's notie issuing power has been increased by more than $\$ 300,000$, we are again up to the legal limit, and have therefore been obliged to use notes of ather banks at several branches during the past fiew weeks.
The growth in deposits has been remarkable and shows no sign of abatement. Our depositors are of the very best class, being of the thrifty, saving kind, who believe in making provision for the future. They number over $3 \cap, 00 \cap$. and as nothing is left undone to give them the treatment and satisfaction ther deserve, such a clientelle in a growing and prosperous conntry like Canada must be of incalculable value to the Bank.

All of this Bank's loans are in Canada, which we think is the safest and best country in the world for legitimate investment. Our loans are well distributed and receive the oareful scrutiny of the Directors. who are well-known, successiul business men. . The Bank's magn ficent ten-sto y building in Montreal is now completed and occupied. It is giving the greatest possible satioffacton to our custiomers, tenants, and the public generally, and we have no doubt that it will prore a good investment. Out of 72 rentable rooms, 70 have been let, and it is safe to say that no office building in Montreal contains a bettier cloes of teninits.
We expect the shares of the Bank to be "called" on the Toronto and Montreal Stock Exchanges this month. This will mark another step forward in the Bank's history and place its stock amome the best listed securities of the Dominion. . The Bamk pays dividends to shareho'ders and intoros to depositors quarterly.
Every dopartmiant of the Bank's bus'neas is prooressing satisfantorily. and the growth is steady-not spasmodic.

We have 35 branches and 18 sub-offices, the lattier being managed from some central branch at a very low cost. . .

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| BANKS. | Capital subscribed. | Capital paid-up. | Reserve Fund. | Perc'ntage of Rest to paid-up Capital. | Par value per share. | Market value of one share. | Dividend last 6 mos | Dates of Div'd. |  | Prices per cent. of mar Nov. 23 |  |
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|  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \% | \$ | p.c. |  |  | Ask. | Bid |
| British North America .. .. .. .. .. |  | 4,866,666 |  | $42.00$ |  | $340.20$ |  |  | Oct. Dec. | 169 |  |
| Can. Bank of Commeree ... .. .. . | 9,780,200 | 9,743,340 | 3,917,336 | $40.20$ | $50$ | 83.50 129.00 | $31 / 2$ $21 / 2$ | June | Aug. Nov. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 167 \\ & 258 \end{aligned}$ |
| Dominion .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,500,000 | 119.99 | 50 | 164.00 | 27 | Jan. | July. | 170 |  |
| Eastern Townships. . . . .. .. | 2,497,700 | 2,472,700 | 1,500,000 | 60.66 | 100 | 164.00 | 5 | June | Dec. |  |  |
| Hamilton .. .. .. .. .. ... . | 2,237,400 | 2,235,540 | 2,235,540 | 100.00 | 100 | ..... | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| Hochelaga | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 1,200,000 | 60.00 | 100 | 13850 | $31 / 3$ | June |  |  | 381 |
| Imperial .. .... .. .. .. ... | 3,500,000 | 3,500,000 | 3,500,000 | 100.00 | 100 | 227.50 |  | June |  |  |  |
| La Banque Nationale .. .. .. .. | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 500,000 | 38.33 | 30 |  | 3 4 | May | Nuly. |  |  |
| Merchants of P.E.I. .. .. .. .. | \$44,078 | 344,073 | 296,000 | 86.02 | 32.4 |  | 31/3 | Jan. | Dec. |  |  |
| Merchants .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 | 3,400,000 | 56.66 | 100 | 159.00 | 31/3 |  |  |  |  |
| Metropolitan | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 100.00 | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Molsons .. .. .. .. .. .. . | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 100.00 | 100 | 224.00 255.00 | 5 | April June |  | 2278 | 25 |
| Montreal.... . . .. .. .. .. | 14,400, 000 | 14,400,000 | 10,000,000 | 69.44 | 100 | 255.00 | 8 |  | Duly. |  |  |
| New Brunswick .... .. .. .. .. .. | 500,000 | 500,000 | 800,000 | 160.00 | 100 | $\because 26700$ | 5 | Jan. | Aug. |  |  |
| Nova Scotia .. .. .. .. .. .. .. . | 2,278,300 | 2,217,200 | 3,548,320 | 160.03 | 100 | 26700 | 5 | Feb. |  |  |  |
| Ontario .. | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 650,000 | 43.33 | 100 |  | 8 | June |  | 141 |  |
| Ottawe .. . . . .. . .. .. ... | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 100.00 | 100 | 226.00 | 41/2 | June | Dec. |  | 225 |
| People's of Halifax . .. .. .. .. .. | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 440,000 | 44.00 | 20 | ...... | 3 | March | Sept |  |  |
| People's Bank of N.B. .. .. .. .. | 180,000 | 180,000 | 175,000 | 97.22 | 150 | ..... |  | Jan. |  |  |  |
| Provincial .... ... ... .. .. .. .. | 846,537 | 823,309 |  |  | 100 |  | 11/2 |  |  |  |  |
| Quebec .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. . | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 1,050,000 | 42.00 | 100 | 139.50 | 8 | June | Dee. | 150 230 | $1392{ }^{1}$ |
| Royal .. ... ... ... ... ... ... | $3,000,000$ | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 100.00 | 100 | 223.00 | 1 | Feb. | Aug. |  |  |
| Sovereign .. . .. .. .. .. .. .. | 1,624,300 | 1,592,626 | 473,156 | 29.88 | 100 | ...... | 11/6" | Feb. ${ }^{\text {M }}$ | Aug. Nov |  |  |
| Standard ...... | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 100.00 | 50 | ..... |  | April | Oct. |  |  |
| St. Stephen's .. ... ... ... ... ... | 200,000 | 200,000 | 45.000 | 22.50 | 100 |  | 21/2 | April | Oct. |  |  |
| St. Hyacinthe ... ... ... ... ... | 504,600 | 329,515 | 75,000 | 20.02 | 100 |  | 3 | Feb. | Aug |  |  |
| Toronto .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 3,394, 800 | 3,343,685 | 3,643,685 | 108.97 | 100 | 241 | $5 \% 1 t$ | June | Dec. |  | 241 |
| Traders'.. . . . .. .. .. .. .. .. | 3,010,100 | 3,000,000 | 1,100,000 | 36.66 | 100 | ...... | $31 / 2$ | June | Dec. |  |  |
| Union of Halifax .. .. .. .. .. .. | 1,336,150 | 1,336,150 | 970,000 | 72.58 | 50 |  | 31/ | Feb. | Aug. |  |  |
| Union Bank .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 1.100 .000 | 44.00 | 100 | 146.00 | 81/8 | Feb. | Aug. | 145 |  |
| Western | 550,050 | 550,000 | 250,00 | 000 $\quad 45.45$ | 100 |  | $31 / 2$ | ne | Dec. |  |  |

