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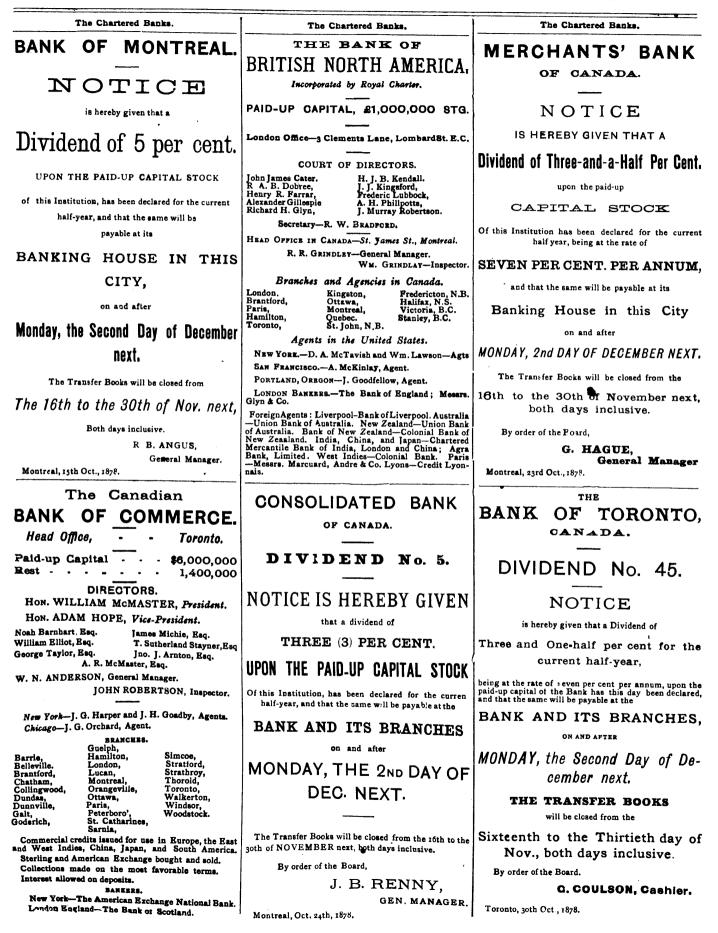
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THE coal shipments from Pictou this season up to 26th October were as under, viz., Halifax Co., 42,395 tons; Acadia Co., 33,763 tons; Intercolonial Co., 21,431 tons; Vale Co., 18,981 tons; Nova Scotia Co., 3,925 tons, making a total for the season of 120,495 tons. The shipments to close of October 1877 were 24 per cent. larger, being 159,575 tons.

ONE of the Mennonite settlements in Manitoba is on the west side of Red River, midway between Emerson and Winnipeg, and along the Pembina branch of the C. P. R. R. These set tlements are made on good land on both sides of the river, and they succeed well in raising grain and stock. In reference to stock, they have adopted the system prevalent in Kansas and Nebraska of having no fences, and of having a herd law, which keeps the cattle out of mischief by day while at night they are locked up. By so doing the expense of constructing fences in a country where wood is scarce is avoided.

TIES were being placed last week on the track of the Grand Junction Railway by two gangs of men, one working towards Campbellford and one towards Stirling, and the iron was expected this week, so that the completion of the road to the former place is expected in a few days. The Grand Trunk is expected to stock the road with cars at once, in order that the fall grain may pass over it to market.

A WRIT of attachment has been issued against Messrs. Hill, Mitchell & Co., of Montreal, manufacturers of cordials, &c., &c., successors of the old firm of Winning Hill & Ware. The present house has been but little known to the trade, and were never regarded as possessing much financial strength. The liabilities are about \$15,000.

THE clothing firm of Messrs. O'Hara & Son., on St. Lawrence street, Montreal, has failed after a business career of twelve or fifteen years Their business was for some time past on the decline. Their liabilities will amount to about \$8,000 or \$10,000; and are entirely to local houses.

THE appearance in the Chicago market of large lots of bills on France, drawn against grain and provisions, is the beginning of a significant commercial change. Says the Tribune of that city : " Heretofore what France has had to import in the way of food from this country she has done through the English. But the French have been looking over the ground for the purpose of arranging for direct importation. A French capitalist of note spent a week quietly in Chicago this summer with this object, and his researches were part of a general plan of the French merchants and bankers to take to themselves the profits of a business that has hitherto been almost exclusively in the hands of Liverpool and London. The shipments recently made of gold from Havre to New York show the development of this new commercial growth, to which the shortage of the French crop this year will give a great impulse."

An old business man, and a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Hamilton, passed

away on Tuesday last, in Mr. Plummer Dewar. Going from Scotland to the West Indies, a quarter of a century ago, Mr. Dewar came thence to Canada, and was for a time accountant of the G.W.R., then joined the firm of Buchanan, Harris & Co., was afterwards a large stockholder in the Canada Sewing Machine Company, and other enterprises.

ANOTHER old resident of Hamilton, Mr. I. C. Chilman, confectioner, died on Wednesday last. His business career in that city, covered twenty vears, but he visited Canada about thirty years ago, being at the time in the service of Lord Elgin.

SOME fifty new buildings, some of them large and handsome ones, have been put up in Berlin Ont.. during this year. Their aggregate cost is placed at \$100,000.

THE failure of Messrs. Adolphe Roy & Co., whose liabilities by the way are now stated at as high a figure as \$600,000, will doubtless be a serious blow to numerous store-keepers who can no longer lean on that firm. The first we hear of is C. Guimond & Co., of Beauharnois who have been put into bankruptcy, their indebtedness amounting to \$20,000, which is very considerable for such a small town. About \$7,000 of the amount is to Roy & Co., Guimond has been in business for twelve or fifteen years, and at one time did a large trade, but through inattention and meddling too much in outside matters he failed three years ago, and has since been largely in the hands of two houses who have now to shoulder the bulk of his indebtedness.

WE regret to notice that Messrs. Gales, Woodcock & Co, butter manufacturers at New Hamburg and New Dundee, at which points they had creameries, have failed, owing from \$17,000 to \$20,000. We are not yet fully informed as to the causes of their failure, but it appears" they admit that they had been paying too much for the milk used, viz., 8cts. per quart, and they had purchased some 400,000 gallons of it, to turn which into butter at the low prices obtained, involved a loss. This failure is the more to be regretted because it may dampen the enterprise of others who intend trying the same business. But it does not follow that creameries cannot be successfully carried on because this one has failed. Regard must be had in all manufactories to the relative price of the raw material and its product. If milk was contracted for at too high a price, by this firm, and the price of butter fell during that contract, such contingencies can be guarded against by other firms.

We understand that the cigar-makers of this city, who struck some weeks ago, remain on strike, and are determined to stand firm. They have appointed a committee to make prepara. tions for the establishment of a co-operative factory and draw up a prospectus. The strikers are said to be receiving substantial aid from sister unions in Canada and the United States.

At the Exposition Universelle in Paris, among the variety of exhibits in that class and

threads. Of these the one which secured the gold medal was that of Barbour Brothers, of Lisburn, Ireland. The jurors had to take many considerations into view when deciding a matter of the kind, and it is a marked honour to be thus considered primus inter pares of the manufactures of the world.

WE have the following business items from Halifax : Mr. John Muir, of the firm of Muir & Scott, Halifax, died last week. Mr. John Kearney, clothier, Upper Water Street, is also dead. Fader Bros., Halifax, victuallers, have dissolved, Silas Fader and H. H. Barnes continue under the name of Fader & Barnes. E. Burnham, merchant, Digby, wants an extension of 6, 12 and 18 months. W. T. Piers. boots and shoes, Wolfville, N.S., is in difficulties. He owes \$4,800, and can only show \$3,200 assets. A writ of attachment has been issued against Wood & Co., wood dealers, New Glasgow; meeting of creditors at office of W. W. Glennie, Pictou. 21st inst. A writ of attachment has been issued against H. S. DeBlois, Annapolis, and a meeting of creditors will be held on the 11th inst, at the office of the official assignee, Annapolis.

MR. N. Hammond, an adventurous spirit, and latterly an insurance agent in Hamilton, came to this city about two months ago, and succeeded in inducing some parties here to furnish material to assist him in opening the old Windsor Hotel, on King street, which he honored with bis name. An Eastern company sold him about \$2,000 worth of furniture, on which he paid \$200; an electro-plate house sold him a bill of table-ware, receiving a cheque for half the amount, said cheque proving to have "no funds;" and we understand he has appeared twice in court for obtaining goods under false pretences. Already he had rolled up liabilities of \$0,000. It is by no means easy to discover, however, what the assets are.

A Sault Ste Marie merchant, Mr. W. O. Luscombe, is again in trouble, a writ of attachment having been issued against him. The business habits of this gent are such that he is not likely to make a successful storekeeper, though he has had chances with which many a one would have made money.

A BIT of advice which is worth the farmer's while to regard, is thus given by an American paper :-- " After your crop has been raised, it will be wisdom to raise any mortgage which may be resting upon the farm. This will raise a heavy load from your mind, and raise your courage and spirits beyond measure."

THE London Echo states that as a result of the examinations of the Secretary and Managing Director of the Colonial Trust Corporation, recently suspended, summonses will issue against the directors for publishing misstatements; it is also stated that subpœnas have been issued from the Mansion House, London, calling for the books, etc., of the corporation for the years 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878, in the suit against the directors.

On this day week, 724 bales of damaged Cape description, were a number of English shoe wool was sold at auction in Montreal, for account of underwriters by Mr. Arnton. There were a number of manufacturers present, and the whole cargo was sold, the amount reallzed being about \$40,000. In all 724 lots were put up, and the following prices were obtained; Eight bales at 26c; 8 do. at  $23\frac{3}{4}$ c; 61 do. at  $15\frac{1}{2}$ c; 44 do. at  $14\frac{1}{2}$ c; 74 do. at 14c; 40 do. at  $13\frac{3}{4}$ c; 173 do. at  $13\frac{1}{2}$ c; 80 do. at  $13\frac{1}{4}$ c; 40 do. at 13c; 4 do. at  $12\frac{3}{2}$ c; and 102 do. at  $11\frac{1}{2}$ c.

A CIRCULAR has been issued by Messrs. Mc-Murray & Fuller, of this city. to their customers, in which they say: "Owing to the recent action of the Ontario Government in disposing of the machinery and plant purchased by them last spring from the Canada Car Mfg. Co., to Messrs. Nelson & Eddy, of Hull, P.Q., we are obliged to withdraw from business, as our source of supply is destroyed."

