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	NORTH AMERICA. Established in 1836.	
•	Incorporated by Royal Charter in 1840. Paid-up Capital \$1,000,000 Stg.	
	Reserve Fund, - \$75,000 " London Office, & Olement's Lane, Lombard St., E.O. COURT OF DIRECTORS;	
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	John James Cater. H. J. B. Kendall, Gaspard Farrer, J. J. Hingsford, Henry R. Farrer, Frederic Lubbock, Richard H. Giyn, George D. Whatman,	The Merchants Bank of Canada
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	London Onebec Reseland P.O.	Notice is hereby given that a dividend of Fo per cent. for the current half-year, being at it rate of Eight per cent. per annum upon the pai up capital stock to this institution has been d clarged, and that the same will be payable at it hereby more in the time or and first
OTION is hereby given that a Dividend of Five Per Cent. for the current half-year, (making	Brantford St. John, N.B. Sandon, B.C. Brantford St. John, N.B. Sandon, B.C. Hamilton Fredericton, N.B. Slocan City B.C. Toronto Halifax, N.S. Trail. B.C. (Sub.Agency, Kingston Winnipeg, Man Victoria, B. C Ottawa Brandon, Man. Vancouver, B.C. Montreal Kaslo, B.C. Drafts on Dawson City, Klondike, can now be obtained at sup of the Bonyley Bernehug	ounting house in this city, on and siter
OTION is hereby given that a Dividend of Five Per Cent. for the current half-year, (making total distribution for the year of Ten per cent.) on the paid-up Capital Stock of this Institution a been declared, and that the same will be payable its Banking House in this City, and at its anches, on and after	Ottawa Brandon, Man. Vancous, B.C. Montreal Kaslo, B.C.	WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.
its Banking House in this City, and at its inches, on and after	be obtain: d at any of the Bank's Branches. Agents in the United States: NEW YORE, (52 Wall St.) W. Lawson and J.	The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16 to the 31st day of May next, both days inclusive.
WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF	New YORE, (52 Wall St.) W. Lawson and J. C. Welsh. SAN FRANCISCO, (120 Sansome Street,) H. M. J. McMichael and J. R. Ambrose.	The Annual General Meeting of Shareholde will be held at the Banking Honse, in the City Montreal, on Wednesday the 15th day of Jun next. The chair will be taken at 12 o'clock, noon
JUNE NEXT. the Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th	LONDON BANKERS-The Bank of England, and	Moutreal, on Wedneeday the 15th day of Jun next. The chair will be taken at 12 o'clock, noon By order of the Board, G. HAGUE, General Manager. Montreal, 26th April, 1898.
the Sist of May next, both days inclusive. The Annual General Necting of the Shareholders	Foreica Agenta-Liverpool-Bank of Liverpool. Anetralis-Union Bank of Australia. New Zealand -Union Bank of Australia, Bank of New Zealand, Colonial Bank of New Zealand. India, China and Japan-Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China; Agra Bank, Limited, West Indiae-Co- lonial Bank, Faris-Mesars, Marcuard, Krause & Co.	General Manager. Montreal, 26th April, 1698.
l be held at the Banking House of the Institution Monday, the Sixth day of June next. The chair he taken at One o'clock.	Colonial Bank of New Zealand. India, China and Japan—Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China; Agra Bank, Limited. West Indian—Co-	· · · ·
y order of the Board. E. S. CLOUSTON,	Ionial Bank, Farin-Meese, Marcuard, Krause & Co. Lyons-Credit Lyonnais.	
General Manager General Manager	in all parts of the world.	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	THE MOLSONS BANK Incorporated by Act of Parliament, 1855. HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL.	
	Paid-up Capital, \$2,000,000 Rest Fund, 1,500,000 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	
	WM. MOLSON MACPHERSON, - President. S. H. UWING, - Vice-President. W. M. Ramsay. Sam'l Finley.	ST. STEPHEN'S BANK. Incorporated 1886.
	Henry Archbeid. J. P. Cleghorn, II. Markland Molson F. WOLFERSTAN THOMAS, Gen. Manager,	St. Stephen, N. B.
	A. D. DURNFORD, Inspector. H. LOCKWOOD, W. W. L. CHIPMAN, Asst. Inspectors. BRANCHES:	Capital,
	Aylmer, Ont. Morrisburg, Ont St. Thomas, Ont. Brockville, "Norwich, "Sorel, P.O.	F. H. TODD, President. J. F. GRANT, Cashier.
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The Bank of Toronto.	AGENTS IN CANADA; Brilish Columbia-Bank of British Columbia, Maniloba and North West - Imperial Bank of	THE WESTERN BANK OF CANADA.
DIVIDEND No. 84.	Canada. New Brunswick-Bank of New Brunswick. Newfoundland-Bank of Nova Scotia; St. John's,	TTAD OBBICE OSHAWA ONE
t for the current half-year (being at the rate of per cent per annum) upon the paid-up capital of	NOVA Scolia-Halifax Banking Company, Bank of Yarmouth. Ontario-Canadian Bank of Commerce, Dominion	Capital Autorized 51,000.0 Capital Subscribed 500,0 Capital Paid-Up 872,4 Reserve 118,0
Bank, has this day been declared, and that the to will be payable at the Bank and its branches, and after	Bank, Imperial Bank of Canada. Prince Edward Island-Merchants Bank of P.F. I	
WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.	Summerside Bank. Quedec-Eastern Townships Bank. IN EUROPE London-Parr's Bank (limited); Messrs. Morton, Chaplin & Co.	JOHN COWAN, Esq., President. REUBEN S. HAMLIN, Esq., Vice-President. W. F. Cowan, Esq. Robert McIntosh, M.D. I. A. Gibson, Es M. H. Andrewski, Scaphier
he transfor; books will be closed from the 17th to Sist day of May, both days inclusive,	Chaplin & Co, CLiverpool—The Bank of Liverpool, Limited. Dork—Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd.	
he annual general meeting of the shareholders he held at the banking-nouse of the institution, Wednesday, the 15th day of June next. The	5 France, Paris-Sociótó Gónórale, Credit Lyonnais , Germany, BerlinDenische Bank, , Germany, Hamburg-Hesse, Navman & Co.	Branches-Whitby, Midland, Tilsonburg, Ne Bamburg, Patsley, Penetanguishene, Port Perry. Dratts on New York and Stelling Exchange boug and sold. Deposite received and interest allowe
Wednesday, the 15th day of June next. The ir to be taken at noon. By order of the Board,	C.Belgium, Antivery—La Banque d'Anvers IN UNITED STATES. Nam York-Mechanics' National Bank: National	Collections solicited and promptly made. Correspondence at New York and in Canada Merchants Bank of Canada. London, England.
D. COULSON, Bank of Toronto, General Manager. Toronto, 27th April, 1298.	City Bank; Hanover National Bank; Messrs, Mor- ton, Blies & Co. <i>Boston</i> - State National Bank; Suffolk National Bank; Kidder, Peabody & Co.	Royal Bank of Scotland.
1010040, with April 1000,	Portland-Casco National Bank, Chicago-First National Bank, Cleveland-Commercial National Bank, Detroit - Stato'Savings Bank, Raufoio-	The Imperial Bank of
	The City Bank. Milwaukee'- Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee. Minneapolis-First National Bank. Toledo-Second National Bank. Patta	Canada. DIVIDEND No. 46.
ALIFAX BANKING CO.	Montana-First National Bank, San Francisco and Pacific Coast-Bank of British Columbia, Collections madein all parts of the Domining and re-	
ital Paid-Up,	London-Parr's Bank (limited); Messrs. Morton, Chaplin & Co. Cliverpool-The Bank of Liverpool, Limited. Nork-Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd. Joork-Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd. Germany, Berlin,-Dentsche Bank, Col. Germany, Hamburg-Heese, Newman & Co. Cleigium, Antwerp-La Banque d'Anvers In UNITED STATES. New York-Mechanics' National Bank; National City Bank; Hanover National Bank; Messrs, Mor- ton, Biles & Co. Boelon-State National Bank; Suffolk National Bank; Kidder, Peabody & Co. Porland-Casco National Bank; Messrs, Mor- Ins Clive Bank, Kidder, Peabody & Co. Porland-Casco National Bank; Chicago-First National Bank, Cleveland-Commercial National Bank. Detroit - Stato Savings Bank. Buffalo- The City Bank. Mineapolis-First National Bank of Milwaukee. Minneapolis-First National Bank, Toledo-Second National Bank. Butte, Montana-First National Bank of British Columbia. Collections madeh all parts of the Dominionan dre- turns promptly remitted at lowest rates of exchange. Commercial Letters of Creditand Traveller's Cir- cular Jene Science available in all parts of the world	Notice is hereby given that a dividend of four p cent and a bonns of one per cent upon the capit Capital Stock of this Institution has been declar for the current half year, and that the same will payable at the Bank and its branches on and after
	The Bank of Ottawa.	and the second
ROBLE UNLACKE, President. C. W. ANDERSON, Vice-President. CORDETT, JOHN MACNAE, W. J. G. THOMBON	Dividend No. 44. Notice is hereby given that a dividend of four	WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.
A ATTIN	per cent upon the paid-up capital stock of this Bank, has been declared for the current half-year, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and	The Transfer books will be closed from the 17th the 81st May, both days inclusive.
nish, Barrington, Bridgewater, Canuing, Locke t, Lunenburg, Middleton, New Glasgow, Parrs- o, Shelburne, Springhill Tenne Winder	its branches, on and after WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF	The annual general meeting of the shareholdd will be held at the Bank, on wednesday, the 15 day of June next. The chair to be taken at noon
w Brunswick: Sackville, St. John, Jornssrondswick- Dominion of CanMolsons	JUNE, 1898.	
A Indian - Nova Scotia: Halifax, Amberst, An- nish, Barington, Bridgewater, Canning, Locke- t, Lunenburg, Middleton, New Glasgow, Parra- o, Shelburne, Springhill, Truro, Windsor. Brunswick: Sackville, St. John. OKUMASYONDENTS-Dominion of CanMolsons k and Branches. New York-Fourth National k. Boston-Suñolk National Bank London. gland-Part's Bank, Limited.	The transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st May next, both days inclusive. By order of the Board, GEO. BURN, Ottawa, 28rd April, 1809. Ceneral Manager,	D. R. WILKIE, General Manage Toronto, 35th April, 1895
	OMawa, Merd April, 1909, General Manager,	

The Chartered Banks.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

DIVIDEND No. 62.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Three and One-Haif Per Cent. upon the capital stock of this institution has been declared for the current half-year, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th of May to the Sist of May, both days inclusive. The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank will be held at the banking-house, in Toronto, on Tuesday, the 21st day of June next. The chair will be taken a: 12 o'clock noon.

By order of the Board,

B. E. WALKER, General Manager. Toronto, 26th April, 1898.

The Ontario Bank.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of two and one-half per cent. for the current half year has been declared upon the Capital Stock of this Institution, and that the same will be paid at the Bank and its Branches on and after

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 3ist May, both days inclusive. The Annual General Meeting of the shareholders will be hold at the banking-hones, in this city, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of June next. The chair to be taken at 12 o'clock moon. By order of the Board

By order of the Board,

C. McGILL. General Managor.

Toronto, 21st April, 1898.

QUEBEC BANK.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Three Per Cent, upon the paid-up capital stock of this institution has been declared for the current half-year, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House, in this city, and at its branches, on and after

and after WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the Site May, both days inclusive. The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Bank, on Monday, the 6th day of June next, The chair will be taken at 3 o'clock. By order of the Board of Directors. THOMAS MCDOUGALL, General Manager, Onebec. 23rd April 1895.

Quebec, 23rd April, 1898.

Eastern Townships Bank.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GEN-BRAL MEETING of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held in their Banking House in the City of Sherbrooke, on

WEDNESDAY, FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

The chair will be taken at Z o'clock p.m. By order of the Board,

WM. FARWELL General Manager, Sherbreoke, Sni May, 1906, Jill.

The Chartered Banks.

Bank of Hamilton.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of Four Per Cent. (4 p.c.) on the capital stock of the Bank, for the half-year ending Sist May, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its branches

ON FIRST JUNE NEXT.

The Transfer Booxs will be closed from 17th to sist May, both inclusive. The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the head office, Hamilton, on MONDAY, 20th of June next, at 12 o'clock noon. heia a. Y, 30th of June Beit, a. By order of the Board, J. TURNBULL, Cashler.

Hamilton, 27th April, 1895.

THE DOMINION BANK.

THE DOMINION BANK. Capital, \$1,500,000 | Reserve Fund, \$1,500,000 DIRECTORS: Hon, SIR. FRANE SMITH - President, E. B. OSLER - Vice-President, Wm. Ince, Edward Leadlay, W. R. Brock, A. W. Ausein, Wilmot D. Matthews. HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO. Agencies-Brampton, Belleville, Cobourg, Guelph, Lindiasy, Napanee, Oshawa, Orlilla, Seatorth, Uxbridge, Whitby, Toronto, Queen St. W., cor. Esther: Dundas St., cor. Queen; Spadina Aye, .cor, College St.; Sherbourne St., cor. Queen: Mar-ket Branch, cor. King and Jarvis Sts; Montreal, Que.; Winnipeg, Man. Drafts on all parts of the United States, Great Britain and the Continent of Europe bought and sold. Letters of Credit lesued available in all parts of Europe, China, Japan and the West Indies. R. D. GAMBLE, Gen, Manager.

MERCHANTS' BANK. OF HALIFAX. Capital Paid-Up, Reserve Fand \$1,500,000

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 BOAND OF DIRECTORS:
 THOS. E. KENNY, President. THOMAS RITCHTE, Vice-Freeldent.
 M. Dwyer, Wiley Smith, Henry G. Bauld
 Hon, H. H. Fuller, M.L.O. Hon, David MacKees, HEAD OFFICE, Halifax, N.S.
 D. H. Duncan, Csehler. W.B. Torrance, Asst. Cashier Agencies in Province of Quebec:
 Montreal, E. L. Pease, Manager.
 West End, Cor. Notre Dame & Seigneure Sta
 West End, Cor. St. Catherine St. & Green Avenue.
 In Maritime Provinces:

	Avenue.	r. St. Catherine St. & Green
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Paris, F	rance, Credit L	yonnais.
mitted	for.	owest rates and promptly re-
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Banque d'Hochelaga.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of three and one balf p.c. (3% p.c.) for the current half-year, equal to seven per cent, per annum on the pald-up capital stock of this institution has been declared and that the same will be payable at the Head Office or at its branches, on and after

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the Sist of May, both days inclusive. The Annual General Meeting of the shareholders will take place at the head office, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of June next, at noon.

By order of the Board. W. J. A. PRENDERGAST, Coneral Manager. Montreal, 19th April; 1898.

Union Bank of Canada

The Chartered Banks.

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DIVIDEND No. 63.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of Six Per Ceni, per annum, on the paid-up Capital Stock of this institution has been declared for the current half-year, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its branches on and after

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the Sist days of May, both inclusive. The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 15th of June next, at the Banking house in this city. Chair will be taken at 12 o'clock.

By order of the Board. E. E. WEBB, General Manager,

Quebec, April 22nd, 1698.

The Standard Bank of Canada.

DIVIDEND No. 45.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Four Per Cent. for the current half year, upon the paid-up capital stock of this bank, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at its backing house in this city, and at its agencies, on and after

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

JUNE NEXT, The transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the Sist days of May, both days inclusive. The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the bank on WEDNESDAY, THE 15TH JUNE NEXT, the chair to be taken at twelve o'clock noon.

Jock noon. By order of the Board, GEORGE P. REID, General Manager. Toronto, 19th April, 1898.

The Traders Bank of Canada,

Dividend No. 25.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of six (6) per cent per anum on the paid-up capital stock of the Bank, has been declared for the current half-year ending the Sist of May next, and that the same will be payable at its Bank-ing-house in this city and at its branches, on and after

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE, 1898.

The transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the Sist of May noxt, both days inclusive, The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Banking House of the Bank, in Toronto, on Tuesday, the Sist Day of June next. The chair to be taken at 12 o'clock noon.

II. S. STRATHY,

The Traders Bank of Canada, Toronto, 19th April, 1898. General Manager.

La Banque Ville Marie.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of Three Per Cent for the current half-year, (making a total for the year of Six Fer Cent) upon the paid-up capital stock of this institution has been declared, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House in this city on and after

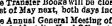
WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to 81st of May next, both days inclusive. The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at its Head Office on Tuesday, the 21st day of June next, at noon.

By order of the Board,

'President. 3.4 Montreal, 26th April, 1998,

W. WEIR.



The Chartered Banks.

La Banque Jacques Cartier.

DIVIDEND No. 65.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Two and one-half per c-nt. for the current half-year, equal to five per cent, per annum, upon the paid-up Capital stock of this institution, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at its Banking house, in this city, on and after

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the Sist of May next, both days inclusive. The annual general meeting of the shareholders will be held at the banking-house of this institution, in Montreal, on Wedneeday, the 15th day of June noxt. The chair to be taken at noon.

By order of the Board.

TANCREDE BIENVENU,

General Manager. Montreal, 30th April, 1898.

La Banque Nationale.