Our efforts have been confined to Ontario and Quebec, the $t_{\text {wo }}$ safest and most settled provinces of the Dominion. Our branches and offices are grouped by "tervitionies" in the richest counties, where the failure of a season's crop could not seriously affect the community. This policy has, by its conscentration and feasibility of supervision, made for the safety and success of the Bank. A good deal of American and foreign money has been invested in Canada through the medium of this Bank, and its British, European and United States connections are steadily increasing. The business of the Bank as a whole is very satisfactory, and its prospects which are identical with those of the country generally-all that the shareholders could desire.

## FINANUIAL SUMIMARY.

Montreal, Thursday, November 23, 1905.
The Stock Exchange in this city has adopted new rates of commisison as referred to elsewhere. These changels will cut down brokers' profits to some extent, but will harmonize their business with New York rules.
Mr. J. P. Reid, who is organizing the Un ted Empire Bank has been in the city this week, and reports good progress.
The business in Wall street lately has been o a tree extent fic itious, a contest between bulls and beare, b th having their eye on any chance of shearing the lambs who venture into that quarter.
The Bank of Nova Scotia solicits subscriptions for an iss ne of stock at $\$ 265$ per share. The list will ciose on lst Dec., and allotments made on 15 h. h .
The Montreal Steel Company is having a good year.
Consols, 895-16. Russian 4 per cents. are going up under improved conditions, but those are more sanguine than wise Who fancy Russia is through its troubles.
Sales have been made of Montreal St. $2313 / 4$ to 232; Twin

City 117; Power 90; Mackay pfd. 73; and common 521/2. this stock is expeated to pay 3 per cent. in January, some say 4, but nowing is known; Montreal St. 232; Dominion Coad 77; Dom. Iron 21; Power 90. The market is dull. Paris, exc. on London, 25f. 15e., Berlin has a holiday to-day. Money in New York ranges from 4 to 6 per cent. Sterling exchange, 60's, 482.70 ; demand, 489.25. City rates $51 / 2$ to 6 per cent.
The following is a comparative table of stock prices fon the welek ending Nov. 23, 1905, as compiled by Chas. Meredith and Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal:-

| Stocks. Banks: |  | High. | Low. | Last Year. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| British North America | 5 | 1401/2 | $1401 / 2$ |  |
| Tononto | 3 | 236 | 236 |  |
| Merchants.. | 29 | 180 | 160 | 160 |
| Royal | 50 | 225 | 223 | 206 |

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| Canadian Pacific | 15 | 173 | 173 | $1351 / 4$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Montreal Street Railway.. | 1095 | 2321/2 | 230 | 217 |
| Tononto Sitreet Ry. | 125 | 165 | 1041/2 | 107 |
| Twin City Electric Ry. | 32 | 117 | 116 | 107 |
| Detroit Electric Ry. | 305 | 94 | 93 | $781 / 2$ |
| Toledo Electric Ry. | 280 | 33 | $321 / 2$ | $231 / 2$ |
| Pich. and Ont. Nav. Co | 45 | . $591 / 8$ | 69 | 60 |
| Mont. Light. H. and Power | 3587 | 903/4 | $891 / 4$ | 84 |
| Mackay, common.. | 1490 | $521 / 2$ | 493/4 | $341 / 4$ |
| Do. Preferred. | 567 | $731 / 2$ | $721 / 2$ | 75 |
| Nova Scotia Steel and Coal | 415 | 68 | 66 | 681/2 |
| Do. Preferred. | 50 | 117 | 117 | 110 |
| Dom. Iron and Steel, com | 385 | $211 / 2$ | 205/8 | 181/4 |
| Do. Preferred | 170 | 72 | 70 | 49 |
| Dominion Coal, common | 295 | 77 | $741 / 4$ | $621 / 2$ |
| Do, Preferred. | 23 | 1171/2 | 1171/4 | 115 |
| Montreal Te'egraph Co. | 23 | 163 | 165 | 158 |
| Benl Telephone Co. | 15 | 1571/4 | 1591/4 | 162 |
| Ogilvie Milling Co. pref. | 31 | 1281/4 | 127 | . . |
| Lake of Troods | 50 | 88 | 88 |  |
| Havana. | 285 | $341 / 2$ | $337 / 8$ |  |
| Havana, pfd. | 75 | $781 / 2$ | $771 / 2$ | . . |
| War Eagle . . . . . . | 15500 | 25 | 2 2 |  |

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MUNTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Montreal, Thursday, Nov. 23, 1905.