THE Montreal house of Messrs. Ogilvy & Co., for the past thirty-five years a prominent wholesale dry goods firm there, having decided upon relinquishing their dry goods business in that city, and concentrating here, held a trade sale at their warehouse in St. Paul St., Montreal, beginning on Wednesday last, at which their whole stock, amounting to about \$150,000, was offered. The result of the sale has been, we understand, satisfactory, a large amount of staple stock being disposed of.

THE Quebec Morning Chronicle recently stated that intelligence had been received from Great Britain that the Quebec city loan of \$500,000 had been placed at 94. A few days later, the London Times announced that the Clydesdale Banking Company was trying to sell these securities at 103, and tried to prevent their sale. Both accounts may be true; but if so, the Bank in question must have purchased them on its own account, trusting to be able to re-sell at a profit. The article in the Times might prevent its doing so, in the present condition of things in Scotland; in ordinary times its strictures would have passed unheeded.

WHY has the Globe stopped putting in those little paragraphs referring to business improvements throughout the country? We haven't seen one of them since the 17th of September. —Cobourg Sentinel.

THE reports of the Buffalo grain trade for last month show that there has been extraordinary activity during the season. The receipts of grain by lake, including flour reduced to its equivalent in wheat, from the opening of navigation till November 1st, were 73,435.348 bushels, an increase of 16,739.976 bushels over the same period in 1877. The flour and grain movement by canal was remarkable, the aggregate shipments being 53,041,032, as compared with 42,209,218 bushels in 1877, a gain of 10,831,814 bushels in favor cf this season's business.

A LARGE quantity of pig iron, sent over to Hamilton about 1875, when it was worth say \$24 a ton, by the failed Rochester Iron Co., is still selling in that city. There were some 4,000 tons of it there recently under advances from the banks. This has been selling gradually, and at what it would bring, but part of the lot still remains, though its value has fallen to \$16 or \$17 per ton.

ON Tuesday evening last a complimentary supper was tendered to Mr. Samuel Bricker, merchant, of Port Elgin, on his removal to Listowel. About sixty of the business and professional men of the village were present.

ARRAN township by-law, granting \$40,000 to the Stratford & Lake Huron Railway was voted on Tuesday, and carried by 103 majority.

THE past week shows a noteworthy number of mercantile changes. Offers of compromise are made by two general dealers, one grocer in Montreal, a soda water maker in Guelph, and a mowing machine manufacturer in Charlottetown. Nine traders have sold out or gone out of business, two grocers, and a general store man, Mr. Ash, of Centreville, among them. M. Wiley, of Ripley, has left the country. There have been twenty attachments issued, four of them against general store men, who are : Lewis Allen, Odessa; F. T. Authier, Compton ; Anderson & Bruce, Cumnock ; W.O. Luscombe, Sault St. Marie; three against grocers, the rest milliners, shoe dealers, harness makers, blacksmiths, &c. Four assignments are reported. John Greenlees, lumber dealer, of this city, making one of them. G. W. Dawson, of Bathurst, N.B., and E. Burnham & Co., Digby, N.S., general dealers, are seeking an extension; M. Brown, of Lockeport, N.S., offers a compromise. Messrs. Gibbs & Brother. millers, Oshawa, have dissolved partnership, Mr. W. H. Gibbs retiring.

Among Manitoba items of recent date we find those given below :-- Ice was running plentifully down the Red and Assiniboine rivers on the 30th ult.-Dodge's fleet of 12 flat-boats, the last of the season, came into Winnipeg on the 20th.-Winter rates of fare by stage \$16.50, to Fisher's Landing, went into force on the 1st inst. Wheat is quoted at Prince Albert, N.W.T. by the Battleford Herald, at \$1.40 per bushel .--Sixty-six dray licenses have been issued this year in Winnipeg; surely a larger proportion of dray-power to the population than any town in Eastern Canada -- Indian summer at Fort Garry on the 4th inst., and the ferry boats running on the river.-Coal sells in Winnipeg at \$17 to \$18 per ton ; Fargo, Dakotah, luxuriates in it, says the Free Press, at \$9.50 per ton, about half the figure. Why is this? Does echo reply "Kittson Line ?"-The rails are authentically reported laid to within seven miles of the boundary line, on the American side, 17 miles of the track being laid on the Winnipeg end of the Pembina branch. The express messengers have been ordered, after this week, to travel by rail to Pembina, and thence by stage.

THE London grocery firm of Tytler & Rose were doing fairly at retail, but they went into jobbing, and lost more thereby than they made by their expansion. A composition at 75 cents in the dollar was granted them, with 15 months to pay it in. This, we presume, they did not meet, for Messrs. Adams have issued an attachment against them. They show a surplus of \$5,000, over liabilities of \$30,495; their assets include \$15,000 in stock, and \$10,800 in book debts.

AMERICAN papers sometimes captiously object that our wrecking law is impolitic, provoking, and inhuman; that a Canadian tug is never or rarely to be had if American vessels get into difficulty on our coasts, &c. To the last complaint we submit the following list of wreckers as an answer :--There is a powerful wrecking tug at Kingston; the Metamora is lying at Sarnia; the Prince Arthur at Windsor; the Jessie at Malden; the Parker at Grand River, and powerful tugs are always to be had at Port Dalhousie and in Toronto harbor.



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#### THE RESULTS OF FAILURES.

The causes of Canadian failures, during the last few years, have been dwelt upon often enough to make the acquaintance of the business community with them tolerably complete. It is probable, however, that the *results* of these failures are neither so much dwelt upon nor so well understood. If one were to consider them merely as a theorist, and to reason them out to a logical conclusion, taking no account of what is daily to be seen in the business world, one might readily conclude thus:

Something over 6,800 traders or firms have failed since the close of 1874, owing, in round numbers, \$98,000,000. From the close resemblance to each other of the figures in each year-for, by the close of 1878, at the present ratio, 1800 traders, owing \$25,000,000, will have failed for four years annually-it may be inferred that in some such ratio represents the yearly number of people who are either altogether de trop in the mercantile field, or who lack the elements of commercial success. Now, theorising, as we have said, it would be natural to say: These people have failed in the race, some of them repeatedly; their obvious duty is to retire from the trade : their capital has been unproductive, and wrongly employed. They being removed, and wisdom having been learned from past lessons, banks, manufacturers and old country houses will take care that their places are not filled with 1,800 new men, but that the remaining fifty odd thousands of the trading class shall have all the better chance. Thus, the business of the country will be distributed amongst the merchants who are left ; renewals, accomodation paper, reciprocal securities, will be less frequent, better profits on goods will become possible, and the whole mercantile atmosphere will be purer.

Such, we submit, would be a fair argument from the premises laid down, if one regarded only what *ought* to be, as admitted that business men lost faith in others, and

a thousand times by those amongst us who think much about such things. Let us see how the actual condition of affairs compares with the sketch.

That there are fewer general store keepers relatively in business, we believe ; but their number has by no means been lessened at all in the ratio indicated above. Men are still found who blindly want to try "an easy life," and to put some money into a country stock, and wholesale merchants exist, even yet, who have a fondness for supply accounts, and will help retailers to start, whether possessing capital or not.

No one can fail to see that the numerous failures of the past four years have reduced the standard of business morality among insolvents, if they have not done so generally in our business community. One insolvent said lately. "that people had a false notion about failure altogether. He never knew what it was to be comfortable till he failed." and this shameless feeling will undoubtedly reproduce itself. Can we wonder, then, if relief in insolvency should be sought by the unprincipled, even after the advent of better times ? The family of a trader, being brought up with the idea that failure does not involve the sacrifice of any comfort or luxury, helps to spread an immoral leaven in the community. At a large ball recently given in one of our cities, it was remarked that some thirty insolvents figured on the floor, while many of their creditors denied, or had to deny, themselves the pleasure of being present. The female portion of the community naturally thought it was better to be the former than the latter.

There is no doubt that before insolvency is reached, most men do all they can to avert it. Their efforts to do this have included many doubtful practices, perhaps not stopping short of forgery-in one or two cases, we know, it did not stop short of this-but there are other cases that probably have not seen, and never will see, the light of day. Too frequently "debts of honor" have been ignored. The accomodation note has become more familiar than before; exchanging notes and redrawing are, we are told, also more common than ever. It would be well if, in such cases, familiarity bred contempt, but experience shows that it does not work in that way.

So protracted a period of failures has also resulted in a loss of confidence. When people are found failing who never failed before; when questionable practices and sentiments were found to exist where the reverse was expected; when the shrinkage in values was slowly extinguishing the capital of hundreds, it was scarcely strange that business men lost faith in others, and

even faltered in their loyalty to themselves. We may expect to see the prices of general merchandise ruling low until insolvencies lessen greatly, for, after settlement, the next step is usually to slaughter goods. Country storekeepers think themselves the only sufferers from such competition, but this is a great mistake. Wholesale houses have the same complaint to make as they have, and the same difficuly to meet, with perhaps less chance of buying out the competitor. What is true of goods will also, we believe, apply to shares of all kinds. Prices will be lower, apart from the influence that loss by failures has on the value of bank stocks and property, there will be fewer persons to buy and sell, or more properly "speculate in stocks," and the regular operators in them, will value them by another rule than popular fancy. This should give us more uniform prices, which will in itself be a decided advantage to those properly engaged in real estate and stocks of different kinds.

Welcome results of our half decade of insolvencies which may be expected are greater economy, concentration and system. Economy in the household is a lesson imposed upon many by the events of the past few years, and it was needed; the like virtue may be practised with advantege in the warehouse and the counting house. By concentration we mean the adherence of a trader more closely to his proper business. "Flush times" and easy money had given to many a trader, with moderate means, the disposition and opportunity for outside ventures, which he was safer without adopting.

Consignments of heavy goods to this country are likely, we think, to be less frequent in future; at any rate they will not come from the same houses whose experience in Canada in these lines has been the reverse of profitable, mainly because of our frequent insolvencies. It is unfortunately true, however, that there are always some houses in Europe who are anxious to push a trade, and we can never be entirely free from speculative stocks thus sent out.

There is already a tendency to reduce stocks in country stores. With some, this move was a necessity, but it appears that the relief it occasioned was palpable enough to induce them to continue the policy as a matter of prudence. Lighter stocks among wholesale merchants also are clearly indicated by the circumstances through which we have passed. Similar profits necessitate, and will not be long in bringing about smaller expenses. The business community need to remember that we can no longer profit by the demand occasjoned by the American war, and that our sails must be trimmed to meet the different weather of to-day.

