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Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesale	Name of Article.	Wholesale
	·	Hardware—continued.	Rates.		Rates
Boots and Shoes: Mens' Calf Boots	\$ c. \$ c.	COPPET: Pig	0 21 0 22	Oils—continued. Olive, common, \(\psi \) gall "salad, in bottles qt., per case Spirits Turpentine Whale, refined Paints, &c.	8. c. \$
" Kip Boots,	2 30 3 25	Sheet		" salad	I 80 2 00
" Cong. gaiters & Ba	2 50 2 85	12 dy.to7in.p.kg.100 lbs. 5 dy. to 10 dy	2 90 0 00	qt., per case	3 20 3 30
Boys' Kip boots	I 60 2 25	2½ dy. to 4 dy	3 20 0 00	Seal, pale	0 73 0 76
Womens' Bals & Gat, per	1 55 1 80	2 dy.	4 50 5 00	Whale, refined	0 75 0 80
" M.S.	I 50 2 00			Paints, &c.	
" Prun. Cong	0 90 1 30	Best No. 24	0 08 0 09	Oil, # 25 lbs	2 20 2 30
" Bals	0 65 2 50	4 28	0 084 0 004	Do. No. 1	1 95 2 05
" Kid Gaiters	I 40 2 00	Horse Nails:		Warking 7 3	I 45 I 55
Misses' Bals	0 95 1 35	Patent Hammered	0 14 0 16	Red Lead.	0 00 0 00
Childs' Bals	0 70 0 90	Iron (at 6 months): Pig-Gartsherrie, No. 1	00 00 00 00	Venetian Red, English	0 02 0 03
" Goat Bals " Kid Gaiters Misses' Bals " Batts Childs' Bals " Batts Turned Cackp.doz	0 55 0 75			Paints, &c. White Lead, genuine, in Oil, \$\psi\$ 25 lbs Do. No. I " 2 " 3 White Lead, dry. Red Lead Venetian Red, English. Yellow Ochre, French. Whiting. Petroleum	0 021 0 03
D	7 30 3 30	Eglinton No. 1	0 00 0 00	Petroleum.	
Drugs. Aloes Cape	0 78 0 20	W. W. & Co	00 00 00 00	(Refined, & gallon.) Delivered at London, Ont	}
A.um	0 022 0 03	Bar 100 10	2 00 22 30		0 15 0 00
Castor Oil	0 13 0 15	Hoops-Coopers	2 25 2 35		
Caustic Soda	0 032 0 04	" Band	2 60 2 75	No. 1, 10 brlsdo 5 brlsdo " single brlsde Reszine	0 17 0 00
Epsom Salts	0 02 0 032	Merican Bar \$\Pi\$ 100 fb Refined—Amer. Hoops—Coopers Boiler Plates Canada Plates M.L.S. Garth	2 75 4 00		0 00 0 00
Drugs. Aloes Cape A.um Borax Castor Oil. Caustic Soda. Cream Tartar Rpsom Salts Extract Logwood Indigo, Madras. Madder. Opium. Oxalic Acid. Petass Iodide. Quinine Soda Ash. Soda Bicarb, per keg. Tartaric Acid. Groceries.	0 11 0 12	Garth Arrow	3 90 4 00	Produce.	
Madder	0 10 0 13	Arrow	4 00 4 25	Produce. Plour (per brl.): f.o.c Superior extra Extra Fancy Spring wheat, extra Superfine Oatmeal Cornmeal, small lots Grain: f.o.l	0 00 7 00
Opium	6 75 7 00	Lead (at 4 months):		Extra	0 00 6 70
Potass Iodide	4 25 4 50	Lead (at 4 months): Bar ŵ 100 lbs Sheet Shot Iron Wire (4 months): No. 6, ŵ bundle 9, " 12, " 16, Powder:	0 06 0 06	Spring wheat, extra	6 25 6 30
Quinine	4 25 4 50	Shot	0 074 0 074	Superfine	5 25 5 40
Soda Bicarb, per keg	4 00 4 25	No. 6, W bundle	2 05 2 25	Cornmeal, small lots	2 75 3 00
Tartaric Acid	0 45 0 48	" 9, " ······	2 35 2 55	Grain: f.o.L Fall Wheet No r	1 65 7 60
Groceries. Coffees: Iava. W Ib	0 28 0 30	" 16, "	3 50 3 70	Fall Wheat, No. I No. 2	1 50 I 55
Singapore	0 27 0 29			Spring Wheat, No. 7	I 40 I 45
Rio	0 00 0 00	FF "	4 25 4 75	No. 2	1 43 I 48
Mocha	0 35 0 00	FF " FFF " Blasting, English FF " loose.	3 50 3 75	No. 2 No. 3 Spring Wheat, No. 1 Oata No. 2 Barley, No. 1 No. 2	0 45 0 48
scaled	0 25 0 26	FF " loose.	5 00 0 00	Peas No. 2	0 55 0 66
Mackerel, brls	9 00 10 00	Present Shiber(months)		Provisions	0 73 0 75
Trout	2 50 2 60	Regular sizes, 100	4 50 6 00	Butter, choice, w 1b	0 20 0 23
Groceries. Coffess: Java, W ID Singapore. Ceylon Rio Mocha Fish: Herrings, Lab. Mackerel, brls. White Fish Trout Trout Salmon, salt water Dry Cod, W 112 lbs. Fruit: Rasins, Layer, 76 "Ditto, old" Valentias, old "New do Currants, 1876 Molasses: Clayed, W gall. "Golden Ext. Golden Rice Spices: Allspice	15 50 16 00 1 5 00 0 00	Regular sizes, 100	0 00 7 00	Provisions Butter, choice, ** Ib	0 15 0 19
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" Ditto, old	1 10 1 30	IX " IXX " DC "	0 00 9 25	Bacon, long clear	0 04 0 00
" Valentias, old	0 034 0 34	DC "	00 00 11 25	"Cumberland cut.	0 7 0 08
Currants, 1876	0 061 0 061		30 , 00	Hams, smoked	0 114 0 13
Molasses: Clayed, W gall.	0 31 0 34	Hides & Skins, W 15.: Green, No. 1	0 00 0 07	Lard	0 114 0 12
" Ext. Golden	0 56 0 60	Green, No. 1	0 00 0 06	Норв	0 20 0 25
" Amber	0 62 0 70	Cured and inspected Calfskins, green cured	0 07 g 0 00	Salt, etc.	
Spices:	7 30 4 /3	Sheepskins	0 00 9 12	Liverpool coarse Canadian St. Ube's	105 6 00
Allspice	0 12 0 14			St. Ube's	17 50 22 00
Cloves	0 42 0 50	Spanish Sole, Istquality	ii ii	Wines, Liquors, &cc Ale: English, pts qts Brandy: Hennessy's gll Martell's	160 100
Jamaica, root	0 25 0 35	all wgta., 1b	0 27 0 29	Page de La qts.	2 65 2 80
Penner black	0 00 I 20	Slaughter, heavy	0 25 0 26	Martell's	2 80 3 00
DECEMBER 15 POITO KICO, W ID	0 00 0 004	Do.light		Tremmers A.s. Cweek	10 00 10 50
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1 845 :	11	Hemlock Calf (30 to 35 lbs.), per doz	0 70 0 00	B. & D.	1 75 1 85
Japan common to good. fine to choicest	060 06-11	Do. light	0.50 0.50	" red "	8 00 8 25
Colored common to fine	1	French Calf Splits, large, 19 lb.	1 15 1 40	Booth's Old Tom Rum: Jamaica 16 o.p	
Congou & Souchong Oolong, good to fine	0 27 0 77	Splits, large, P Ib small Enamelled Cow, pef ft	0 18 0 20	Demerara "	1 85 2 00
Oolong, good to fine Y. Hyson, com. to good. Medium to choice Extra choice Gunpwd com. to med	0 31 0 40	Patent	019 021	Whisky: Gooderham & Worts'	
Extra choice	0 42 0 57	Patent	0 15 17	I Frms Cash.—Under a	
Gunpwd com. to med	0 37 0 42	Russetts, light	0 25 0 35	brls., nett.; 5 to 10 brls., 2\dagger p.c. off; 10 brls. and	In Duty
Gunpwd com. to med med. to fine fine to finest. Hyson. Imperial	0 62 0 82	Buff	0 06 0 07	OVET, 5 p.C. Off.	Bond, Paid
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Tobacco—Manufactured:	0 37 0 77	Oils.	li li	25 U.D [0 51 1 94
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Hardware	0 33 0 47	Stocks, mach	0 50 0 55	Domestic Whisky son a l	0 30 1 02
in (four months)		Cod Oil	45 0 00	Old Kye, 5 years old	0 79 1 45
Grain W IB	0 20 0 23	boiled	65 0 67	Wool	0 90 I 66
	0 24 0 26	Machinery	30 0 40	r Jeece, IB	0 30 0 00
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Mercantile Summary.

170,000 hop poles have been shipped from Beaverton during March, per Midland Railway. A milk company has been formed at Milton,

Ont. which expects to ship largely to the cities. THE Ayr agricultural works of John Watson employ 70 hands, and pay \$25.000 yearly in

wages. JOSEPH COUTURE of St Charles, Richelieu is organizing a joint stock Woollen Factory, capital

\$100,000. AT Fenelon Falls the brick hotel lately burned is being rebuilt and two brick blocks are to be erected during the summer.

A farm of 320 acres with outbuildings in the parish of Kildonan, Manitoba, sold for \$5,000 recently.

THE River Richelieu is free from ice, and navigation has opened between Sorel and Chambly.

THE Street cars began running in Montreal and Quebec on the roth inst. Snow has almost disappeared and dus tis flying on some of the atreeta

THE assessment of Smiths Falls this year amounts to \$393,000 against \$363,000 last year, whereas the population is stated at nearly a hundred less.

THE Pakenham cheese factorywill not resume operation, and the Woollen Mill is closed. A number of families are likely to remove to Muskoka, Algoma and Manitoba.

WINNIPEG owners of land in Rockwood division offer a bonus, provided settlers there will subsoribe a certain sum, to have a \$6000 grist mill built in the settlement.

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THE city solicitor of Montreal has advised the Council that if it spends more than the municipal income of the year, the members are personally responsible for the overplus.

THE Listowell town council have decided to allow \$5,000 bonus to the Stratford and Huron R. R. on condition that the road be built to Listowell before any portion of the bonus is touched.

THE Stratford market clerk reports that while in March 1876 there were 1843 loads of produce delivered on that market, this year there were but 454, less than one fourth the quantity.

THE Canada Southern Railway sent special trains on Monday last, carrying hundreds of workmen, to Tilsonburg and Brantford where they forcibly tore up switches, ties &c. which they had placed on the Brantford and Port Burwell Railway, and removed them with their rolling stock to St. Thomas. This step is occasioned by the latter road getting into the hands of the Great Western.

THE shipping firm of Messrs. Mills & Jago, of St. John, N. B., are in financial difficulty, and work at their ship yard, in Indiantown, was suspended last week. Their obligations are close upon \$100,000, much of which is to creditors in Britain. The loss of one of their vessels and the unremunerative rates of ocean freights are the main reasons of their difficulty. They already own seven vessels, and an eighth is building.

An unusual feature in connection with the trade sale of dry goods advertised by the house of John Robertson, Son & Co. for Wednesday, 18th inst., and following days, is the fact that every railway coming into this city has agreed to convey buyers who attend the sale to their homes for one-third the regular fare.

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THE harbour of Charlottetown, P. E. I., is stated to be clear of ice, and the ferries running. The regular steamers expected to run to Pictou on the 15th. The extensive steam mills and shingle factory of Messrs. Wiggins, at Alberton, were burned last Saturday; no insurance, and loss, \$12,000.

THE necessity of carefully noting the statements made by dealers who come to buy goods, and the wisdom of putting them on record, are worthy the attention of wholesale merchants. We urged it before, and are reminded of the matter by hearing last week of the case of Mr. James Hollinrake, of Milton, a general dealer, who compromised a few years since, and is now again asking a settlement at seventy cents in the dollar. About the 1st February this same gentleman called upon a Hamilton house to buy goods, and being asked his position, stated by letter that he owned " the house he lived in free of encumbrance, worth from \$1,500 to \$2,000, and a good brick store, in worth at least \$3,000. no encumbrance," etc. etc., in fact representing himself as not only solvent, but worth money. That this was false will be readily concluded by most persons, from the fact that the showing now made by this dealer is \$5000 to pay \$6000.