La Banque Nationale. HEAD OFFICE, QUEBEC. (Capital Paid-Up, 100,000 Rest, 100, eton, Mass. romnt attention given to collections. Correspondence respectfully solicited.

Union Bank of Halifax.

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INCONPORATED 1856. *ILEAD OFFICE: ILALIFAX, N.S. Capital, Reserve Fund, Dinectons. 205,000 W. J. STAIRS, Esq., Prosident.* HON. ROBERT BOAR, WILLIAM ROORE, Esq. J. H. STMONS, Esq. WILLIAM TWINING, Esq. C. C. BLACKADAR, Esq. WM. ROBERTSON, Esq. *Vice-President. E. L. Thorane. Capiller.*

E. L. THOANE, Cashler.

E. L. THOANE, CASHOF. BANKERS AND CORRESCONDENTS: Bank of Foronto and Branches, Upper Canada. National Bank of Commerce, New York. Merchants' National Bank, Boston. London & Weetminster Bank, Lt. London, Eng. Bank of New Brunswick, St. John, N. B. Merchants' Bank of Hallinx, St. John's, Nid.

Merchante' Bank of Halliax, St. John's, Nfd. AGENOIES: Annapolis, N.S., - E. D. Arnaud, Agent. New Glaegow, N.S., - R. C. Wright, " North Sydney, C.B., - S. D. Hoak, " Dartmouth, N.S., - C. W. Fraze, Act. Agt. Barrington Paesage, N.S., J. D. Leavitt, Glace Bay, C.B., - A. D. McKae, Agent, Kentville, N.S., - E. R. Mulhall, " Liverpool, N.S., - E. R. Mulhall, " Interest allowed on Deposit Receipts and De-posits in Savings Bank Department. Collections receive immediate attention and prompt returns made.

Montreal Loan & Investment Co.

HEAD OFFICE. - IMPERIAL BUILDING 107 St. James St., Montreal, Canada.

Loan Societies.

THE CENTRAL CANADA

Loan and Savings Company,

Office, 26 King St. East, - TORONTO.
 Capital Subscribed,
 ...
 \$2,500,000
 00

 Capital Paid-Up,
 ...
 1,250,000
 00

 Reserve Fund,
 ...
 345,000
 00

 Total Assets,
 ...
 ...
 3464,944
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eposits received, interest allowed. Sebentures issued interest coupons attached. Money to loan at lowest rates.

Hon. GEO. A. COX, President. E. R. WOOD, Manager.

The Dominion Savings & Investment Society

London, Canada.

Capital Subscribed, \$1,000,000 00 " Paid-Up, 982,474 97 Total Assets, 2,541,274 27 ROBERT REID, Collector of Customs, President. T. H. PURDOM, Barrister, Inspecting Director. N. MILLS. Manager.

THE HAMILTON

Provident and Loan Society Dividend No. 54.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of THREE per cent. upon the paid-up capital stock of the Society, has been declared for the haff year ending 30th June, 1898, and that the same will be payable at the Society's Head Office, Hamilton, Ont., on and after

and atter SATURDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF JULY, 1898, The Transfer Booke will be closed from the 15th to the 30th June, both days inclusive. By order of the Board. () BERDIE Transmer C. FERRIE, Treasurer.

May 23rd, 1898.

The Western Loan

and Trust Co'y., Ltd. NCORFORATED BY SPECIAL ACT OF THE LROISLATURE. Subscribed Capital, - \$2,201,200 Assats - - - 2.417,237 Assets, 2,417,237 Office-No. 13 St. Sacrament St., MONTREAL, P.Q.

MONTREAL, P.Q. DIRECTORS; Hon. A. W. Ogilvie, Wm. Strachan, Esq. W. Barclay Stephens, Esq., R. Prefontaine, Esq. M. P. R. W. Knight, Esq., John Hodlees, Esq. J. N. Greenshilds, Esq., Q. C. W. L. Högg, Esq. W. H. Comstock. OFFICERE: Hon. A. W. Ogilvie, - President, Wm Strachan Esq. J. Vice President,

W. H. Comstock. OFFICERS: IIon, A. W. Oglivie, - - President, W. Strahan, Esq., - Vice President W. Barclay Stephens, Esq., - Manager. J.W. Michaud, Esq., - Asst. Manager. Solicitors: Messrs, Greenshielde & Greenshielde, BANKERS: The Merchants Bank of Canada. This Company acts as assignce, administrator, executor, trustee, receiver, committee of lunatic, guardian, liquidator, etc., also as agent for the above offices. Debentures issued for three or five years, both debentures and interest on the same can be collected in any part of Canada without charge. For further particulars address the Manager.

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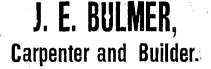
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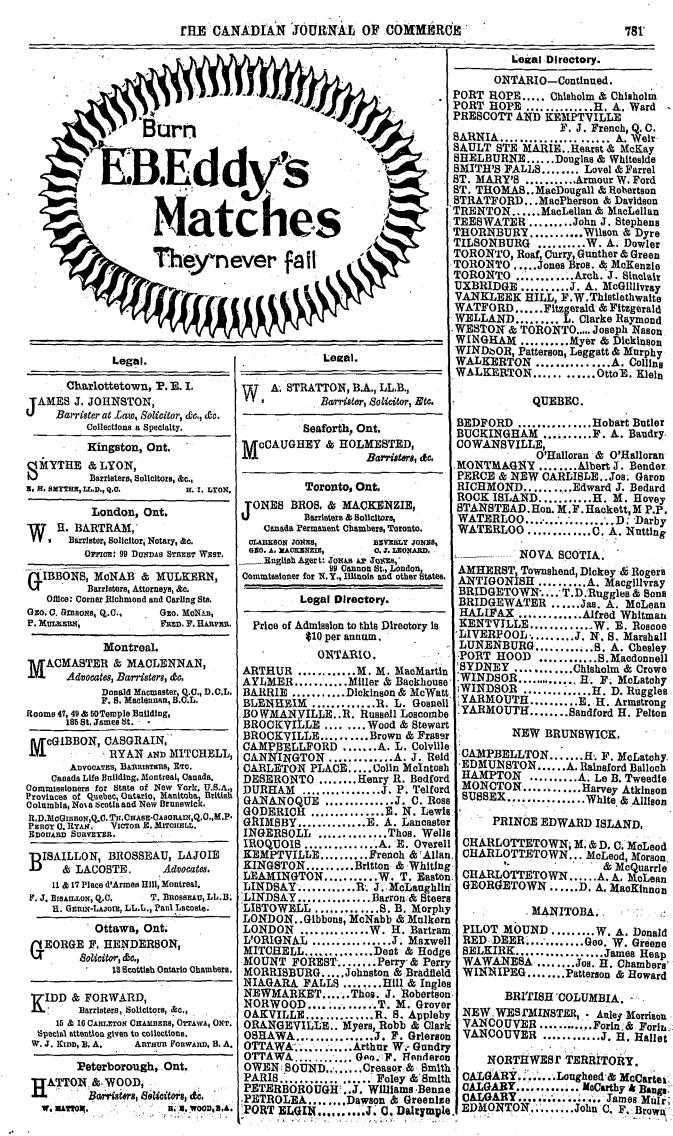


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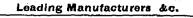
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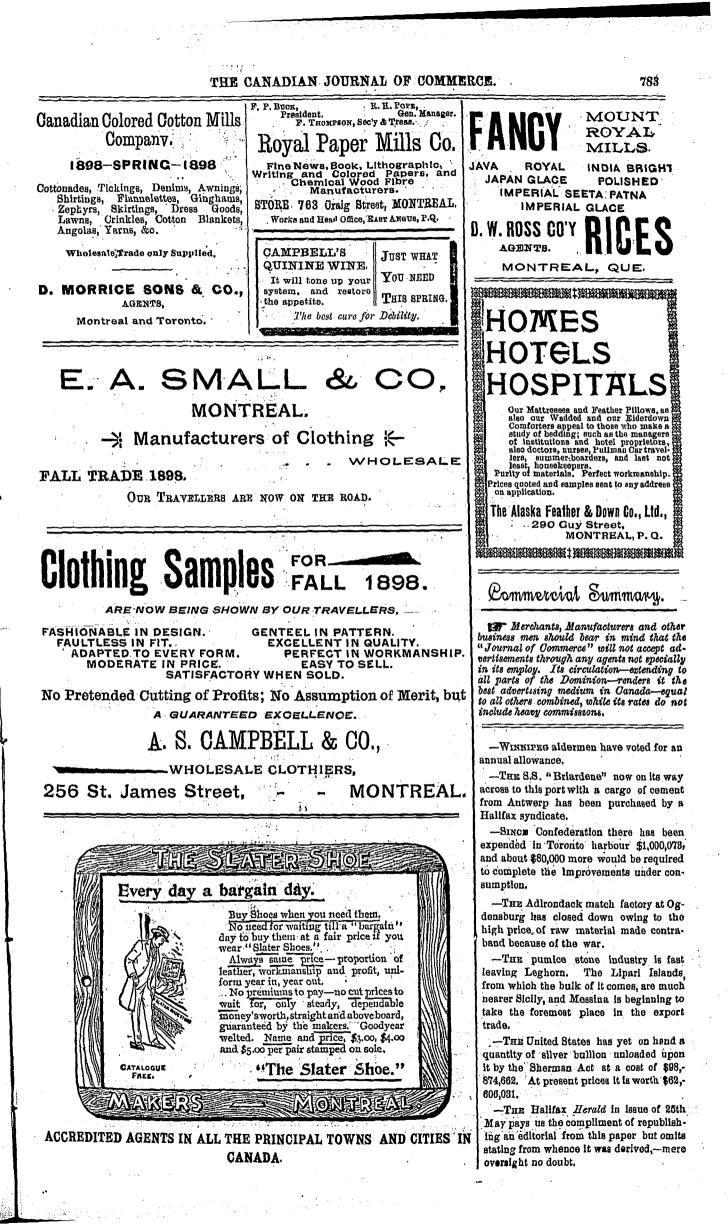
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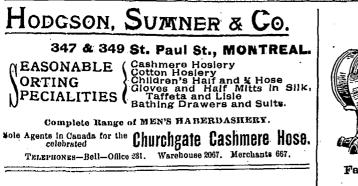
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-L. KINFFER, general merchant, of Elmira, has assigned to C. S. Scott, of Hamilton. His liabilities are about \$2,200.

-TROMAS E. HENDERSON, boots and shoes, Parrsboro, N.S., has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities are about \$2,000 and the assets nominally \$4,000.

-THE Canadian Pacific is making rapid progress with survey of projected line from Toronto to Sudbury. The distance will be 250 miles, the North Bay route being 308.

-- WORK is in progress on the Nova Scotia coast railway from Yarmouth to Hallfax which is expected to be attractive to summer tourists as well as of service to the towns en route.

-A FRENCH newspaper published in Rome just to hand estimates the Spanish war fleet as stronger than that of the States, and sums up remarks on the war question by saying the Americans have more to lose than to gain by the war.

--JOHN, James and David Gillies, of Carleton Place; Louis Lacouture, Montreal, and Joseph Octave Blondin of Baie des Peres, are applying for incorporation as the Temiscamingue Navigation Company. Head office in Ottawa and capital stock \$25,000.

-THE Sault St. Marie Canals had vessel passages to extent of 17,171 last year, and the tonnage of vessels which passed through them was 17,620,000. The Suez Canal had only 2,986 vessel passage with a tonnage of 7,899,370.

-THE Brockville Navigation Co. has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$16,000; to acquire steam and other vessels for conveying passengers, freight, &c., and to acquire public parks and summer hotels.

-THE Canada Atlantic & Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Ry. Co. have secured authority from the Dominion Parllament to construct and operate grain elevators and lines of steamboats necessary to handling their western grain business from Duluth to the terminus of their line at Parry Sound.

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-DyEA, Alaska, is suffering from collapse of the boom which set in early in the Klondike excitement. The goods sent ostensibly from the States to relieve the alleged famine in the Yukon district were sold by auction at Dyea, as have also been a large quantity of settlers' effects which were abandoned in disgust.

-COMPLAINT is made down by the sea of the practice on the part of some creameries of putting up short weights. "If the offending creameries do not mend their ways," says the Halifax *Herald*, "the local legislature will have to step in and take measuers for the protection of dealers and consumers."

-THE Secretary of the U.S. Chinese Legation has been urging the authorities to establish a line of steamers to China and Japan to compete with those of the C.P.R., as the necessity of relying upon which for American traffic he regards as humiliating. Uncle Sam is thinking too much about another class of vessels to pay attention to this plea.

-MR. T. C. KEEFER, C.E., C. M.G. the eminent engineer read a paper before the Royal Society at Ottawa last week in which he contends that navigation could be kept open a month later than usual by breaking up the ice bridge which forms at Lake St. Peter. Another month added on to the term of navigation would be a great boon to this city.

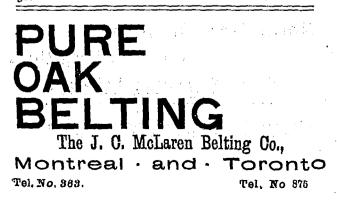
THE following list of recently granted United States patents to Canadian inventors is reported for this paper by James Sangster, 284 Maine street, Buffalo, N.Y.:-Paper-box, E. Finch, Toronto, Canada; acetylene gas generator, E. Godin, Three Rivers, Canada; street car fender, J. E. A. Walker, Walkerton, Canada; method of treating metallic ores, S. C. C. Currie, Montreal, Canada; window-shade, J. S. Judge, Peterborough, Canada; wrench, J. E. Downie, Valley River, Canada; game device, A. Lang, Roseisle, Canada; automatic gate, J. C. Laporte, Maniwaki, Canada; clothes rack or drier, U. P. Tarbox. Toronto, Canada; hydrant and stand pipe, L. Genest, Hull, Canada; seam ripping device, J. E. Fisher, Emsdale, Canada; can-labelling machine, J. L. Barkey, Toronto, Canada; fountain spittoon, T. N. Clark, Toronto, Canada; cutter-head, Harvey M. Wilcox, Owen Sound, Canada; ink bottle, Brock Cameron, Guelph, Canada, (Design Patent); bicycle hub, James Anderson Coulter, Ingersoll, Canada, (Design Patent); wooden skewers, Walter Scott Shipe, Toronto, Canada, (Trade-Mark.)





-THE Dominion estimates contain the following items: Intercolonial Ry., increased accommodation at Halifax, \$135,000; to strengthen iron bridges, \$50,000; extension to deep water at North Sydney, for the Newfoundland Steamship Service, \$30,100; increased accommodation at Moncton and other points, \$36,000; new fences on Oxford & New Glasgow & Cape Breton divisions, \$6,000 each; for the P. E. Island Ry., \$15,000 to shorten the main line by removing curves.

-The sash, door and blind manufacturing business in the States is to be controlled by a trust. There are only a few trades now left to be carried on by individuals, or firms. When a group of combines have monopolised all the industries of the country the next movement of the centripetal order, or for concentrating business in a few hands, should be to combine all the combines into one graud central trust, with one president who would act as supreme Boss of all the industries of the United States, and the consuming public acting as contributors to the monopoly. We commend the project to our American friends whose willingness to have independent individual enterprises absorbed by a trust, we regard as one of the most discreditable features of this age.



-STRAINED relations between Great Britain and France over the Niger territory or the Newfoundland shore question apparently do not influence individual business matters between representatives of either country. There has already been a number of highly successful Anglo French ventures in cotton spinning concerned with the erection of mills in France. A somewhat different line of enterprise is foreshadowed by the registration in England of the Anglo-French Textile Co. Ltd., composed of English and French spinners which purposes establishing a spinning and weaving mill at Pondicherry, in French India. Cotton goods manufactured in this little spot of French territory in India are allowed entry into other French possessions upon the same basis as those manufactured in France, thus escaping duties of from 12½ to 40 per cent.

-TuE rolling mill bonus question which in turn has agitated several ambitious Ontario towns, beginning with Kingston where the Abbotts of Montreal sought but failed to obtain certain concessions, up to Belleville which at the moment is deep in the throes of the same problem, where a grant of \$50,000 has been made in favor of an American firm to locate there, is seemingly exposed on all sides to the sort of opposition that kills. It is pointed out that the necessary building equipment for the establishing of roller mills-a mere shed-is out of proportion to the amount of bonus asked, and furthermore that as there are now more rolling mills in the country than are required, the chances of a successful record are slim. The Guelph Rolling Mills have failed twice in a few years and the works are still There is a rolling mill in Toronto belonging to the Hamilidle. ton Rolling Mills that has also been idle for many years for lack of work. The difficulties attending profitable carrying on of rolling mills is emphasized again in the assignment of the Portland Rolling Mills Co. St. John, N.B., noted in these columns recently. All this points to bonus giving being better applied in the building up of other enterprices than those connected with iron smelting.