#### THE COST OF LIVING.

The daily papers are giving up a portion of their space to the discussion of the question of early marriages. In this question, the cost of living is a large factor, but still only a factor. All the writers, editors and correspondents, refer to it; and it is not surprising that there is the widest difference in the opinions that find expression. A Bank Clerk cannot think of marrying on \$800 a year; while a Barrister has a receipt for bringing up a family on \$600. In England, barristers, as a class, do not make as much as they spend; whence it follows that, as a class, they must be in possession of considerable private means. Of course there are barristers and barristers. While this one tells the public that he can live on \$600 a year, the possibility need not be denied; but it remains true that a leading advocate should be able to spend more than that sum in books alone, for several vears. The late Mr. J. H. Cameron's bill for books was \$3,000 a year for several years. A barrister who can live on \$600 a year must starve his intellect, and be content not to make way in the world.

A bank clerk ought not to be required to live in the style of a barrister; and whatever a book-keeper in a mercantile firm can live on that ought he also to be able to live on. But this requires some qualification. Many bank clerks are in "society," while the president and cashier may be out, either by choice or necessity. The world is upside down; or rather the financial apex is not always identical with the social apex of the pyramid. It is because things are out of joint that a bank clerk cannot, or thinks he cannot, marry on a salary that some how suffices for a book-keeper in a merchant's office. We fear bank clerks seldom make the most of their opportunities. There is a career for such of them as have the capacity and will prepare themselves for it; but we think that, as a class, they are not given to study. Many of them prefer lounging away their leisure at a club to trying to master the mysteries of political economy; and it is this preference, indulging the desire of present enjoyment rather than undertake the harder task of self-culture, that throws them back and condems them to be drudges for life. But, in any event, the majority could not rise above the positions which they may reasonably hope to occupy, if they be merely dili-

study. That majority has dropped into a social sphere which is too expensive for their means; and to them marriage implies a social descent.

The ghost of Malthus might explain all this. Here is a country into which we import labor, at considerable cost : but in which, nevertheless, whole classes cannot afford to indulge the luxury of early marriage. It is not so much a question of mere subsistence, as fear of descent in the social scale; and that fear, talk as we will. will always be one of the strongest motives of human action.

To come down to hard-pan, it may not be amiss to see on what sum the average well-fed laborer can live. The Labor Report of the State of Massachusetts, for 1876, gives \$550 as the yearly sum on which a laborer's family of five can live. At the same time, the wages of the laborer himself is only \$482, to which that of wife and children add \$211.25. Besides this. the average laborer receives from other sources \$38 more; so that he has a total income of \$674.89, while he can support his family for \$550 a year. The scale of prices, in 1876, was somewhat higher in Massachusetts than in Canada; but not enough higher to justify us in concluding that a Canadian barrister can maintain a family on \$74.89 less than it takes to support that of the average Massachusetts laborer.

It is an universal truth that there are persons in all countries, large numbers in most, of marriageable age who cannot afford to enter into wedlock. If the question were one of subsistence merely, as it is with the poorest class, it would not be difficult to solve; but it is complicated with social considerations which it is impossible to ignore, and which constitute the greatest difficulty.

## SILVER AS A LEGAL TENDER.

Some persons may think that Canada need not concern herself about what India does in the matter of her metallic currency; that whether she adheres to the silver standand or adopts that of gold can be no concern of ours. We are not at all certain that this conclusion would be correct. Intelligence has come, by way of England, that "the government of India contemplates the adoption of a gold currency, making English gold coins a legal tender throughout the country." It is added that "the importation of bar silver will probably be prohibited after a given time, and the rupee and small coins be used as fractional currency." This means, practically, that gent in business, without giving time to India proposes to abandon the silver stand-

ard and to substitute that of gold, retaining silver only as change. If this were done, it would be difficult for other nations which still use the bi-metallic standard, hereafter to maintain it.

When Germany demonetized silver, she threw on the market of the world very large quantities of that metal. India was the country to which it chiefly found its way. It was purchased at lower prices than had previously ruled; but this cheapness, so far from being an advantage to India, had the effect of lessening the value of the whole of her silver currency, which was much larger in amount than what Germany had discarded. The United States followed the example of Germany; and the possibility of other nations doing likewise tended still further to depreciate the value of silver. The large production of this metal, in the United States, had some tendency to accelerate the downward movement. The United States, after a while, began to question the wisdom of what it had done, in this particular, and Congress d\_creed the remonetization of silver. At the same time, it invited a Congress of nations to consider the question of retaining the double standard, where it existed and of adopting it where it did not. The Congress met, but it did not respond to the wishes of the conveners. It left the question nearly where it was before. The able French Minister of Finance, one of the first economists of the day, hesitated to commit himself to demonetizing so large a portion of the metallic currency of that country as silver forms.

One effect of Germany ceasing to use silver as a standard was to prevent other European nations, even such as adhered to the bi-metallic standard, coining the usual amount of that metal, though some of them are still bound to one another to use it, at a conventional value as compared with gold. India found herself in the position of having to adjust an adverse balance of trade in coin, and the only coin she could pay in was silver. But the old ratio of value which silver bore to gold no longer existed; and it took a larger amount of silver than before to pay a debt measured by a gold valuation. Two results followed : a decline in the India trade, and a heavy tax on India in the shape of an adverse condition of the exchanges. This latter item became so serious that apparently the Indian Government is going to attempt to escape from the burthen by the adoption, for her standard, of that metal in which she is obliged to pay her debts in Europe.

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We repeat, if she does this, it must become difficult, if not impossible, for other countries to retain the bi-metallic standard ; for the decline in silver would be so great as to make the conventional proportion between it and gold altogether arbitrary. Silver would become altogether useless for purposes of international exchange. If the effect were, as we think it would be, to do away with the bi-metalic standard everywhere, a general decline of prices must follow; for it would be impossible to fill the vacuum in the currency by paper, since a large part of the basis on which convertible paper can alone rest, would have been removed. There are in the world \$3,750,000,ooo of gold, and \$3,000,000,000 of silver money. If the silver cease to be a legal tender, except for change, as it has always been in some countries, a general decline in prices must follow; for prices always bear a relation to the whole amount of currency, and as we have said, paper could not be substituted for the displaced silver, to any thing like its full extent. The countries which have heretofore had only the gold standard, and silver only for change, including England and Canada, would be less affected by the change than those which use both metals indifferently. They would suffer from the diminished resources of their customers, as has happened in the case of England, from which India has recently drawn reduced supplies, from the mere circumstance of a decline in the value of silver.

#### LIGHT FROM NEW YORK.

In municipal as in other kinds of government, there is much to be learned from experience. And there are few cities which have had so varied an experience as New York. No less than three thousand laws have been passed relating to its government. It has tried, among other things, the control of departments by commissions; and as this experiment finds advocates in Canada, it is worth while to see how it has worked where it has been tried. An article in the current number of the North American Review, on the Financial Resources of New York, by Mr. R. Martin, supplies the necessary information. "An appeal to the Legislature of the State," Mr. Martin says, "introduced the system of commissions. The departments of city administration were some of them placed under boards of several commissioners. It divided power between the two political parties ; it introduced bargaining; it destroyed efficiency; it stood between the agent and responsibility. Like all foreign domination it became tyrannical." And in the city of Washington, government by commissions became thoroughly corrupt; Boss Sheppard, of Washington, was quite as corrupt as Boss Tweed, of New York.

In New York, street improvements are charged against the property, in the shape of a frontage tax; and the experience of that city shows that the improvements made sometimes cost more than the whole value o the property. Up-town boulevards cost from three quarters of a million to a million of dollars a mile. The local improvements cost ten millions of dollars a square mile; "a sum sufficient to cover the land with average buildings." What followed? "The land has fallen to a price less than the assessment and taxes. The owners have disappeared. The growth of the city has stopped." " The same things," it is added, "are true of other parts of the city." Forty millions expended upon an unoccupied region, part by the city and part by the owners, north of Fiftieth street, are dead and unproductive. We need not fear any such extravagance as this in our Canadian cities: but this experience warns us that if local improvements are to be made at the cost of owners of the land, their consent should, as a rule, be requisite.

Villages within twenty-five miles of New York are looked upon as suburbs of that city. If these were within the taxable area of New York, the rate of taxation, now 2.55, would be greatly reduced. This is an important point for the future of our cities. In proportion as their limits are circumscribed, their taxable area is lessened, and an objectionable neighborhood may be created.

Mr. Martin insists strongly on the right and duty of making the city railways contribute to the revenue of the city. It would have been easy to do it, in advance, as a condition of the grant; and he holds that "it can be required now as the condition of inevitable future privileges." The point is well worth considering in any system of municipal finance.

New York suffers from the effects of a lower valuation of property in the county than in the city. She collects the State tax along with her own; and as her assessment is relatively higher than that in the country, she pays more than her fair proportion. Some Canadian cities, which have a partnership with counties in jail and Court house accommodation, sufter in the same way. In these instances, there is need of some means of equalization, such as is practiced both in Canada and the States; but with this proviso, that it should be judicial and not partisan. With us, this function might perhaps safely be entrusted to the County judges.

-The average profit made by the National Banks of the United States in 1877 was only 5.62 on capital and surplus, and it is not expected to be greater in 1878.

#### THE FISHERY AWARD.

The time draws near for the payment by the United States of the Fishery Award of \$5,500,000. A section of the American press recommends the withholding of payment, on the ground that reclamation is being made by the United States for the interference of a mob of Newfoundland fishermen with certain American fishermen on the coast of the island, last January. But the two questions are entirely distinct. In the present state of the evidence, it appears that the fishermen of both countries were, on that occasion, in the wrong. The Americans seem to have been violating the Treaty as well as the laws of Newfoundland. Even Mr. Evarts will not centend that they had any right to violate the Treaty, though he might raise a question on the facts; and he does claim for American fishermen freedom from the operation of local laws. It is not less certain that the Newfoundland fishermen were wrong in taking the law into their own hands. An act which cannot be defended ought to be disclaimed, and, if necessary, apologized for. In refusing to defend the wrong, we shall gather additional moral force in upholding the right.

The British Government is said to be seeking further information on the subject from the Government of Newfoundland. It is difficult to see how the common right of fishing which the Americans enjoy can give them rights which British subjects do not possess Mr. Evarts, without formally making that claim, contemns the authority by which the limits of the common right were defined ; and claims for the States an equal voice with Great Britain in the making of regulations for the conduct of the fishery. In the meantime, British subjects, who are bound by existing regulations, would be at a disadvantage in their own waters, if Mr. Evarts' view prevailed. The claim is one which we believe the United States Government has never before put forward, though the words respecting the common right of fishery in the Treaty of Washington are copied from the Convention of 1818.

Unfortunately there is always a tendency, in the parties directly interested in these disputes, to attempt to supersede judicial action by obtrusive force on the scene of the difficulty. Such a course ought to discountenanced on both sides. If the Americans pay the award they can, with a better grace, ask an apology for the irregular action of the Newfoundland fishermen. The case, so far as we know at present, seems hardly to be one for compensation, since men have not a right to compensation for having been prevented from taking what they were attempting to take in an irregular and illegal way.