THE annual meeting of the Central Fire Insurance Company was held on Monday 2nd. at Fredericton N. B. The losses during the year footed up some \$8,000. The report of the directors was very satisfactory and they were unanimously re-elected, viz: -S. D. Macpherson E. H. Wilmot, Wm. Carman, M. Richey and John Edwards, Esqs. S. D. Macpherson, Esq., was re-elected president, and W. McBeath, Esq, secretary-treasurer. Under the management of President Macpherson, with the assistance of E. H. Wilmot, Esq., solicitor, the affairs of this company have improved during the past year.

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A WRIT of attachment has been issued by the Bank of Montreal against J. O. Dupuis and Alphonsine St. Onge, widow of the late J. N. Dupuis, who had formed a partnership for the purpose of winding up the estate. The late Mr. Dupuis had been astonishingly successful in retail, and a short time before his death began the wholesale trade, and it was supposed had left a good estate. The liabilities are stated at about \$80,000, but no value can yet be placed on the assets.

G. S. TAYLOR, a clothier of Yarmouth, N. S., is in trouble with liabilities of about \$25,000. This estate will, it is thought, yield fifty to sixty cents in the dollar.

A MEETING of the creditors of Mr. W. M. Baker, general merchant of Morrisburgh, Ont., was held in Montreal on the 5th inst., and an offer of composition at 75 cents on the dollar made. His statement showed assets of \$13,200. and liabilities \$11,988, divided among 32 creditors. The offer was not definitely settled until his assets were more closely scrutinized.

MR. R. MILLS, of Belleville, a young man of rather prepossessing appearance, well known on the road for a number of years as traveller for Montreal houses, has met with an interruption in his commercial career. He started a business, dissolved a partnership, and failed, all within the short space of five months, which is probably the fastest time on record. His liabilities and assets are each placed at about \$1,200.

Among mercantile changes we note that Messrs. McGillivray, Molle & Co., stationers, Toronto: Munroe & Munroe, fancy goods, St. Thomas; A. A. Erb & Bros., Preston; Hardy & Hambly, boot makers, Lucknow; J. & J. Robertson, grocers, Montreal; A. & A. Labrecque, grocers; Payette & Lamontague, con

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tractors, same city, have dissolved. Messrs. James Cable, grocer, Arkona; T. H. Decew, general store, Balmoral; D. D. Rose, hotel, Seaforth, and Jas. Foster, flour mill, Stratford, have sold out. Writs of attachments have been issued against Messrs. Cook Marshall & Co., lumberers, Brentwood; W. Barr, broker, St. Catharines; G. G. German, shoes, Strathroy; G. A. Monro, tavern, Tweed. Among the assignments of the week are those of S. & B. Kavanagh, milliners, Barrie; J. A. & J. W. Campion, dry goods, Belleville; C. Vandusen, grocer, Picton; Jno. Carruthers, contractor, Toronto; W. Bigelow, tinsmith, Trenton; Robert & Lafrance, dry goods, Montreal. Then Mr. I. G Brick of Sherbrooke, general dealer, desires to compromise, and Messrs. Montigny & Renaud, of St. Marie Beauce, have stopped yayment. Mr. A. T. Constantin, dry goods dealer, and Mr. L. Pillar, lumber dealer, Montreal, have been desired to assign.

THE Cobourg car works are busy upon contracts that will keep them fully employed till next July, 200 box cars are being made for the Intercolonial, and some for the St Francis & Megantic Railway.

JOHN LYONS & Co. contractors on the Lachine Canal, have made an offer of composition at fifty cts. on the dollar liabilities \$22,618 assets \$16,-000.—The estate of David Logan Dry Goods merchant Montreal, who hung himself recently has been put into insolvency with liabilities of about \$6000.-A writ of attachment has been served on Jos. James, & Co. Montreal, contractors for roofing the new Windsor Hotel. Liabilities are placed at about \$20000. Assets will probably realize thirty cents in the dollar.

THE City & District Telegraph Company, of Montreal, held the first general meeting of its shareholders on the 3rd inst., and has changed The Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto.

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TORONTO, CAN., FRIDAY APRIL, 13 1877

THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSOL-VENT ESTATES.

A proposal to form an association among wholesale houses in Halifax, with the view of scrutinizing more closely the affairs of such of their customers as go into insolvency, finds favour. It is proposed to compel the winding up of insolvent estates, with the view of driving the insolvents out of business. The weeding process is considered necessary as a means of getting rid of superfluous traders, whose failure is taken as a proof of incompetency. Another object is to employ a competent person to examine and report upon insolvent estates. with the view of winding them up in such a way as to yield the largest dividends; and if the examination discloses evidence of fraud, or strong grounds for suspecting fraud, it will be his duty to see that the criminal does not escape punishment.

Hitherto the condition of insolvent estates has not, as a rule, been submitted to keen scrutiny. The creditors, who have lost their money, often shrink from an investigation that would be attended with trouble and expense; and so long as it is no one's business to make a full examination, it is not likely to be made. In some cases, where inspectors are appointed, their duties are discharged in a merely perfunctionary manner. When, a few days ago, the question of appointing official inspectors was before Parliament, Mr. Blake remarked that it would be better to appoint some per- dividend which winding up tends to reduce is \$99,251 in amount. This increase is to be

son interested as creditor; and the proposal which has been made at Halifax is in accordance with this idea. If the movement in that city attains the object, it will not have been made in vain. There can be no objection to the inspector being a creditor, but he should be rigidly prevented from becoming a purchaser of the stook on which he puts a value. As a trustee, he should be bound by the rule which prevents a trustee from becoming a purchaser of the estate. in respect to which he acts. In the absence of this prohibition, there would be a temptation to place on the estate a value that would suit the interested purchaser, rather the maximum which it would probably bring under the influence of competition, if a fair valuation had been made.

That there is an excessive number of traders in Canada is admitted; the proportion even exceeds that in the United States, and the consequent undue competition not seldom annhilates profits and induces bankruptcy. But the causes of excessive competition between retailers are not to be found altogether among themselves. The competition among wholesale houses not unfrequently leads to an unhealthy forcing of business and credit is given to men who are unworthy of it, on account of incapacity, inexperience or lack of moral stamina. So long as goods are forced on any retailer, who puts up a sign in any town or village, bankruptcies must occur. The pressure or the desire to get bankable paper is probably the great inducement to thrust credit on persons undeserving of it; but whatever the cause, there can be but one result-a swelling of the list of insolvents. The undue facilities for obtaining credit by retailers is responsible for a large share of the bankruptcies. Inflation, in every form, leads, as a natural result, to collapse. The bulk of bank capital, compared with our shrunken volume of commerce, is abnormally large; and the use made of Government deposits is one of the most active agents of

If, to use an American expression, we would touch hard-pan, the whole scale must be revised or compressed. It is the undue inflation of credit that encourages adventurers. And when the collapse comes in detail, it is generally mere folly to attempt to re-inflate the broken bladder. Winding up insolvent estates, is a sharp process, though it is generally necessary. If almost any solvent estate, were suddenly and peremptorily sold out and a certain percentage of the customers become unable to pay from a stoppage of their usual means of

better than a dividend still farther reduced by additional losses and a second failure.

A thorough inspection of bankrupt estates would not fail to detect the rare cases in which a compromise would be the best thing, and the prevention of delapidation would result from an arrangement which the attendant circumstances made judicious. The Halifax suggestion, if carried out there, will no doubt be adopted elsewhere. Of course, when it is known that many creditors could not be induced to take much interest in the administration of insolvent estates in which they were interested, it is not to be supposed that they will, all at once, show a general interest in cases in which they are not specially con-But if the suggestion of Mr. Blake, that some creditor be entrusted with the duty of inspection and paid performing it be carried out, the affairs of insolvents will pass under a more wholesome scrutiny. Still it must never be forgotten that, unless the undue expansion of credit be curbed, insolvency will continue to be rife. The cure to be real must be radical.

LIFE INSURANCE IN CANADA IN '76.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. Cherriman, the Insurance Superintendent, for advance sheets of his report for 1876 relating to life Insurance; and we acknowlege the ease and pleasure with which the results, comparatively with last year, are reached, by means of the table showing the "increase or decrease of items." The following are the totals for the years named:

T	No. of New Poli- cies.	Amount	Premium of Year.		Claims Paid.
1874	11,581			\$80,819,000	
1875	9,542				
1876	8,848	14,092,430	2,803,310	84,250,118	879,498

The most striking fact shown by the table is that the whole volume of life business done last year is smaller than the year previous, which in turn was less than that of 1874. The amount at risk is \$759,000 less, the amount of new policies taken is almost a million less, (\$981,929), the premiums taken were \$79,000, and 694 fewer policies were taken out. From this we may infer, that the undeniable scarcity of money, the result of commercial stagnation, has caused the lapse of many policies whose holders had not the wherewith to maintain them. It is also noticeable that, on the other hand, the number and the amount of polices became claims during the year was nearly ten per cent. greater, the credit, it would hardly cut up well. But the increase being thirty-eight in number, and

expected with the growing age of the companies.

Out of a total of premium receipts, in 1876, of \$2,803,320, the share taken by Canadian Companies was \$768,543, or twenty-seven and a third per cent.; by American, \$1,437,622, or fifty-one and a third per cent., and by British, \$597,155, or twenty-one and a third per cent. The business of the seven Canadian Life Companies shows an increase in premium receipts from \$707,256 in 1875 to \$768,543 in 1876. This is a very satisfactory proof of the growing favour with which our home-companies are regarded, and probably, too, of the energy with which their claims are urged. The amount at risk has increased in a still greater ratio. The Canada Life Company heads the list in amount of new policies, next to it stands the Confederation, while following in order come the Sun, the Mutual, the Toronto, the Stadacona and the Citizens.

The totals of the business done by the British Companies, seventeen in number, shew a decrease in receipts of \$26,141 from the \$663,858 taken for premiums in 1875, and a more decided increase in the amount of claims made and paid. The Briton Medical has ceased to do business here, and has been succeeded by the Briton Life. The Positive also has discontinued. The Edinburgh, Scottish Provincial and Scottish Provident have done no new business. The largest business among the British companies has been done by the Standard, the Life Association of Scotland coming next, and the Scottish Provincial, Briton, Royal, London and Lancashire and North British, in order as we have given them. All these, except the last two, show a decrease of business as compared with last year; the Queen, Commercial Union, Reliance and Star shew an increase.

Of the thirteen American companies only three show an increase of business; the Atlantic Mutual, the Globe Mutual, and the North Western. An old and strong company like the Connecticut Mutual talls off \$18,000 in receipts, the New York \$33,000, the Phænix \$29,000, while the Union Mutual and the Travelers lose \$11,000 each, as compared with last year, and the Equitable is \$1,000 on the wrong side of the comparison.

When the Superintendent's report is completed, and the details are available, we shall recur to the subject, and shall probably find it of interest to compare the expenses of the different companies relatively to income, the proportion of premium to risk, and some such items. These were missed in former returns, and will, we trust, be furnished by the completed report for 1876.

THE PACIFIC RAILWAY.

No official intimation has been given of the rate, as far as it can be brought within the bounds of probable estimate, at which the Government intends to push the construction of the Pacific Railway. Indeed it is not certain whether the policy of constructing it, as a whole, is still adhered to or has been abandoned. Mr. Mackenzie remarked a few days ago, before the Committee of Public Accounts, that the road could be built in ten years; it was, he added, a matter of cost. But whether an attempt is to be made to build it within that time, or within twice ten years, or even within a quarter of a century, is one of the mysteries of the day. Perhaps the possibilities of the construction, financial and physical, have not been mastered, and the time has not arrived when a positive answer can be given to these questions. Several years have been consumed in the surveys and every feasible route has been gone over; one route across the Rocky Mountains is now being re-surveyed. If the construction of the road were to be extended over a quarter of a century, it is possible that still another survey across some part of the mountains, where time might efface some of the movements, would have to be made.