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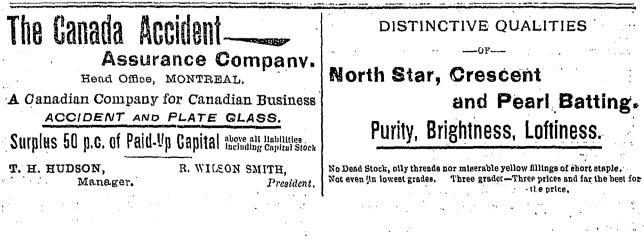
-THERE is a movement on foot in England in commemoration of Cartwright, the inventor of the power loom, which has been generously started by a large donation from Lord Masham, who attributes his wealth to Cartwright's invention. The memorial will probably take the shape of an "Inventors' Institute" to encourage invention in every branch of industry by offering money prizes, and at the same time to assist those who after a life of toil may be confronted with an impecunious old age. It will be remembered this was Cartwrights unhappy fate, although a Government grant of ten thousand pounds did ease and brighten his declining years.

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-MR. JAS. PAKENHAM, of the firm, Kehoe, Donnelly, & Pakenham, Dublin, a leading house in the pork packing trade, is in Canada to examine into the business and its possibilities in Canada. He has already become interested in a factory at Brockville, and will put money into one at St. John, N.B, when started. He says, if a factory were established there, the product would be wholly exported to Great Britain and Ireland, where there is an unlimited market for Canadian bacon. He has visited Chicago, and regards the hogs there as inferior, and not at all to be compared with Canadian for British trade. Tamworth and Yorkshire pigs he considers the best, not Berkshire as they are too fat. The Berkshire hogs however produce bacon which suits our lumbermen who like it very fat, so hogs must be kept for this trade as well as for the British. There is an opening here for a pork packing factory on a large scale, as Mr. Pakenham declares the British market can take more than the turn out of all the existing factories in Canada.

BAY OF QUINTE NOTES—Belleville people are discussing the advisability of voting \$50,000 for rolling mills—The Belleville canning company made a shipment of 700 cases of assorted fruits and vegetables to the Klondike last Monday—The Deloro gold company will erect a large stamp mill at their mine. It will be a mammoth structure and capable of handling large quantities of ore—A visit to the Stone mill at Deseronto, or the Big mill as it is more frequently styled, shows that the great establishment is very busy in all its departments, and that the machinery is working along smoothly and satisfactorily. During the past winter a great quantity of new and modern machinery was placed in position, involving an expenditure of many thousand

dollars. As a result the internal economy of the mill has been revolutionized and it is gratifying to know that the alterations are giving satisfaction. Among the changes noted was the introduction of another Alice band mill from the factory of the Waterous Engine Company of Brantford; there are now two of these saws in the mill. Both the saws are working in fine style. Another new feature is a double log deck fitted out most completely with steam log kickers, log stops and loaders. Transfers have also been introduced to carry stock lumber from the band. saws overhead and away to the trimmers ; this conveyor worksautomatically and is also a great labor-saving device. Log carriages, steam feed, steam nigger and other oddly named apparatus have also been added. An extension 16 x 40 ft. and threestoreys high was made to the north side of the mill during thewinter in order to give more room for the machinery. To the rear of the mill a few feet from the western slide a structure 26x 40 ft. has been erected. In this is a small engine and two saws for the purpose of cutting the rough ends off logs and converting the ends thus saved into match blocks. All these changes have modernized the mill and added to its efficiency-Rye is seen near Napanee 4 ft. 6 inches high. Wonderful growth-The Central Ontario railway will be extended to Bancroft-A large area has been sown in wheat in the township of Adolphustown-The Government dredge has commenced operations in Kingston harbor -G. M. Sanborn of Bell Rock has built a woollen mill at Bedford station-James Fretts, of Sophiasburg, sold 300 bushels of wheat at one dollar per bushel-At Stirling last week 450 boxes of cheese were boarded; 179 were sold at 77-16c-Business is booming at the new butter and cheese factory at Adolphustown. On Monday 18th, 24,000 lbs. of milk were taken in and 25 cheese weighing ninety pounds each were manufactured -At Picton 760boxes of cheese were boarded last week; no sales-All the cheese factories of the district report a plentiful supply of milk-George-Wilson of Kingsto 1 has purchased a mica mine near Gananoque which he will operate-The farmers of Hillier are going extensively into the raising of wheat some having seeded 60 or 70 acres. each-Gordon & Phillips, of Chatham, will open a factory for the manufacture of wooden goods at Tweed. They will also light the village with electricity-A New York firm is desirousof developing the arsenic output of North Hastings. They find. the arsenic equal to the best English quality.



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DRY GOODS NOTES.

Reports from Leeds regarding the trade in English woollens would indicate that competition is keen, which is not uunatural, seeing that the way is causing one or two markets to be absolutely closed. The home domand keeps moderate, but in shipping there is no improvement. Any offers that are made are too low for acceptance, with raw material only moderately steady. In worsteds, if anything, the tone is better in good qualities, and a few transactions have taken place during the past week. At the same time many looms are standing for warps, especially in lower goods, which are neglected.

The Dundee burlap market is again higher, but the advance is checking business. Cable advices from Calcutta report that burlap manufacturers there are refusing to accept orders for near shipments.

A New York sllk concern announces a sale of printed foulard silks "in mile lots"-1760 yards equal to 30 pieces of the goods at prices ranging from 25c to 40c net.

Kircaldy (Scotland) floorcloth and linoleum manufacturers are very busy; in fact, the outlook never was better, while the developments taking place were never on a more extensive scale.

Advices from Kidderminster state business in carpets is brisk and values firmer than expected a month ago.

The Nottingham lace curtain trade is quiet, with prices in buyers favor.

Reports from Barnsley say that trade in linens is marked by continued quietness. The spring demand has proved disappointing. Household linens of all sorts, from medium to light qualities, move steadily into consumption ; fine cloths are little inquired for; coarse fabrics maintain their position. Fine drills and cloths are in steady request.

There are rumours current in Belfast regarding the stability of a prominent handkerchief house. At a meeting of the creditors of Robt. Stewart & Sons, linen thread manufacturers same city, held recently, it was decided to realize upon the estate for division among the creditors. Liabilities amounted to £39,503, and assets £32,026, after providing £58,066 for secured creditors.

GROCERY NOTES.

Mail advices from Sleily state that stocks of mustard seed are exhausted and that it is impossible to get firm offers on new crop, although there are buyers at about 17s 6d to 18s cost and freight. The crop prospects are said to be poor owing to the drouth.

Late mail advices from San Francisco state that supplies of sound first crop loose muscatel raisins are very scarce there. The rain-damaged trash is being disposed of at any price offered, from \$18 to \$20 per ton upwards. The growing crop promises well at this time.

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Owing to the increased cost of barrelled pork, barrelled salmon is growing stronger on the coast. Higher prices are looked for before new fish arrives.

Guatemala has decided to reduce the export duties on coffee to one dollar, the reduction to take effect on July 1st. Should the depression in coffee increase the Government may at any time suppress the duty.

China tea planters and merchants have been admonished to be careful in the qualities of teas exported, and not to mix leaves of inferior quality with good teas, to the detriment of the trade.

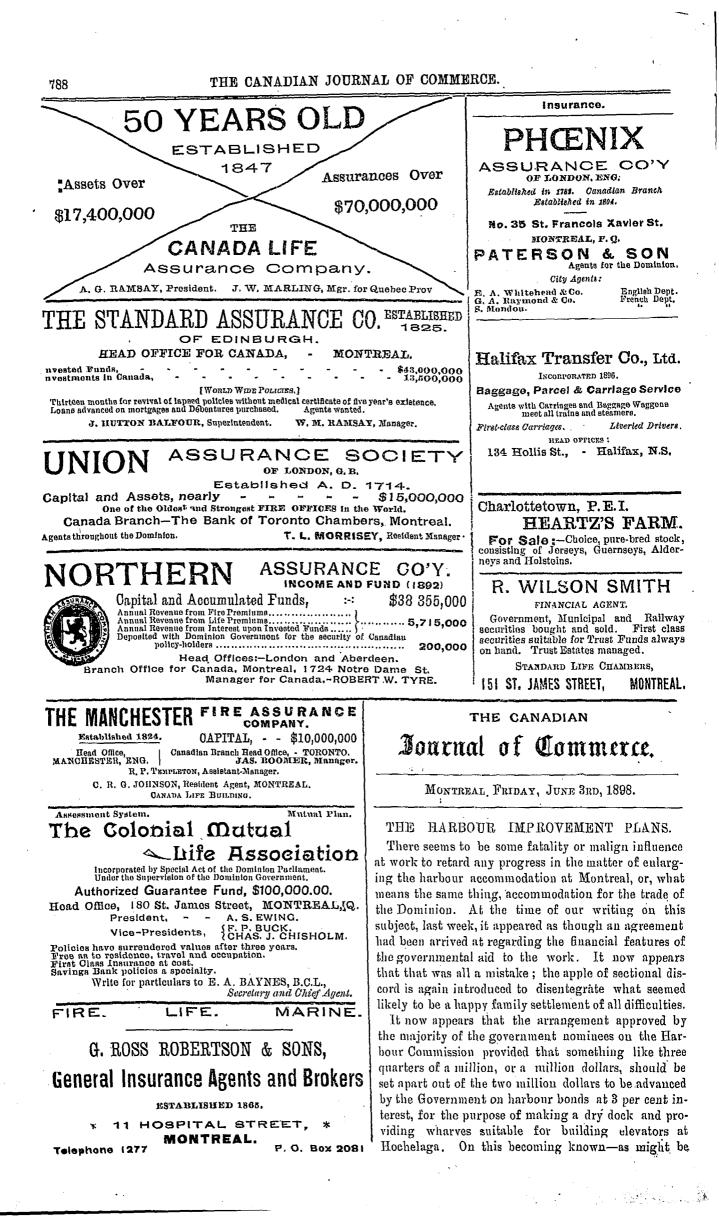
The scarcity of cane sugars is more accentuated, and it becomes more apparent that rofiners will have to make large purchases in Europe to keep up their stocks and to meet the summer and fall demand. There has been no further news from Cuba by cable. There were twelve sugar estates grinding on May 2nd, and stock was then 85,000 tons. From Manilla, it is learned all exports at the present time are for China, which country takes around 75,000 tons annually.

The export of canned lobsters from Halifax up to May 28, amounted to 10,232 cases as follows :

	Cases.		Cases,
Previously reported	6,785	New York	223
Науго	2,237	Portland	65
Nantes	97	Philadelphia	292
Hamburg	74	Boston	160
Gothenburg	50	Liverpool	43
Liverpool	106	Total	10,282

American canners have taken preliminary steps toward the adoption of a standard seal or label which is to be used on the canned goods of all the National Associatiou members. This seal will probably exercise a decided influence upon the canned goods market. The regulations will require the packer to make the ground color of the seal in the label conform to the quality of the goods in the can it is on, for example :- red for standard, white for extra, yellow for seconds and so forth, or leave himself liable to damages for using the label in violation of contract. It is believed that within twelve months of the adoption and use of this seal that goods bearing it will command from 21/2 to 5 cents per dozen more than the same goods without it, irrespective of private brands. There can be little doubt at least that the plan would go far to cure the greatest evil that now afflicts the industry, selling canned goods for a higher grade of quality than they were bought for, and thus obtaining a greater profit by this method. We commend this departure to the notice of Canadian onners, and the Government also, which from time to time is invited to legislate concerning the canned goods trade-mostly in the undesirable feature of compelling canned goods to be stamped with date packed,

A plan is on foot to form a national alliance of the wholesale grocers of the United States, the object being the maintenance of prices. A meeting has been called for June 7 and 8 at Niagara Falls,



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expected—a bitter opposition developed to the drydock feature from some quarters, and needlessly hard words have been used to denounce it. The dry dock would undoubtedly be valuable to the shipping trade of the country, and it has been asked for by the different interests connected with the port of Montreal—but always with the intention of its being made a public work, as all the dry docks in the Dominion are, and not to be made a charge on the harbour revenue of Montreal.

Whatever the objection to the dry dock feature of the proposed loan may be, there can be no reasonable objection to provide suitable accommodation to enable any company, old or new, to erect elevators either in the east or the west end of the harbour. There can be no difference of opinion on the point that more elevators would be an advantage to the trade ; and if private companies are prepared to build them here, as is done elsewhere, it is the duty of the harbour commissioners to afford them all possible facilities for doing so. As the law stands, under which the Harbour Commission is constituted, it is doubtful if that body can go into the business of building either dry docks or elevators, but it is clear that they can afford facilities to others to help on all measures that may benefit the trade of the port.

This whole question should be dealt with as a business matter, and the heated and biassed opinions of the advocates of all the various plans from the original plan No. 6-now discarded by all parties-to No. 19 which in its turn has been supplanted to No. 12ashould of necessity be laid aside. The Tuesday meeting of the Harbour Commissioners, as reported in the daily press, did not hold out much hope for anything like unanimity of action at its adjourned meeting. Meantime the session of parliament is near its close, and it may possibly be that in view of the differences of opinion here, the Government may feel constrained to defer the whole matter for another session and so leave the question, as it was before, in the hands of the Minister of Public Works to deal with it under the powers of the Act of 1896.

Under the powers conferred by that Act there is now, as the Minister of Public Works stated in Parliament a few days ago, some \$750,000 with which to go on and provide more wharfage room. Were this amount to be expended on the low level system it could be advantageously used at once, and no interruption of the railway traffic would follow.

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This is the conrse the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE has consistently followed in its advocacy of harbour enlargement during the past 18 months. The arguments in favour of the low level have not been controverted or indeed fairly met. We have reason to believe that they have met with the approval of many of those who have a deep interest in the future of the harbour; and should it unfortunately happen that the high level is adopted, many of those who have advocated it in the past may be among those who will lament the long continued interruption of the railway traffic on the wharves, to say nothing of other incidental disadvantages of an uncompleted work.

Without further legislation it is evident that neither the City nor the Harbour Commissioners are in a financial position to carry out the original plan in its entirety, and the sooner all idea of it is dropped the better. Without harmony on the Board, or among those interested in the harbour and the city, it can scarcely be expected that the Government will pass through the Bill they have proposed to authorize the advance of two million dollars at 3 per cent this session. Should that be dropped, the old claim for over \$1,000,000 would still remain to be pressed for in the future.

It is very probable that a few days shall develop a situation that may call for further remarks—in our next issue.

The meeting of the Harbour Commissioners which was adjourned till yesterday for a final decision on this matter was held, and has been again adjourned until next meeting.

A TYPICAL PRIVATE BANK FAILURE.

The failure of a private bank at Bracebridge, Ont., illustrates completely the features in private banking enterprises which render them so objectionable. There is first the danger which arises from the confidence in a private banker's ability as a banker, and his financial stability, which is inspired by his displaying certain traits of character and habits and general ability, which, though attractive and commendable, afford not the slightest assurance that he is worthy of public trust as a private banker. A man may have all the virtues which adorn a citizen, and at the same time be entirely destitute of banking skill and sagacity. Indeed the moral and social characteristics which make such a person highly popular and inspire public confidence may be, and have not infrequently been known to be, the sources of grave danger to his banking business, and to those with whose funds he is or was entrusted.

It is desirable for a coachman to be a man of good morals and sound principle. But, if on the strength of his character in these respects a coachman is placed in charge of a team of horses without having had experience in handling the reins, he will inevitably demonstrate that other things besides good morals are necessary for such a duty. It is almost invariably the case that private bankers who have failed have had a high personal reputation, which is most desirable in a banker, no doubt, but sound morals will not ensure sound banking. This ever has been the fatal weakness in the private banking system. It has engendered in the pub lic mind a notion that the great essential, almost exclusive, requisite of a private banker is private character, while technical skill, banking experience and financial sagacity are mere ornamental accessories.

From this lack of appreciation by private bankers themselves and their customers of the absolute necessity of banking ability, have arisen so many scandals to religion by private bankers, who were prominent leaders in church circles, failing disastrously in their business. A good man, the best of men in that sense, may make bad loans, just as a saintly but unskilful driver may upset the coach. A private banker is apt to trade on his private virtues; there is no machinery in existence for testing his banking talent before he enters this business, nor any for keeping his operations under the oversight of those having financial experience such as there is in the case of the officers of a chartered bank. Another danger inherent in private banking is the well nigh irresistible temptation under which a private banker is placed to utilize the funds of his customers in his other enterprises. Banks of this class are chiefly found in places where local capital accumulates in excess of the needs of local trade. Numbers of places where a private bank exists are such as the chartered banks look to as depositing centres, the funds from which are drawn away to more active business points. A private banker established in a country district, who failed in England some years ago, was asked, why he made certain investments in foreign securities which involved a serious loss, to which he replied, "What else could I do with my customers' money? I had to place it somewhere to earn interest as there was no call for the large amount I held, and these bouds seemed all right when I bought them." One half of his deposits were so invested, which could not possibly have been the case with those of a chartered bank. Such a blunder in judgment was one of the natural consequences of a person doing a banking business without banking experience, or the advantage of counsel from wiser heads. Private bankers cannot decline deposits even if not needed, nor can they put down the rate of interest to check their inflow, as any such action would arouse such distrust and create such dissatisfaction as would damage their popularity and so endanger their business.