The records of the port show that $8(66$ vessels were entered against 796 last season. There has been quite a lull in the movement of heavy goods since the close of navigation, as country merchants had their supplies rushed forward to escape the higher winter rail rates now in force as mentioned last week. The wholesale trade in holid y goads is well under way, but the retail bramch is as yet on y fee'ing the effects in the prelimnary preparations. Dry goods coatiou th show a 'anger share of activity, especially in w ol iens, clothing and heavy fabrics generally. Quite a few notion and fancy holiday goods buyers have been in the city from the west looking for stock taking and other largains so common at this season when there is more or less of a c'eaning up to prepare for fresh holiday and spring stock. The demand for a time will run largely on notion and fancy articles, while staple and heavy goods will be more or less neglected by the general buyer. The mills and factories can enmpain of little idle machinery, and we note further advances in cotton yarn, toulards, tiakings, flannelettes, etc. The traffic earnings of the week have been large, the Canadian roads
making an astonishing record showing. The flurry in money raties in the United Statels had no appreciable effect in commercial circles, where there was, if anything, an increase in the volume of business with plenty of orders for distant delivery.

PLES.-Business continues to be done within a range of about $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 4.50$ per bol. Shipments la it w. ek from Montreal were 53,667 brls. and 5,180 boxes.

ASHES.-Market is unchanged. Pearls $\$ 7.50$; first pots 5.45 to $\$ 5.55$, seconds $\$ 4.75$ per 100 lbs., and thirds $\$ 3.80$.

BALED HAY.-Quite active. No. $1, \$ 8.50$ to $\$ 9$; No. $2, \$ 7.50$ to $\$ 8$; clover, mixed, $\$ 6$ to $\$ 6.50$; and pure clover, $\$ 6$ per ton, in car lots.

BEANS.-Offerings keep small and the market is firm with sales of choice primes at $\$ 1.60$ to $\$ 1.65$ per bushel.

BUTIER.-A stiff market especia'ly for reaily fancy fresh Townships which is fimm at 24 c ; choice creamery $233 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ and $231 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. The export business is quet, but good order's have been filled on local arcount at top figures. Shipments of butter from the pont of Montreal last week amounted to 2.825 packages, or 539 less than for the corresponding week of last year. Total shipments since the opening of navigition amounts to 553,196 packagnis, or 71,538 more th9n those for the corresponding peried of last year. Shimants from Nw York last week amounted to 2,809 packages, against 1,504 the previous week and 506 for the same week last year.

CHEESE. -The feeling is a lititle mixed, as it uswall $y$ is when the shipring seasen closes, and shippers b-gin to compare stocks on both sides. annual make, etc. One thing is cer'ain, and that is the export wants are small at the moment, and only a few small paroels are selling at outside quotations. Quebec October cheese 12 c to $121 / \mathrm{s}^{\mathrm{c}} ; 121 / \mathrm{s}^{\mathrm{c}}$ to $121 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ for Townships, and $121 / 4$ to $123 / \mathrm{sc}^{\mathrm{c}}$ for Ontario, November $1 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ less. Shipments of cheese from the port of Mont e 1 last week amounted to 77,491 boxes, or 6,895 less thon thise for the corresponding week of last year. Total shi menit sines the first of May were $2,076,987$ boxes, or 23,135 less than th $\mathbf{s}$ e for the comrerponding period of last year. Shipments via Portland last week amounted to 4,151 boxes, the total for the season being 26,170 , or 21.520 less than for the corresponding per od of last year. Shipments from Now York last week were 1,864 boxes, as against 150 the previous week, and 2.850 for the corresponding week of last year. Total shipment for the season were 48,417 boxes, against 108,738 for the same period of last year. Rere pts in New York were 725,000 boxes for the season, agains: $1,047.000$ for the corresponding period of last year.

DRY GOODS. -The retai'ens are bestiring themselvels for the Christmas trade in a preliminany sort of way, and it is hoped there will be a good movement for the next few weeks. Primary marksits are firm, and there shald be gool hops for the future, especially for those merchants who can afford 'o make a riddance of old shop worn stack, and now is the time to do it. In cotton the American markets have bean bearish, and there is no doubt the crop movement is large. A Nem York writens says: The larges cmop estimate jus'ified by past history would point to a yield of 10,870 , 100 bies. Apralying the percentage ginned as reported by the National Ginmens' Association, a yield of $9,01 \mathrm{c}, 0 \mathrm{0} 0$ bales is i deat d. The figures represent all the d:fference between plenty and

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famine. The Government estrmate on December 3, no doubt, will favor minimum deductions from the census report.