#### CONSIDER THE QUESTION.

There is a strong feeling on the part of not a few experienced business men in Canada that the prevailing evils of compositions, and the rehabilitation of insolvent traders, will not be done away with so long as the Insolvent Act is in force; that the tendency of that law, and the administration of it by assignees, is in the direction of retaining superfluous traders in business.

On the other hand, there is a great deal to be said in favor of the necessity for such an enactment: which, it is contended, if obeyed in the proper spirit forms a protection to general creditors against the preferred payment of any one, and should work no harm, but good to the honest trader.

A continuance of insolvencies, compromises, and consequent reduction of profits by slaughtered stock, must in time bring down the strongest men we have in business. No house, or group of houses even, but must succumb to the levelling force of such unfair competition as theirs who pay 25 cents in the dollar for their goods. It is needful, therefore, that every merchant should give attention to the causes of troubles so grave, and which are lifting but slowly, if at all.

Another effort is likely to be made before Parliament assembles, to have the Act temporarily suspended; and the suggestion has been made that such an Act should only come into force for a twelve-month every five years, in order that deserving but unfortunate men may be relieved. Can nothing be done to elicit mercantile opinion and to promote concert upon such a question? The Boards of Trade of our cities and towns might each profitably elicit the views of its members, and interchange their resolutions with similar bodies in other towns. The Dominion Board of Trade might collect these and apply them. Or, would not the Chambers of Commerce, or the merchants in any town where no such body exists. appoint delegates to attend a meeting at, say Montreal or Toronto, to consider whether the Insolvent Act is alone to blame for the condition of things, and publicly to discuss trade subjects which, as has been said, are important enough indeed to form the subject of a Parliamentary commission. We throw out these suggestions for rousing or reaching commercial opinion upon matters whereon a few think and feel deeply, but the many do not think at all in proportion to their moment.

#### TRADE AND THE TARIFF.

We are permitted to publish the following extracts from a private letter from a

gentleman occupying a prominent position in mercantile circles : "I cannot help seeing the very unprofitable character of nearly all branches of Canadian trade. The paying capacity of the great body of the consuming community is so much less than it was during the decade 1862-1872, that our merchants have never yet been able to quite believe in it, and prefer to go on, hoping that the hard times would pass away and leave us just as prosperous as before. They will not allow themselves to believe that the prosperity which made Canada rich in the period named arose out of an exceptional state of things in the United States, which we are not likely to see again.

From 1861 to 1872, Canada found a ready and profitable market for everything she produced, lumber, agricultural produce, fish, &c., &c., and became rich and prosperous. This has all changed; the U.S. supply themselves with all these articles, and more than that, they are supplying us with some of them, and are doing their best to take away from our native manufacturers their home markets for nearly all kinds of goods made in Canada.

I fear too much is expected of the new Government. It would be a mistake to copy the American Tariff, which in some respects needs revision far more than the Canadian, and this is saying a good deal. We need such changes as the changed condition of our trading relations with the United States would seem to indicate. The Premier knows well that it is not in the power of any tariff to give us back the days of active and profitable demand from the U. S. for everything we produced. This demand gave us the means to sustain a large trade, and enabled some of our wholesale dry goods houses to sell as much as \$2,000,-000 worth of goods in a year. That is gone, and for ever, and we must make the best of the position.

The Tariff can be so arranged that American products of all kinds will be practically kept at home, and this country become as free from Yankee goods as it was from 1861 to 1872. The tariff can do that much, but not more, and nothing more should be attempted."

#### FAILURE OF MCKILLOP'S COMMERCIAL AGENCY

The American agency, known of late as the McKillop-Sprague Company, and which in former years existed under the firm name of Tappan, McKillop & Co., has suspended payment, and its affairs show an extremely meagre prospect for creditors. As this concern was doing business in Canada, having offices in several

cial composition of a company which has for years been a valuator o the credit and resources of business men. To begin at the end, its clerks have not been paid for two weeks, and the amount put down as being due employees, is \$15,000. The concern owes its printer \$40,-000 ; its several bankers \$37,000 ; the Boston Belting Company. \$415,000 ; but what it owes its clients for unexpired subscriptions, or its subscribers for monies collected and not paid over, is not stated, that item must, however, be a very heavy one. This Boston Belting Company liability is, by the way, a curious item; it is thus explained in the New York Tribune, of Monday last :-

" Mr. John P. Tappan, of the Boston Belting Company, in 1875, ordered an examination of the books of the company, which was organized in 1872. The capital stock was placed at \$200,-000, with no entry on the books to show what it was represented by. The officers then made a statement showing the assets to be: Records and books, \$150,000; furniture and partitions, \$50,000; and type and material, \$50,000. It was shown that Mr. Tappan had loaned the company the Boston Belting Company's paper for a large amount which, at the time of the failure of the latter company, reached \$215,000. The present McKillop-Sprague Company capi-talized this obligation, thus increasing the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$600,000 ! Mr. Tappan turned over to the creditors of the Belting Company his claim on the commercial agency, and the efforts of the receiver to realize on this debt have caused the embarrassment of the McKillop-Sprague Company. Messrs. Clarke & Sprague, the present managers-McKillop having retired from the company over a year ago-have been negotiating with the receiver to buy out the Tappan claim. \$100,000 was at first demanded, and finally it was agreed that they should pay \$25,000 cash for the claim, and should run the commercial agency. Thus far they have not been able to raise this money. The payment of Subscriptions to the July publication, due in January, have been anticipated, and the company is without means even to pay its hands."

A melancholy look out, this, for the 100 clerks of the bankrupt concern in New York, and for the clerks in its forty or fifty branch offices throughout the country whose occupation is gone at a day's notice, and whose chances of realizing any of their arrears of salary from such assets as "furniture partitions, agency records and other books," is remote. And a clear loss to such merchants as subscribe for its reports. A company which boasted an annual revenue of a million, and which has handled large sums of clients money in past due debts collected should certainly possess some more tangible resources than the very dubious assets enumerated above. It is estimated that the amount of collection monies lost to merchants, by the failure of weak or worthless agencies of this kind in New York, during the past twelve months, is over \$800,000. These are large figures, and should make merchants cautious about trusting their collections to associations with little back bone or none. If they give their monies or their confidence to concerns of the kind without responsibility, the principle is the same as if they were crediting customers who had no capital. There is a further resemblance ; in the business world cities, it may be of interest to look at the finan- there are too many selling goods, so there would

appear to have been too many agencies selling information, for among the alleged causes of this McKillop Company failure is the fact that competition had lowered prices beyond a paying point. It is manifest that, in this business as in any other business, capital is needed if one's career is to be successful, and one's establishment serviceable and lasting.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK LUMBER TRADE.

A considerable lessening in the export of deals and lumber this season as is apparent from the figures published below, which show that ex-Ports from St. John of timber and lumber are sixteen per cent. less than last year, and those of the Miramichi about thirty per cent. less. The St. John shipments from the 1st of November in each year, and the ports to which the goods were sent, were as follows :

	1878	. 1	1877.			
	Deals. s. ft.	Birch. tons.	Deals. s. ft.	Birch. tons.		
Liverpool London Bristol Channel Clyde Ireland Other ports in the United Kingdom	12,097,000	6 187	76,171,000 12,363,000 18,811,000 4,330,000 52,627,000 11,852,000	6 1,267		
Continent, etc Totals	13,135,000 171,167,000	7,250	28,639,000 	·		

And of pine timber, the quantities were 2,421 tons in 1878 against 1,127 tons in 1877, showing an increase in this particular article; while 33,500,000 feet of deals less, and 4,700 tons of birch timber less, were sent abroad.

The exports of lumber and timber from the Miramichi, during the season which closed by the despatch last week of the last vessel from that river, were less than in 1877 by nearly a third. The tonnage cleared from Chatham was 76.712 tons, by five firms, Messrs. J. B. Snowball, Wm. Muirhead, Guy, Bevan & Co., Alex. Morrison, and R. A. & J. Stewart; and from Newcastle, 21,317 tons by four firms, Messrs. D. & J. Ritchie & Co., Gilmour, Rankin & Co., Geo. Burchill, and Hamilton & Fish—in all, 118,029 tons.

The total shipments from the Miramichi for the year 1878, under each heading is as follows :

Ends	5,581,339 3,755,917 4,113,748 1,278,698
Total	4,729,702 s. ft. 3,055,131 pcs. 38,100 " 66 tons.

The total shipments for 1877 were, 149,338, 593 s. ft. deals, etc., besides 5,409,166 palings. Those for 1876 were, 116,762,861 feet deals, &c., (which phrase includes deals, battens, scantling, ends and boards), and 5,038,524 palings.

#### INSTRUCTION TO INSURANCE AGENTS AND COMPANIES BY THE COURTS.

Under this caption we have an address prepared for the ninth annual meeting of the Fire Underwriters' Association of the Northwest, by David Beveridge, of Chicago. We would be glad to make room did our space permit for the whole of this interesting document. Hitherto, agents' instructions have embraced simply such subjects as the application, the character of the risk, the moral hazard and the effect of concealment. Some respectable brochures have been published on these subjects, and an ordinary man might, if he attended to the information which they contain, become a very fair agent.

But they are in the main defective; they do not deal with the conditions of insurance, nor do they explain to the agent the effect of any act or omission on his part, when he fills up an application for insurance instead of the applicant himself. Numerous instances are given to show the responsibility of the agent, and the decisions of the United States Courts which Mr. Beveridge cites are, as a rule, adverse to the company where the insured has been led by the representations and omissions of the agent to violate a condition of insurance. If a policy be issued on an incomplete application, the company must be held to have waived its defects. Neglect by the company to have the enquiries relative to further insurance or encumbrance answered, would, in the event of defence being set up on the ground of the existence of further insurance or encumbrance, be held to be a waiver of the condition requiring notice. Many of the decisions cited differ from our Canadian precedents. But there is no doubt that at the present time there is a great leaning on the part of certain of our judges towards American precedents; and there is no telling how far they may go. Mr. Beveridge's address is, therefore, only in a degree less interesting to the Canadian than it is to the American underwriter. We commend it to the careful perusal of all intelligent agents, and would be glad to see a similar code of instructions to agents of fire insurance by our Canadian courts. If country agents were better informed as to insurance law, and insurance practice, there would be fewer disputes and law suits between companies and insurants. There is much to be learned by many insurance representatives; and their better information as to the principles of the business, is needful, as well for the interests of themselves as their companies.

#### BANK ITEMS.

--"At this rate," says a New York journal, alluding to the Manhattan Bank robbery, "the most important election held by financial institutions will be that of janitor." And the *Public* goes on to say: "There are institutions in this city whose vaults cannot possibly be opened, either by the president or any other officer, without the presence or knowledge of another.