Another danger of this system is the looseness in book-keeping which is so apt to be a feature in private bank offices where the principal is a banking Pooh-Bah, fulfilling all the duties incident to such a business from manager to janitor. In the Bracebridge case the banker who failed said, "I really do not know what position my estate is in." He is not the first, nor the only one to be so ignorant. The probability is as has been frequently the case with private banks, that it will take a lengthy examination by expert accountants, to discover the exact state of his affairs. It will take, probably a much longer term to realize the assets, which, as usual in such estates, consist of properties and debts which cannot be liquidated without prolonged delay, assets which no experienced banker ever voluntarily acquires. One section of the assets consists of real estate bought in Toronto during the boom. We remember when the operations of outside investors in Toronto real estate were boasted about as proof of the city's progress. Those who predicted mischief arising from such an influx of outside speculators were ridiculed and censured. But it would have been well indeed for Toronto had men like the Bracebridge banker kept their money out of the city's real estate market. The Bracebridge failure, like other recent ones, illustrates the dangers of private banking in these days when temptations are so rife to men who have trust money under their control, the disposition of which is under no other than their own superintendence.

U.S. RECIPROCITY WITH FRANCE.

On the 30th May the President of the United States issued a proclamation announcing a commercial agreement having been arrived at between the governments of the States and the French Republic by virtue of which mutual concessions are made in their tariffs of a reciprocal nature. This agreement is made in accordance with Section 3 of the Dingley Tariff. In general terms the concessions on the part of France are, reductions of duties on meat products to extent of one-half, and on lard compounds oue-third, on these goods when sent from the States. The States in return grants equivalent reductions on brandies, wines, champagne excepted, vermouth, paintings and statuary when the product of and imported from France. The arrangement is highly favourable to the United States, much more so than to France, in a tariff sense. The reduced duties on American meats and lard compounds will increase their consumption in France far more than the consumption of French brandies, clarets, &c., will be stimulated in the States by lower duties.

California is making brandy and light wines which are, of course, not subject to import duties, and these native products are not at all likely to be displaced to any material extent by French goods. The exclusion of champagne from the reciprocity arrangement is a. sop to Californian wine makers, who resent any encouragement being given to French competition. On the other hand France needs American meats, &c., the native supply being deficient. The reciprocity then amounts to this, the States will give lower duties on certain French drinking and art luxuries, the demand for which is not likely to greatly increase, in return for the privilege of importing into France certain necessary articles of food for which there is a large and growing demand in that country. This new reciprocity agreement seems to have the jug-handle feature rather prominent, though, doubtless it will be of advantage to the French people to get a larger supply of animal food, by which they will benefit more than Americans will by larger imports of brandy and claret.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK.

The above prosperous Bank held its annual meeting on 1st inst., a full report of which we have the pleasure of publishing on another page. If all the banks whose statements are about being issued, show as good results in proportion to their resources as the Eastern Townships, their shareholders and the country at large will be much gratified. The net profits last year were \$160,246, which is over 10.68 per cent on the paid up Capital. This has been distributed by two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 31 per cent each, with a bonus of 1 per cent, and a transfer of \$50,000 to Reserve Fund, which now stands at \$835,000, equal to 55.66 per cent of the Capital. The directors have taken a wise course in giving a bonus and adding to the Rest, rather than increasing the rate of dividend, which we hope may be done in the early future when its maintainance is more assured. The improved prices of farm products have been helpful to this as to other banks doing business in manufacturing and agricultural districts. The deposits increased \$400,000 last year evidencing, says the Report, "the increasing wealth of the Townships." As the Sherbrooke district provides its local bank with \$3,-594,000 of deposits payable after notice, there can be no doubt as to the people being in comfortable circumstances and prosperity prevailing generally amongst both the urban and rural populations. Sherbrooke is indeed one of the busiest hives of industry in Canada, and for its development the Eastern Townships Bank has done invaluable service under the enterprising and sagacious management of Mr. Wm. Farwell, the General-Manager, and the wise policy of Mr. R. W. Heneker the President and his colleagues on the Board of Directors.

HYPNOTISM IN BANKING.

It is seldom any incident arises in banking life out of the hum-drum character of routine business. There has one however taken place in connection with an Ontario country bank which could be made a sensational passage in a novel. The whole of the facts having been exposed in Court they are public property and authentic. It was shown that the manager of a branch bank had made large advances to a manufacturing firm which led to a loss by the bank-a highly prosaic affair. Now comes what an Ontario jury regards as a bit of scientific romance. When the loss had occurred the branch manager, through whose alleged indiscretion it had arisen, was required by the bank's general manager to pay the bank \$10,000 towards covering the loss. As a rule bank branch managers have not \$10,-000 in cash ready for such emergencies, so in this case the official gave his note for the amount to meet the demand made upon him by his principal. To give solidity to this note he secured its endorsation by a responsible firm to whom he represented it was for a temporary purpose, in fact a private speculation. This note not being paid at maturity the bank to whom it was given sued the maker and endorsers to recover the amount. The jury after a long trial rendered a verdict in favour of defendants, that is, released the maker and endorsers of this \$10,000 note from their liability for its payment. The ground for this was their belief

that the branch manager when he signed the note was hypnotized by the general manager. In passing we may say that the general manager of a bank who has the occult power of making customers sign notes or documents whether they are willing or not, is a very dangerous person to them, though such a power would at times be extremely valuable to the bank. The hypnotic force in the above case we suspect, with all deference to the jury, was an intimation that the branch manager had either to help in making good the loss caused by his error in judgment, or otherwise, or resign his managership. Of such a case we have knowledge, but the official paid what was demanded by yearly instalments stopped out of his salary. Whether payment of a note given under such pressure could be legally enforced is very doubtful. But that a bank, or any other other employer, has a legal right to dictate on what conditions an employee will be allowed to retain his situation is not in doubt. When the branch manager was required to sign the note his duty was to repudiate all legal liability for the loss it was intended to cover and take the consequences. By signing the note he admitted at least his moral liability, and, however imprudent was such action, his duty was to honour his signature. Branch bank managers ought to be men of sufficient moral fibre and strength of will to be incapable of being hypnotized. Offering the effect of such influence, or allowing it to be offered on his behalf, as a plea to be relieved from an act alleged to have been done against his will, seems to us a most lamentable proceeding on the part of a bank manager. Were our Courts of justice to recognize such a plea, the whole course of business would be liable to be thrown into Whether the general manager or the confusion. Board of a bank is justified in compelling an officer to make good any loss caused by his defective management is another question.

In the case above referred to the general manager of the Western Bank is well known to us as a man of sound judgment, and too sensible, and too humane to commit an illegal act of cruel injustice. As to his having exercised hypnotic influence over a subordinate, as a jury seems to have believed, we regard the charge as absurd. Such an influence may serve the purpose of a Du Maurier in a novel like "Trilby," but that's a widely different story.

THE DOMINION BANK.

The 27th annual meeting of the Dominion Bank was held at Toronto on the 25th May. The statement presented gave the profits for past year as \$182,462, the percentage on paid up Capital being 12.16. After paying four quarterly dividends of 3 per cent each, there was \$2,462 left to carry to credit of profit and loss, the balance of which stands at \$32,388. The Reserve Fund of this bank being equal to the paid-up Capital, places it in a favourable position for distributing larger dividends than other institutions. It stands also in an exceptional position by the volume of its deposits and discounts being so much larger in proportion to the Capital than the average of our banks. This is attributable to the personnel of the management having from

the first inspired great confidence, which will continue to be shown while men like the Hon. Sir Frank Smith occupy the presidential chair. Mr. R. D. Gamble, the General Manager, is also maintaining the prestige acquired by his predecessor. The branch in this city under the management of Mr. Clarence Bogart, has teadily secured a good business, quite sufficient to show that the entrance of the Dominion Bank into this field was justified by the prospect of profitable results.

THE HARBOUR SITUATION.

The Harbour Commissioners at a meeting held on the 31st ult. discussed at some length the positon in which they stand in relation to the Government and the proposed improvements. The Mayor moved the following resolution :

"Whereas, the Government has declared its willingness to further advance to the Harbor Board the sum of \$2,000,000 at 3 per cent, in exchange of harbor bonds, for the same amount, redeemable in 25 years, besides the balance to be advanced yet under the law of 1896, and that, under the following conditions, viz.: —That a certain sum shall be expended in providing dry docks and erecting deep water wharves, fitted for the construction and erection of grain elevators below section 33, of the port of Montreal, the balance of the money to be expended to execute and complete Plan 12a;

"Be it resolved : That in view of the absolute necessity of commencing and pushing to completion, as rapidly as possible, the necessary harbour improvements, said proposition of the Dominion Government be accepted with the condition that \$750,000 will be spent below section 33, of the port to establish dry docks and equip deep water wharves fitted to the construction of grain elevators, accessible to railway companies."

Mr. Torrance said as the interest under this plan would be \$\$1,000, and the revenue was only \$30,000 he would like to know where the balance was to come from. Messrs. Allan and others remarked upon the urgent need of more accommodation, and Mr. Allan thought the Commissioners could borrow the money themselves at 3 per cent. Mr. Bickerdike said that building dry docks was entirely outside of their jurisdiction, and he, with several other Commissioners was opposed to saddling the port with the expenditure of \$750,000 for wharves and a dry dock away from the present harbour. The Mayor made a strong appeal in support of this proposed outlay in the east end alleging that if it was rejected it would throw the whole matter over for another year. A vote was taken on motion of Mr. Bickerdike which practically condemns the proposal as stated in the Mayor's resolution.

There is, perhaps, some force in what the Gazette proposes in regard to the above scheme to spend \$750,000 at Maisonneuve. Our contemporary says, "If the commissioners bought the land for the dry dock the great purpose of the dock promoters would be served. Then the commisson could devote to harbor purposes proper the money now proposed to be spent in making the dock itself."

The Board of Trade and Corn Exchange each passed a resolution on the 1st inst. condemning the proposal to expend the funds of the Harbour Commissioners in building a dry dock, which both bodies consider to be a work that should be undertaken by the Government as a national work as has been done at other ports.

SOME BELATED STATISTICS.

Some of our contemporaries in their efforts to draw sensational contrasts between the condition of Great Britain to-day and its circumstances when the Queen came to the throne, have published statistics which are imaginative. The weight of bread and meat consumed per head is given in pounds sixty years ago and to-day. If these figures are correct, the British people then consumed only about one-third the weight of bread and of meat which they now do. This suggests the question, What did they subsist upon when the supply of bread and meat was so scanty ? If the figures given are correct, the British people were famished in those days, as a reduction of the ordinary food supply per head to extent of one-third would produce a famine. There are many now living who remember the Queen's Accession, but they ridicule the idea of there then being a deficient supply of food in Great Britain as absurd. There was poverty, no doubt, and want amongst the lowest classes just as there is to-day, but that the entire population had only two-thirds of the food supply they have at present is impossible. At the time in question there were no means in existence for acquiring a knowledge of the amount of bread or meat consumed in Great Britain. There are no means existing even now for acquiring such information in regard to meat, and as to the cousumption of bread the data is only an approximation. Had there been such a deficient supply of food in Great Britain sixty years ago as is represented, the virility of the people would have been very seriously lowered, of which there is no evidence to prove. There is, however, conclusive evidence to show that no injury was inflicted on the British people by a deficient supply of staple food sixty years ago, as must have occurred if it existed.

The statements we have criticised were made in order to show that Free Trade rescued the British people from gradually perishing from deficient food supplies. There was no danger of this sort. Sixty years ago, and long before, the great cattle markets of England were liberally stocked with oxen from the continent and from Scotland, the beef of which was of poor quality, and cheaper than that of animals fed in English pastures. These cattle were often held over from one market-day to another when the demand was not equal to the supply, and large numbers were put out to improve their condition before going to market.

Food being cheaper has not materially increased its consumption per head in Great Britain, except amongst the pauper class. The reduced cost has enabled the consumers to spend more for other articles, and in this way the pleasures and comforts of life have been increased by cheap food.

The enormous increase in the consumption of tea in England since the Queen came to the throne, is also put forth as evidence of a great advance in domestic comfort. This is also somewhat fanciful. Tea is, no doubt, a very comforting beverage to those who think so, but extreme poverty and tea-drinking to excess are common associates. We have seen home brewed beer served at meals just as coffee and tea now are, without any sign of the beverage creating the misery and discomfort which some seem to fancy must have been felt when the teapot was not perpetually in use. There are many living who remember the time when no tea

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was used in the great public schools in England, and who know that when what was irreverently called "slops" were introduced, that is, tea as a beverage; the innovation was resented, as such drink was regarded as too womanish for school boys. There are factory villages now in England where meat is an occasional Sunday luxury, but where tea is largely consumed, so the increased consumption of tea is no evidence of improved social conditions.

As to the bread and meat supply in England sixty years ago, we repeat that there is no reliable information. The statistics relating thereto, which some of our contemporaries have published, were evolved from the inner consciousness of some writer whose imagination would be better employed over figures of speech than in concocting figures of quantity and fact.

PLEBISCITE EXPENSES.

The plebiscite will cost the country \$260,000, or more, the liquor Commission cost \$125,000, so that to find out what the people of Canada think about a habit in which the majority of them indulge, the country will be saddled with an expenditure of \$385,000 to \$400,000. At the rate paid for the last loan this will involve a payment forever out of the taxation revenue of about \$7,150 every year, over and above the capital amount of \$385,000 expended. This large sum and its annual cost could have been spent far more profitably to the cause of temperance, which it will do little to promote.

It is a very doubtful question whether the government of any country is justified in expenditures of the public revenue in promoting a sectional agitation. Both the questions relating to the opinions held on the liquor traffic are well within the sphere of speculative, disputable morals. What this man or that thinks about the habit of drinking beverages which are used by the majority of people in all civilized countries, is a question wholly outside the legitimate sphere of any government, quite as much so as the polemical controversy on the doctrine of election, or the supremacy of the Pope. The other question, as to how many persons wish to prevent their neighbours using beverages which they themselves abstain from, is of the same class. In so far as the prohibition movement is inspired by a sincere desire to promote temperance, it has a commendable motive, a motive which in itself as a moral sentiment commands universal approval. But it is no part of the duty of a government to spend public money in ascertaining how many persons, or how few, approve of a particular form of moral sentiment of a speculative character being embodied in legislation which would compel every one to give it a particular form of expression in their habits. The moral sentiment at the basis of devotional babits, in itself, meets with universal approval. But the day has long past when any government would even consider a proposal to take a plebiscite to discover how many persons approved of a law to make devotional habits compulsory. People cannot be hoisted up to a higher moral plane by a legislative crane. Those who are desirous of having such a machine built should pay all the expenses incident to its planning and construction. Those who are anxious

to know how many persons agree with their views on prohibition ought to pay the cost of securing such information, as such knowledge cannot he held to be of any value to the public at large.

CANADIAN TOBACCO.

The rapid increase in tobacco cultivation in Canada has resulted in a demand for information on the subject ; the outcome of which has been the publication of a pamphlet by the director of the Experimental Farm at Ottawa. In Quebec and parts of Western Ontario "white burley" is being much cultivated at present. Equal success has attended another variety of the tobacco plant known as " Connecticut seed leaf." Ile Bizard (Lake of Two Mountains) near Montreal, is practically given over to the tobacco crop. Now that the fiscal arrangements of the Government tend to help the industry by furnishing a domestic outlet at reasonably fair prices, the present and immediate future outlook for the raw leaf market is that owing to the cessation of Havana imports, home consumption will absorb considerably more Canadian leaf than formerly. A fair average yield one season with another ranges between 1,500 and 1,800 pounds per acre, realizing from 10c to 15c per pound, with fine grades bringing more. Before the tariff revision the farmers only received Sc a pound for exceptional leaf, ordinary qualities bringing as low as 3c. It will thus be seen that tobacco cultivation in Quebec province promises well in 1898, and all indications point to a permanently profitable industry being established. In 1895-96 the quantity of native grown tobacco entered for consumption was 400,000 lbs, in 1896-97 the amount was 700,000 lbs, the increase having taken place in the two last months of the fiscal year after the Tariff was changed. It is expected the increase of raw leaf entered for consumption for fiscal year ending 30th June next, will be nearly one million and a quarter pounds, making a total of nearly 2,000,000 lbs. 1897-98. The bulk of Canadian raw leaf tobacco is used in making plugs, Granby and Joliette factories using exceptionally large quantities. The native leaf has, so far, not entered very largely into cigars, but as quality is improving all the time, and prospects of supplies from Cuba are doubtful, no doubt more will be used. Tobacco has been grown in Essex Co. Ont., for over forty years, and the cultivation of the crop is extending widely. The City of Hamilton has made tax concessions to secure a factory which will be chiefly occupied with the Canadian product. Though we cannot hope to raise tobacco in this country to rival that grown in the tropics, the quality of the native leaf could be greatly improved by more careful cultivation and curing. The defects of rankness on one hand and absence of all flavour on the other, chiefly arise from the growers having had no experience in preparing their product for the market. When these defects are remedied there will be such a demand for Canadian tobacco as to make its cultivation more general and more profitable.

CANADIAN PIANOS.