Until the surveys are completed, no accurate estimate of the cost can be made: nor would it be possible to make any estimate that would hold good even ten years hence, much less twice that length of time. But there are some data, in the cost of other Canadian Railways, that may serve as a guide to the minimum cost of the Pacific line as a whole. The cost of the different portions will vary greatly, with the nature of the ground. The prairie sections may be constructed at moderate cost; but the whole distance north of Lakes Huron and Superior will be very expensive, and that from Yellow Head Pass to the Pacific, whether reached at Burrard or Bute Inlet, will probably be double the average cost per mile of any Canadian railway already built. Now some of these railways have cost from \$40,000 to \$60,000 a mile. It will, therefore, not be extravagant to set down the average cost of the whole distance of three thousand miles at \$50,000,000. This brings up the total amount to \$150,000,000, leaving out of the account the bridge, of which the British Columbians modestly ask the construction, as an addition to the original undertaking, and the cost of which no one has yet ventured to estimate; but which persons who have paid some attention to the subject, vaguely guess at from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

Of the three thousand miles probably less than one third is prairie country, which offers considerable facilities of construction; and even there materials would have to be brought a great distance, and at great cost. It is certain that the remaining sections will prove more costly than the most expensive of the railroads we have already built. If the average estimate of \$50,000 is not too high, the question arises whether the country can afford to increase its debt by the amount which this expenditure would occasion, within a few years. We have already expressed our opinion on the subject.

If we consider the road as a productive machine, its characterwould go far to determine the ratio of its construction, or whether it could be completed at all; and it would not be safe to regard it in any other light. As an auxiliary and a companion of settlement on the fertile prairies, the proposal to build this road is intelligible and justifiable; but its construction under any other conditions, would be an economical blunder, the perpetration of which would be much less facile than blunders usually are.

It is desirable that the policy of the Government on the railway question, should be publicly announced at the earliest period. As the road is to be built with borrowed money, it is important that it should be known at what ratio per annum borrowing for this purpose is to proceed, for there is necessarily an intimate relation between borrowing and the import trade. Loans of this kind are practically paid in goods; though, the agency of the exchanges being called into play, this occurs only in an indirect manner. When a nation borrows largely, it imports in proportion, though it may borrow small sums, not exceeding the amount it has to pay to the lending nation in the shape of interest on previous loans, without any appreciable action being produced on its imports. When, to take an example, the United States borrowed, during the late civil war, in Europe £300,000,ooo sterling, its imports underwent an enormous increase, in the face of a 47 per cent. tariff. But when it ceases to borrow and performs the stupendous feat of paying off \$400,000,000 of debt in seven years, the scale is turned, and in the last two years it has sent abroad in payment of debts, \$214,ooo,ooo more goods than it has been able to import. This is the true interpretation of the varying phenomena connected with the import trade of the United States at different epochs, which have puzzled so many who did not understand the economic principles which these changes obeyed. The hard times we hear so much about

below the line, mark a period of liquidation, the throwing off of an immense load of debt. Whether Canada is, for some years to come, to be a borrower to an extent that will sensibly swell her imports, or whether her annual loans would not more than balance the interest she has to remit, is a matter which it concerns the public to know, and the information should not be needlessly withheld.

THE TRADE OF MANITOBA.

There are some features about the trade of Manitoba which merit attention from our wholesale houses at this time. It is a suggestive fact that the population of the province has quadrupled within six years. The extensive settlements which are being formed to the westward in the Saskatchewan district, and the present indications of an unusually large immigration into the province during the present summer, justify some attention to the results which may be thence expected.

Propably the greatest drawback to the commerce of that region has been-and indeed continues to be-the high cost of transportation to and from it. This high cost has been mainly caused by the steamboat monopoly upon the Red River. This steamboat company has the sole transport of goods and passengers between Fort Garry and Moorehead, the point where the Northern Pacific Railway crosses the Red River; and its rates of freight have been such as to enable it to declare last year a dividend of eighty per cent. upon its stock. Being a St. Paul organization, the company arranged its tariff to discriminate in favour of that city, which drove Winnipeg merchants to purchase heavy goods in St. Paul.

With a view to remedy this state of things, a deputation, consisting of all the Senators and members of the House of Commons from Manitoba, waited upon the Premier lately, and requested that in order to give to the cities of our central provinces the trade that is properly theirs the Government would lay the rails, which are now at Winnipeg, down upon the Pembina branch of the Canada Pacific Railway, the grading of which was finished two years ago. This accomplished, a break of only fifty-five miles would be wanting in through railway communication between the Canadian cities and Winnipeg. It was argued by the deputation that even if goods were transported in waggons over this fifty-five miles, their freight, all rail, would cost less

supplies are now bought in the United States for our Northwest Mounted Police, and for other Government purposes, which under altered circumstances of transportation would be purchased in Ontario and Quebec.

Meantime the country is fast filling up. Whole communities have moved in from the United States, and some thousands of Mennonites and Icelanders are already comfortably established there. The pressure of State, county, township, and school taxes is severely felt by settlers across the lines; and Canadians who moved to the States to take advantage of their free grant system, and the easier cultivation of the prairie lands, have felt these taxes so heavy a burden that whole settlements have gone thence to Manitoba. Witness the recent removal en masse of the Canadian colony from Emerson in Southern Iowa to Manitoba. In our prairie province they have no taxes to pay except the school tax, and another consideration for new settlers is that the term of residence there required to constitute them voters is less by two years than is needed in the States.

Quite a number of Canadians from Iowa, Wisconsin and other Western States have moved in, and more are on the way from the French settlements of Michigan and Massachusetts, who are induced thereto by the satisfactory accounts of the country they receive from their compatriots already there. The good crop harvested last year, and the immunity of the province from the grasshopper plague, has attracted many from neighbouring States.

"ROLLING STONES GATHER NO MOSS."

There is a marked tendency among the native population of this continent to "go west." There, amidst new lands and new society, many hope for new and better opportunities. In a very large proportion of cases, these hopes are not realized; nevertheless, a considerable number even of young Canadians, from one cause or another, are constantly passing over into the United States. The number is far less now than before Confederation, and we obtain besides some recruits from the United States in return; but we are sorry to have any of our native population pass from under the flag of the Dominion, for men who are willing to engage energetically in those occupations which lead most directly to independence, have opportunities for advancement and success in their own country not surpassed by those to be met

settled parts of Canada, they can find in the North-west and British Columbia an ample field in which to seek fortune or adventure.

Not a few of our young men who go to the United States do so simply from love of change and adventure. Nothing can prevent this. The youth of every nation and every age have been seized, about the date of their majority, with a strong impulse to "see the world," and Canadians would be an exception to all other races if some of them were not led abroad by this impulse. Seldom, however, do such persons lose their love for Canada, and many of them return after a few years and settle down into our most steady-going citizens.

Some are attracted to the United States by two other reasons: (1) Under the expectation that they can do better in the American cities, and (2) because it is supposed that somehow or other they will have easier employments. We ought not to lose a single Canadian from these causes. Information, through the press and otherwise, attests that nearly all the United States cities are overcrowded. The supply of labour generally far exceeds the demand, and in the great commercial centres thousands are at present out of employment. This is par. ticularly the case in several branches of mechanics, and also in such occupations as clerking in stores, telegraphing, book-keeping, and similar so-called easy employments.

Not a few Canadians have found themselves in American cities, since the hard times set in, without money, friends, or work; and not a few have fallen into the snares and vices which there abound.

The old saying-"rolling stones gather no moss"-applies to persons who are constantly making changes at home, not less than those who go abroad. So far as the latter are concerned, we do not anticipate that anything we have said will deter young men determined to rove and have a look at the great world from doing so. We hope, however, we have advanced sufficient reasons to prevent any from going to the United States under the belief that they can make money easier or obtain lighter employment. Love of adventure, or shall we say dissipation, may be gratified more readily in the densely populated cities of the Republic, but the majority of young men, all things being equal, can acquire wealth and position as quickly in Canada as in any other part of the world.

transported in waggons over this fifty-five miles, their freight, all rail, would cost less by \$70 per ton, say from Toronto, than the prevailing rates. A very large quantity of The Mutual Fire advancement and success in their own country not surpassed by those to be met with in any other part of the continent. And investigation into the affairs of this company. The gentleman charged with that

duty has reported, and the result of his examination—which did not, for lack of time, extend to the character of the premium notes—is that the company has apparently sufficient assets, making considerable deductions to realize, to pay the obligations which are thought likely to be established, and to re-insure outstanding risks upon the basis acted upon by Mr. Cherriman in the case of three-year policies. The determination reached by the directors after several meetings is that they will do no new business, and they have instructed their agents to that effect. They have resolved also to press vigorously the collection of their premium notes and other assets, and to apply these to the satisfaction of claims pro rata. We understand that some of the policyholders refuse to pay the assessments made on their premium notes, upon the ground that the company is not solvent, and therefore they cannot be held liable. This ground we should consider untenable, since not only do the company profess to be solvent, but these policyholders having been kept insured by the company, if they are now guaranteed by it re-insurance elsewhere, have no ground to withdraw from their part of the agreement.

CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION .- The fifth annual meeting of this association was held on Tuesday last, when a very satisfactory report was submitted for the considation of the shareholders and policyholders. During last year 1,160 applications, amounting to \$1,669,150 were received: of these no less than 95 for the sum of \$157,500 were rejected, which demonstrates the care exercised in the selection of risks. The value of the company's securities has been carefully ascertained by a committee of competent business men, a certificate from whom is attached to the report. Their amount is now \$289,209. The following figures which we extract from the report indicates the continuous growth of the company's assets :--

At the end of the 1st year, \$190,952.63 2nd 113,293.69 " 3rd 162,283.12 " " 4th 223,474.38 66 5th 289,209.19

These figures for 1876 have been arrived at after writing off the balance of preliminary expenses, and making an allowance of \$2,600 for assets that might prove to be unavailable; thus avoiding the distribution of a surplus that might not be realized. The liabilities to policy-holders are \$193,798, and the surplus available after re-insuring amounts to \$42,373. The valuation of the company's policies at the rate of interest of 42 per cent. and the rigid test to which they ties and percentage of metal we have been

have been subjected-based on the table of mortality adopted by the Institute of Actuaries cannot but inspire the utmost confidence in the stability of the company. The success of this institution so early in its history is probably without precedent in the history of Canadian insurance organization.

COPPER MINING IN THE EASTERN TOWN-SHIPS.-Work on the Acton mine was resumed last summer, and explorations were made at various points both on the surface and underground without any discoveries of ore having been made. In the old stope, between number five and number six shafts, some good ore is still visible, but is not likely to continue any depth. This deposit of ore, occurring in a band of limestone, has been of the most uncertain and irregular character. Several bore-holes have been put down, at one point to a depth of 700 feet; but in no case have any traces of copper ore been brought to the surface. The Hartford mine in Ascot has one shaft sunk to a depth of 500 feet on the dip of the lode, and the ore appears still to increase in quantity and improve in quality. In the ten-fathom level a new mine has been cut into, overlying the old workings about 40 feet, which shows a width of 17 feet of solid ore, averaging fully eight per cent. of copper. The shipments of copper precipitate average from seventy to eighty tons a month, carrying 80 per cent. of metallic copper.

MINING IN NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Betts Cove copper mine shipped last season about 20,000 tons ore containing from six to ten per cent. of copper, and the proprietors assert that they will more than double that quantity this season. The deposit is a large one and well situated for mining and shipping. The cars which bring the ore out of the mine can dump it on board the largest class of vessel without transhipment. Work is being pushed with considerable vigour, but without much technical skill. The consequence is that the workings are unsafe, several accidents having occurred involving a grievous loss of life; and although large quantities of ore may be cheaply extracted at present, yet the future of the mine is being most seriously impaired.

The Union Mine, Tilt Cove, has shipped about 8,000 tons of ten per cent. ore during the present season, and preparations are being made for opening up some new discoveries which promise to be of great value. Several shipments of rich nickel ore have also been made, but the quanti-

unable to learn. The total value of minerals exported from Newfoundland last year amounted to over \$700,000, and will likely amount to double this during the current season.