But the reports circulated on Monday would lead to the belief that there are other institutions which can be robbed, as easily as the Manhattan Savings was, whenever the janitor can be caught alone in the building. The secret of the vault ought never to be in possession of any person who can be left alone in charge of an institution which holds in trust the valuables of others. But a great robbery would hardly have been thought necessary to teach a lesson so simple. The actual loss of the institution in this case will probably be comparatively small, but the persons who had deposits in private boxes, guarded only by the fidelity of a weak messenger, have probably lost one thing which they will not soon recover-confidence in the excellence of that sort of management.

—The exchanges at the clearing houses of eighteen principal American cities, for the week ending Oct. 26th, were less in amount by 8.5per cent. than in the corresponding week of 1877, the figures being \$556,086,000 against \$607,461,000, aggregate clearings. The cities which show an increase this year are San Francisco (70 per cent.), St. Louis and Providence (19 per cent each), Syracuse and Louisville, All the others show a decline. In New York and Boston this is attributed to lessened stock sales; those at New York being but 934,000 shares against 1,072,000 in 1877. But the decline in prices and values accounts for much more.

—It is stated, as a warning to kite-flyers and high-class schemers, that on Monday last, Mons. Phillipart, a well-known French-Belgian railway contractor and financial kite-flyer, who was tried for embezzlement and breach of trust, was acquitted on those counts at Brussels, but has been sentenced to six months imprisonment for incurring large liabilities knowing his inability to meet them.

—The Bank of Commerce has purchased the property on the northwest corner of King and Sixth streets, in Chatham, at \$200 per foot. The store now upon the lot will be removed early in spring, and a three-story brick building erected for a banking house and manager's residence.

-- The agency of the Consolidated Bank at Berlin, is about to be removed into its handsome new office on the corner of King and Frederick streets in that town, being a portion of Stuebing's brick block recently erected.

-A disquieting incident has taken place at the Winnipeg, Manitoba, branch of the Bank of Montreal. Possibly the anxiety to avoid any such oocurrence as the then recent Manhattan Bank robbery in N.Y., induced the staff to change the combination of their safe. They did change it, and have been unable to open it for a whole week. An expert was brought thither from St. Paul, to remedy the matter.

-The local agency at Halifax, N.S., of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company has passed from the hands of Mr. Henry Pryor, who had long represented the company there, into the hands of Mr. C. J. Spike.

<sup>-</sup>The Quebec Bank has declared a dividend of three per cent. for the current half year.

#### CUSTOMS AND EXCISE RETURNS.

We give below the October receipts from Customs and Inland Revenue in a number of Canadian cities.

	Oct.'78.	Oct.'77.	Inc. or D.
Toronto Customs\$	182.603	8170.611	StLooz In
" Inland Rev.	67.356	48,306	19,050 In.
Halifax Customs	82.778	95.328	12,550 D.
" Inland Rev.	18.285	22,250	3,964 D.
St. John Customs	102.003	131,307	29,304 D.
" Inland Rev.	23.014	25,823	1,909 D.
Hamilton Customs,	80.300	80,681	290 D.
" Inland Rev.			
" Exp'ts Val.	45.203		
Ottawa Customs	15.240		
" Inland Rev.	13.207		
Believille Customs,	3.501	2,171	1,420 In.
" Inland Rev.	6.522	4,281	2,267 In.
" Exp'ts Val.	218 110	229,773	11,654 D.
London Customs	41 782	34,487	7,295 In.
" Inland Rev.	25 267		
Guelph Customs	25,207	17,998	7,269 In.
Montreal Customs3	5,010	6,334	724 D.
" Evn'to Val	501,500	392,000	31104 D
" Exp'ts Val	•••••	,312,574	

#### PAY YOUR BILLS.

The country press are giving some good service on this head to their readers. We append some specimens. The subject cannot be too much or too vigorously dwelt upon. It is a matter of business life or death to many a merchant nowadays to collect his outstandings, for if he do not he must be sued or fail.

SETTLE YOUR ACCOUNTS .- From all that we can learn this is not, on the whole, a hard year for settling up accounts ; in fact it is a great improvement on last year. It is true that there is not an overplus of money in the country, but people of all classes have been practising a rigid economy, which is doing a great deal to set the country on its feet again. On the whole, the prospects are brighter than last year, and we hope to see a general settling up.-Perth Expositor

SQUARE UP !- This is the imperative duty of the hour, and it is a duty that should be discharged just at this particular season. The man who can't pay now is not likely to be able to pay later on. For there is assuredly more money in circulation at a time when the farmer is disposing of his produce than when he has nothing to sell. Hence we say, not on behalf of the newspaper man only, but on behalf of business men of all classes-square up! Get that old account off your own mind and the mind of your creditor at once. It will be a relief to both and both will sleep sounder for it. Not only so, but it will help to make better times, for if everybody had his own in this world bad times would soon disappear .- Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

PAY UP !- The result of our request (for a settlement of past due accounts) has not been anything like what we had a right to expect, and we must again ask those who owe us to pay up without further delay. A great many subscribers residing in the country owe us for one, two and three years. Farmers have the money now. and are able to pay their debts if they were only willing .- Port Hope Times.

LORD DUFFERIN'S VICE-ROYALTY. - The compilation of such a narrative as that of "Canada Under the Administration of Lord Dufferin,"\* must have been very largely a labor

\*"Canada Urder the Administ ation of the Farl of Dufferin;" by George Stewart, Jr., author of Evenines' in the Library; The Story of the Great Fire, &c., &c. Toronto: Rose-Belford Publishing Co.

of love to one possessing the literary apprecia. tion of Mr. George Stewart. To have wrought in so rich a mine of rhetoric as that which the noble Earl's tours discovered-replying to 120 addresses in six weeks in an Ontario tour, and making uncounted speeches, each with something felicitous in it-must have afforded such keen enjoyment to the miner, as the result of his work cannot fail to do to every reader. This volume, a handsome crown octavo of 700 pages, is a Canadian product, paper, presswork, binding, engraving, (a steel portrait of the Earl by the British American Bank Note Company forms the frontispiece to the book) and authorship, are most creditable throughout. But this is not only a collection of the Governor General's speeches, it is a narrative of political events as well, and takes note of commercial and industrial happenings : the commencement of railways, the founding of factories, the extension of canals. The connected relation of the various trips made by Lord Dufferin to every Province, visits such as, in their number and extent no previous Canadian Viceroy has ever paid, is discriminatingly made. No section of the Dominion honored with a visit, but has been touched upon, and apparently no village whose loyal welcome of Her Majesty's representative has been ignored. We hope to give to our readers hereafter, some extracts from its contents. The book is dedicated to Parkman, the historian, whose charming volumes have done so much to elucidate Kiln Crossing," near Grosse Isle, in the river the early history of Canada.

MARINE INSURANCE OF NOVA SCOTIA .--- The following insurance companies engaged in marine business, have offices in Halifax, viz ;

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	Nova Scotia		
"	Merchants'	••	۰۰,
"	Ocean	44	**
"	Chebucto	**	44
* *	Atlantic	44	" "
" "	Merchants'	"	Montreal
**	Anchor	**	Toronto
٤.	Western	"	"
4 6	British	"	**
"	Royal	**	**

It is natural to suppose that so considerable a group of companies would have formed a Board of marine underwriters. But the reason this has not been done is, we are told, that there is there, as elsewhere, a lack of harmony amongst the representatives of companies. This want of harmony has prevented the issue of uniform policies. Although the experience of some of the Nova Scotia local and mutual companies has been very favourable, and they have declar. ed good dividends, there is still a good deal of low-priced insurance done. In summer coast rates being as low as  $\frac{1}{8}$  per cent.

-The value of barley shipped from Toronto to the United States during the month of October last was \$301,697 which represents probably 400,000 bush. The exports of wheat to that country during that month were of the value of \$68,426.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.—The employees on this road have been paid their arrears of wages up to the 25th October, a new departure which makes the men jubilant, and lends fresh vigor to their muscles. The new management purpose, we see it stated, to pay the men on the 15th of each month henceforth. The regular monthly meeting of the Board, consisting of Messrs. Lewis Ross, Geo. A. Cox, Lewis Wallbridge, and E. S. Vindin, was held on Thursday, October 17th, when important changes were made in the management of the road. Mr. Geo. A. Cox, President, was placed in full charge of the general running of the line, and management of offices. Mr. H. Read, who has been filling the office of Accountant, has been promoted to be Secretary and Treasurer. The freight and passenger agency has been added to the duties of Mr. H. G. Taylor, Superintendent. Mr. C. Percy and Mr. A. White apparently retire from all connection with the road. A considerable economy is effected by this re-arrangement of the staff, and from the good reputation of the new manager, there is reason to think that retrenchment, prompt and business-like management will now be the order of the day, and that the affairs of this long-mismanaged concern will steadily improve.

-A channel, 300 feet wide and 2,600 feet in length, with an even depth of 20 feet, is the work undertaken by Mr. Dunbar at the "Lime Detroit. Work was begun thereon last week, drilling to go on night and day. Our Government had already expended some \$16,000 in removing boulders from the channel at this point, where there is a reef of limestone, which was troublous even in the old days when passing craft drew but eight to ten feet water. But now that propellers of 1,500 tons, and barges drawing 14 feet water form the bulk of the traffic, half measures would no longer answer. The American Government, during its last session of Congress, made the first of a series of appropriations, \$100,000, for this work, which will cost \$400,000. In view of the enormous commerce of the great lakes, almost the whole of which passes through this strait, the work thus begun is as welcome as it is important.

-The railways had, in 1875, secured about half, and in 1876. nearly two-thirds of the grain carriage of the United States eastward. This year, however, and in 1877, the water routes have left the railways far behind, as the following tables of the movement of grain from eight western ports will show. The figures given are for four weeks in September, and three weeks in October, in the varions years :

	Rail.	Lake.	
_	Bush.		Total.
1878, 7 wee		28,484,693	37,522,573
1877, "	7,328,300	27,502,210	34.020.600
1876, "	12,398,628	17.895.720	30,207,348
1875, "	9,210,892	18,785,869	27,996,761
This table :	shows, besides	, that over	two and a
half million	bushels of gra	in have go	ne forward
thus far thi	s year more th	an last.	