The efforts made by piano-makers in Canada to produce instruments which should favourably compare with the best of the New York and Paris pianos, have not been as successful as was hoped by those who directed the framing of our tariffs in recent years. That their labours have not, however, been invariably futile is shown by the great advancement made in the manufacture of pianos in this country since measures were taken to protect the native industry. A visit to the handsome warerooms of the Pratte Piano Co., on Notre Dame street, in this city, is enough to convince the most sceptical that pianos of great excellence as musical instruments are being made in Canada. The Pratte pianos are

not claimed to be the cheapest in the market, this very dubious distinction the company, wisely, has no ambition to attain. The instruments are however claimed very justly to possess those qualities which delight the artist, whother profossional or amateur. Their tone and action are of an especially superior quality, while their construction is so admirably designed and carried out in its details and workmanship as to ensure exceptional capacity to stand the wear and tear of constant use with the least possible deterioration. The Pratte action we regard as a most valuable feature in the instruments made by this company, as it not only ensures the swift repetition necessary in performing many compositions and for giving effects peculiar to the best instruments, but protects the action from injury, temporary and permanent, liable to be caused by damp, over-heating, and the unskilful use of the key board by learners and others. Although the most costly planos require regular tuning, the better they are the more steadily they keep in tune and the less they vary from the pitch if neglected. In this valuable feature the Pratte pianos have a high reputation which is especially appreciated by all persons of musical taste. The exteriors of these instruments are also peculiarly attractive, their exquisite wood work being unsurpassed in beauty by any makers. The Pratte Company is showing the Aeolian Orchestrelle, a new form of chamber and church organ, which is a remarkable instrument as it is wholly free from the notorious defects of those of its size and class, having the charms and effects of a large high class pipe organ, but of such dimensions and power of tone as adapts it for use in a private house. Another instrument shown in this largely stocked store is the Aeriol Automatic Piano, which, as the name indicates, practically plays its own music, so that it can be manipulated, and music of the highest grade rendered by those who cannot play the simplest tune by the ordinary key board. The Aeriol is a mechanical wonder, and though there is an indefinable subtle grace and feeling in the touch of a pianist who has the gift of expression, for it cannot be learnt, and which is beyond mechanism, still the Aeriol produces the effects of a good player in its notes accuracy and correct time. Those interested in pianos or organs, either as possible buyers, or as amateurs who have pleasure in inspecting good instruments, would much enjoy a visit to the warerooms of the Pratte Piano Company.

JOS. C. HEMOND & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, Montreal, who assigned at the Instance of Paul Galibert after we went to press last week owes about \$40,000. The chief creditors are: Bank of Toronto \$13,000 (indirect); Bank Nationale, Quebec, \$3,500 (indirect) ; L. D. Monk, mortgage, \$3,895 ; J. Dumont, mortgago, \$2,277; S. Coulson, mortgage, \$1,940 ; Pratte, estate, rent, \$1,350; Jas. Robinson, lease, \$719; Jos. Poirier, Quebec, \$3,600; H. E. McIntosh, \$1,160; Paul Galibert, \$1,040; A. R. Clarke & Co., Toronto, \$2,300. Logan Tanning Co., Pictou, N.S., \$550; Duclos & Payan, \$500; Bickell & Wickett, Toronto, \$500. This business has been carried on by Joseph C. Hemoud, as tutor to his children under the registration of his wife who died in Jan. '95. Hemond failed in June '91, and obtaining no sottlement the estate was bought in by S. Coulson and registered in Mrs. Hemond's name under above style. In March, '96, the firm got into difficulties owing some \$19,000 when composition was effected at 25 cents in the dollar. Since this date lack of capital has hampered the business considerably culminating in the present trouble.

-At present there are 4,100,000 spindles in operation in the Southern Cotton States-a third of the total number over the whole country. The mills in the south are well built and as well equipped with modern machinery as those in the north, but owing to atmospherical conditions they cannot produce so fine goods as New England mills. Wages are lower in the south, and a feature of the work there is the employing of very young children in the mills. The spinning mills of North Carolina are run

from 140 to 142 hours a week, but in Georgia, where the eleven hours' law is enforced, the mills run only sixty-six hours a week. Japan has lately taken to manufacturing muslins, which hitherto came so largely from France.

-BOUCHARD, FILS & CIE, mfrs: boots and shoes, owing to heavy losses caused by the failure of the Commonwealth Shoe Co. & W. J. Guinane were obliged to call a meeting of creditors together on the 26th ult., when an offer of 40c in the dollar was made, 25c cash and 15c at 4 months unsecured. The liabilities are about \$12,000. Principal creditors :--A. Gagnon & Co., Victoriaville, \$3,000; Paul Tousigny, same place, \$660; H. J. Fisk & Co., Montreal, \$1,000; Valliere & Mirand, Quebec, \$847. The firm has been in existence since Oct. '97 being composed of Auillaume Bouchard, P. I. Bouchard his son, and Alfred Giroux. Bouchard senior was formerly a pork dealer in Quebec and had no practical acquaintance with the leather trade, Giroux was the managing partner of the business.

-TuE following half-yearly bank dividends were payable on dates named :

	Per	When payable.	Amount. S
	cent.		¢
Bank of Montreal	5	1st June	600,000
Merchants Bank	4	6 .	240,000
Bank of Commerce	31/2	4	210,000
" Toronto	5	66	100.000
" Ottawa	4	61	60,000
" Hamilton	4	4	50,000
Imperial Bank	4 & 1	"	100.000
Standard "	4	ĸ	40,000
Quebec "	3	46	75,000
Union "	ŝ	44	44,850
Ontario "	21/2	4	25,000
Traders "	8	46	21,000
Banque d'Hochelaga	316	46	34,986
" Ville Marie	. ³ %	""	14,388
" Nationale	8	2nd May	36,000
Dominion Bank	*3	4	45,000
* Quarterly.	-		
Carron 1			\$1,696,224

-THE foreign business of the United States for 10 months of fiscal year 1897-8, is remarkably favourable for the finance of a country engaged in war. The figures are given in American *Economist*, with comparisons for each year since 1880: Per

			Excess	cent
			of	of
	-	-	••	
	Imports.	Exports.	exports.	excess.
1890	\$643,737,427	\$747,260,706	\$103,528,279	16.08
1891	699,460,348	768,823,969	69,363,621	9.91
1892	686,689,728	895,686,332	208,996,609	30.40
1893	720,751,144	713,263,277	*7,487,807	
1894	546,398,183	773,591,502	227,193,319	41.58
1895	601,279,067	688,803,156	84,024,089	13.90
1896		749,332,804	83,032,729	12.46
1897	600,189,244	899,929,246	299,740,002	49.92
1898	511,181,186	1,025,426,681	514,245,495	100.59

*Excess of imports.

-It is understood, that the U.S. Government has decided to purchase a small quantity of canned salmon as an experiment, but that before adding it to the list of rations it desires to obtain further definite information as to the nutritive value of salmon as compared with canned meats. If the Government finally decides to adopt salmon as a regular ration, if only for the present war, the effect, it is expected, will be to cause an immediate and sharp advance in prices, which owing to dull trade and active competition have been rather easy for some time past. In this event Canadian values will enhance in sympathy.

-THE Philadelphia Ledger says :--" The Dominion of Canada will take notice that Uncle Sam is thinking of going into the real estate business on a large scale, and he never was quite satisfied with his northern boundary." This Ledger is not posted, or some of its entries are false. But, as men who go into the real estate business sell as well as buy, we suggest that negotiations be opened for altering Uncle Sam's northern boundary by making a deal with Canada for the cession of Maine to the Dominion. This country has no territory in the market, and never will have, of which we hope the Ledger "will take notice," and cease making such offensive and foolish remarks.

-REPORTS from Pennsylvania speak of trouble being brewing owing to the crowding out of anthracite coal by bituminous which is threatening miners of the former with starvation. One main cause of this is alleged to be the higher freight rates charged with anthracite which we regard as a wholly inadequate explanation. Bituminous coal is being used for nearly all steam manufacturing purposes. If the demand is so triffing for hard coal it ought to be much cheaper than it is.

-H. W. W. GARDINER, general store, Arnprior, is offering 65c cash in the Collar. Liabilities amount to \$7,400 and assets about \$10,000. He started business in Feb. '95 with W. A. Brown, under style of Gardiner & Brown, but dissolved in August of the following year continuing alone.

-NESTOR DESILETS, general store, St. Tite, has assigned to court-Mrs. E. Proudfoot, millinery, Halifax, has compremised at 45c in the dollar cash-Wm. Cowling & Co., drygoods, Moncton, N.B. have been granted an extension of time-Patrick Barret, grocer, Amprior, has assigned to J. W. Tierney owing about \$500.

-THE Toronto General Trusts Company held its 16th annual meeting on 23rd May. The new business acquired in 1897 amounted to \$2,560,825, covering administrations, executorships, liquidatorships and other similar trusts, which evidences the high standing which this institution has attained under the able management of Mr. J. W. Langmuir.

-The Spanish fleet is said to be "bottled up" at Santiago, and consequently an easy prey to the American vessels. There are things bottled up which prove exceedingly dangerous to any one who handles them unskilfully. Even a champagne cork has been known to blind its careless manipulator.

-SOME portion of the Dominion Bank notes stolen from its Napanee branch is reported to have been passed in Winnipeg. The bank should advertise the details of these notes in order to protect the public who have no present means of knowing how to avoid taking this stolen property.

-ADVICES from Western Ontario report crops looking very well, with good prospects for fruit also if nothing happens. The weather in the Province of Quebec and neighboring counties, has been very favorable to the growth of crops of every kind. Indeed, the rapidity of growth has been something abnormal.

-THE Richelieu & Ont. Navigation Company will run a new steamer, the "Toronto," between Toronto and Prescott in August next. This vessel is nearly finished and will be the fuest passenger boat on the lake and river routes.

-THE Hochelaga Bank has opened a branch this week at Quebec.

-THE Merchants Bank of Canada has opened branches in the North-West, in addition to Winnipeg and Brandon, at Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Neepawa, Portage La Prairie and Souris.

-WHAT our American friends call, not inappropriately, a "General Deficiency Bill," has been presented to Congress to cover estimates for \$207,796,805, mainly for war purposes.

-THE Commonwealth Shoe Co., Quebec, whose failure we noted in our last, now offers 60c in the dollar, 50c cash and 10c in 4 months.

PERSONAL-Mr. F. B. Drouin, (Waldron, Drouin & Co.) left on a business trip to England and the Continent by the "Gallia" on We inesday .- Two prominent Montreal employes of the Dominion Cotton Co. are mentioned as having resigned, although one of them still maintains his place .-- Mr. F. R. F. Brown, late Mechanical Superintendent of the Intercolonial Ry, will shortly open an office in Montreal as consulting engineer-Mr. James Robinson, Montreal, president of the Toronto Rubber Co., attended the annual meeting of the Company in Toronto this week-Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chaput, (Chaput, Fils & Cie.), have returned from a six months' trip through Europe-Mr. John Wilkins, miller's agent, 44 St. John street, has been admitted to membership of the Board of Black, M.L.A., for Trade-Mr. w. Α. Halifax, and member of the shipping firm of Pickford а Black, passed through the city on Wednesday en route to the Pacific Coast. Mr. Black's mission is in relation to the steamer "Alpha" belonging to the Co., now on its way

around Cape Horn to take part in the Klondyke trade-Mr. C. J. McCuaig, who has been sojourning in London, England, for some time in the interest of some important mining enterprises, has just returned from a flying visit to his old home in Prince Edward County-Mr. F. Parnell, commission merchant, St. John's, Nfld., is on a visit to Montreal and westward-Mr. Frank Ross, the wealthy Quebec lumberman, is on a visit to the city-Mr. J. C. Holden, president of the Ames Holden Co. Ltd., wholesale boots and shoes, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, St. John, N.B., Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., leaves in a few days on a trip to Europe where some members of his family and friends have been sojourning for some time, among them Miss Holden, the well known painter, his daughter-Mr. A. F. Gault leaves shortly for a trip to England and the Continent-W.St. Pierre, merchant tailor, has left on a trip to Vienna, the great rival to London and Paris in styles for wearables.

Meetings, Reports, etc.

DOMINION BANK.

The 27th annual general meeting of the Dominion Bank was held at the banking house of the institution, Toronto, on Wednesday, May 25th, 1898.

Among those present were : Sir Frank Smith, Col. Mason, Messrs. S. Alcorn, Wm. Ince, Thomas Long, John Long, J. Risley, Wm. Spry, William Ramsay, J. Lorne Campbell, W. R. Brock, W. Crocker, A. E. Webb, John Fletcher, H. D. Gamble, E. Leadlay, M. Boulton, E. B. Osler, William Hendrie, John Stewart, Walter S Lee, W. D. Matthews, Chas. Cockshutt, H. M. Pellatt, Wm. Ross, A. W. Austin, Geo. W. Lewis, Thomas Walmsley, J. K. Niven, George Robinson, R. D. Gamble and others.

It was moved by Mr. E. B. Osler, seconded by Mr. E. Lead-lay, that Sir Frank Smith do take the chair, which being done, Mr. W. D. Matthews moved, seconded by Mr. W. R. Brock, that Mr. R. D. Gamble act as secretary. Messrs. Walter S. Lee and M. Boulton were appointed corrutioner.

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The secretary read the report of the directors to the share-holders, and submitted the annual statement of the affairs of the bank, which is as follows :

REPORT.

The directors beg to present the following statement of the result of the business of the bank for the year ending 30th April, 1898 :

Balance of profit and loss account, 30th April, 1897. \$29.925.75 Profit for the year ending 30th April, 1898, after de-

ducing charges of management, etc., and	
making full provision for all bad and doubt-	
ful debts	182,462.30

\$212.388.05

President.

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Dividend 3 per cent, paid 1st August, 1897 \$45,000.	00
Dividend 3 per cent, paid 1st November	
1897 45,000.	00
Dividend 3 per cent, paid 1st February,	
1898 45,000.	00
Dividend 3 per cent, payable 2nd May,	
1898 45,000.	
	\$180,000.00

Balance of profit and loss carried forward...... \$32,388.05

During the past year two new offices of the bank have been opened, one in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in June under the manage-ment of Mr. F. L. Patton, and one in Montreal, to which Mr. C. A. Bogart was appointed manager. Both of these offices promise to be of substantial advantage to the bank. FRANK SMITH,

GENERAL STATEMENT.

PUTRITI	TES.	
Capital stock paid up		\$ 1,500,000.00
Reserve fund	\$ 1,500,000.00	
Balance of profits carried forward	82,888.05	
Dividend No. 62, payable 2nd May	45,000.00	$i_{ij} 1$
Former dividends unclaimed	78,50	
Reserved for interest and ex-		
change	112,090.91	· · · · ·
Rebate on bills discounted	34,084.80	• •
		1,723,687.26
		\$3,223,637.26

Notes in circulation	\$ 1,204,016.00 1,803,735,52 11,223,425.10 156,279.21	14,447,455.83
		\$17,671,093.09
ASSETS	š.	
Specie Dominion Government domand	\$ 548,008.08	
notes	.798,060.00	
culation	77,250,00	
Notes and cheques of other banks Balances due from other banks in	301,643.78	
Canada Balances due from other banks in	130,077.58	
United States	745,037,69	
Provincial Government securities.	330,177,71	
Municipal and other debentures	3,658,062.50	\$6,597,407.29
Bills disconnted and eurrent (in- eluding advances on call) Overdue debts (estimated loss pro-	\$10,709,000.96	\$0,001,101.20
vided for)	44,666.66	
Real ostato	39,567.65	, · · ·
the bank	7,371.19	
Bank premises Other assots not included under	203,703.64	
foregoing heads	9,275.70	11,073,685.80
		\$17,671,093.09
	R. D. GAMBI	.Е,
Duritation Doub	Genera	i Manager.

Dominion Bank, Toronto, 30th April, 1898.

¹ The adoption of the report was moved by Sir Frank Smith and

seconded by Mr. E. B. Osler. ' It was moved by Mr. S. Alcorn, seconded by T. Walmsley, and resolved, that the thanks of this meeting be given to the presi-dent, vice-president and directors for their services during the past year.

It was moved by Mr. Wm. Hendrio seconded by Mr. J. Risley, and resolved, that the thanks of this meeting be given to the general manager, managers and agents, inspectors and other officers of the bank, for the efficient performance of their respective duties.

It was moved by Mr. Geo. W. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Anson Jones, and resolved, that the poll be now opened for the election of seven directors, and that the same be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon, or as soon before that hour as five minutes shall elapse without any vote being polled, and that the scrutineers, on the close of the poll, do hand to the chairman a certificate of the result of the poll. Mr. Thomas Long moved seconded by Mr. W. S. Lee, that the

Mr. Thomas Long moved, seconded by Mr. W. S. Lee, that the thanks of this meeting be given to Sir Frank Smith for his able conduct in the chair.

conduct in the chair. The scrutineers declared the following gentlemen duly elected directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. A. W. Austin, W. R. Brock, William Inco, E. Leadlay, Wilmot D. Matthews, E. B. Osler and Sir Frank Smith. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Sir Frank Smith was elected president and Mr. F. B. Osler vice-president, for the en-subset form

suing term.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this Bank was held at their banking house, in the city of Sherbrooke, on Wednesday, 1st day of June instant, a fair number of shareholders being prosent. Notice of meeting having been read, R. W. Hencker. Esq., the president, took the chair. Wm., Farwell, the General Manager, was elected secretary. F. C. Thompson and Wm. Mortis were elected scrutineers of votes.