An Important Insurance Decision .-- The case of Hazzard vv. The Canadian Agricultural Insurance Company, to which we referred some months ago when it was argued, has since been decided, and settles an important point in insurance law. The action was on a policy for \$800 divided as follows: On barn and stable \$100; on produce from time to time stored in the same \$300; on farming implements, waggons and harness from time to time stored in the said barn and stable \$100; on horses \$200; on live stock \$100. During the currency of the policy the plaintiff mortgaged his land to the London & Canadian Loan and Agency Co. for the sum of \$400, and as additional security for such an advance transferred all his right, title and interest in the policy above referred to by an assignment absolute in form to the Loan Co. Afterwards the property insured was destroyed by fire. The Insurance Co. was applied to by the Loan Co. for payment but refused to pay anything except the first hundred dollars on the ground that the Loan Co. had no interest in the goods insured and would not therefore be entitled to recover anything in respect of them. The Loan Co. it will be observed had only a mortgage on the land which would pass to them an interest in the buildings thereon, but not in the moveable goods covered by the policy. The Loan Co. accordingly re-transferred the policy to the plaintiff, who sued the Insurance Co. for the remaining \$700. He was met by the defence that at the time of the loss he had no interest in the policy, he having before that time transferred all his interest to the Loan Co., that as the Loan Co. were debarred from re covering on account of having no interest in the goods, so the plaintiff was debarred, as he could have got from them only such title as they had. The court held this view of the law to be correct, and the result is that the Insurance Co. are liable to no one though duly paid their premium for insuring the property, and though the court held that there had been an assent by them to the assignment of the policy. The defendants set up other grounds of defence, but failed to prove them; and, as is too often the case, fell back on this technical objection. We are always sorry to find such defences resorted to, and we do not think the usual objection that there is often fraud where it cannot be proved, is any justification for taking such a course. The effect of this decision should be well considered by those who have been accustomed to take assignments of insurance policies on personal property as collateral security to mortgages of land,—a practice which we understand is not uncommon. It may surprise some of these to learn that their supposed security is really no security at all.

DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION .- The Ontario. Dairymen's Association was put out of existence by the amendments to the Agricultural and Arts Bill passed here last session, and provision was made for establishing in its place two associations-an Eastern and a Western. The western comprises all the agricultural divisions from the 7th to the 13th inclusive, and its first meeting of organization is to be held at Ingersoll on Wednesday May 2nd. The place of holding the convention and dairy fair is left optional with the directors, instead of being fixed at Ingersoll as formerly. The Stratford Beacon understands that a general feeling has been manifested to allow them to come to Stratford this year, "and we consider it nothing more than is due to our rising importance as a dairy centre. Easy of access from all quarters by rail, and with a live Dairyman,s Board of Trade in existence, there seems no reason why both fair and convention should not be held here and be a great success."

-We have long contended that the Dominion Government should have full control over Insurance matters, and that the local legislatures ought not to possess the right to impose restrictions upon companies holding a charter or a license from the Dominion. We are glad to see that a decision rendered by Mr. Justice Torrance, in Montreal, yesterday, in the case of the Quebec Government vs. the Queen Insursurance Co., (for the recovery of the value of tax stamps upon three policies, which had been purposely issued without stamps), takes a similar view. His Honour dismissed the action, on the ground that the Local Government could not regulate the privileges granted to the companies by the Dominion Parliament.

-Should war result from the refusal of Turkey to sign the protocol, the effect would probably be injurious to Canada. For the second time, in this century, Canada is an importer, not an exporter of wheat; and war would enhance the price of wheat we have to buy. It is also, possible, that it might have an injurious effect on our lumber interests; as capital now being employed in the erection of buildings in England and Scotland might be swept, through the force of foreign or domestic loans, into the vortex of war.

The value of goods entered at St. John, N. B., during March, was \$514,367, as against \$311,476 for the same month last year. The export of lumber for same period were \$109,528 against \$67,256 last year; of fish and agricultural productions an increased quantity, but of manufactures less. The total exports were \$175,596 against \$131,475 in 1876. There were 36,502 tons of shipping in that port on the 6th inst. The ice is running freely in the river which is expected soon to be clear.

THE annual meeting of the Montreal Loan and Mortgage Company was held last week.

The annual report showed a prosperous business for the past year, and a dividend of 10 per cent. was paid. The balance sheet showed assets to be \$849,060 55. Liabilities include capital stock \$521,477 79; currency debentures, \$123,502 94; sterling debentures, \$113,393 31. The following gentlemen are directors for the ensuing year. Mr. M. H. Gault, President: Mr. A. W. Ogilvie, Vice-President; Messrs. Theodore Hart, Joseph MacKay, Robt., Esdaile. T. Caverhill and Hon. Alex., Morris.

-We understand that the case of McLean v. Dun Wiman & Co., is to be carried to the Supreme Court, notice of appeal having already been given. It is hoped that an authoritative decision may there be obtained of the questions nvolved in this suit.

Meetings.

CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of this association, was held at the head office, in Toronto on Tuesday the 10th inst., Amongst those present were Hon. W. P. Howland, C. B., President; Wm. Elliot, Vice-President; J. K. Macdonald, Managing Director; Charles Carpmæl, Actuary, and Messrs. E. M. Chadwick, R. S. Baird, Lieut-Col-Duncan McPherson, James Beaty, jr. Q. C., B. Morton, C. E. Hooper, John N. Lake, W. H, Beatty, Wm. Adamson, Walter S. Lee, R. H. Matson, Richard Manning, A. F. Campbell, Edward Hooper, George Eakins, L. Goldman, F. A. Ball, Rev. Professor Young.
William Adamson moved, seconded by Walter S. Lee, that the Hon. W. P. Howland, C.B.

do take the chair, and that Mr. J. K. Macdonald act as secretary. The resolution was carried. The secretary read the notice calling the meeting, and the minutes of last meeting were taken as read.

The President then read the annual report of the Association, the cash account and balance sheet for 1876, the Auditor's report, the report of the Special Committee, the Actuary's report and the report of the Trustees, which were as follows:

Annual Report.

In submitting the annual report and financial statements of the business for the year 1876, exhibiting the result of the first quinquennium of the Association, your directors are well aware that greater interest is felt by the policy-holders and shareholders in respect to them than for those of any previous year. Under these circumstances, and in view of the severe depression which has prevailed during the past two years in all branches of business, it affords the directors great pleasure to come before the annual meeting and submit a report and statements that show the Association to be in a highly prosperous and healthy state. Some change has been made in the financial statements, herewith submitted, with a view to simplify them, so that every one may understand fully the operations and position of the The time having arrived for Association. ascertaining the surplus available for distribution and judging that safety is the fundamental principle of Life Insurance, your directors deemed it wise to write off everything from the Assets about which there was any element of doubt, as such a course could not in any way prejudice the collection, while it would prevent the grave

sum of \$2,600 of was written off, together with the balance of Preliminary Expenses in full, and ten per cent. off the Furniture Account. The Assets might have been increased \$2,337.00, by entering the debentures held by the Association at the market value instead of at cost, and which would have increased the Surplus by that sum; but it was thought wiser to hold the difference as an additional security. In order that the kind and value of the securities held by the Association might be tested, a Special Committee of the directors was appointed to examine them. This Committee passed in detail each Mortgage Debenture, and Certificate of Stock, including Loans upon Stock. The report of the Committee is a pended hereto. The audit, by two Auditors has been made each month in a most thorough manner, which may be judged from the fact that it extends to the checking of each separate premium in the Register.

The Actuary has valued the Policies as in the past on the Mortality Table of the "Institute of Actuaries," and 4½ per cent. interest. His report is submitted herewith. The test to which the Association is subjected by the use of the Institute of Actuaries' Table of Mortality, is well illustrated by the following, taken from the Report, issued during the present year, of the "Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society" of London, England. (This Company's Reserve under their Policies is £1,760,516 13s. 10d.): "That the Institute of Actuaries, New Hm. or Healthy Males Tables, based on the experience of twenty of the largest English and Scotch Offices, with net premiums and 3 per cent. interest, had been used in the Investigation; and that the severity of the new test, as well as the strength and elasticity of the Society, were alike shown by the fact that the Reserve thus required was greater by £84,611, than that which would have been needed by the Carlisle Table." This difference is equal to rather more than 4 4-5 per cent. on the Reserve. If this be taken as the difference between the Reserve under the two Mortality Tables mentioned, and if the difference between 5 per cent. interest and $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. be also taken, the use of the Carlisle Table and 5 per cent. interest would enable this Association to increase its surplus by nearly twenty thousand dollars, or rather more than 45 per cent. Such a course would allow a much larger dividend to be paid to the policyholders, but the security for their Assurance, which is of infinitely greater importance, would be materially lessened. The liberal rules of the Association in respect to surrender values, is again evidenced by the fact that the large sum of \$7.411.88 has been paid to Policyholders who have found it necessary to surrender their Policies.

It is a matter for congratulation that, notwithstanding the severity of the commercial depression, the Association has not only held its own, but has made a handsome addition to the business in force at the end of the previous year. 1.160 applientions, for a gross insurance of \$1,669,150 were received during the year. Of these, 1,053, for \$1,486,150, were accepted, and 95, for \$157,500, were declined, as the lives did not come up to the required standard; and 12, for \$25,500, were not determined. The total policies issued for the year were 1,104, for an insurance of \$1,500,746. The death claims, though still light compared with what might be expected by the tabular rate, were much heavier than formerly. There were 13, for \$17,955. It so happens that four of the deaths were from accidents, while two make up nearly one half the total amount
It will be observed from the Cash Account that the sum of \$1,300.39 was paid to Policy-holders as an interim dividend. This was done with a view to meet the case of Policy-holders who would be called upon to pay the sixth anmistake of possibly distributing as surplus what nual premium before the regular division could might turn out uncollectable. In this way, the be made. These policies will of course now nual premium before the regular division could

participate in the regular distribution for the participate in the regular distribution for the period subsequent to that covered by the interim dividend. The profits for the full period are being distributed, and will be completed in a few days. They will compare favourably with those paid by other companies, when the greater security offered by this Association is taken into account. A dividend at the rate of eight per cent. on the paid up capital has again been declared and paid for the year, and a surplus exceeding thirteen per cent. remained to the credit of the shareholders account. Out of this a bonus of two per cent. on the paid up capital has been declared, and the balance carried forward. The Association occupies a position of financial strength and breadth of business not often attained by companies during the first five years; and the solid progress made may be readily seen by the following statement of the assets at the end of each year, the paid up Capital remaining the same:

At the	end of the	ıst	year	 100,952	63
4,6	44	2nd	"	 113,293	69
"	**	3rd	"	 162,283	12
44	+4	4th	"	 223,474	38
**	44	5th	"		

The investments have been carefully made, and the utmost care taken in the selection of risks; and while a good volume of business has been placed on the books, it will be satisfactory to know that the business for the past year has cost four and a half per cent. less than that of the previous year. In resigning into your hands the trust confided by you a year ago, the direct. ors have only to assure you that the utmost care | p... and attention on the part of the Board and committees of the Board, and of the officers of the Association, have been given to every department of the work.

J. K. MACDONALD, W. P. HOWLAND, President Managing Director.

CASH ACCOUNT-1876.

1875.	DR.	
Dec. 31.	To cash in hard and in banks \$ 6,961	79
1876.		
Dec. 31.	To cash for premiums 119,652	57
•	" for interest 14,779	95
	" for loans repaid. 13,083	34
	" from sundry	
	sources 579	88
	\$155,057	53
1876. Dec. 31.	CR. By expenses for year \$33,195	07

	•	155,057	53
1876.	CR.		
Dec. 31.	By expenses for year	\$33,195	07
	" Re-insurance	2.877	
	" Surrendered policies.	7,411	
	" Death claims	18,455	
	" Interim profits to par- ticipating policy-	-,155	
	holders	1,300	39
	" One year's dividend	-	
	on stock	4,000	00
	" Premium returned on cancelled policy	65	00
	INVESTMENTS.	•	

By debentures (cost)	23,408	00		
" Mortgages	40.556	77		
" On stocks	1,000	óó		
" Savings bank stock.	500			
" Loans on two policies	185	88		
" Sundry advances	408	92		
			75,959	57

Dec. 31, 1876.

. " Cash on hand and in banks 11,793 17 \$155,057 53

BALANCE SHEET. Liabilities.

Dec. 31, 1876. To assurance fund, or amount in hand required to meet future

	claims, as per valuation of the actuary, at 4½ per cent. \$190,715 30 Less, for reserve on	
	policies re-insured 7,053 87	
	To reserve on policies lapsed, and	43
'	liable for surrender or restoration. 2,301 To losses by death, accrued but not	57
	yet due	oò
	miums paid in advance 3,335	80
	Total liabilities to policyholders\$193,798 To amount of paid-up stock, being	80
	ro per cent. on the subscribed capital of \$500,000 50,000 To amount held to cover the cost of	00
	collecting the premiums outstand- ing and deferred on Dec. 31, 1876 3,030 To surplus:	22
ı	Participating policyhold-	
	ers' share	
	paid-up capital 4,000 00 Stockholders' share 6,832 12	
,	42,373	17
Ē	Total\$289,202 Assets.	19
,	Dec. 31, 1876.	
	<i>3</i>	

Bv debentures (market value, \$100,875) Cost\$ 98,538 oo (Excess of market value over cost price, \$2,337 00.)