-The exports to the United States from this city, and from Whitby, Port Hope, and Cobourg (these places being consular agencies of the consulate at Toronto) amounted in value during the quarter ending with September last, to \$958,512 against \$946,512 in the same quarter of 1877. The figures for the preceding quarters show a decrease as compared with last year of \$101,512, in June, and \$20,988 in March. The principal items which go to make up the total of \$3,923,754 for the twelve months ending September, are :

Lumber	\$ 968,757
Live animals	220,350
Wool	163,980
Peas	136,430
Hides and Skins	47,051
Spirits	37,510
Malt	24,996

-The exports to the United States from Stratford, for the year ending with September, 1878, as compared with 1877, are given by the Consular Agent there as under : Total value in 1878, \$714,215. Total value in 1877, \$620,560; an increase this year of \$93,655, or 13.1 per cent. The following are the principal items in the list :

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	Value in	Value in
	1878.	1877.
Barley	\$200,874 30	\$136,689 40
Cattle	26,658 00	26,894 81
Eggs	101,002 52	84,965 65
riax	88,948 25	94,671 I7
Horses	38,592 75	26,956 50
Oil Cake	42,473 50	41,590 00
Peas	14,196 00	23,189 95
Sheep and Lambs	122,019 11	138,388 27
Wheat	54,994 00	2,520 00

-Hamilton has exported to the United States during October, states the Consular Agent there, grain, animals and goods to the value of \$45,203.05. In addition to peas, malt, potatoes, hides and skins, the following items are given in the list:

Articles.	Values.	
Animals	\$ 6,909 50	
Barley	11,102 70	1
Sewing Machines	3,507 85	
VV 001	2.020 75	
wheat .	8,280 00	
Miscellaneous	10.286 65	
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Total	\$45,203 05	

-We understand that the chief Canadian managership of the Royal Insurance Company, vacant by the death of the late Mr. Routh, has been conferred on Mr. .M H. Gault, M.P., of Montreal. The appointment is an excellent one; Mr. Gault's experience and knowledge of insurance are unquestionable, and in selecting him to manage an old and great company such as the Royal, an excellent choice has been made.

The imports of the United States for the twelve months ending September 30th were in 1878, \$468,273,000, and in 1877 \$433,530,000. The exports for the years were in 1878 \$728,-256,000, against for 1877 \$608,318,000.

-We have excellent authority for stating that the pooling arrangements between the Montreal and Dominion Telegraph Companies are not yet completed.

#### insurance.

FIRE RECORD.—Anderdon, Oct. 30th.—A new frame house, owned by Thos. B. White, was burned to night. Loss, \$700; insurance, \$300.

Tidnish, N.S., 28th.—Capt. Brundage's lobster cannery burned. Loss, \$2500; insured in Imperial for \$1000.

Windsor, Oct. 28th.—Edward Barrett's frame building burned; loss, \$1,600; insurance, \$600. Mr. Taylor, tenant, lost some furniture.

Ottawa, Oct. 31.—Mr. Johnston's house partially burned. Loss, \$500; covered by insurance.

Chatham, N.B., Oct. 26.—John Falconer's barn, with grain and 40 tons hay, destroyed by fire; not insured; cause, children playing with matches.

Annandale, P.E.I., Oct. 26.—James Johnson's house burned down. Insured in Canada F. & M. for \$2000.

Aylesford, N. S., Oct. 24th.- L. O. Neily's barn, 40 tons hay, and some grain burned, today. Loss, over \$800.

Martintown, Nov. 4th.—A fire began in outbuildings in rear of R. Conroy's hotel, and burned also A. McVean's, M. Gregor's, and D. T. Cresswell's out-buildings; stock of the latter damaged by removal. Total loss, \$3000 to \$4000. Conroy alone partially insured.

Montreal, Nov. 4.—Fire took place in A. Lafortune's grocery to-night; damage, \$3000. Insurance, \$2500 in Ætna of Hartford.

London, Nov. 5.—The treating house of Minhinnick & Geary's refinery was destroyed by fire. Loss probably \$6000.

Welland, 1st Nov.—White's livery stable burned; loss \$3,000; no insurance; Jamieson's borber shop; no insuranee; T. F. Brown's Fraser House hotel, loss \$4,000; nearly covered by insurauce. Mrs. Gibson loses \$250 by removal of goods, &c.

Morrisburg, Nov. 2.—W. C. Gibson's steam bakery burned down; \$2,000 insurance in Western; dwelling somewhat damaged, insured; sheds and stables of Exchange Hotel destroyed; Kilgour Bros.' furniture works, owned by Messrs. Meikle; total loss insured for \$9,000 in Western and other companies; Western also has \$1,000 on Kilgour's stock; Meikle's new block damaged; covered, as was their stock, in Royal and Phœnix; Smith & Montgomery's tailor shop injured, not insured.

Cow Bay, C. B.—A dwelling house at Longbeach, owned by Donald McDonald, of Little Glace Bay, has been destroyed by fire.

Kingston, Nov. 2.—The log house of H. McCaugherty, Pittsburgh township, was destroyed by fire. Insured for \$150 in the Hamilton Farmers' Mutual.

Lowville, Nov. 1.—The dwelling house owned by Thomas Brauns was destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$700; insured for \$300. Bowmanville, Ont.,—The dwelling house

owned by Thos. Brouns was totally destroyed by fire. Loss \$700, insured for \$300 Mr.

Ottawa, Nov., 1.—A house owned by Mr. Johnston, in the west end of the city was partially destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$500.

St. Thomas, 1st.—Freek's brick-yard shed took fire and the buildings, engines, and machines were destroyed. Loss placed at \$1,500; not insured.

Port Elgin, Nov. 6th.—A fire destroyed the barn and contents of Frederick Koebke near here, and the summer's crops. Loss \$2,000, insured in Waterloo Mutual for \$1,200.

Montreal, Nov. 6.—A fire occured in Sutherland's stationery warehouse this morning. Stock damaged by water; insured for \$5,000 in the Royal Canadian, British America, North British and Mercantile.

INSURANCE EATEN UP BY EXPENSE .--- A glance at the reports of the insurance departments for the years 1877-8, shows that the business of insurance is being ruined by extravagant expense in management. A general average approaches the alarming figure of forty per cent. of receipts. This showing indicates a wanton disregard of prudent economy, and betrays a disposition to indulge in prodigality, bordering on criminality. This lavish expenditure of substance in conduc. ting insurance, cannot but result in the extinction of dividends and the final collapse of the companies engaged in it. No legitimate business can sustain so heavy and wholly unjustifiable an expense as 40 per cent. of the volume of its receipts. It is useless to imagine that rates, through a revival of the board system can be raised to a point which will sustain companies upon the present high pressure basis. The insuring public will not tolerate in these days such reckless extravagance, if they are to pay the bills by way of premiums. The cost of insurance has been permanently reduced, so far as the assured is concerned, and it remains for insurance companies to shape their business accordingly. They must reduce expenses in keeping with the reduction in their premiums, for losses and expenses are figured in dollars and cents, and not in percentages. Let companies lay the axe to the root of the evil, and cut down salaries and commissions 33 per cent. as a com-mencement, and go through the entire list of expenses within their control upon this basis. For the present, the days of palaces and princely incomes at the peoples' expense is over.-Argus, N.Y.

#### RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

	We endi		Total earnings.		Increase or decrease
G. T. R	Nov.	2	\$191,277	\$217,454	\$26,177D.
G. W. R		I	88,365	101,884	17,519D
N. R. R I. C. R			15,792	17,395	1,633D
Midland			6,833	7.700	867 D
T. G. N. B			10 687	8,887	1,8 .01.
T. & N W. P. & L			3,934	4,847	913D

#### SHIPPING NOTES.

The Sarnia and Lake Superior steamer "Que bec" ran on a reef N. W. of Cockburn Island, Lake Huron, during a snow storm last Sunday. She had a heavy cargo of merchandise, &c., for upper ports, which was insured, though the boat was not, and lay, at last account, with several feet of water in her hold.

Schooner "Star," of Coburg, from Port Stanley to Kingston with wheat and peas, dragged anchor in a gale and sank at Charlotte piers, where she is abandoned to the underwriters, crew saved. Cargo insured in Anchor, and hull

in Western for \$7,500. Steam barge "Jacques Cartier" and scow "Faith" ashore and lost near Goderich; Schooner "M. C. Cameron" also ashore at that

Schooner "M. C. Cameron also ashore at that point on the 30th ult. Schooner "Centreville," oats, P. E. I. for Halifax, is ashore and a wreck in St. Andrews Channel, near Canso. Hull not insured; cargo partially.

Partially. Schooner "Four Brothers," potatoes, P. E. I. forBoston, ashore near Cranberry Island, Canso, on November 5th.

On the 4th instant the St. John schooner "Maggie L," from Point W lfe, deal laden, was wrecked in the Bay of Fundy. Vessel and cargo uninsured.

The storm which raged for several days last week along the eastern shore of and throughout the northern half of Lake Michigan is pronounced by sailors one of the severest that ever swept across the waters of the lake. Many vessels are wrecked along the shore from Grand Haven northward, and in some instances lives were lost.

The schooner John P. March, worth \$10,000, is reported lost, with a crew of four, at a good harbor, Little Traverse Bay.

Several schooners from Gaspe Basin are employed saving the damaged cargo of the wrecked steamer "Megantic" at Anticosti.

At Halifax, on Nov. 9th, the schooner "Mabel Clare" was reported a total wreck at Labrador. There is insurance on the cargo in Halifax offices to the amount of \$12,000.

St. John advices say that the St. John ship "Westfield," from Rotterdam for New York, put into St. Thomas dismasted and otherwise damaged.

#### A PAINSTAKING VICEROY.

" I should not like to be a Governor-General," was the blunt and boyish remark of the young Viscount Clandeboye, alluding to the fatigue his noble father underwent in his frequent progresses, and the hard work which could not fail to be implied by his constant reception of and replying to addresses. That His Excellency made personal acquaintance with a remarkable number of Canadian towns and villages in every Province, and took a practical interest in our mines, products and manufactures, will appear from the following interesting abstract of his journeyings:

Lord Dufferin landed in Quebec on the 25th of June, 1872, and proceeded thence to Ottawa. During the summer he paid visits of inspection to the Military Camps at Levis, Laprairie, Prescott and Kingston, witnessed the Provincial Exhibition at Hamilton, and the Western Fair at London, visited the oil wells of Petrolia, also Nigara Falls and Toronto.

In July, 1873, His Excellency sailed down the Gulf of St. Lawrence in the Druid, inspected the cod-fisheries of Gaspe, and Bay Chaleur, then to Charlottetown and Halifax; went, in miner's dress, into the Albion Mines at Picton, saw for himself the mineral richness of Cape Breton, looked in upon historic Louisburg, and after seeing St. John, not then devastated by fire, proceeded to Fredericton, Woodstock, and the lumber camp of the famous Gibson at Nashwaak, returning via River du Loup.