Minutos of last annual meeting were then read, after which the president on behalf of the directors submitted the following

REPORT.

The directors have much pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement at the close of the financial year and to express their satisfaction at the rosults of the year's business. As will be seen by the Profit and Loss Statement, the directors have been able to provide the usual dividend at the rate of seven per cent, a bonus to the shareholders of one-half of one per cent, and to add to the Reserve

Fund fifty thousand dollars, leaving a balance of profit of twenty-two thousand seven hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty cents (\$22,756.20) to be carried forward. The directors feel that their action in thus continuing to in-crease the strength and earning powers of the bank by adding to the Reserve Fund, as the profits permit, instead of increasing the rate of dividend at the present time, will meet with the approval of the majority of the shareholders,—they are in hopes however, that the profits in the future will also enable them to give from time to time a small bonus as well as adding to the Reserve. The funds of the bank have been profitably employed during the year, the note-circulation has been well maintained and de posits have increased to the extent of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000), showing the increasing wealth of the Town

but you, have increased to the extent of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000), showing the increasing wealth of the Town ships. Owing to the cheapness of money in the great centres, the Government have been able to effect loans at greatly reduced rates and in consequence have decided to reduce the interest payable on Government Savings Bank Deposits. An Act has been passed during the present Session, which comes into force on the first of July next, reducing rate to $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. This action has not as yet been followed by the banks, but the general tendency is in that direction in the near future. The directors are pleased to be able to report an improvement in business generally, brought about by the oxcellent harvest of 1897, coupled with high prices for farm products, greatly bene-liting the farmers, and as a matter of course giving life and energy to all other branches of business ; added to which the discovery of gold in the Yukon country, and the development and working of the mines in British Columbia, Nova Scotia and other sections, have created a large demand throughout our

other sections, have created a large demand throughout our manufacturing establishments, so that almost every industry in the country has felt the general improvement in business. The outlook for the future, is, most promising. Your directors, after careful consideration, are of opinion that the number of directory resident where the head office is situated

the number of directors resident consideration, are of optimion that the number of directors resident where the head office is situated should be increased to at least four, not only that there may al-ways be a quoruu available, but also that the large and increas-ing business of the bank—which must necessarily be controlled and directed from the head office—may receive the fullest con-sideration. They recommend that action to that effect be taken at the present meeting.

At the present meeting. Your directors desire to express their regret, that through the appointment of their colleague, Colonel John G. Foster, to the Consulate of the United States at Halifax, N.S., they have been deprived of his valuable services. On his resignation they pro-ceeded to appoint Mr. C. H. Kathan, of Stanstead, in his place "ad interim." Mr. Kathan is a prominent business man well and favorably known in that section, and strongly recommended by our late colleague as his successor. The head office and branches of the bank have been regularly inspected during the past year. In conclusion, the directors desire to place on record their entire satisfaction with the zeal and attontion of the staff generally to the business of the bank.—The whole respectfully submitted. R. W. HENERER President

R. W. HENEKER, President.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 15TH, 1898.

 Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss, carried forward May 15th, 1897 Profit of Head Office and Branches, after deducting charges of Management, Appropriation to 	\$ 24,980.88
wards Pension Fund, Interest due Depositors, and ample provision for rad and doubtful debts	160,246.12
	\$185,226.50
DEDUCT.	
Dividend of 3½ per cent, paid 2nd Ja u- ary, 1898	162,500.00
Balance carried forward	\$22,726.50
GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, MAY 15TH, 18	98.
LIABILITICS.	
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Capital paid in		\$1,500,000.00
Reserve Fund	\$ \$35,000.00	
Profit and Loss Balance	22,726.50	
Dividend No. 77 of 31/2 per cent, pay-	,	
able 2nd July next	52,500.00	
Bonus of 1/2 per cent to Shareholders,		
payable 2nd July next	7,500.00	
Dividends unclaime 1	3,181.82	920,908.32
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	895,924.00	
Deposits on Demand	780,831.43	
" after Notice	3,594,123.39	
Due Banks in the United Kingdom.	40,901.52	
Other Liabilities	937.27	5,821,767.61
		\$7,742,675.93

ASSET8.		
Specie\$ Dominion Notes	100,465.48 98,686.00	
Bills and Cheques on other Banks.	35,865.18	
Due from other Banks in Canada 2	894,890.62	
	282,473.31	
Deposit with Dominion Govern-	4	
ment, Circulation Redemption	51,368.05	
Dominion Government Debentures.	13,000.00	
Provincial Government Debentures	-	
and other Public Securities	193,517.65	1,169,761.29
Bank Premises and Bank Furniture.		120,000.00
Current Loans, Discounts and Ad-		
	328,853.27	
Real Estate, other than Bank Premises	68,200,33	
Debts Secured by Mortgages	18,282.73	
Loans Overdue, all Loss provided for	29,616.06	
Other Assets	13,462.25	6,452,914.64

\$7,742,675.93

WM. FARWELL, General Manager.

Upon conclusion of the report the president briefly addressed the meeting touching upon the various items of the statement, condition of business at various points served by the bank, the good crop prospects for this season and general prosperous out-look, and closed by moving the adoption of the report. This was seconded by Major Wood. The general manager having been called upon made a short address, and after remarks by other shareholders present the report was adopted. The thanks of the shareholders were voted to the president and directors, and the appropriation for their remuneration was in-creased in the sum of sixteen hundred dollars per annum. Thanks to the shareholders were also voted the general mana-ger, managers, and other officers of the bank. The ballot was then taken for election of directors for ensuing Upon conclusion of the report the president briefly addressed

The ballot was then taken for election of directors for ensuing year. After the whole vote had been cast the scrutineers re-ported the following shareholders elected, viz : Richard W. Heneker, Matthew H. Cochrane, Israel Wood, J. N. Galer, N. W. Thomas, T. J. Tuck, Gardner Stevens, C. H. Kathan, H. B. Brown.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

LEGAL RECORD, &c.

Week ended May 31, 1898.

The following is a record of transactions and cases in our Canadian courts of law, comprising Writs Issued and Judgments Rendered for sums of \$300 and upwards, (Montreal, from \$175, and upwards), and Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale for sums of \$550 and upwards), as taken from the public records It will be understood that the actions or items do not necessarily affect the credit and soundness of the persons or concerns named, as they may have been paid or otherwise settled, and that good defences may exist in cases of writs, &c., 1st class Writs cover sums over \$1,000; 2d class, over \$400 to \$1,000; 3d class, over 200 to \$400:

WRITS ISSUED. ONT.

May 26.

May 28.

\$4,925. Norwich S. Tp-A. Bushell vs Annie Best & R. Best et al, \$321.

2.000 May 31. Berlin-R. Whiting & Co. vs Economical Mut. Fire Ins. Co.,

\$1,000. Montreal-Marie Cote, admrx. vs Can. Co. Construction Co. Ltd., \$3,000.

Ottawa-Dominion Bldg. & Loan Ass'n. vs M. R. & J. Grimes, \$917.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED, QUEBEC.

May 26.

Cowansville-H. A. Gilman et al agt J. F. Heath..... 500 New York-H. Alexander et al agt John McDougall et al, \$69,756. May 28.

Melbourne--Richmond Industrial Co. agt Thos. Leonard,

May 31.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED, ONTARIO.

May 26.

Madoc-Waterous E. W. Co. vs Manley Herington 455 May 28.

Adelaide Tp-London Loan Co. agt Georgina Henderson, 1,120	
Camden Tp-J. D. Wagar agt Robt. Reid	
Gananoque-S. McCammon agt W. N. Rogers 1,175	
Kingston-Imperial Bank agt Robt. Moxley	
Norwich-J. M. Parsons agt E. H. Thomas	
Peel Tp-Attorney-General of Ont. agt Albert Douglass. 1,783	
Peterboro-W. R. Brock Co. agt W. J. Green, \$331; M. Fisher	
Sons & Co. agt James Owen, \$2,038; W. Fraser & Co. agt	
W. A. Thompson, \$3,607.	
Wood Tp-Singer Mfg. Co. agt P. & J. Willison 349	
May 31.	
Cornwall Tp-R. Bender agt Eamer Miles	
Hamilton-Moleon's Bank agt Wm, Peebles,	
Nelson Tp-D. McGibbon agt Wm. & Clara Tuck 2,453	
Ottawa-F. W. Bindon agt Alex. McCullough, \$836; F. W.	
Bindon agt Alex, McCullough, \$816: F. Cook agt Georgina	

igh, \$816; F. Cook agt Georg & Louis Trepanier, \$378.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED, B.C.

New Westminster-A. E. Rand..... 4,295

JUDGMENTS RENDERED, N.B.

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Caraquet-R. Young & Son \$37	2 &889
Caraquet—R. Young & Son	320
JUDGMENTS RENDERED N.S.	

May 28.

May 26.

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Bridgeville-D. R., G.S., & J. A. Grant	
Halifax-Forbes Mfg. Co. Ltd	1,944
Trenton-Lamont Glass Co, & Andrew Walker	10,799
May	81.
Canning-R. W. Kinsman Co. Ltd	595

Halifax-Stewiacke Valley & Landsdowne Co. Ltd..... 25,238 Mahone Bay-J. W. B. Kedy 785

EXECUTIONS QUEBEC.

May 26.

Montreal-Montreal Loan & Mortgage Co. agt Alfred Denis, \$1,721; De. C. Drolet agt Narcisse Gomond, \$1,888; J. A. Bell et al agt Jos. O'Shaughnessy, \$315.

May 28.

May 31.

real-Birkbeck Investment Security Sav. Co. agt Chas. Cadleux, \$5,150; Do. P. Rasconi et vir agt De. G. Daoust et vir, \$537; Do. M. H. Bagg et vir agt A. E. Lewis, \$2,400; Do. K. S. Bagg et vir agt A. E. Lewis, \$7,800; Do. I. Barnston et al, esqi. agt Ludger Robert, \$10,205. Montreal-

CHATTEL MORTGAGES, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

May 26.

\$4,088. Toledo-W.S. Goo & wife to McAlister Milling Co..... Toronte --G. S. McDonald to F. A. Hogaboom et al.... 800 $64\bar{9}$ May 28.

Toronto-J. W. St. John to J. Bascom 1,000

May 31.

\$1,156.

CHATTEL MORTGAGES, B.C.

May 26. New Westminster-E. K. Johnston.....

..... \$4,500 May 31,

Slocan City-T. D. Woodcock..... 1.200

CHATTEL MORTGAGES, N.S.

May 31.

BILLS OF SALE, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

May 26.

-Commercial Printing Co. Ltd...... \$5,000 New Westminster-New Denvor-A. E. Fauquier, as assignee 1,000 May 28.

Petrolla-Richard Boulton to J. H. Kittermaster 550 May 31.

Mines Centre-D. M. Blackwood, liquors, to C. D. Lockwood, for \$4,000.

Toronto-David Goldstein, tailor, to Rosey Goldstein, for. 700 BILLS OF SALE, B.C.

May 31. Three Forks-J. H. Croft, packer, for ... 600 BILLS OF SALE, N.S. May 31.

Halifax -- H. A. Prince, shoes, for \$1 & \$3,000

TRADE OPPORTUNITIES.

The Sundridge Woollen Co. will enlarge its plant at Kingston.

W. J. Steele will build a stone block at Morden. Man. on the site of the late fire. The building will be 70 x 25 feet, and will be used as a general store by Carley & Stutor.

Tenders are called by T. G. Treleaven, Killarney, Man., for the erection of a brick block.

The factory of the Truro Condonsed Milk and Canning Co., Truro, N.S. which was burned on May 4, will be rebuilt at once.

London, Ont. is considering the advisability of establishing a chemical precipitation sewage system. A Montreal engineer Mr. McDougall has offered to construct a plant capable of treating 2,000,000 gallons of sewage for \$57,000, and guarantees that the cost of operating will not exceed \$3,000 annually.

The Board of Education, London, Ont. at a meeting on Friday last, decided not to exceed the appropriation of \$8,000 for the annex to the Collegiate Institute, and the tenders upon the first plans having exceeded that smount, it was decided to have fresh plans prepared and tenders called for.

The Manitoba minister of public works contemplates renewing the wooden walks in the grounds surrounding the government buildings, Winnipeg, with asphalt.

Belgium requires large supplies of belting for its numerous manufacturing establishments. Considerable quantities are manufactured in the country, Still, a large proportion is imported from Great Britain. It would seem that Canada might by proper introduction secure a share of this trade.

The town of Brampton will receive tenders for lighting, gas or electric, until July 1st next. T. J. Blain, Town Clerk.

A public meeting was held last week at St. Thomas to discuss a bonus of \$30,000 to the L. E. & D. R. R. to connect their line from Ridgetown.

City Engineer Graydon of London, Ont., will award tenders immediately for the construction of a concrete tile culvert with brick head, on Western street, that city.

It is said that the Michigan Central Ry. will extend its double track from Essex to Taylor during the summer. The road is double tracked from Windsor to Essex.

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Winnipeg city committee of works is calling for tenders for the supply of a 30-horse power portable engine.

Tenders are called for the erection of a three-storey solid brick hotel building of 35 bedrooms at Moose Jaw, Assa.

Tenders are invited for the heating of the land titles' office, Morden, Man., by the department of public works, Winnipeg.

During the course of the summer six Roman Catholic churches will be built in the vicinity of Sherbrooke. The plans of the architect, J. B. Varret, of Sherbrooke, have been accepted, and work will be commenced at once :-At Barford, granite, with cut stone front, foundation already laid, finished by January 1st; cost \$19,000. At Marbleton, completed by November 1st; cost \$5,000. At Garthby, of wood, finished by November 1st; \$11,000. At St. Cecile de Walton, of wood, finished October 15; cost \$6.-000. At Factoes Mills, chapel, of wood, finished in June, cost \$3,000. At Island Pond, finished in autumn, \$9,000.' Restoration of church at Paquetteville, \$7,000.

. The following building permits were issued last week in Ottawa :-- Mrs. Cocil Birkett, \$1,400 brick veneered cottage, 11 Florence st. Geo. Ambridge contractor. Wm. Borthwick. \$1,500 warehouse, Besserer street. Arnoldi and Ewart architects. F. X. Groulx, \$600 dwelling, Church street. T. Cleary, 2 brick veneered dwellings, \$2,200, Concession street. A. Pauly, \$350 framedwelling, 34 Turner street. L. Hourme, 5 Concession street, frame building, \$150.

Until 4th June tenders will be received by Gagnon & Caron,

Montreal, curators in the insolvent estate of Adhelime Dugal, for stock in trade fixtures, and lease to 1st May next, of store No. 1899 St. Catherine St.

L. Levesque, Hintonburg, is building a butcher's shop there.

Tenders will be received until 6th inst. by the Ottawa City Clerk for the supply of 250 tons egg coal, 100 tons stove coal, 10 tons grate coal. Also for hot water heater with a capacity of not less than 7.500 feet of 1 inch pipe. Contractor to remove the present furnace, set up the new one and make and furnish all the necessary connections.

The Department of Public Works will receive tenders until the 18th inst. for the construction of a heating and ventilating apparatus in the drill hall Halifax, N.S.

Tenders for repairs to the City Hall, Montreal-renovating toilet rooms, etc.-will be received until 10th inst., addressed L. O. David, City Clerk.

The Calgary Town Council has voted \$25,000 to the C.P.R. for the purpose of the company bringing the repair shops there and of erecting a round house to accommodate 25 engines.

James Parkenham, of Kehoe, Parkenham and Donnelly, Dublin, with whom the promoters of the pork factory at Middleton, N.S., have been in communication for some time has offered to put in \$5,000. The start of the industry is said to be assured.

The Hamilton Builder Inspector has granted permits to E. B. Patterson to make alterations in the Volunteer house, James street north, and to R. J. Larkin to build a house at the corner of Locke and Oak streets.

The T. H. & B. Ry. Co. are being petitioned by Hamilton merchants to build a grain elevator.

Truro, N.S. ratepayers have agreed to bonus the Midland Ry. to the extent of \$30,000 for the line to be constructed via Clifton to Truco. The railway wanted \$50,000.

Dr. Popham, Winnipeg, is building a residence for himself in that city. The work of excavating for the foundation has begun.

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portion only, may still be seen during the present week.

JOHN LOVELL & SON, Publishers.

Montreal, June 2, 1898.

Financial. Thursday E'vg. June 2nd, 1898.