ı	Dy mortgages	141,005	00
	By loans on stock:	6,450	00
	By Government 5 per cent. stock,		
	(\$3,500 par)Cost	3,497	50
	By loans on two policies	185	88
	By sundry accounts	819	89
	By furniture	1,184	33
	By cash on hand aud in banks	11,793	
	By premiums in course of collection		•
	(reserve thereon included in lia-		
	bilities)	11,377	48
	By quarterly and half-yearly pre-	7511	-
	miums on existing policies due		
Ì	enhancement to Dec at 18-6 /		

subsequent to Dec. 31, 1876, (reserve thereon included in liabili-8,824 00 By interest accrued 4,646 28 Total....\$289,202 19 J. K. MACDONALD,

Managing Director, We have examined the books of account. securities and vouchers representing the cash account and investment account, also the securities represented in the balance sheet of assets, and hereby certify to the correctness of the same; and find the books, securities and vouchers in a most satisfactory and clear condition.

ALFRED J. MASON, Auditors.
Toronto, March 27th, 1877. Toronto, March 27th, 1877.

To the Board of Directors of the Confederation Life Association.

GENTLEMEN.—We, the undersigned, comprising the Special Committee of the Board charged with the examination of securities representing the investments of the Association, as

on December 31st, 1876, beg to report:

That we have made a thorough examination in detail of each mortgage, debenture, Government stock, and of the loans upon the security of stock, representing the investments, all of which are set forth in detail herewith; that the same are carefully kept, the transferable securities, \$85,800.00, face value, are deposited with the Government, and are in the joint custody of the Assistant Receiver-General and your | did the profit come in?

Managing Director; and the balance, amounting to \$17,101,000, face value, are in the joint custody of the President and Managing Director, and deposited in a box in the Receiver-General's vaults. That the various loans, in our opinion, have been carefully made, and form a desirable and high class of securities; and that the debentures held by the Association could be sold in the market this day for an advance of at least two thousand three hundred and thirty-seven dollars (\$2,337.00) over the cost price at which they are entered in the balance sheet of the Association.

WM. Elliot, Chairman. E. HOOPER. FREDERICK A. BALL.

Toronto, March 22nd, 1876.

I hereby certify, that having computed the value of the risks of the Confederation Life Association, as stated below, upon the basis of the Institute of Actuaries' Life Tables, and interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum, taking account of the net premiums only, I find the liability thereunder as follows, as at date of 31st December, 1876.

Present Value, or Reserve Number of Policies valued 2,781, insuring an amount of \$4,004,089.. \$190,725.30 Of these 31, for an amount of \$105,-592, were re-insured..... 7,053.87

Leaving a net liability of..... 183,661.43 To this must be added unclaimed surrender values to an amount of 2,301.57

Making the total net liability..... \$185,963.00 CHARLES CARPMAEL.

TORONTO, April 10th, 1877.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES RESPECTING CASH VALUES UNDER GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK

The Trustees beg to report that they hold Government stocks to the amount of \$3,500, covering a total liability under 106 Policies of **\$**3,146.56.

W. P. Howland, WM. McMaster, Trustees. J. K. MACDONALD,

MINING IN NOVA SCOTIA.—A new copper mine has been opened at Tatamagouche N.S. from which 10 or 12 tons has been shipped to Swansea for testing. The Plaister trade at Windsor has started up, and promises fairly, 190, 620 tons of Nova Scotia coals have passed over the Intercolonial Railway, of which 48601 tons were used by the Railway department. Several steamers and sailing vessels have been chartered to carry coals from the Block House Mines Cape Breton. Some parcels of manganese from Tenecape have been placed on the London market very successfully.

-A peculiar transaction in flour came to our notice recently in the Capital of one of the Maritime Provinces. A sold 100 bbls. of flour B in turn sold the flour to C at three months, receiving his note for i; C sold to D on same terms; D to E; E to F, and finally F to G, who took it into stock. What prices were realized by the several sellers we are unable to say, but A (who was enabled to trace the transaction) found that G, a responsible and close buyer, bought the flour at a very slight advance on the original price paid. Thus six different notes of hand were given for the 100 bbls. of flour within as many days, making a total liability of \$4,000. As three brokerages were paid by that number of sellers, the query naturally arises,-Where

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN CANADA—1876.

Name of Company.	Premiums of the	No. of Policies.	Amount of Policies,	Amount	No. of Policies	Amount of Policies	· Claims.	Unsettle	ed Claims.
	Year.	New.		Risk.	become Claims.	become Claims.	Paid.	Not Resisted.	Resisted
Canadian Companies.	8		8	8			8	•	8
Canada	447,348	1,396	2,227,900	15,034,486	77	119,425	121,760	48,622	None.
Citizens	38.521	18	115,500	1,117,614	14	18,500	13,000	5,500	None.
Confederation	119,653	1,104	1,500,746	4,004,089	13	17,955	18,455	4,500	None.
Mutual	51,767	389	408,196	1,550,101	ğ	13,134	11,500	6,260	None.
Stadacona	4,634	_88	125,300	185,050	I	1,000	1,000	None.	None.
Sun	95,738	6 91	1,154,998	2,414,063	4	6,000	9,500	2,000	None.
1 oronto	10,882	113	135,729	343,881	2	3,500	2,600	None.	None.
Total	763,543	3,862	5,668,39	24,649,284	120	179,514	177,824		
British Companies.						,			
Briton Life	1,702	56	120,030	104,030	None.	None.	None.	None.	None
Briton Medical	43,203	None	None.	1,288,514	14	32,680	40,272		None.
Commercial Union	24,513	24	65,457	783,898	3	2,920	973	2,920	None.
Edinburgh	24,129	None	None.	738,484	2	4,867	973 973	3,893	3,650
Life Association of Scotland	137,454	106	170,265	3,990,792	. 22	41,342	48,058	27,497	None.
Liverpool and London and Globe	9,528	8	13,100	308,321	2	3,000	3,311	None.	None.
London and Lancashire	28,559	204	384,800	1,076,562	6	7,770	5,497	3,020	None.
North British and Mercantile	27,214	. 14	73,503 None.	859,385	5	12,360	10,174	2,186	None.
Positive Government	1,974	None	None.	36,500	2	9,000	11,206	None.	None.
Queen	12,261	25	51,473	371,550	3	4,947	8,947	None.	None.
Reliance	21,432	110	217,250	669,305	6	9,933	15,433	None.	None.
Scottish Amicable	30,199 22,868	17	37,337	1,023,327	10	40,251	44,314	2,896	None.
Scottish Provident	7,302	None	36,354 None.	780,092	3	10,007	1,004	, 9,003	None.
Scottish Provincial	43,370	None	None.	270,410 1,241,746	18	973	973	None.	None.
Standard	144,400	176	395,528	4,786,875		73,048 132,412	43,316	33,197	None.
tar	17,047	30	118,250	543,385	43 I	513	59,993 513	62,419 None.	None.
Total	597,155	792	1,683,357	18,873,173	141	386,023	305,057		
American Companies.									
Etna	323,498	971	1,537,610	9,098,233	20	69 6 40			
Itlantic Mutual	35,054	124	128,889	955,875	38	68,652 6,740	73,324	14,652	4,000 None.
Connecticut	192,358	253	458,366	5,191,085	25	99,311	3,740 57,711	3,000 23,600	25,000
quitable	178,277	335	657,500	5,079,900	20	51,000	57,000	2,000	None.
rlobe Mutual	21,727	298	454,384	767,384	None.	None.	24,000	None.	None.
Ietropolitan	47,655	139	236,500	1,695,000	5	16,500	18,000	None.	None.
ational	30,347	103	159,736	1,108,260	8	7,199	8,199	3,000	None.
lew York	193,280	273	560,336	4,920,000	16	31,996	58,700	2,025	None.
lorth Western	41,821	179	318,134	1,254,782	6	4,867	4,867	2,000	None.
hoenix of Hartford	149,502	137	194,777	3,403,191	30	47,700	31,422	15,500	None.
ravelers	98,199	389	529,283	2,988,824	22	22,271	30,771	4,000	None.
nited States	3,963	979 14	1,462,070	4,104,286	24	38,383	22,883	9,500	6,000
	2,903		43,220	160,840	3	6,000	6,000	None.	None.
Total	1,437,612	4,194	6,740,804	40,727,661	202	400,619	396,617		• • • • • • • •

SOUND VIEWS ON THE STOVE TRADE.

At the last convention of stove manufacturers in Troy President Jewett, of Buffalo, de-livered an admirable address. Referring to the origin six years ago of the association he explained that it was then formed to combat excessive rivalry and over production. The absence of mutual acquaintance and the loss of good feeling towards each other had injured the trade more than all other causes. Notwithstanding some good effected by the asso-ciation the over production is now serious and the rivalry never more intense. The speaker indicated new sources of trouble worth attention. The delivery of goods "to be paid for when sold" is a curious problem to consider. Many retailers have their floors largely stocked tion. The delivery of goods "to be paid for when sold" is a curious problem to consider. Many retailers have their floors largely stocked with such goods, in which they have no inter
address is severe upon compromises, one of the consequences of the loss of a high thus: "The strongest advocate of the practice must inevitably base his arguments upon the idea that the unfortunate applicant is an honest it is a notorious fact that the American may be

est; their money is invested in other patterns, on which they concentrate all their efforts; they know too well that the manufacturer of the articles "on sale" is in their power and must ultimately lose, either by reducing the price or sending the goods elsewhere. And upon the matter of the falsehood too often indulged in as a means of effecting sales he affirms that "strict honour and business integrity discountenance the seeking of trade by misrepresenta-tion of the grossest character. More trade can be secured by honest statements than has ever been acquired by vilifying the character of opponents and misrepresenting the facts about competitors and their wares."

man. Yet when goods are delivered to even an honest man, is it not an implied part of the terms of sale, that the buyer shall devote his personal efforts and zeal to the disposal of the merchandize? Sales would rarely be made unless such an expectation existed. It surely cannot be a part of the bargain that upon receiving the articles the buyer shall calmly decline to execute that part of the contract, and boldly tell his creditors to get what they can out of the goods. Such an act is dishonest, and may well be styled a breach of trust. It is profitable for any manufacturer to take a firm stand now, and resolve that henceforth and forever he will accept no compromise offers. * * It is one of the consequences of the loss of a high

cheated with impunity, without making any effort to obtain redress, while his English cousin will enforce the least violation of his rights with the utmost rigour. Merchants have learned that honesty is not encouraged by easy compromises, or releases and extensions impudently asked and indifferently granted. They have found that the honest suffer when the fraudulent escape.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our own Correspondent.) PETROLIA, April 9, 1877.

There are quite a number of wells going down in spite of the recent severe weather, but so far there have been no strikes of consequence. Business continues quiet, but prices very firm in Crude. Most of the production is being tanked by the Crude Oil Tanking Company. Refined oil is rather weaker some lots having been sold, F. O. B. London at 10c per wine gallon this price is however likely to be of short duration. The shipments per last week were as follows. Crude 4090 bbls; Distilled 200 bbls; Refined pale 300 bbls. Prices. Crude \$1.25 to 1 35; Refined pale 10 to 12c per wine gallon New York 164c.

WOMEN AS BANK OFFICERS .- Miss Frank McGrew has been appointed assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Huntington, Indiana. There are two other instances of female bank officers recorded: Miss Bella Wallace is cashier for Watson, Huber & Co., bankers, Mechanicsville, Iowa; and Miss Annie M. King, for A. W. National Bank of Huntington was the first one to grace its Board of Directors with the presence of a lady, Mrs. Anna A. Daily having been elected director in 1868, and Mrs. E. J. Purvance in 1873. of the First National Bank of Peoria. Illinois, Mrs. Lydia Bradley was elected director in 1875, and in the First National Bank of Canton, Ohio, Mrs. Louisa McCall is one of the Board. In some of these cases the limited number of stockholders left no alternative, while the advantage of superior business qualifications has also led to the choice. The banking business of A. K. & E. B. Yount, at Fort Collins, Colorado, has for some time been conducted by Mrs. E. B. Yount, the junior partner, who is said to be a lady of rare sagacity and experience in monetary affairs .- Bankers Magazine.