EGGS.-Most of the receipts lately have been going through to England, and so few have come here that the market is advancing. Sellects have sold up to 27 e , and we quite fr m 2 je up. Cold storage, city limed and straight receipt of ordinary fresh are quoted at 21 c to 22 c , western limed 1c less.

FISH.-Business is quieter since navigation closed. Prior to that there was a great demand for salted and prepared fish and especially in bonelees and skinless cod dealers had difficulty in filling ondens. So far as fresh fish are concerned, haddies and cod are scance and higher. Frozen stock is aww beginning to arrive freely. Bulk oysters are firm and Halpecques are scarce and high. Loch Fyne herrings, $\$ 1$ per keg; No. 1 salt mackerel, in 20 -pound kits, $\$ 2$; new salt herrings, Labrador bbls., $\$ 5.50$; half bbls., $\$ 2.75$ and $\$ 3.25$; pails of 20 Lbs., 75 c each; No. 1 pickled lake trout, per keg of 100 lbs ., $\$ 4.50$; green cod, in barrels, large, $4 \mathrm{c} 1 \mathrm{~b} . ;$ No. $1,33 / 4 \mathrm{c}$; No. $231 / 4 \mathrm{c}$; new Labrador salmon, in $300-\mathrm{lb}$. tierces, $\$ 18.00 ; 200 \mathrm{lb}$. bbls. $\$ 13$; half bbls., of 100 los., $\$ 7.50$; B.C. salmon, new, bbls., $\$ 12.50$; half bbls., $\$ 7$. Smoked haddies, choice, 7 e to 8c. Boneless cod in bricks, be. Fresh standard bulk oysters per gallon, $\$ 1.40$; selects $\$ 1.60$. Shell oysters: Ordinary, $\$ 3$ to $\$ 5$; handpicked oysters, $\$ 6$ to $\$ 7$; choice Ma'pecque. cup, $\$ 8$ to $\$ 9$. Choice fresh steak cod, $\$ 6$; fresh haddock, 5 e; frozen pickerel or doree, 8 c ; pike, 7 c ; halibut, fresh, express, 12 c ; frozen halibut, 10 c ; Gaspe salmon, frozen 15 c ; B.C. 10c; chilled mackerel, 12 c lb ; fresh smelts, 10 c lb .; fresh sea trout, 9 c lb .; fresh henring, small, $\$ 1.50$ per 100 fish.

FLOUR. - Steady and in good demand, strengthened by an adrance of ten cents per brl. in freight rates from the west. This advance, caused by the change from water to rail oarriage is made every fall. Manitoba spring wheat patents
$\$ 5.00$; strong bakers, $\$ 4.60$; winter wheat patents, $\$ 4.25^{*}$ to $\$ 4.50$; straight rollens, $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.10$; do., in bags, $\$ 1.85$ to $\$ 1.90$; extrias, $\$ 1.65$ to $\$ 1.75$.

GRAIN.-Cable offers were not numerous the past few days, and the local call did not cut a big figure. There is, however, a brisk call for oats, which are held stiffly. In Manitoba wheat buyens seems disposed to wait for a drop. There was a weaker American market and prices in Wimipeg declined $1 / 2$ c. No. 2 oats were held at $391 / 2 \mathrm{e}$ store, No. 3 $381 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to 39 c ; and Nol 438 c to $381 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Buckwheat was at 58 c to $581 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ store. Peas 79 c afloat. No. 2 Manitoba barley 48 c for No. 3 track and $461 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for No. 4.

GROCERIES.-Remittances are reponted to be fairly good and there is an active, seasonable demand for both staple and fancy dines. A brisk call has set in for molasses as snow has fallen in some of the lumber districts, and the shantymen are rushing in suppiies: prices are firm, and stocks not too plentiful. Raisins have surprised the trade to some extent, as there are fewer in first hands than was looked for, and an advance is probable, as the enquiry is on the increa:e. Teas, coffees, and spices are quiet. but firm. The prospects for camned goods are bright, but packers are only just commencing doliveries. Higher prices are thought to be probable for high grade salmon in the near future, or after the turn of the year. The following are current prices of new evaporated fruits:-Peaches, 25 lb . boxes per $1 \mathrm{lb} ., 131 / 2^{n}$; apricats, 25 lb . boxes, per $\mathrm{lb} ., 121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; pears, 25 lb . boxes, per, pound, $151 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Figs: Finest Eleme figs, 6 crown, 15 lbs ., 12 ; 5 crown, 9 lbs., lle; 4 crown, 10 lbs., 10c; 5 crown, $1 \mathrm{lb} ., 10 \mathrm{c}$. Dates: New Golden stock, $51 / 2 \mathrm{e} 1 \mathrm{~b}$. Nuts: New cocoamuts, 100 to bag, $\$ 3.75$; Grenoble walnuts. 13c ; Tarragena almonds, 12 c ; Sicily tilberts, 11c; shelled walmuts, 19 c ; Brazils, 15 c : pecans, large, 15 c ; pecans Jumbos, 18 c ; shelled a.lmonds, 26 c . finest roasted peanuts, 10 to 11 c ; Spanish, shelled, 1le; "Virginian," shelled, lle; "Coon" brand, roasted, $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.

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HONEY.-White clover comb, 12c to 14e; white extrac ed, $7 / 2 \mathrm{e}$ to 8 e ; buckgar at $61 / 2 \mathrm{e}$ to 7 e per lb .