The distribution this week of bank dividends to the extent of over a million and a half will be a pleasant financial incident to shareholders, also we trust to many of their creditors, as well as to the stores they patronize. A feature of the week affecting large funds has been the slump in wheat just as we indicated would result from the conditions existing and those anticipated. Wheat came very near to fulfilling Sir. Wm Van Horne's prediction of its reaching \$2, as sales were recently made at \$1.91. This extravagant figure led to a rush of supplies until the price went back at Chicago to 98 for July and 811/2 for September, New York

quotations, as usual, being a few points higher. The receipts of C.P.R. and G.T.R. have been running steadily in advance of last year for some time being helped of late by exceptionally large shipments of grain and other products for export. Duluth has also been doing better than port. Duluth has also been doing better than last year the earnings this year to end of May being over \$100,000 in excess of the same period 1807. The stock market has been livenod up by an impression becoming general that the war is coming to an early close. While it may be that up like a jack-knife any hour, we are not sanguine about the war ending during the summer. If the fleet bottled up in Santiago is des-troyed there will still remain the difficulty of securing nossession of Cuba by a deciof securing possession of Cuba by a deci-sive victory over the Spanish forces in that Island. The invaders will have no plc nic when they have to confront the trained and acclimatised troops of Spain who will give the comparatively raw re-cruits from the States, however numerous, probably an experience of war which is likely to extend over several months. The trouble in Madrid where the Bank of Spain is having a run, and a revolutionary spirit is fermenting a true has however features which may compel Spain to sue for peace. Strange to say Spanish bonds, fours, remain firm on the Paris Bourse in spite of remain firm on the Paris Bourse in spite of the gloomy outlook, probably owing to the worst effect of the war having been dis-counted, as seems likely from their being quoted at 34½. We note that the circula-tion, discounts, and deposits of the Bank of Spain at latest advices show large increases over last year at this date. The stock of gold shows an increase of \$6,000,000, in that of silver there has been a decline of \$28,000,000. The bank rate has been reduced from 3½ to 3. Local money is somewhat easier but not enough so to affect rates. affect rates.

The following table is supplied by Chas. Meredith & Co.

The contracts for alterations to the Central School Building, Winnipeg, have been let to J. A. Girvin and Davidson Bros., of that city.

The contractors for the large building to be used as a Coffee House at Winnipeg, are Messrs. Spencer Bros., who are also building the new Wesley church. Operations will commonce at once, the work to be completed by the 10th of December.

Advices received from Australia indicate that the demand for building material is extensive in some quarters. In Sydney and Melbourne there are opportunities for disposing of brick machinery quite readily. The number of improvements in public works is creating a demand for contractors' supplies and machinery, as a number of wharfs and piers are being constructed. In the electrical line the improvements and undertakings are also said to be extensive and the great bulk of the trade is controlled by British firms, who are said to be sending considerable quantities of American machinery and apparatus.

The Ogilvie Milling Co. having purchased the oatmosl mill of Stephen Nairn at Winnipeg, will considerably enlarge same.

Ottawa aldermen are procuring estimates for re-rooffing the City Hall.

Belleville has granted \$50,000 to the Thames Iron Works, of Norwich Conn. to remove its plant there.

McDermott Avenue, Winnipeg, which it was proposed should be macdamized is upon representation of ratepayers to; be asphalted 37 ft. wide. Kelly Bros. will probably be awarded the work.

Water meters are to be placed in saloons, livery stables and. other places in Hamilton where much water is used.

Carberry people have collected \$8,000 by private subscription towards the project of building a new flour mill.

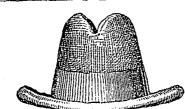
Mr. M. S. Foley of the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE, has given out contracts for the erection of six stone and brick cottages, Tudorstyle, on Green Avenue, corner of Stayner street, to be finished by the end of October. Saxe & Archibald are the architects.

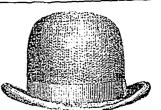
BANKS.	Shares.	Highest.	Lowest.	Average Last Year
Montreal	4	243	242	229
Merchants	29	170%	170	178
Eastern Townships	2	150	150	151
Commerce,	6	137	137	125
Hochelaga	29	157	157	$132 \frac{1}{2}$
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Rich. & Ont	457	100%	981/4	93
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MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

MONTREAL, June 2nd, 1898.

The trend of trade exhibits little variety from conditions ruling at last writing. In dry goods, business is of the quiet summer order, which however, may be owing in The part to the nearness of June settling. grocery trade in a distributive way is fairly active at the moment, but in wholesale direction demand is slow. Refluers are unsettled as to values, disparity between the respective list of each being from 1-16c to %c. Teas, coffees, spices are almost こうない しんかったい かかたい いたかたい したい したい たいし たいとう





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lifeless. There is steady business doing in paints and oils; tarpentine has declined ic. Leather and hides are stronger, the latter having advanced 1c for beefhides, lambskins are now quotable at 20c. Hardware lines are fairly active, and without change as to values, rope maintains advance noted last week. Butter and cheese are in poor request at nominally unchauged rates. Cable shows a decline of 5s in colored and 3s on white within the weak. There is renewed complaint among shippers, of green cheese being put out by factories, and it is possible some action will be taken to put a stop to this by the association. Collections are reported good.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.—There is little of incident to note in the butter market since our last. Exportors are buying sparingly reserving transactions for early June make which it is expected will not show materially enhanced values over those ruling for stock on offer, viz, 16c to 16¼c the latter for exceptional creamery. There is considerable low grade creamery on the market ranging between 15c and 15½c per lb. In cheese actual transactions are few. Since our last cable has declined 5s for colored from 42s to 37s white has dropped 8a in same period from 41s to 38s. A comparison of receipts and exports last month indicates that May make was moved forward very fast, only a small balance being carried over. This feature has made itself apparent in much green cheese arriving, and fears are ontertained that the blunder which in past years did much to injure the reputation of Canadian cheese in Great Britain, has already been repeated. Compared with May 1897, the make

same month this year falls short by 48,000 boxes. Western goods at the moment are realizing Tc to 7% c for choicest. Eastern 6% c to 6% c as to grade.

CEMENT.—The arrivals of cement per "Strathmore" and "Tritonia" this week compensate for no receipts during last. This week 22,946 brls, Belgian and German have been received with 300 brls. English, and 47,500 fire bricks. The small quantity of English received confirms the difleuity of gotting supplies from that quarter, already noted, and whilst the cheaper and vory satisfactory foreign cement resolves this into a matter of slight importance, still there is a demand for English brands which cannot be filled by other grades, and hence, as stocks on hand are none too large, and values on the other side are well maintained, prices rule very firm. There is a steady consumption going on, but the week has been destitute of large deals.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The general demand in various drugs is only moderate Quinine is weaker in New York, the artificial basis of the drug recently having dropped to natural figures. Foroign manufacturers in order to do business are prepared to cut, and extend great latitude in item of delivery. Glycerine is very firm in all markets. Opium is easier. In the chemical market crude brimstone arriving is closely controlled by United States importers, and for local consumption offerings are light at 2c to 3c per 1b. Chlorate of potash is also going fairly actively across the border, but not in sufficient quantify to seriously disturb values. Other chemicals evince little that is ew.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The sharp decline in wheat values coincident with the close of the May deal when sales reached \$1.15 against \$1.91 in the beginning of the month and still lower prices on Wednesday for June option, naturally checked demand for flour of all grades. It had been confidently expected for weeks past that the Chicago clique would run price of May to \$2 per bushel. Too much publicity, however, had been given the deal and farmers in all parts of the country scraped their bins to catch the phenomenal prices predicted. There has been no change in local values and future prices will be dependent upon crop prospects unless there should be a repetition of the May option in July and this seems probable. Chicago wiring today Leiters broker steadily buying July wheat. We quote winter wheat patents \$6 to \$6.15, straight rollers \$5.50 to \$5.75, bags \$2.60 to \$2.75, Manitoba patents \$6.90, strong \$6.50 extra bags \$2.40 to \$2.50. The demand for catmeal is quiet, and in consequence of declining tendoncy in oats, values are expected to break. Rolled oats are quoted \$4.30 in bris, \$2.10 in bags.

FERD.—The demand for bran and shorts is fairly active. Ontario wheat bran sells at \$13.50 to \$14. shorts \$16 per ton in bulk, Manitoba bran \$14, shorts \$15, and mouillo \$17 to \$18 bags included. For baled hay best sorts command steady custom at \$10.

to \$10.50 per ton in car lots. There is an excess of Nos. 2 and 8 grade on the market much of which is apparently not wanted at any price. We quote \$8 to \$9 in 10 ton lots.

as any price. We quote to to a minor to a lots. GROCERIES.—London cable advices on beet continue to represent 9s. 9d. quota-tion for present month with July 9s. 10½d. Java 12s. 6d.—same as last week—fair refining 11s.-3d. decline.—In New York refiners are still unable to obtain supplies at under 4 5-16 for centrifugals. Locally there is a discrepancy of 1-16c. between refiners. Values are:—granulated 4 9-16c. Yellows 3%c. to 4½c. Business doing is not large, and undoubtedly if quantity tempted, the above quotations are capable of some shading. The tea market is very quiet with no sale of such extent as to be worthy chronicling. Coffees ar. firmer owing to sharp advance in sterling ex-ohange at Rio. It is estimated the worlds visible supply of Coffee decreased the past month about 200,000 bags. Rice is unchanged on spot, and stocks are still below range of requirements. Rangoon cargoes are 8s. higher than six months ago, whilst in London values have gone up in samo time more than half a sovereign per owt. Exports from Japan this season so far show a docrease of 50 p. c. of cleaned rice over last year at same date. Dried fruits show a decrease of 50 p. c. of cleaned rice over last year at same date. Dried fruits are dull. A cable from Patras states that the market on currants there is excited and advancing, but gives no particulars The Retention law has been duly voted by the advancing, but gives no particulars The Retention law has been duly voted by the Greek Chamber, but the law prohibiting shipments of new currants before the 28th of August has not yet been adopted, not-withstanding the recommendations in its favor of New York and London importers. Up to now the coming crop of currants may be said to be progressing favorably and to promise abundance. There is nothing new in the molasses situation. The feeling is becoming more and more definite as the war drags on, that shortage cannot be avoided, nor will importers be able to im-prove the situation much in to fall importa-tions. It is estimated that the total quantity of molasses that will be imported this year will probably not be more than half that brought in last year. From May 18 to Dec. 31 last year the importations of molasses were: Puncheons, 4,765; tierces, 450; barrels, 725. In canned goods, holders of vegetables are evincing earnestness to 450; barrels, 725. In canned goods, holders of vegetables are evincing earnestness to rid themselves of stocks, but this ap-parently is a feat not easy of accomplish-ment. There has been another advance in American meats as under : — Corned beef 1 lb. \$2.25; 2 lbs. \$4.10; 6 lbs. \$13.00lunch tonguo, \$5.75; but naturally this further advance is neither here or there considering that at quite 3% less, quota-tions would be prohibitive. Domestic brands show exceptional value by com-parison. parison

HARDWARE.—Business in general hardware and metals continues fairly active. There is some cutting on wire nails reported in the west, where sales at the moment are very large. Harvest tools are in good demand, and some difficulty is reported to get orders tilled by manufacturers. Ingot in is λc per lb. dearer. Manilla and sisal rope remain firm at the last advance. Outside hemp markets continue to quote firm

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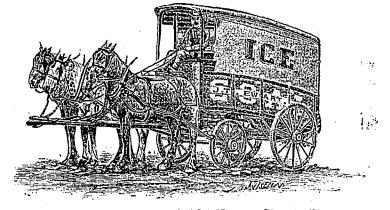
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> values; the London market being practically on the same basis as a week ago, viz.: $\pounds 37.10s$, although since last writing this C.I.f. figure has fluctuated 5s down and up. Offerings are very limited, and there is stated to be no hemp held for speculation in London. United States manufacturers In London. United States maintacturers who have enough stock to make a turn on an advancing market, moreover, are very cautious to take advantage, which tempera-ment speaks eloquently of the strong situa-tion and the possibility that the last ad-vance has not been recorded in local prices for twine. London metal cables note rather weaker advices on pig tip, also upon cop-per. The tin plate market in the States is a shade casier, manufacturers apparently per. bordering on over production.

> LEATHER AND HIDES .- Beef hides have advanced one cent during the week, at 9c. for No. 1, Sc. for No. 2, and 7c. for No. 3. Tanners are keen buyers, but scarcity is so marked, both here and in the west, that they cannot get enough for present require-ments, and are unable to make contracts for ments, and are unable to make contracts for delivery for any quantity a month hence. This would indicate an advancing leather market during the next couple of months at least. Meantime tanners have made no change. In Chicago, offerings of hides are limited and firm, 12½c, to 12½c, for native steers, 12c to 12½c, for Texas, 10¼ to 11c. for butt brands, 10c to 10¼c for Colorados. 10¾c to 11c for branded cows, 11¾c for heavy native cows, and 12c. for light ditta. heavy native cows, and 12c. for light ditto.

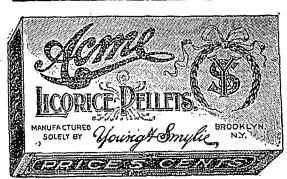
PRODUCE .- The demand for eggs keeps up well for the season at 9c to 9%c per dozen. Beans are quiet and unchanged at \$1 for primes and \$1.10 to \$1.15 for hand picked. Honey is, exceedingly dull at former prices. For maple products there is little request between jobbers, although considerable transactions are noted between producer and retailer direct, mostly however at such figures as to leave little if any profit for the former after paying expenses. We quote syrup in wood 4½ eto 434 e per lb, and in tins according to size 45c and 50c each. Sugar brings 6c to 6¼c per lb.

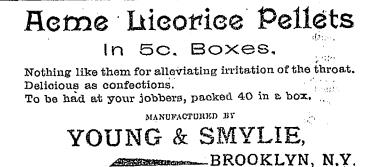
PAIN'IS AND Ous.-Turpentine has declined 1c at 47c per gallon. Receipts from the south are coming freely upon the New York market, and with lack of enquiry there values are dull. This tone has been reflected here. Linseed oil is unchanged at 52c for boiled 1 to 4 brls, and 51c 5 to 9 brls; raw 49c. Liverpool during the week bris; raw 40c. Liverpool during the week has advanced 6d at 15s, London 3d at 17s 3d. In the states, seed is still statistically higher than oil. An effort was recently made to "bear" the former with reports of largo invisible supplies, but seemingly without result. In New York, boiled oil is quoted at 44c to 45c in round lots. There is about the regular movement of paints, varnishes, glass etc, going into the channels of consumption.

PROVISIONS .- Pork and lard are quiet at unchanged values. There is a fairly active trade passing in bams and bacon, and trade passing in bams and bacon, and prices are firm at 11% to 12c, for ham, and 12c, for bacon. On Tuesday Chicago pro-visions were d sposed to advance, in conse-quence of higher corn, but Wednesday and to-day saw a decline set in. Liverpool is also reported weaker, all grades bacon de-clining 5d.; lard, on the other hand is stronger, showing 9d. advance. Quotations on that market are : Pork, 57s. 6d.; lard, 32s, 3d.; long cut bacon, 33s, 63.; long cut light, 33s.; short cut light 32s. 6d.

MARKET NOTES.

Rolt brimstone recently brought over the Canadian border, thus avoiding regulations covering the direct shipment of coutraband goods, is not remarkably attractive, it requires treating to make any sort of show-





ing alongside of American roll. Paint Oil and Drugs Review, Chicago.

Clover oil has advanced over 40 per cent. since last September and the tendency is still in an upward direction. The cause of the advancing market is not far to seek, the spice from which the distillate is obtained having advanced almost 100 per cent, in value. A London publication devoting especial attention to East African devoting especial attention to East African and Zauzibar products prints a table of clove prices showing an advance from \$2.68% at first of the year to \$3.85 in March for Zanzibar cloves, \$2.60 to \$3.82for the Pemba variety, and 40s to 54c for stalks, the unit of the value being the frash. These quotations fail to furnish data for exact calculations on account of the varying rates of exchange and consider the varying rates of exchange and considerable brokerage, but they nevertheless make an interesting display relative to the rise of prices in the clove market during the early part of the current year.

The Leipzig wool market will be held on the 17th and 18th June.

A year ago Manilla hemp sold at 4c per lb, and sisal at 3c per lb. To-day values are in the neighborhood of 8½c, or an advance of 150 per cent, in sisal and 109 per cent, in manilla. It takes a sailing vessel four months to come from Manila and even if the bolerde wave manual in the second if the blockade were removed in the near future, the market would still feel its effect, as the stocks in importers' and manufacturers' hands are very light.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

It may interest our readers who have poultry feathers for sale that the Alaska Feather & Down Company of Montreal, are paying highest prices for all kinds; and they pay cash too. Persons wishing to dispose of old and valuable feather beds can do so by writing to the secretary, 200 Guy street, enclosing a sample of the feathers in the envelope and mentioning this journal.

This company also remakes hair mattresses for the trade at a very reasonable price.

-PRACTICALLY all the flour consumed on the Manilla market comes from the U.S. Great Britain exports fine yarns, roofing iron, cast-iron and yellow metal goods earthenware, tinued provisions, ham, bacon. From Germany : Hardware and galvanised and enamelled iron goods, cutlery, paints and oils, and beer. The Spanish Colonial protective tariff which came into force in 1891 has caused a large and steadily increasing quantity of the trade in cotton goods and yarns to be diverted from the United Kingdom to Barcelona, and has also put a stop, practically, to the import of linen goods. The staple products and principal articles of export from the Philip. pines are tobacco (leaf and cigars), sugar, hemp, and copra; and of minor importance, coffee, sapan wood, and buffalo hides. The principal customers for Philippine goods are the United States, the United Kingdom China and Japan. The total population of the Islands is estimated at 7,030,000 souls. The trade is largely in the hands of the Chinese, of whom there are 50,000 in Manila alone, engaged in every branch of commerce and industry; but there are oldestablished British firms at Manila with branch establishments at Iloilo and Cebu and, in latter years, the Germans, Belgians, and Swiss have been extending their tradng operations to a remarkable extent.