THE NOMENCLATURE OF AMERICAN MANU-FACTURES.—Take the stove trade for example, and note the extraordinary, not to say absurd manner in which their merits are attempted to be set forth in their names. A glance at the register compiled by the secretary of the association shows that the manufacturers have drawn upon various departments of human knowledge for their names, or have borrowed from sources which would seem accessible to them alone. It is to be presumed that our more lofty and high-toned manufacturers could only be content to draw upon royalty for their titles, for we have a King, a Queen, an Emperor, an Empress, a Monarch, a Czar, a Crowned Prince, and an Autocrat; and we have, too, a Prince and Princess, while one manufacturer was led to consider a Little Queen better than no queen at all. The celestially-inclined have levied tribute on astronomy, and make us familiar with their Rising Sun, and Blazing Star, and Silver Moon; others less pretentious appear to be comfortable with a Meteor, a Comet, or even an Asteroid; but one firm could not consent to dwell upon this planet of ours without the sublime benefits of a fullConstellation. Then there are those who, we must suppose, feed on ambrosial food; and to them we are indebted for

the Arbutus, the Aster, the Daisy, the Eglantine, the Myrtle, the Rose and the Wild Flower; and we contemplate with some awe the grasping disposition which could only rest content with an entire Bouquet. Names are borrowed with an entire Bouquet. Names are borrowed from the mythologies, and as a result we can boast of a Jupiter, Venus, Mercury, Pluto, Juno and Diana; while with the display of gems we are fairly bewildered, being enriched by Diamond, Pearl, Emerald, Opal, Amethyst, Garnet, Ruby, Topaz and Coral, which in turn are supplanted by the Crown Jewel and the Crown Diamond. In a sentimental and social way we have Darling and Lodies, Darling Mercury and the Crown Darling and Lodies, Darling Mercury was well as the country of the country o way we have Darling and Ladies' Darling, My Friend and My Mutual Friend, and Belles, Coquettes and a genuine Flirt. Gold is as freely employed as if this was the auriferous age instead of the age of iron: and we have it from a gold mine pure and simple to that thinnest kind of gilt veneering not infrequently implied in the term "golden." Then there is the "Big Bonanza." with its gold and silver products. with its gold and silver products, and by way of humorous antithesis we are supplied with a Greenback and a Legal Tender. Bismarck, Grant, Gen. Scott, Dr. Franklin and others are immortalized; and great altitudes like Alps, Ætna, Andes and Vesuvius tower aloft in the geographical department of our castiron literature. The Forest is taxed for the names we use; and although manufacturers as a class are not given to superlatives, some of them label their goods as Peerless, Perfection, Priceless, Seraphic, Grand, All Right and Bang-up, all of which go to show the shrinking modesty of the members of this stove makers' association .- Troy Times.

RAILWAY NOTES.—Grading and cutting are expected to be begun on the Hamilton and Naylor's bank, New Sharon, Iowa. The First Northwestern R. R. as soon as the weather permits. Fifty or a hundred laborers are in Georgetown waiting for the work to begin. Many of these men are destitute and are becoming troublesome and expensive as tramps.-A train was run out on the line of the Kingston and Pembroke railway on Monday last, and a load of rails has since been taken to Sharbot Lake.—Stanbridge, E. T., 'voted "aye" by a majority of 133 on the by-law granting aid to the Lake Champlain & St. Lawrence Junction railway, a narrow guage road which is intended to be finished this summer. - The line to connect the Montreal, Portland and Boston, with the Southeastern Railway of Quebec, has lately been surveyed. Work is being resumed on the former road, which it is hoped will be ready for travel to Farnham by June.—Passenger cars and two first class locomotives have been purchased for the Victoria railway; and trains would be run if the flat and box cars were ready. The latter are being made by the Toronto Car Company, and are expected in two weeks.-Work has been recommenced at the "big cut" near Mavilla, of the Whitby and Lindsay railway, and also near the Ops boundary. Several more gangs will be put on in May with a view to completion this summer.

> MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA. - Statement of traffic receipts for week from 21st. to 31st. March, 1877, in comparison with same period last year. Passengers, \$1910,34; freight \$2630,02; mails and express, \$350,81; total \$5191,17 Same week last year, 6088,26 Decrease, \$897,09. Total traffic to date, \$43,-543,44 do. year previous, 55,242.40. Decrease **₽**11698,96.

-We understand that a company has been formed in Edinburgh, a main branch of whose business will be the purchase of cattle in the Dominion for the supply of the Scotch meat markets. A vigorous impetus has been given to the trade in meat between England and this continent of late years, and the formation of this company, which is said to have a capital of £20,000, will do much to increase it, as far as Canada is concerned.

LUMBER OPERATIONS .- The past season in the vicinity of the Aroostook and St. John rivers has been a lively one. The amount of lumber cut for New Brunswick operators is quite large from 9,000 to 10,000 tons of birch and about 160,000,000 feet of spruce. Mr. Robert Connors, the heaviest operator at the head of the St. John, has got out 16,000,000 of spruce for Mr. Murray, whose total stock this year will amount to about 30,000,000. About 25,000,000 have been cut for Mr. Randolph; 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 for Messrs. Dunn & Co.; the same quantity for Messrs. Hamilton & Co.; 5,000,000 for Messrs King & Son; 5,000,000 for Mr. Sutton; 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 for Messrs. Miller & Woodman. There is also a considerable quantity for Messrs. Gibson & Cushing. The bulk of Mr. Gibson's lumber, however, is at the Nashwaak. The small brooks are very low, and unless quite a heavy freshet occurs, a large quantity of lumber will be "hung up."—St. John Daily News.

THE G. WESTERN RAILWAY CO. OF CANADA. The half yearly ordinary general meeting of shareholders is appointed to be held on Friday, April 27, in London, England, for the purpose of submitting a report and general statement of accounts for the half year ending on the 31st day of January last, and for the transaction of other business. The meeting will be made a special general meeting for submission for approval, by the shareholders, of arrangements with the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad Co., its bondholders and the Company to be formed upon its reorganization, for leasing and working the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway and purchase of shares and guarantee of bonds of the reorganized company proposed to be entered into pursuant to the shareholders' resolution of the 30th April, 1875; and for approval of a proposed purchase of the capital stock of the Brantford, Norfolk and Port Burwell Railway Company, and guarantee of interest on a portion of its bonds. And to authorize the necessary agreements to carry such arrangements into effect. The books kept at the office in Canada for the registration of shares and preference stock will be closed on and from the 15th day of April to the day of meeting, both days inclusive.

Confederation Life Association .- The following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year:—Hon. Wm. P. Howland, Toronto; Hon. Wm. Mc.Master, Toronto; Sir Francis Hincks, Montreal; Hon. T. N. Gibbs, Oshawa; Hon. James McDonald, Halifax; Wm. Elliot, Robert Wilkes, Toronto; Benjamin Morton, Toronto; Wm. H. Beatty, Toronto; Hon. Isaac Burpee. St. John; Edward Hooper, Toronto; J. Herbert Mason, Toronto; James Young, Galt; F. A. Ball, Toronto; M. P. Ryan, Montreal; S. Nordheimer, Toronto; W. H. Gibbs, Oshawa; J. K. Macdonald, Toronto.

The Board met after the annual meeting, and organized, when the Hon. W. P. Howland, C. B., was re-elected President, and the Hon. Wm. McMaster and Wm. Elliot, Esq., Vice-Presidents.

-To think that two or three incendiary fires should be deliberately set in the cellar of one of our best business stores, in the centre of one of our best blocks of buildings, and between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock at night, while the occupants of adjoining store, on both sides were still present, by which a large and valuable extent of the business part of the town was jeopardized, is certainly enough to startle the most apathetic and strong-nerved business man among us.—Letter of "Merchant" in Peterbero

-The telephone will soon revolutionize domestic affairs, for the man, instead of blushingly telling his wife at the supper table that he will be detained at his office, can go down town and whisper through the telephone that it is lodge night.—Oil City Derrick.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

4 o'clock, April 11, 1877.

STOCKS.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transact'n in Week.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Montreal	1698	1754	3644	1734	1731
Ontario		1023	56	1024	1034
Consolidated	92	924	129	92	924
Peoples			15		
Molsons		107	42	1074	107
Toronto		171	46	170	170
Jacques Cartier	344	341	345	344	341
Merchants	74	79		74	75
Commerce	1192	120	211	119	120
Metropolitan					
Maritime					
Exchange			8		
Hamilton					
Union					
Montreal Tel	107	1154	7469	1111	112
Dominion Telegraph				85	
Gas	1478	148	293	148	149
City Pass	85	878		873	95
R. C. Insurance		90	120	87 1 89 1	901
Sterling Exchange	1004	1007		100	
Gold	105			105	

MARITIME ITEMS.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia has resolved that in the opinion of the House the subsidy to the Allan steamers should be continued to the fortnightly line to Halifax. Freight to Halifax have been reduced by the steam lines from Liverpool from 40/- to 12/6 per ton, a considerable concession to the importers of that city. Late advices from Porto Rico quote Cod fish \$4\frac{2}{4}; Haddock \$4; Herrings \$3\frac{1}{2}. Sugar cane not yielding like last year. The Cunard steamer "Beta" on her last trip to Bermuda took \$10,000 specie to pay the troops on that station. The Bank of Montreal furnished the coins. The Belgian steamer "Auguste Andre" a consort of the "Rudland" recently wrecked on the United States coast, has finished her repairs at Halifax, and has cleared for Antwerp. A number of residents of Whitehaven have published a denial that their port was blocked by ice the past winter. 80 masters and mates from the St. John Marine Schools, passed examinations last year and 47 failed to pass. The Northern Light has been making daily trips across the Straits. Ice on the St. John river is beginning to break

FIRE RECORD.—Port Burwell, 9th.—The dwelling of George Titus caught fire, and was a good deal damaged.

St. Joseph de Levis, Ques, 7th.—The dwelling of Alexis Pelletier was destroyed by fire. Building insured for \$800 in Isolated Risk, and furniture for \$500 in Ottawa Agricultural.

St. John, N. B., 9th.—Capt. Caleb Peck's house and outbuildings were burned down. Building insured in L. L. and Globe, furniture in Queen.

Picton, 9th.—Barnes and stables of George Lovell and of G. G. Hallowell were burned, together with 14 head cattle, 2 horses and implements. Loss \$2000; insured in Bay of Quinte Mutual for \$700.

Lucan, 10th.—The blacksmith shop of John Judge, his dwelling, a paint shop, waggon shop, and two dwellings occupied by Mrs. Keays and Mr. Cooke were burned down this morning. Total loss \$6000.

Belleville, 10th.—A vacant house on Church street, near the Railway, was set on fire this

morning. Damage trifling; no insurance.
Cobourg, roth.—The outbuildings of J. K.
Cameron's residence were burned, and the
dwelling house damaged by water.

St. Johns, Que., roth.—A mysterious fire destroyed the stables of McGoogan's hotel. The fire brigade confined the flames to the building,

and the Town Council voted them \$400 for uniforms. An investigation will be held.

Clifton, 11th.—The custom house block took fire and was completely gutted. Pierce, Howard & Co., bankers; H. Preston, broker; Bailey & Bunting, sugar dealers; R. Law, grocer, and the Oddfellows' and Freemasons' Lodges are losers.

A dreadful loss of life was occasioned by the burning, on Wednesday, of the Southern Hotel, in St. Louis, Missouri. The building originally cost \$1,250,000, and is insured for \$290,000. The furniture cost \$200,000, and is insured for \$142,000.

-In referring to the insurance investigation. the regular correspondent of the New York Tribune at Albany says: "It begins to be believed that the insurance investigation has been largely used by schemers (possibly represented in the Committee itself), whose real object was to put one or more of the great insurance companies, and specially the Equitable, into the hands of a receiver. If they could control such an arrangement, these would, of course, be fat pickings, and two millions of cash on hand would be an exceedingly nice sum to handle in the great work of reforming the country. The schemers had an idea that the Equitable had sore spots which they could touch, that its surplus was small, that its building was paving less than 2 per cent. net, and that a remorseless system of probing and turning private affairs inside out, would show such other weak places that by a concerted hue and cry they could, with a rush, carry the receivership. All this has now apparently failed. It is understood here that the Examining Committee, headed by Gov. E. D. Morgan, have signed their report, certifying that all the accounts of the Equitable, since the start of the company, are correct, criticising some details of the management, but, on the whole, expressing more satisfaction with it than has been generally expected. It is understood, too, that the investigation of the State Superintendent results in a similar conclusion.