HOPS.-Canadian choce at $151 / 2 \mathrm{e}$ to 16 e , and ordinary at $141 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to lo per 1 b .

FRON AND HARDWARE. - There is a good movement in cutlery, small wares, etc., but less doing in heavy goods owing to the close of naviguation. Manufacturens are busy, and prices are in general quite strong with tendency upwards.

LIVE STOOK. -The shipments for the week from Monireal were 3,661 cattle and 50 sheep, and from Pontiand 1,183 cattle and 1,402 sheep. Prices in England were higher. Cables received from London indicate an advance of fully $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per lb . on cattle, choice Canadians being quoted at $111 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ and States at $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Another London cable quoted Canadians from $101 / 2$ to 11c. The advices from Liverpool were much as those from London, being about $1 / 2 \mathrm{e}$ higher at $91 / 2$ to $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for best Canadians. American cattle were $121 / 2^{\mathrm{e}}$ at London, and she p 12c. The cooler weather has been good for trade, and some fine steers sold at 4 c to $41 / 4 \mathrm{c}$, but offer ngs are none too good as a rule; medium sold at 3 c to 4 c and common at 2 c to 3 c . Lambs 5 c to $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, with good United States demand. Seiect hogs 6 c to $61 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ and mixed 3 c to 6 c . The Ontario Depar ment of Agriculture, in its official report, says that cattie are thin but healthy, and more beef animals are on hand than usual at this time of the year owing to low prices and abundance of fodder. Sheep are scarce, also hogs, and there will be lots of all kinds of feed, save turnips.

MAPLE PRODUCTS.-There is not very much doing. Syrup in 60 -garlon kegs, 5 c to $51 / 2$ per lb .; in tins, 45 c to 60 c per wine measure, and 65 c to 70 c per imperial, and Beauce sugar, 8c to 9 c ; and Eastern Townships sugar at $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to 7 c per 1 b .

MEAL AND MILLFEED.-Little change, and a good business continues. Rolled oats firm at. $\$ 2.421 / 2$, to $\$ 2.45$ per bag; corn meal $\$ 1.471 / 2$ to $\$ 1.50$. Manitoba bran in bags, $\$ 17$; shorts, $\$ 19$ to $\$ 20$ per ton; Ontario bran, in bulk, $\$ 14.50$ to
$\$ 15.50$; sisorts, $\$ 20$; milled mouillie, $\$ 21$ to $\$ 24$; straight gra:n n.ouillie, $\$ 25$ to $\$ 27$ per ton.

PETROLEUM.-Keeps firm and in demand. Wholesale prices are now $151 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for prime white acme per gal., 17 c for acme water white, and 20 c for Pratt's astral, bbls. included. Advances in crude and refined are taking place in the United States also, and the satuation is firm.

TOLLTRY.-Turkeys, 14 c to 15 c ; geese 9 c to 10 c ; ducks, $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to 13 c ; chicke $n \mathrm{~s}$ l0c to $121 / 2 \mathrm{e}$; fowls 7 e to 9 c per lb .

PROVISIONS.-Steady to finm. There is a fair local call, a though business has been somewhat luiled by the closing of navigation, as country buyers got forward a large amount of stuff by last boats of the season. Hams ' 18 lbs . and over, 13 c ; medium sizes 12 to $18 \mathrm{lbs} ., 13 \mathrm{c}$; and extra small sizes, 8 to $12 \mathrm{lbs} ., 131 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; hams, with bone out, rolled, 15 c . -Bacon: Long clear bacon, $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; Wiltshire bacon, 50 lb . sides, 14 c ; spiced roll bacon, woneless, 12c; English breakfast boneless bacon, 15c; Windsor backs, 15c.-Barrel Pork: Canada short cut backs, family, $\$ 21$ to $\$ 22$ per bbl., heavy Canada short cut clear $\$ 20$ to $\$ 21$; clear fat backs, $\$ 21$ to $\$ 22$ per bbl-Lard: In 20 lb . wooden pails, chaice refined lard, compound, $61 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ to $71 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ per 1 bb .; extra pure, $103 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ to $113 / 4 \mathrm{c}$; finest kettlle, $113 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ to $123 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. -Sausages: Packed in baskets of 25 or 50 lbs . each; port links, 7 to 8e per lb.; smoked Saveloy links and Frankfurts Sc; Oxford links, farmers' sausages, and $1-1 \mathrm{lb}$. packages, Cambridge sausage, Sc; bologna sausage and smoked Brunswicks, 6c; pork sausage meat, in $20-\mathrm{lb}$. pails, 8c.-Beef: Extra plate beef, per half bbl. of $100 \mathrm{lbs} .$, $\$ 0.75$; jer bbl. of $21.0 \mathrm{lbs} ., \$ 13$; per therce of 300 lbs ., $\$ 19$.
ivOOL.-A quiet movement locally. The arrivals of wool for the sixth series of auction sales in London amount to 108,430 bales, including 22,500 forwarded direct to spinmers. The imports during the week were: New South Wales, 14,409 bales; Queensland, 4,083 bales; Victoria, 1,1018 bales; South Australia, 4,095 bales; New Zealand 5,240 bales; Cape of Good Hope and Natal 205 bales; Singapore, 5,824 bales; New York, 59 bales; various 837 bales. Leiading prices in this market: Tub washed Canada fleece 27 c to $271 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; in the grease 18 c to 20 c and pulled 26 c to 30 c , brusned and unbrushed. North-West merinos 18 e to 20 c and greasy cape 19 to 23 c .