During the summer of 1874, leaving Quebec for Three Rivers, the cities and towns of Montreal, Kingston, Toronto Newmarket, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto Newmarket, Barrie, Orillia, Couchiching were successively reached. The Indian settlement in Rama, and after Gravenhurst and Bracebridge the Ojibbeway encampment near Lake Rosseau, were visited. Next Collingwood, Owen Sound, Killarney, Little Current and the aboriginal settlements on the Manitoulin. Thence through the Sault St. Marie to Lake Superior, the celebrated mine at Silver Islet, and to Prince Arthur Landing. After a land trip over the Dawson Road, seeing Lake Shebandowan and the Kaministiquia River, the Chicora conveyed the Vice Regal party downward by Lake Michigan to Chicago. There, taking the rail, Detroit was reached, and Windsor and Chatham touched. From Sarnia by boat to Goderich in August, where the Salt Wells received his attention. From Goderich through Mitchell, Stratford, Berlin, Guelph, Preston, Galt, Harrisburg, to Brantford by rail. Here the first sod of the B. N. & P. B. Railway was turned. Ingersoll and the cheese industry were next inspected, then London and her oil refineries; Simcoe Waterford, Cayuga, St. Catharines, and the Welland Canal Works, Fort Erie, Thorold, Niagara were seen, and on the 2nd September his celebrated Toronto club speech was made in that city.

Proceeding eastward, this resolute traveller visited Whitby, Bowmanville, Port Hope, Cobourg, Rice Lake, and the iron mines of Marmora, Hastings, Belleville, Napanee, the Mohawk Indians of Bay Quinte, Kingston, Brockhawk Indians of Bay Quinte, Kingston, Bay Angeland Indians of B

The summer of 1875 was occupied in a visit to Britain, returning in October, and the following year a journey was made to British Columbia where the first pile of the Esquimault graving dock was driven, the coal fields of Nanaimo viewed, and a visit made to Bute Inlet, Burrard Inlet, Yale and Kamloops the gold fields of the Pacific Province not being forgotten. The party then returned, lingering under the "lucent roof" of the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, on the way home.

In 1877, August and September were devoted to an exhaustive trip through Manitoba; Gimli and its 6,500 Mennonites, Portage La Prairie, Winnipeg, "that half-way house of the continent," and the Lake of the same name, being visited, besides many of the water stretches of that "Lacustrine Paradise of sylvan beauty," to use the glowing words of the Earl.

The present year formed no exception to the custom of paying visits, official and private. February found Lord Dufferin the guest of Montreal, after being banquetted, and examining the rubber and other manufactories of that city, en route from thence he touched at St. Scholastique, Thurso, Buckingham and Hull, viewing the phosphate county. On the birthday he attended a review Oueen's of volunteers in Montreal, and in July the Eastern Townships were visited, Richmond, Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, Compton, the prize cattle mart, Coaticook, Magog, Waterloo, Granby, Cowansville and St. Johns welcoming his com-ing. On the 24th September His Excellency opened the Provincial Exhibition, here, making a memorable speech; and after receiving there an address from many Ontario municipalities, he closed a memorable term of six years, by sailing from our shores on the 19th October.

#### STOCKS IN MONTREAL. 3:15 p'clock, Nov. 6, 1878

Stocks.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transact'ns in Week	Buyers.	Sellers.		
Montreal	153	154	437	752			
" xd	143	145	689		1532		
Ontario		75		148	148		
Consolidated	72	774	149 66	743	75		
Peoples		662		70	72		
Molsons	•••••		63	65	67		
Toronto		85	25	845	87		
Jacques Cartier		126	57	120	127		
Merchants	36	37	275	361	375		
Commerce	923	931	395	92	93		
Urion	110	111	1014	1103	III		
Union Hamilton	••••••	•••••	·····•••				
Exchange	•••••	• • • •	••••	••••			
	••••	•••••	10	72	75		
Mon. Tel. Dominion Telegranh	117	122	1920	1173	75 1184		
Riche ieu & Ont. Nav	•••••	·····		80	85		
City Poss	533		325	53	54		
City Pass	•••••	85+	25	10	90		
	113	1171	593	113	114		
R.C. Insurance	····		16	82			
Globe Print. Co	•••••	ا با	•••	137	140		
Sterling Exchange		1085		1081	1(84		
Gold	100	IOOS		1001	100		
Merchants xd	•••••	89 <del>1</del>	30	89	90		

UTILIZING SOLAR HEAT IN ALGERIA.—M. Mouchot, the inventor of a successful form of sun-engine, has presented to the Paris Academy an account of his experiments with it in various parts of Algeria. In that country he has demonstrated that solar heat can be utilized for cooking food, baking bread, and distilling alcohol, besides furnishing the motive power for machinery.

#### SARDINES.

The sardine fisheries have supported many families for generations. The chief supply originally came from Sardinia, whence they take their name, but for a long time they were mainly caught on the coast of Brittany, France. Sardines are unusually abundant in French waters this season, and the catch will be larger than in any previous year. A sardine fleet consists of vessels from eight to ten tons each, with a crew of from eight to twelve persons, and goes six to nine miles from land. The bait, consisting of eggs and fish, cut.up, is scattered on the water. The sardines are taken with gill nets. A few are salted on board, but the bulk are car-ried on shore. Their heads are cut off, and they are well washed and sprinkled with salt. The work is not complete, however, for before fit for the table the fish require cooking. To this end they are placed in a covered kettle and boiled half an hour, according to their size. After drying, they are arranged in frames, in almost perpendicular rows, and immersed again and again in the best olive oil. When sufficiently cured they are packed in the small tin boxes by women and children, after which the men fill the boxes up with fresh oil and solder them tight. After labelling and packing in wooden 'cases they are ready for shipment. The American sardine, or menhaden, is taken in large quantities on the coast of New Jersey, and put up in oil. A considerable guantity of what are known to commerce as shadines -suggestive of young shad-are put up in the United States.

New TANNING MATERIAL.-Le Technologiste, of Paris, says a new material for tanning, which is found in abundance in Greece and Asia Minor. has lately made its appearance in Trieste under the name of Rove. From an examination by M. Eitner it is found to be a species of gall produced by an insect (cynips kallari) in certain species of oak, and which differ from ordinary galls chiefly by reason of their great dimensions. They attain as much as 45 millimeters (about  $I_4^3$  inches) in diameter, the size of the common gall varies from 12 to 25 millimeters (from onehalf to one inch nearly). The new product likewise contains a greater quantity of tannin than ordinary galls, the proportion being 28 to 34 per cent, as compared with 23 to 30 per cent. The name rove is derived most probably from rovere, which is the name applied to a species, of oak. This new material gives to leather a fine, clear color, and the Tanner's and Currier's Yournal believes that it will prove of great value in tanning. The quantity of the product is said to be limited only by the demand. The tannin is contained in a great spongy cell, and is easily extracted. The great source of supply of oak and hemlock bark is gradually but surely disappearing as the country is cleared up, and some other material will in time have to be substituted.

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THE PROFITS OF BREWING.—The Journal of Commerce makes the following statement in regard to New York brewing and brewers: About \$25,000,000 annually is spent in the Empire city for the beverages, of which the retailers get \$15,000,000 and the brewers \$10,000,000. Of this they pay out \$1,270,653 to the Internal Revenue. What becomes of some of the balance is shown in the following statement of facts : George Ehret, the largest brewer in the city, started eleven years ago on a borrowed capital of \$4000. He is now worth \$1,500,000. Ten years ago Jacob Hoffman and his partner rentered the business with \$20,000. Hoffman is now worth \$400,000, while his partner retired three years ago John Kress began brewing in his wife's washing kettle. Afterwards a tailor named Schaffer joined him with \$5000. The latter retired fifteen years ago and started two other breweries. Kress, the lucky man, died a year ago worth half a million dollars. Ten years ago a foreman named Conrad Stein started with a small capital. He went ahead faster than Kress, and is now worth a round half mil-J. Ruppert started with \$200,000, which lion. he has increased in this business to a million.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

#### PETROLIA, Nov. 3rd, 1878.

A very fine well, pumping between eighty and a hundred barls. per day has been struck by a Mr. Harrold at the eastern end of the town, and as a matter of course there will be many new wells sunk in the immediate vicinity of it. This well is an exception, for east of the river has not been considered good territory. The Mutual Oil Association has had some trouble with some of its members, but is patching it up. This is only a beginning of the end, viz., a break up of the Association.

Shipments for the week ending I Nov. : Crude, 9,044 brls.; refined, 394 brls. Prices same as last week, with a good demand. Business flat.

-The consumption of lumber in America is enormous, altogether beyond what is generally supposed. The annual demand for ties and sleepers of the 90,000 miles of railway is estimated to be 40,000,000 square feet, and to inclose the roads would require 180,000 miles of fence. There are 75,000 miles of telegraph wire to put up, for which 800,000 trees are needed, while repairs would need near 300,000 more trees a year. The common lucifer match uses up 300,000 cubic feet of the finest pine annually. The bricks baked every year require 3,000,000 cords of wood, which would be all that 50,000 acres of average timberland would contain. Shoe pegs exhaust annually 100,000 cords of wood of beech, birch, and maple, and about as much more is required for the stock of planes and other tools.—American Ex.

#### Commercial.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

#### (From our own Correspondent.)

#### Montreal, 5th Nov., 1878.

Since Sunday, when some snow fell, we have had very sharp frost, which has done much to improve not only the roads in the country, but also the streets of the city. There is quite an active scene on the wharves, ships being anxious to get cleared as soon as possible now; the demand for tonnage was quite active all the week. The expectation of increased activity in business prior to the close of navigation has hardly been fulfilled, at least not to the extent of former years, although there has been some demand for heavy goods from country dealers to be shipped this fall. We note to-day the stocks of wheat and flour in store here on the morning of the 1st inst., which will be found in their respective paragraphs.

ASHES .- Pots .- The demand during the last week has been fairly active and a considerable number of lots of firsts have changed hands at from \$3.80 to 3.85 as to tare. Seconds, \$3.30 to 3.35; thirds, \$2.80. Market closed steady at these prices. *Pearls* in moderate demand at \$5.35 to 5.40; closing easier at \$5.30 to 5.35. BOOTS AND SHOES.—The mild weather has

caused some delay in the opening of the sorting

whole, have been pretty fair. We have no change to note in quotations.