-William J. Hughes has received the appointment from the Royal Canadian Insurance Company, of sole manager of its business at the New York branch, covering also the territory over which the general agency had jurisdiction. There may be, in the early future, some redistricting of the western and southern states, when we will have more to say in detail con-cerning the company and its United States business. The appointment of Mr. Hughes is so natural, and so obviously fit, that it is simply what every one expected. We congratulate both agent and company.—The Insurance Monitor N. Y.

-The death is announced of Mr. Walter Bagehot, the accomplished editor of the London Economist, and the author of "The English Constitution" " Lombard Street" a description of the English money market, and "Physics and Politics'

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, April 10th, 1877. The winter may now be said to have left us, the snow has all gone and dusty streets are again the order of the day. The ice "shoved" on the river on Sunday night, and there is now a good deal of open water visible opposite the city, of course all crossing has ceased but it is not likely that the harbour will be clear of ice before the end of the week.

Although there has been a marked improvment in trade as compared with the previous week Shunk 15 to 40c. still there is no activity to report in any branch,

Wholesale houses are receiving orders to some extent for shipment by first boats, but few country buyers have yet been in the city, and those who have are buying very sparingly; although in many instances they have the making of their own prices. Flour is still firm and advancing but there is nothing doing in grain, Groceries are quiet with downward tendency. Hardware has been in better demand but prices are not satisfactory. Leather is quiet and prices generally favor buyers. Provisions are dull with downward tendency. Ashes are firm but unchanged. Drugs and chemicals are nominal. Furs are quiet and not much expected to be done till the spring Furs begin to come in, in another month.

ASHES .- Pot .- Firsts have been in fair demand during the week, prices have remained pretty steady since our last report, and the market closes to-day firm at a little above the figures of this day week, viz.: \$5.15 to 5.25. Very little movement in seconds, latest reported sale was at \$3.50. Pearls.—There is no change in the state of the market for this description of ash, and in the absence of receipts and sales quotations would be nominal. Stocks at present in store are : Pots, 3410 brls.; Pearls, 842 barrels.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- Prices are without change, few buyers in town and wholesale houses are working on orders sent in for shipment by first boats. More activity in business is looked for when the cheap rates of freight come into operation.

CATTLE.—Arrivals during the week have been comparatively small, but the demand has not been large, and prices are again coming to their normal condition, now that the fancy prices paid for Easter beef have ceased. First quality cattle have been selling from \$5.25 to 5.621; second class ditto from \$4.75 to 5.12 and third class from \$3.50 to 4.50 per 100 lbs. Sheep.—Some fine animals for shipment to England were sold at \$6.00 per 100 lbs.

DRY GOODS .- There has been more activity noticeable in this branch of the wholesale trade, no doubt induced by the fine weather with which we are favored, a fair number of buyers have been in the city but their transactions have not been very heavy. Fancy goods have been in good demand. Clothing quiet, and in all branches of the trade more activity is expected as we near the opening of navigation. Remit-tances are still the subject of complaint from mostly all quarters.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .-- As yet there is little change of any moment to notice in this branch of trade; owing to stocks being well reduced prices as a rule are firm, and little change need now be looked for till the first arrivals from sea. Only small jobbing sales taking place within our range of quotations. We quote Bi Carb \$3.60 to 3.75 firm; Sal Soda \$1.45 to 1.50; Caustic Soda \$3.50 to 3.75; Soda Ash 14to 2c.; Copperas 1\frac{1}{6} to 1\frac{1}{4}c; Alum 2 to 2\frac{1}{4}c \ |Epsom Salts 2c; Saltpetre \\$8.00 scarce; Brimstone \$2.75 to \$3.00; Sulphur \$3.50 to 3.75; Bleaching Powder 17 to 2c; nominal Blue Vitriol firm at 61 to 7c; Cream Tartar ground 29 to 30c; Cream Tartar Crystals 25 to 26c; Borax 12 to 14c Madder 10 to 12c.

FURS AND SKINS.—The spring furs have not begun to arrive yet and are not likely to do so for a month to come, and skins coming in just now readily command our quotations which are unchanged since this day week. Beaver \$1.50 to 2.00 Black Bear \$2.50 to \$8.00 according to size; Fisher \$4.00 to 8.00; Silver Fox \$20.00 size; risher \$4.00 to 5.00; siver Fox \$20.00 to 35.00. Cross Fox \$2.00 to 3.00 Red Fox \$1.00 to 1.25 Lynx \$1.25 to 2.00 Dark Labrador Martin \$2.00. to 3.00 Pale Martin \$1.00 to 1.25; Prime Dark Mink \$2.00 ditto second \$1.00; Muskrat, winter, 12½; to 15c Muskrat spring 18 to 20c; Raccoon 30 to 50.

FISH.—The only demand which exists in this branch of business is for Salmon which is still selling at \$12 11 & 10 for No. 1 2 & 3 respectively. In Dry Cod there has been almost nothing done since our last and quotations remain at \$4.75; nothing doing in Green Cod. Labrador Herrings are nominal at \$5.00 to 5.20.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week have been 9907 brls., Total receipts from 1st Jan., to date 118.344 brls., being an increase of 11,253 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1876. During the past week there has been a better attendance on the Corn Exchange, with rather more doing, the market maintaining an upward tendency; latterly buyers and sellers are apart in their views, as yesterday, sellers again advanced their prices, which, however, had to be paid for small quantities to meet immediate wants. To-day a fair local business was done on 'change, but no advance on yesterday's prices was obtained; the market, however, closes very firm at quotations: Superior extra \$7.25 to 7.40; Extra superfine \$6.95 to 7.00; Fancy 6.70 to 6.80; Strong bakers' flour \$6.65 to 6.80; Spring extra \$6.40 to 6.50; Superfine \$6.15 to 6.25; Fine \$5.75 to 5.80; Middlings \$5.30 to 5.40; Pollards \$4.90 to 5.10; Upper Canada bags \$3.20 to 3.25; Oatmeal steady at

\$5.70 to 5.85; Cornmeal \$3.10.
GRAIN.—There is no movement in grain of any kind, and quotations are quite nominal. This year the receipts of wheat from 1st January to date have only been 1,100 bush., against 311,575 bush. for the corresponding period of

1876, showing a decrease of 310,475 bush. GROCERIES. — Teas. — Japans: Stocks held here at present are much beyond the existing demand, which is confined to job lots to dealers. Prices are weak, and to effect sales of round lots concessions would have to be made, and which will likely have to be the case in order to reduce stocks. Prices, however, are still quoted from 25 to 50c, according to grade. Blacks and Greens are neglected. Coffee—Has met with about the usual demand, and prices are steady. Java 28 to 30c; Laguayra is out of stock; Maracaibo 23 to 24c; East India 24 to 27c. Sugar— This market has again exhibited signs of weakness, and the article can now be bought cheaper than it could a week ago. Since then importa-tions of Yellow have been pretty heavy; importers are anxious to sell, and are asking from 83 to 93c, according to sample. For granulated sugar the market is also weak at 10½ to 10½c; dry crushed 11 to 11½c. Raw sugar is duil of sale, but as stocks are limited, prices are maintained at 91 to 91c. Molasses are in very light request; stocks are, however, very small; quotations are without material change. Barbadoes 44 to 45c; sugar house 27 to 32c; these are the only kinds at present in stock. Syrups are dull and neglected, no change in quotations. Rice \$4.25 to 4.50, only small sales transpiring. Fruit—The demand for fruit has been very small, nothing in wholesale lots reported, and prices continue about the same as last week. Layer raisins in lots can be bought from \$1.35 to 1.40; Valencias 6 to 7c; Sultanas 91 to 10c; currants in small quantities have been selling at 61 to 7c; figs 92 to 12c; prunes have been in some betterdemand and are now held at 5c; Tarragona almonds 12½ to 13½c; filberts 8½ to 9c; walnuts 6 to 8c. Spices—There is very little doing, and no change can be made on the quotations of last week. Stocks are not heavy, but ample for all requirements.

HIDES AND PELTS .- There is very little demand at present and and the market is weak but not quotably lower, No. 1 Hides \$6.00; No. 2 do. \$5.00; No. 3 do. \$4.00. Lambskins 20 to 25c; Calfskins 11 to 121c.

demand, although at rather unremunerative prices. Pig iron is being quoted at prices which will hardly pay cost, letting alone any profit to the sellers. There has been no change in prices since last week for goods from stock. therefore continue to quote: Pig Iron Gartsherrie \$22.00 to 22.50; Summerlee, and Calder \$21 to 21,50 Eglinton, and Clyde \$19.50 to 20. Hematite \$26.00 to 27.00. Bars—Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2 to 2.10; best do, \$2.20 to 2.30: Swedes and Norway, \$4.75 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.00 to 6.50. Canada Plates—Swansea and Budd, 83.60 to 3.75; Penn and Garth, \$3.75 to 4.00; Halton \$3.40 to 3.60. Tin Plates—Charcoal IC, \$6.75 to 7.25; ditto, IX, \$8.75 to 9.25; ditto DC, \$6 to 6.50 Coke IC, \$5.75 to 6.25; Boiler Plates, ordinary brands \$3.00 to 3.25; do. best brands \$3.25 to 2.50. Lowmoor and Bouling \$3.25 to 3.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$7.50 to 8.00; Galvanized Iron—Best brands No. 28, \$8.50 to 9.50; Hoops and Bands, \$2.90 to 275; sheets, best brands, \$2.90 to 3.10; Pressed Nails, \$7.00; Cut Nails, 12d to 7in., \$3.00; ditto, 5 d to 10d, \$3.30; do., 21d to 4d, \$3.80; 100 keg lots 5 per cent. discount. Pressed Spikes, \$4.00 to 4.75; Steel cast, 12 to 13c; Spring steel, \$3.50 to 4.00; best do. warranted, \$6.00 to 6.50; Tire ditto, \$3.50 to 3.75; Ingot Tin \$20 to 21; Ingot Copper, \$21 to 22; Horse Shoes \$4.00 to 4.50; Lead Pig, \$5.50 to 6.00; Sheet do., \$6,00 to 6.50; bar do., \$6.25 to 6.75.

LEATHER.—A fair business has been done during the past week with a slightly easier feeling in some lines. Sole leather has been more freely dealt in at steady prices. Waxed upper sales have been more liberal than for sometime past and considerable stock has passed into cutters hands during the past week or two, prices are unchanged and no immediate improvement is looked for as the dullness in Buffs and Pebble will induce tanners of those articles to turn their attention to waxed upper. Grained upper is neglected: Splits, the supply continues in excess of the demands of the trade, and prices are pretty much governed by the English market to which the surplus is regularly shipped. Harness is dull and nominal. Buff and pebble continue to accumulate and buyers have the market pretty much in their own hands. quote: Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 24 to 25c; do. No. 2,22 to 23c; No. 1 Orinoco 23 to 2c; No. 2 ditto 21 to 22c; Zanzibar Spanish sole No. 1 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 19 to 20c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 21 to 22; do. No. 2, 19 to 20c; Hemlock slaughter 26 to 27c, waxed upper light and medium 34 to 37c; do. heavy 32 to 35c; grained upper 35 to 37c; splits large 25 to 29c; do. small 16 to 22c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 70c; do 18 to 20 lbs. 50 to 65c; sheepskin linings 26 to 35c; harness 22 to 28c; buffed cow 14 to 16c per ft.; enamelled cow 17 to 18c; patent cow 17 to 18c: pebbled cow 12 to 16c; rough leather 22 to 25c.