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trict lying approximately 350 mi es nowth of Niagara Falls, reached the G:and Trunk railway from Toronts to No:th Bay or by the Canadian Pacific from the west, and thence by the Lake Temiskaming and Nonthern Ontar'o railroad to Cobail.

The first indication of the existence of cobalt in this district, was the dicovery of cobalt bloom by workmen running a railroad cut some eighteen months ago. This led to more or less prospecting, and later to the discovely of small veins of smaitte, carrying wative silver. From time to time new veins have been discovered until now most of the ground has been staked over a' section probably $6 \times 10$ miles in extent. The camp is car ab'e at present of producing $\$ 1,000,000$ or more per month, and it is not unlikely that the output next summer will be omsiderably higher. The ore runs remarkably high in silver and orrvies grood value in both cobalt and niekel. Carlosd lots have run as high as 4,000 ounces of silver, 17 per cent. cobalt, 5 per cent. nickel and 45 por cent. arsenic. The average tenor of the ore now being sbipmed may be taken as approximatoly 3.000 ounces silver, 5 per cent. to 10 per cent. cobailt, $21 / 2$ to 5 per cont. nickel, and 45 per cent. arsenic. The ecobalt content generally dacreises as
the niokel increases and vice versa. Considerable quanti ies of $1,0,0$ ounce silver ore are accumulating at the mines. So far, practioally all of the production of the distriet has been shipped to New Jensey for treatment, but the Canadian Copper company has recently installed a furnace for the treatment of these ores and it is expected that this will be blown in about November 1st. As the present output of the Cobalt distrect is not much above 100 tons per. week, it is presumed that some of the ore supply necessary to operate the furnace will be drawn from the Sudbury district. The deepost shaft in the camp at this writing is abou ninel $y$ feet. There is but one steam hoist and two compressor plants in the district, although others are being installed. But few of the propenties are in comfition to run through the winter, as most of the work is being carried on in oven pits. The district will no doubt le mяterially extended in the next few months as reports of new discoveries in outlyinc districts are constantiy reported.
The general topography of the country is that of low-lying, glaciated hills, with steep faces, seldom rising more than 100 to 200 feet above the intervening channels. The average elevation is approximately 1,000 feet above sea level. A considerable portion of the surfare is
covered with drift deposits and the rocks are often canpeted with moss. The marketable timber has been removed from most of the northern portion of the known mineralized section, but the surface is still covered with young growt th and low-lying shrubs, making prospecting a slow and laborious task. The veins occupy almost ventical fissures in congtomerate and Grey-Wache slates, which overly complex igneous rooks, as greenstones, quartz porphyries, etc., referred by the provinoial geologist to the Keewatin. There also ocour intrusions of Lorrain granite into the Keewatin, which, however, have not pierced the Huronian or ore-bearing formation. These granite intrisions were foll wed by intrusions of diabase and giabbro, these latter pieroing all the pre-Cambrian rocks in the vicinity. It was probably at this period that the fissures were formed and the ore dep-sited. The veins are small, but well-defined, and generally out-crop as a calcito seam, carrying native silver and colba't ores in some stage of decomposition from smaltite to erythrite. They have a genemal narth east-routhwnst, and north-west-conth-east strike, although some apparently unimportant veins have a due north-south and others an east-west strike, with silicious vein-filling. The ore oftem occuns in a series of parallel veins within a few feet of each other,

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"Practically all the sawed lumber imported comes from Bitish North America. From that source came during the first seven months of 1903 a total of $313,200,600$ fret; during the corresponding period of $1904,259,547,000$ feet, and in $1905,355,728,400$ feet. The aggregate quantities show the average values by the thousamd to have been in 19i3, $\$ 14.68$; in 1904 \$15.09, and in 1305 $\$ 15.99$. The increase from 1904 to 1905 was astonishingly large, and, considered with the heary increase in quantity-96.181,030 fect-indeates a strong demand in this country and an inadequate supply of the domestic produce directly competitive. When it is remembered that these priess are bisel upon the forenign price, and that to then must be added the $\$ 2$ duty, an average price f.o.b. mill equivalent to $\$ 18$ in this country will be found.
"Expor's of sawed lumber howevir, showed a decline in average value this year as compared with last. In t'e first iseven months of $1903,7454^{\prime} 8.00$ feet of boards, deals, planks, joist; and scantlings were exported, of the average value of $\$ 19.65$ a thousand; in 1904,908 ,516.000 feet with an average value rf $\$ 19.45$; but in 1905 on'y 767.772 .000 fest, with an average value of $\$ 193$ ?. On'y one inference seems possilile that a low er average grade cf produ it was expoted this year than in the last tiwo. The value of this ciass of exponts in 1904 was $\$ 17,675.460$. and $f \cdot r$ 1905 $\$ 14,{ }^{\circ} 33,9{ }^{1} 4$, a decrease of $\$ 2841,546$. The total ex-
parts of forest products-or, as the Treasury Department classifies them, wood and manufactures of wood-were valued at $\$ 38,310,901$ during the first seven months of 1904 , as against $\$ 34$, 745,773 during the corresponding period of 1905. The decrealse was almost entirely in unmanufuetured wood, wh.ch includes logs, timber, rough, lumbar, shingles, shooks, staves, heading, etc. The decrease in exports of sawed lamber was distributed among all the foreign customens of the country. Th: United Kingdom, the Netherlands, British North America, Mexico, Cula, and Angentina were decidedly lighter buyers this year than they were last year."