STOCKS AND BONDS.									
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MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT-THURSDAY JUNE 2, 1898.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

(Revised by Telegraph).

TORONTO, June 2, 1898.

Business in wholesale circles shows no changes of consequence. There is a good sorting-up demand in drygoods, and the demand is active for staples lines for the autumn trade. The trade in groceries and hardware is fairly active with sugars firmer. Harvesting implements are selling well. Manila and sisal rope are higher. Leather is firmer, with dealers generally reporting business good. Payments are good, and the failure list is compuratively small. The outlook is brighter for good trade the coming autumn. Weather is favorable, and crops of all descriptions, including fruits, promise a most abundant yield. Wheat is lower in sympathy with decline in Liverpool and leading United States markets, Money easy, with call loans quoted at 5 per cent and prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent. Sterling continues firm. Stocks are higher with fair demand for investment in bank shares. Cable shows the greatest advance. Latest sales :--Bank of Commerce 139, Imperial 1961/2, C.P.R. 85%, Toronto Ry., 98, Richelieu 10)¾, Cable 180¼, Gas 215, Toronto Electric 1851/2, Northwest Land pr. 50, Western Assurance 169, London Electric 10336, Canada Permanent Loan 114.

* BUTTER, &c — The butter market is well supplied, and prices rule easy. Choice rolls and tub job at 12 to 13c, and inferior lots at 9 to 10c. Creamery rules at 16 for tub and 17c for rolls. Eggs are easy, with case lots selling at 10) per doz. Cheess dull and easy, the local jobbing price being 8%c.

DRESSED HOGS-- Receipts of hogs are limited, with demand fair for small newkilled lots. Sales at \$6,25 to \$6.59.

FLOUR AND GRAIN—The flour trade is dull, with little or no demand for export. Straight rollers are quoted at \$4.80 to \$5.00 in wood, middle freight, and Ontario patents at \$5.10 to \$5.20. Manitoba patents \$3.80 to \$6.90, and strong bakers \$640to \$6.50. Bran easier at \$10.00 to \$10.50 west and shorts \$11.50 to \$12.50 west. Wheat is very dull and lower. R:d winter is quoted outside west at \$1, spring at \$1.02 to \$1.03 on Midland, and goose at 98c on Midland. No. 1 Manitoba hard \$1.35 to \$1.30 Fort William, and at \$1.30 to \$1.33 Owen Sound and Goderich. Oats are oasier at 33c north and west for white, and \$1c on Midlan1. Peas 57 to 58c north and west. Corn 35c west and 40 to 41c on track here. Rye, barley and buckwheat are purely nominal. Oatmeal \$4 to \$4.20 on track.

GROCERIES—Trade is good for the season of the year. Sugars are slightly firmer, with granulated quoted at 49-16 to 434 c, and yellows 3% to 444 c. Coffee 8 to 12c for Rio and 22 to 25c for Porto Rico. Tess are unchanged, with medium Japans a little scarce. Canned vegetables steady, with trade quiet. Tomatoes \$1.15 to \$1.20, peas 95 to 95c, corn 85 to 95c, beans 75 to 90c, and salmon (Cohoes) 903 to \$1.10. Molasses unchanged, New Orleans 27 to 35c. Valencia raisins, fine off-stalk 41/2 to 5c, selections 6 to 61/2c and layers 6 to 61/2c. Gurrants, 53/ to 6c. Dates 4 to 5c. Figs, 4-crown, 10 to 11c. HARDWARE—There is a good trade in building and harvesting implements and metals in fair demand.

HIDES AND SEINS—Hides are unchanged, with cured quoted at 9c. Green firm at 8½c for No. 1, 7½c for No. 2, and 6½c for No. 3 Calfskins 9c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2. Sheepskins \$1.15 to \$1.25. Lambskins 25c to 30. Tallow quiet at 3¼ to 3½c for randered.

LIVE STOCK—The cattle market is quiet, with little change in prices. Exporters are quoted at 3% to $4\frac{1}{4}c$ per lb. Stockers are quoted at 3% to $4\frac{1}{4}c$ per lb. Stockers are quoted at 3% to $3\frac{1}{4}c$, and feeders $3\frac{3}{4}$ t) 4c per lb. Butchers cattle unchanged with choice bring 4 to $4\frac{1}{4}c$ per lb. medium $3\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{4}c$, and common at 3 to $3\frac{1}{4}c$. Milch cows $3\frac{1}{2}c$, and common at 3 to $3\frac{1}{4}c$. Milch cows $3\frac{1}{2}c$ to $3\frac{1}{4}c$ each according to quality. Sheep steady, with choice ewes $3\frac{3}{4}c$ per lb. and bucks $3\frac{1}{4}c$. Lambs yearling, $5\frac{3}{4}$ to 6c per lb. Spring lambs \$3 to \$4.50each. Hogs steady at \$5 to \$1.0 per owt. for the best, \$1.75 for light, and \$1.02 to \$4.75 for heavy. Sows \$8.25 and stags \$2to \$2.25.

PROVISIONS — Trade fair, with prices steady. Mess pork \$16.50 to \$17.00, short cut \$17.00 to \$17.50, and shoulder mess \$14.50 to \$15.00. Bacon is firm, with long clear quoted at 8½ to 9c, Rolls 9 to 9½c. Hams smoked 104 to 12c. Lard firm at 8 to 8¾c, according to size of package. Dried apples 8½ to 4c per lb. Evaporated 9 to 0½c per lb. Beans 80 to 90c per bushel. Potatoes 65 to 70s per bag on track.

Wool. — Offerings of new fleece are more liberal. It is quoted at 16 to 17c, and unwashed 10 to 10½c. Pulled supers 18½ to 20c, and extras at 20 to 22c.

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MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT-THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 198							
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-The total output of soap in Marseilles for 1897 is estimated at 130,000 tons, against 125,000 tons in 1896. In the place of ground nut oil, of which the output has been insignificant through falling crops in India, the numerous soap mills have substituted cottonseed oils from America, the properties of which are equally good, but these imports of cotton oils are now threatened by a protective, if not a prohibitive duty, which if voted will seriously affect this important industry.

-THE manufacture of shuttle blocks is a new enterprise at Charleston, Carolina. There is an abundant supply of dogwood and persimmon wood in the neighborhood suitable for the purpose. Already a considerable quantity of blocks have been shipped to Liverpool, Havre and Barcelona. When first cut the shuttle blocks are perfectly green, but after standing in piles for a time before shipment, they are thoroughly seasoned and ready for turning when they reach Europe. They are not sold as lumber, but are shipped carefully in coffee sacks, and are sold at so much per thousand blocks.

-EXPERIMENTS in the production of calcium carbide without the ald of electricity recently made in Germany are reported entirely successful. The process has been invented by a German engineer, and is carried out in specially constructed pots. The particulars of the invention, which has already been patented, have not yet been given out. If this invention, should prove practicable beyond a dou't, it will mean a revolution of the entire metallurgical field. The cost of carbide would be greatly reduced, and the obstacles which have to be overcome in the construction of a perfect electric furnace would be avoided.

-MACKENZIE & MANN have notified the British Columbia Government that owing to failure of arrangement at Ottawa they are unable to carry out their contract with British Columbia. The British Columbia Legislature bill which passed the Legislature May 11, provided for the grant of a subsidy of \$1,600,000 to Mackenzie & Mann for the building of a railway from the British Columbia coast to Teslin Lake. Meantime Canadian supplies for the Canadian militia who are en route to the Yukon country are being sent under contract with an American company via St. Michael's. -THE scare in the freight market has had the effect of stimulating the demand for spruce deals in Liverpool. Compared with freights from the Miramichi a year ago, present rates to United Kingdom ports are 20s per standard higher.

-TRAFFIC on the Manchester Ship Canal for the first four months of the present year shows an advance of nearly $\frac{545,000}{1000}$ over similar period in 1897. With the foundation of a line of locally owned steamers, which will sail to Montreal, the growth is expected to be much accelerated henceforth.

-THE April fire loss in Canada and the States is given by our New York namesake as follows, with comparisons of previous dates

	1898.	1897.	1896,
January	\$ 9,472,500	\$12,049,700	\$11,040,000
February	12,629,800	8,676,750	9,720,100
March	7,645,200	10,502,950	14,839,600
April	8,211,000	10,633,000	12,010,600
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-THE questions submitted for a decision by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council have been answered to the following effect: 1. The beds of the rivers and lakes are the property of the provinces. 2. The public harbors are vested in the Dominion, but in respect of harbors generally it is dependent on facts whether or not the harbors become Dominion property. 3. Fishing regulations appear to be divided between the provinces and the Dominion. The Dominion has power to make regulations regarding open and close seasons, the size of meshes in nets, &c., but the ownership of the fishing privileges rests in the provinces. The Dominion has the power to issue licenses to parties acquiring fishing rights from the provinces, but cannot grant monopolies. 4. The right of the Dominion is confirmed to prevent or permit the erection of works in or on navigable waters.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT-THURSDAY. JUNE 2, 1898					
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Discounts on rans approvery on a minerate derivery, and for quantities manuel of each kind separately. 132. Terms for Cut Casing, Book and Shook, Finishing and Tobacco Box, Barrel, Clinch and Pressed Nail four months note or 8 per cent. off for cash within 30 days. Discount on Bolts; Carriage % and 5 16 in. 70 per cent. {% in. and larger 65 and 10 per, cent. Tire bolts 70 and 5 per cent. Terms, four months or 5 per cent. off for cash in 30 days. Nails and Horse Shoes, three per cent. off within 30 days. Horse Nails and Spikes, four months or 5 per cent. off in 30 days. Horse Nails and Horse Shoes, three per cent. off within 30 days. Horse Nails and Spikes, four months or 5 per cent. off in 30 days. Turpentine, and Linseed Olls net

-HARRY SHARPE, grocer of Kingston, Ont., whose failure on May 2d, was recently announced, began business some three years ago, but without sufficient capital. He nevertheless did a fair trade though hampered by want of means. The assignment is to John Nicolle. Liabilities about \$2,500 and a preferred claim of \$48. The assets are of the nominal value of \$1,500, but are actually worth only about half that amount. Mr. Sharpe has offered 25c in the dollar which is being accepted.

-FROMOUT North Grenville correspondent-Business in all lines has been brisk here up to the present for some months past. No village in the eastern part of the Province shows such a steady growth as does Kemptville. The Kemptville Milling Company have had their mill in operation since last fall and it has done an enormous business in its short history. The farmers in this great agricultural district have found a good market for their grain at this mill, to which a 25,000 bushel elevator is attached, and the highest price has been paid them. During the winter months the rush was so great that the management could hardly handle the grain between the hours of sunrise and sunset. The industry unfortunately was threatened on Friday morning last with destruction by fire, it was fortunately discovered in time and not much damage done. Smoke was seen issuing from the roof of the boiler house and elevator at 5 a.m. and the fire brigade called which immediately subdued the fire which had got no headway. The fire got into the side wall and not from the overheating of a journal or box of the shafting. The mill has been running over time to fill orders of late-The Kemptville cheese board held its weekly sale or meeting on 27th May and about 900 or 1,000 cheese were boarded and all sold at 6 15-16 cents. The buyers and factories represented were many and the success of the board is now an established fact, and bids fair to be the best board in Eastern Ontario, this being the centre of one of the largest cheese producing sections-Quite an extensive trade has been done this spring and past winter in cattle and horses, prices and demand from outside points good-The building trade is good, a great many improvements have been made to business and residential premises. One new business block of two stores has been constructed and is now occupied. A large hall above the stores is also being fitted up. An old block on the principal corner has been rebuilt and remodalled so as to make six shops, all of which are rented as well as the rooms for dwellings and offices overhead. Another new store is being erected for a millinery shop and residence. A rectory is being built on modern principles and style by the St. Johns' Church, which when finished will be a credit to that congregation. Dr. Hanna and Messrs. W. H. Anderson and A. S. Bowen are each erecting new and commodious residences in the central part of the town which from present indications are to be beautiful structures and all of brick and stone. Mr. T. M. Davison has just completed probably the nicest three storey brick residence in the town and is at present fitting it with an acetylene gas plant preparatory to occupancy-The season is now well advanced and crops never looked so well and never was a season so promising as the present. The showers of the past few days have been worth many dollars to the farmers-The population has increased nearly 200 in one year and the assessment has gone up in the thousands over last year.

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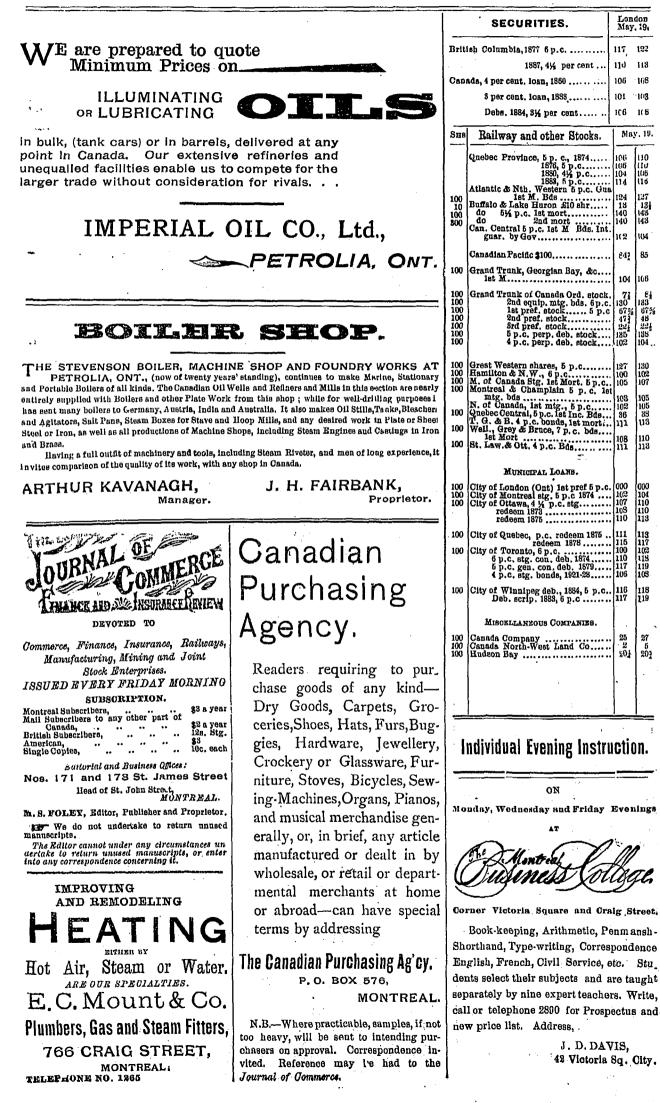
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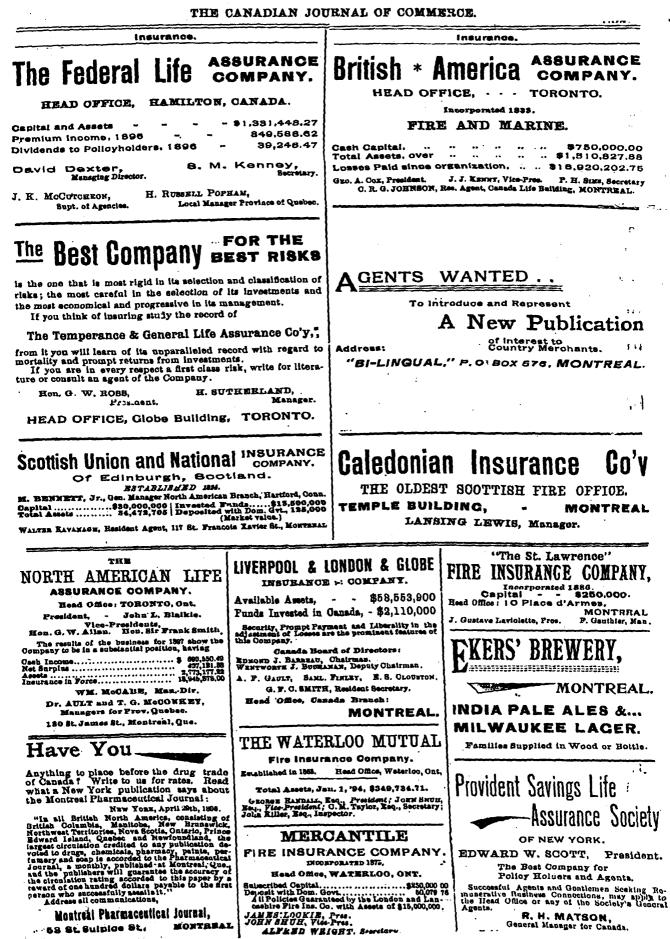
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