LIQUORS. The market for all kinds of liquor is firm owing to stocks being well reduced, and prices will be mantained till arrival of shipments from sea by first vessels on the opening of navigation, we have no change however to report in our last weeks quotations which we repeat. Brandy in wood \$2.20 to 3.25 according to brand, cases \$6.00 to 10.50; Gin Hollands \(\frac{1}{2}\)1.65 to 1.75; Rum \(\frac{9}{2}\)2.10 to 2.40 Spirits moderate sales at 75 per Imp. gallon in bond. Rye Whishey
34c per imperial gallon in bond.
OILS. Petroleum. There is not much demand
at present for this article, and there is not

likely to be much till the country roads are in a better condition for travelling, and navigation is open. Prices are if anything weaker carloads 15 to 15½c; small lots 16c. single barrels 17 to

to 621c for Newfoundland, and 55 to 57 for other kinds. Straw seal 55 to 571c; Steam refined seal 65 to 67 c.
PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Receipts during the

past week 267 pkgs.; shipments 997 pkgs.; there is nothing doing in the butter market just now, prices are unchanged at 15 to 25c, but in the absence of transactions are nominal. Cheese.—Receipts none; shipments 719 boxes, market dull and nominal at 13½ to 15c. Lard.

There has been a moderate local demand at 10½ to 12c according to package. Tallow.—The market is bare and our quotation of 81c is nominal. Pork.—Receipts 110 brls.; shipments 120 brls., holders of pork are a little firmer but the demand at present is very small, our quotations for this show a slight advance over those of the previous week; mess pork \$17.50 to 18.00; thin

mess \$16.50 to \$17.00.

SALT.—Market dull and unchanged. Coarse

60 to 62½c; Factory filled \$1.25 to 1.50.

Wool.—There has been very little doing during the past week, the market here is very bare of wool, there has not been sufficient to meet present demands. Lambs wool will soon be coming in and some change in the market may be looked for. We continue to quote: Pulled wool, white, 27 to 28c; ditto, black, 26 to 27c.

TORONTO MARKETS

TORONTO, April 12, 1877.

Business is reviving a little and so are the spirits of merchants. At first it was perhaps only, the "merry, merry sunshine, that made the heart so gay," in the words of the song; but there is now somewhat more movement, more buyers in town, and the retail trade of the city are feeling the impulse of spring.

The flour and grain market continues to be very much excited. The rejection by Turkey of the Russian protocol has increased the chances of war to such a degree that Beerbohm cables "quotations suspended," and the American markets are "out of sight." Stocks have been withdrawn, and transactions are therefore few, and at a considerable advance. Drug houses find orders coming in with some briskness, but remittances might be vastly improved. In groceries there is rather more life, though the par-cels sold are still quite limited. The dry goods houses are getting their share of the country buyers in the city; in this branch there was an auction sale yesterday and to day in the ware-house of Messrs. Walls & Sons. A moderate amount of goods was sold, we understand, at fair prices. The Messrs. Robertson are to hold a sale next week. Hides, leather and wool are all about equally dull, but the prices of leather keep up, while those of hides, say the tanners, are already too far up.

CATTLE.—The market is bare of good cattle, for which there is a fair demand. No. I beev s would bring \$5.50 live weight, No. 2 say \$4.75, while No. 3 are not much wanted, but will bring \$4.00 for feeding purposes for shipment to points where they are less plentiful. Sheep are scarce and much wanted. They are likely to remain scarce till clipped. No. r are worth 6c per lb. live weight, No. 2's 5c, No. 3's no quotations. Calves are somewhat more plentiful, and the best are worth 8c dressed weight, seconds 7c, and thirds 5 to 6c.

Messrs. Reeve and Frankland, of this city, have purchased, with a view to their exhibition at the Royal Agricultural Society's fair in Liver-25c; Calfskins 11 to 12½c.

HARDWARE.—Since our last report business, although still very dull, has slightly improved, a good many medium sized orders for shelf goods have been taken, and heavy goods are in fair and prices well maintained. Cod oil 60 pool, in July next, several choice cattle, which they are now feeding,—one in Guelph weighing 2,812 lbs., two in the Eastern Townships, and one bullock near here, which, in addition to pool, in July next, several choice cattle, which

being a remarkably handsome and well-proportioned Durham, stands now at the remarkable weight of 3,200 lbs., and in the opinion of experienced judges is the largest bullock in the world. We are glad to notice the enterprise of these gentlemen, and trust it will meet with the reward it deserves.

FLOUR AND MEAL .- Floar .- Stocks in store 10,176 bbls., against 8,405 bbls., last week and 23,329 bbls., last year at corresponding date. The market was firm all last week, and tolerably active; these two days past, it is quite excited, and holders are withdrawing their stocks in the hope of a considerable advance in consequence of the war news. There are there-fore no transactions of moment to report to-day or yesterday. Superior extra is held at \$7.00 and upwards, no sales. Extra has sold during the past week at \$6.60 to 6.70 and is not to be had at latter price now, Fancy \$6.25 to 6.40; and sales at \$6.30; spring wheat extra has sold in small lots at \$6.26 to 6.30; superfine \$5.25 to 5 40. Oatmeal unchanged and not much

doing, say \$5 25 for large lots, and \$5 50 to 5 80 in small. Cornneal as before,
FUEL.—There is very little doing this week in either coal or wood. The present sunny and warm weather has put a damper upon purchasers. The poor people require fuel for only cooking purposes, as they can readily sun them-selves. Prices are as before reported. The Grand Trunk contract for coal, which attracted a number of American dealers here and to Montreal last week, has been awarded we understand, to P. D. Conger at \$3.50 per ton for the 6,000 tons deliverable here, and to Rhodes & Co. at \$3.75 per ton the 26,000 tons deliverable at Brockville.

GRAIN.-Wheat.-Stocks in store: fall 83,024 bush., against 82,516 bush. last week, and 394,-131 bush. last year at like date; spring 159,337 bush. in store, against 162,189 bush. last week, and 586,016 bush. last year. The market is excited and quotations of almost all grain are nominal, for transactions are rare, holders withdrawing their stocks. Beerbohm's telegram of 11th states that wheat is "excited and 2/ higher, all positions, quotations suspended," a very remarkable statement to emanate from such a source, and showing the agitated feeling which the war news has created on 'change. No. 1 half here is nominally \$1.55 to 1.60, none in market; No. 2 say \$1.55; No. 3 \$1.45. Sales of No. 1 spring were made at \$1.45, but that figure was refused for a cargo, but holders now ask \$1.50, and No. 2 is quoted at \$1.43 to 1.48. Oats—Stocks in store, 23,710 bush. against 27,-819 bush. last week, and 10,082 bush. last year. The market is firmer at 45 to 46c. Barley is scarce and in demand at 75 to 77c for No. 1. Stocks in store, 144,122 bush., against 175,708 bush. last week, and 140,603 bush. last year. No. 2 shows a wide range from 55 to 66c, according to elevator. Peas-Stocks in store, 53,-043 bush., against 52,473 bush last week, and 136,249 bush. same date last year. Peas are firmer; quotations 73 to 75c.

One estimate made of the barley yield of Ontario last year was 9,000,000 bush., but it is stated to us that the amount marketed was really 10,000,000 bush. It is to be borne in mind, however, that a large quantity was held over from 1876 in the hands of farmers, which increased the supply. One result of this has been that an overstock of malt is held over from 1876, and the price of barley instead of being 90c.to\$1 p.bush., is now but 73 to 75c for No. 1.

It is a matter worthy of our farmers' consideration, whether it would not be wiser for them

enhance the price, and more to peas, oats, and wheat, of which grain there is never an over-

It is proper to state that late advices from California are, that owing to lack of rain the barley crop in that State is short, and there will be none of the growth of 1877 for shipment.

GROCERIES. An improved feeling pervades the trade, consequent perhaps upon the delightful weather of the past few days. Money is not more plentiful, but people are buying a little more freely. Prices are not materially altered, in Coffees not at all, Teas unchanged but without activity. Fish very dull, Fruit quiet and lower, Sultanas 9 to 10c; Valentias new 6 to 63c. old 3½c, 3½c. Currants, 6½c. to 6½c. Rice steady, very little doing in spices, which maintain their prices. Molasses and syrups are rather active, possibly because of the demand of butter of late, Sugars are steady at a slight decline from our previous quotations. England and Scotch refined yellows 91 to 101c, Porto Rico gc to glc, ground 101 to 11c.

Hides and Skins.—There is a fair, though

not an active movement, the moderate offerings from the country are taken at our quotations. Prices of Green, Cured and Inspected hides have not altered since our last. 61 and 51c are the buying, and 7c and 6c the selling prices of green. Sheepskins are unchanged.

PRESSED HAY .- There is not much offering at present; Sales have been made at \$14 00 per

SALT.—Liverpool is growing more scarce and prices are firmer, 85c is now the lowest figure. No change in Canadian or St. Ube's.

Provisions. The market is quiet, and no live sales effected, Hog products are steady at former prices. Chicago lowered last week somewhat, but has recovered. Butter, choice still holds its own, with rather more coming forward ordinary is plentiful without demand. Cheese is unchanged in price at 11 to 13c for ordinary which is scarce, and 16to 17c for choice of which the market is bare. Pork mess is heavy at last weeks prices, hams unchanged at quotations. Bacon moving very slowly. Dried apples are selling at 5½ to 6c and demand is more brisk.

WOOL.—The market is very quiet, and there

have been no transactions of moment, supply coming in is very light, and the demand languid. Pulled supers are not moving, the quotations are 25 to 28c; and our choice lots is held at 29c. Low grades are not in active demand, the stock on hand is considerable, and the sales infrequent. We hear of a sale at 24c of No. 1 pulled, and 20,000 lbs., more offered at same figure. Pickings are in moderate supply and sell at 12 to 14c. There is hardly anything doing in fleece. Stocks are not large, but one lot of several thousand pounds offered at our quotation.

Foreign wools, American and others are offering, and affect disadvantageously the price and movement of low grades.

DWELLING RISKS .- The Boston Commercial Bulletin says a gradual change has come over the views of underwriters regarding dwelling risks. Instead of the best houses being the best risks, it is found that the very opposite is the fact, for two reasons, first, nearly every room in the tenements is occupied, and a fire is soon discovered; and in the second place there is no great risk of water damage.

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Thos. H. LEB,
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Inspectors

In accordance with the above I hereby call a general meeting of the creditors in this matter, to be held at my office, No. 14 Adelaide street East, on Tuesday the 24th day of April instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Total Net Assets,\$1,252,016.71

LIABILITIES. Reserve, or present net value of all

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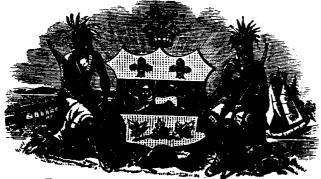
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Death Losses, Endowments, and Annuities	\$4,104,147 5,631,391	
Total Payments to Policy-holders Expenses, Commissions and Taxes	3,705,128	03
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Total Disbursements	\$13,536,320	27

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Net Assets, January 1, 1876\$1,649,364 Premiums received	dowments			
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\$2,012,*21¢	and cancelled policies 159,118 Paid commissions, medical fees, travelling and general agency expenses, printing, advertising, stationery, sal-			
	aries, law expenses, and all other disbursements 204,708			
	Balance 1,918,975			
LIABILITIES. Death claims due subsequent to January 1, 1871	Loans secured by pledge of bonds and stocks 96,240			
	Cash in bank and on hand 21,002			
\$2,291,384	Prems.in course of transit, net 129,784			
	Interest and rents, accrued 30,026 Ledger balances, and all other			
	items			
Policies issued in 1876 4,116	\$2,291,384 Policies in force January 1877 17,508			

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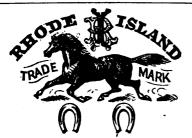
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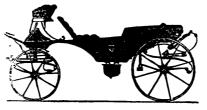


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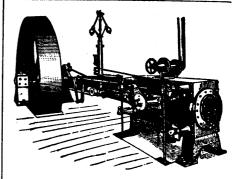


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\$ 9,619,114 13 \$51,081,179 66

DISBURSED IN 1876.

2,461,030 52 956.481 81 holdersLapsed and surren'd policies

\$6,018,758 68 REPENSES: Commission to Agents \$462,836 55 Salaries of Officers, Clerks, and all others employed on

82,431 11 17,702 50 106,092 56

\$659,062 72 373,211 79 Taxes and profit and loss ..

7,061,033 19 Balance Net Assets, Dec. 31, 1876. \$40,020,146 47 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS.

6,290,699 45 2,748,753 20 2,183,240 46 723,400 00 1,847,310 00 80,205 00 26,000 00

1,718,015 gt 7,306 54 44,132 89 Net and ledger assets..... \$44,020,146 47

303,064 54 801 42 34,613 26 2,192,859 86

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