## AUSTRALIA.

There is an old saying in law that when the lawyer of either side has no case that it were better for him to alruse the other side. The same holds good in the present instance of westerti Australia placing before the peoples of the world the aileged advantages of that part of the Commonwealth of the southern hemisphere as compared with the older and better tried northern part of the Americam. continemt, rioh in agricultural lands, stock, minerals and timber. In its rush to obtain immigrants for that far-off land from all centres of the great food consuming populaces of the world, the state over which Sir John Forrest presides has not stayed its hand in preaching up its own virtuels, if any, at the expense of this Dominion that is so atitractive, continues to attract and will attract the industrious na ions of the universe, desirous of bettering themselves on the land, in the mines, and in the cities.
Unfortunately the whole of A vitial a has long been suffering from the affliction of a Labor party in politics, which practically "rules the roo t" of the whole of the vast continent of more or less sand and desent lands surrounded by what has been calked a fringe of go d and indifferent land and extrenely dins. bush that has to be cleared before "the Cockatoo" or small settiler can make a home. The great stations or ranches
are held by Squatters, and these grentlemen are more than often held in turn by the bankers of each state

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and canned provisions from acros th Bight, Pal bits did make their appearance alboat four or five years ago in the neighbourhcod of Perth, when the gorernment at once hastsned to fense in the immense country of the therened area Whe'her the ralb'ts crosmed the great Victoria desert from scuth Auctralia or were placed maticiousiy within the limits of the state of western Australia is not known, but if cholena had been
discovered in the city of Perth there could not have been more excitement than on the oceacion of an ordinary alive wild ma'bet leing placed for exhilition in a store window in the leading street of tho very pretty and p'easant'y sitmated town. We have seen less conce-n over the first sign of rinderpest in other countries or a Jack the Ripper murder in the great metropolis than the com. ing of the rodent to Westralia-the ar-
rival of the creature that reproduces itself so rapidly in that part of the world. The climate of west Aus'r lia of certainly pleasant in the winter and spring; but it knows not the mantle of snow that covers the soil with ts warmth, keeps the ground nourished, gives it rest, and waiting to give forth of its richness when the season for husbandry shall arrive. On the other hand the summer is extremely hot, as indeed are
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all parts of Australia, if the island of Tasmania be excepted, which land lies a couple of days of steamer from Me!boume. Vietoria, which in turn is considerably south of Fremanie, Al any, Perth and the great crowd of seculators, brokers and merchants as are to be seen in the streets and on the markets of the more impor ant gold fields elsewhere. There is a spinit of coarse Radicalism and Socialism that profanes the public parks on Sundays. The rich, the well-to-do, and prominent classels are held up to ridicule by as blatant and vulgar a lot of tongues as can be imagined, even women speaking in the vernacular of the less polite poople, while crowds of unthink ng othents e" ee: and jear in turn. These communitiss are certainly divided among themselves, while the government, because of the power of the Labor party, is obliged to
listen and is powerless in stopping the ever growing curse of sedition and the inclination of the democracy to denounce the respectably industrious. The religion of selif-sufficiency is writ large in the heart of a'l Australians, and students of matters political are asking themselves where it all will end. Austradians complain that those who advise in London and the great European centres the placing of capital, have always a bad word for that part of the antipodes; that a combination of the gold magnates has been formed, becanse of Australia's oppositiom to alien labor in winning the preoous metal, forgetting that capital will always be found to help those peoples who help themselves. The lamentable falling off in the immigration returns to Australia unhappily tells its own tale. The matiter is alarmingly serious for our friends-the very friends

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| British American Fire and Marine <br> Canada Life <br> Confederation Life <br> Western Assurance <br> Guarantee Cc. of North America. | $\begin{aligned} & 15,000 \\ & 2,500 \\ & 10,000 \\ & 250000 \\ & 13,372 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 31-6 \text { mos. } \\ 4-6 \text { mos. } \\ 71-6 \text { mos } \\ 5-6 \text { mos. } \\ 6 \text { mos. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 350 \\ 400 \\ 100 \\ 40 \\ 50 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 350 \\ & 400 \\ & 10 \\ & 20 \\ & 50 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9 \\ & 160 \\ & 277 \\ & 991 \end{aligned}$ |

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Why had those men left western Australia, and why had they come to Canada? a re the common sense questions that must suggest themselves. "To better themselves," is obviously the one and onily answer.

## LAST WEEK'S PATENTS.

The following Canadian paients have been secured during last week through the agency of Mesisss. Marion and Marion, Patent Attorneys, Montreal, Cana-
da and Washington, D.C.

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The Americami peop'e are speedily realizing, says a correspondent of the Boston Transcript, the enormity of the trade that must arise from the Canadian West. Perhaps those who keep informed on the development of the continemit, fairly understand the vastness of the area of the Canadian prairie country, or so much of it as lies within, say sixty townships, or 300 miles north of the international boundary. That country extends forty-three townships wide, or east to west, in Manitoba, fifty-one townships wide in Saskatchewan, and an average of fifty-two townships wide in Alberta, or in all, $146^{\circ}$ townships, equal to 876 miless wide. The area embraced is 31,536 square miles, or $201,830,400$ acres, or $1,261,440$ homestead farms of 160 acres each. From having railwayed and driven at random over average parits of every great district included therein. Not less than fifty per cent. of the whole is first-rate, arable, and fully half the remainder excellent grazing land. That estimate is far on the side of moderation as regards the potentialities of settlement and wealth in the region. There is much timber where there is no
arable nor grazing land, and much avail able hay swale where swamps and sloughs, that may ultimately be drained to arable advantage, now forbid agriculture or graving. Excellent wheat was grown this yean in some part of every district. The best of oats, peas, barley, flax, rye, with prodigious cabbages, onions, potatoes, turnips, carrots, etc. thrive everywhere reaching a size and solidity such as one shall seldom see elsewhere. Mixed farming wil! pay in this vast country even better than wheat farming, and will sustain a far larger population. Much of it abounds in coal, iron, natural gas, petroleum and fish.
Now, all that has been said over and over again, so that one may presume the American people have some fair knowledge of the facts. Of course, many of them are uninterested, and many others doubs, supposing that those who say these things are somehow paid to paint the picture too fairly, or are, in short, hired liars. But Americans are, nevertheless, pretty generally aware that what has been stated is true.

Still, they do not know, and have scarcely been told that a couminy as good as that described lies north and west of
it. It may be called here the country especially tributary to Edmonton, to say nothing of the fact that Edmonton is and must continue to be the distribuling point tor a region about 120 miles north and south, and 360 . miles east and west, which is included with the region whose bounds have a'ready been specified. The more northerly and westerly region is usually known as the Peace River country, but it includes a great tract unwatered by the Athabasca. It is, speaking by and large, included between latitiudes 55 and 59 north, and between longitudes 112 and 120 west. Thus it is about 280 siatute miles east and west, and 350 miles north and south. This temitory has not been largely surveyed, nor anything like fu'ly explored. No doultt a large part of it is not arable. But there is much reason to believe that not less tham 40 per cent. of it is good arable. The best hard wheat shown at St. Louis was grown at Vermillion, on the Peace River, about lat. 58.25, and long. 116 west. That is about 350 statue miles north, and 100 west of Edmonton, which is situated 52 townships, or 312 miles north of the international boundary.

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## FLYNN BRO＇S \＆C0．

MANUFACTURERS OF


WROUGHT IRON and COPPER GOODS．．． Art Metal Workers， PAUL PRY WORKS， NEN SUMTMTER STREET． Birmingham，－Eng．

## Telegraphic Address：＂ASPHALTE，Birmingham．＂

## Asphaltic Limestone Concrete Co．，tro．

> MANUFACTURERS OF ROOFIN FOOTPATH, ROADWAY AND ACID PROOF BPHALTE.


Head Offices and Works：


[^0]:    $\begin{aligned} & \text { London. - } \\ & \text { Capital Subscribed, } \\ & \text { Total Assees, } 81 \text { st Dec'br, } \$ 900\end{aligned} \quad-\quad \begin{array}{r}\text { Canada } \\ \$ 1,000,000,00 \\ 2,272,980.88\end{array}$ Total Assees, 31st Dec'br, $\mathbf{~} 900$ $2,272,980.88$ 7. H. PURDON. E8q., K. F. reasident.

[^1]:    General Hard Wood Turners, Patentees and Manufacturers of $\overline{\underline{ }}$

[^2]:    -The Molsons Bank have opened a branch at Lacknow, Ont.

[^3]:    - In the last quarterly revise of the maps issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway, 128 new stations were added, most of which are in Canada's Great West and British Columbia. Never before did this railway add so many new stations to their great system, which clearly shows the remarkable growth of western Canada.
    -An order has been placed withi the Dominion Iron and Steel Company by the Boston Elevated Railway for a sample shipment of rails to be used on the curves of that line. The maximum wear of the ordinary steel rail on the curves of the L road is 43 days. It is confidently expected that owing to its exceptional wearing quality, the Sydney rail will show as a result of the experiment an advantage of at least 50 per cent. over the material hitherto used.

[^4]:    -The apple shipment from Halifax for London so far this season amounts to 129,966 barrels. This is 20,000 barrels less than last year, 50,000 less than the year before. The average shipment during the past 11 years has beem 238,664 bamels, and the outlook is that this season there will be a consíderable falling off, Baldwins, which come along later, being reported a particularly poor crop. Pricels in London are reported equal to any realized during the past ten years. By far the greater part of the Nova Scotia apple crop for export goes to London. Cable advices report Kings as high as 26 shillings, and very few varieties under 20 shillings per bar-

[^5]:    -Winmpeg Clearing House total clearings for week ending November $16,1905, \$ 10,849,503$; corresponding week, 1904 , $\$ 7,057,250$; corresponding week $1903, \$ 6,776,844$.

[^6]:    An analysis of imports and exports of divita proaucts by the unted diates during the first seven months of the present year, compared with the corresponding period last year, is made in the current issue of the American Lumbermam. The imports for the period stated were larger and the exports less, as shown by the government's July summary of commerve and finance.
    The purpose of the analysis is to ar-

[^7]:    *Excluding periodisal ~ash bonus.