CATTLE.—The arrivals during the past week have been heavy, both for shipment to Europe and for the local demand. Yesterday the number offered was comparatively small, as the cold weather caused a brisk demand; prices obtained were better than those of this day week, averaging from 21 to 4c per lb. according to quality. Live Hogs were in large supply, sales averaged from \$3.55 to 3.70 per 100 lbs. DRY GOODS.—This is the dull season, and

we have very little to say regarding this branch of trade. The mild weather has interfered very much with the sorting up demand, and travellers both east and west are sending in very few orders, and there are no buyers in town. Stocks here are pretty well reduced. Remittances, considering the general dullness in trade, have been fair.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- The market has still a downward tendency, although we can hardly call it quotably lower since this day week. A steady business has been done within our range of quotations. We quote: Bi Carb Soda \$2.95 to \$3.00 per 112 lb keg, Soda Ash, \$1.371 to 1.40 per 100 lbs, Cudbear, 10 to 18c per lb.; Arrow root, 11 to 15c per lb.; Borax, 9 to 10c per lb.; Cream Tartar Crystals, 25c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 26c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per lb; do Ground, 29 to 30; Caustic Soda, 2.45 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs. East India Senna, 12 to 13c per. lb.; Sugar of Lead, 11 to 12c per lb.; Bleaching Powder, \$1.25 to \$1.374 per 100 lbs; Bleaching to 9c per, lb.; Alum \$1.50 1.65 per 100 lbs.; Copperas, 1 to 0c per lb.; Sulphur, 3c per lb.; Brimstone 2 to 2½c. Efsom Salts, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs., Sal Soda, 90 to \$1.00 per 100 lbs.; Saltpetre \$8.00 to 8.25 per 112 lb. keg. Blue Vitriol 5 to 6c.

FISH.—Labrador Herrings are selling pretty freely at quotations, but the demand is lighter than usual owing to the cheapness of other provisions. We quote Dry Cod, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Green Cod, \$3.00 to \$3.50; Labrador Herring, \$5.00 to \$5.25; Salmon, \$10.00, \$9.00 and \$8.00 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

FURS .- The mild weather tells against this trade, a few lots are arriving which are taken up at quotations : Prime Mink \$2.00 ; Muskrat 10c., ditto kitts 5c; Marten, \$1.25; Otter \$7.00; Fisher \$7.00; Fox, \$1.25; Lynx \$1.75; Beaver, fall, \$1.00 to 1.50; prime large Bear \$8.00. FREIGHTS.—The Fall fleet is now all in, and

the demand for ocean tonnage has been pretty brisk, the market closing firm. There were engagements yesterday for heavy grain to Livergagements yesteria and iron clippers at 5/ to 5/6, and to Glasgow at 4/ to 4/6. For orders to all U. K. 6/3 to 6/9. For butter and cheese to Liverpool and Glasgow the steamers' rates are 37/6.

FLOUR.-The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. were 50,096 brls., against 53,071 brls. on the 15th ult., and 49,911 brls. on the 1st November, 1877. Receipt during the past week, 21,730 brls.; total receipts from 1st January to date 781,349 brls., being an increase of 108,258 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1877. Shipments during the week, 22,068 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date 599,652 brls., being an increase of 24,791 brls on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1877. There has been little change in this market since this day week, if anything but the anything prices have demand amount of has been limited. To-day there was a moderate amount of business done at our quo-tations. moderate amount of business done at our quo-tations. We quote Superior Extra \$4.30 to \$4.40; Extra, \$4.15 to \$4.20; Fancy \$4.40; Extra, \$4.15 to \$4.20; Foncy \$4.00 to 4.10 nominal; Spring Extra \$4.00 \$4.05; Superfine, \$3.65 to Baker's Flour \$4.20 to \$4.45; Fine, \$3.05

up trade. Orders, however, are now beginning to \$3.10; Middlings, \$2.85 to \$2.90; Pollards, to arrive more freely. Remittances, on the \$2.50 to \$2.70; Ontario Bags, \$1.90 to 2.00; Oatmeal \$4.00 to 0.00; Cornmeal, kiln dried \$2.25. to 2.30.

GRAIN.-Wheat-The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. were 122,106 bush., against 175,425 bush. not the 15th ult, and 184,477 bush, on the 1st Nov., 1877. Receipts for the past week, 226,-146 bush. Total receipts from 1st January to date, 6,778,650 bush., being an increase of 468,590 bush. on the receipts for the same period of 1877. Shipments during the past week 136,592 bush. Total shipments from 1st Jan. to date, 5.968,843 bush., being an increase of 1,271,305 bush. on the shipment for the same period of 1877. The only movement in this grain is in red winter, which continued to be sold in moderate quantities at 95 to 97c; latter-ly the market has been quiet but firm at  $96\frac{1}{2}$  to 98c; for No. 2 spring in store holders are asking 86c. Maize-None offering; price nominal, at 45c. Pease are firm at 74c. Oats are quoted from 27 to 28c, but we have heard of no round lots being placed over our inside quotation. Barley is quiet but steady at 75 to 85c.

GROCERIES .- The near approach of the close of navigation has caused a pretty good demand by country dealers for heavy goods for imme-diate shipment. *Teas*—The demand has been sluggish all week. We quote : Japans from 24 to 52c for low to choice grades, but we hear of some low grade from New York being offered under our inside figure. Green and Black Teas have been very little asked for this week, and prices are nominally unchanged. Coffee-Market dull and drooping, and without any particular demand beyond a few jobbing sales of good Java, at 27 to 29c, and Mocha at 29 to 32c, other kinds are nominally unchanged. Sugar—This market is easier, and although prices are barely quotable lower, still in quantity, and to a reliable customer some concessions would be made. A fair country demand has been experienced for shipments before the close of navigation. We quote Dry Crushed of to 10c; Am. Granulated 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Extra Crushed  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to  $8\frac{1}{3}$  c; Yellow, 7 to 8c; Raw Sugars  $7\frac{1}{5}$  to  $7\frac{3}{4}$ c. Moldsses—The only movement we hear of in this article is in Barbadoes, at 38 to 40c. Syrups are quiet, could possibly be bought for less money than last week ; Amber, 49 to 58c; Standard, 42 to 45c. Rice-The demand this week has fallen considerably, but prices are pretty well maintained, at \$4.25 to 4.40 for good samples. Spices—The market is dull, and nothing beyond the usual jobbing demand is transpiring; prices, however, rather firmer, and in some kinds an advance is noted. We quote Black Pepper 8<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> to 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>c; White 18 to 19c; Cassia, 14 to 17c; Cloves, 40 to 45c; Jamaica Ginger, 20 to 22c for unbleached; 23 to 24c for bleached; Pimento, 13t to 14c; Nutmegs, 75 to 85c; Mace, 75 to 90c. Fruit-The market is well supplied with new fruit, and is decidedly easier. There have been some large transactions in Valencia Raisins at 42c; large transactions in Valencia Raisins at  $4\frac{1}{2}c$ ; the quotations is now  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\frac{3}{2}c$  for large lots, while  $5\frac{1}{2}c$  is asked for small lots. New Layers, \$.160 to 1.75; loose Muscatels, \$.1.67 to 1.80; London Layers, \$2.20 to 2.35; Currants, of new crop  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 5c, with little demand. Prunes  $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c; Figs, in I lb. bags, 12 to 13c; New Fil-berts are held at  $8\frac{1}{2}c$ ; Tarragona Almonds,  $14\frac{1}{2}$ to  $7c^{2}c$ .

HIDES AND PELTS.—Hides are in fair demand to 15 lc. HIDES AND FELTS. HITS, viz: \$7.50, 6.50 and and steady at quotations, viz: \$7.50, 6.50 and and steady at quotations, 1.2. \$7.50, 0.50 and 5.50 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Sheep-skins.—The usual advance at the beginning of the month has taken place and we now quote

ing very small profits. Shelf goods are in fair demand. Quotations are without any material change. Our revised list is as follows : Pig Iron per ton, Gartsherrie, \$17.50 to 18.00; Summer-lee, \$16 to 17; Eglinton, \$16 to 16.50; Carnbrae, \$16 to 17; Hematite, \$25 to 27. Bars, per 100 lbs.: Scotch and Staffordshire, \$1.67½ to 1.70; best ditto \$1.90 to 2.00; Swedes and Norway, 4.25 to 4.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$5.50 Canada Plates, per box,: Glanmorgan to 5.75. **to** 5.75. Communication from the second se ditto D. C. \$4.25 to \$4.50 ; Coke IC \$4.25 to \$4. 75: Tinned sheets charcoal best No. 26 111 to 12c; Galvanized sheets, best brands No. 28 \$2.25 to  $2.37\frac{1}{2}$ . Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs \$2.25 to 2.30: Sheets best brands \$2.35 to 2.50; Boiler Plates ordinary brands \$2.25 to 2 40; ditto best brands \$2.75 to 3.00. Russia Sheet Iron per lb 9 to 10c; Cut Nails 2 D., lath \$4.60 ditto 21c to 4c : Shingle \$3 80 ; ditto 5 D. 10 \$3.30 ; ditto 12d and larger \$3.00; 100 keg lots 5 per cent discount, 1000 kegs, an extra 5 per cent Cut nails, patent chisel pointed 25c extra. Pressed Spikes \$4.00 to 4.75; Lead per 100 lbs pig \$4 to 4.25; ditto sheet \$4.50 to 5.00; ditto bar \$5. 5.25; Shot \$5.50 to 5.75; Steel best 12 to 13c; ditto spring per 100 lbs \$3.25 to 3.50; Sleigh shoe st el \$2.75 to 3.00; tire steel \$3.00 to 3.25; Ing t tin \$16 to 17.00; Ingot copper \$17 to 18. Horse shoes per 100 lbs \$350 to 3.75; wire per bdl. of 63 lbs, \$1.65 to 1.70. LEATHER.—The demand from the city trade

has been very quiet the past week, as most of our manufacturers are pretty well through with their fall orders. Best Spanish Sole has been in good enquiry for the country, and prices are steady. In Slaughter Sole and Curried Leather the market is hardly so firm; but as busi ness is expected to brighten up after stocktaking, no change in quotations is likely. We quote : Hemlock Spanish sole, No. 1; B. A. 23 to 24c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 19 to 21c; Zanzibar, ordinary No. 1. 20 to 21C; ditto No. 2, 17 to 19C; Buffalo Sole No. 1, 19 to 20C; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19C; Hemlock I, 19 to 20c; atto, 100. 2, 10 to 19c; riemiock slaughter, No. I, 24 to 26c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 30 to 36c; ditto, heavy, 28 to 34c; Grained, 32 to 36c; Splits, large, 22 to 29c; ditto, small, 20 to 25c; Calfskins, 27 to 36 lbs., 50 to 65c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 45 to 621c; Sheepskin linings, 20 to 32<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Harness, 20 to 30c; Buffed cow, 12 to 15c; Enamelled cow, 15 to 18c; Patent Cow 16 to 17c; Pebbled cow 12 to 15c; Rough 20 to 24c.

OILS .--- A good deal of Newfoundland Cod oil has been sold at quotations; other fish oils are quiet but steady. We quote Cod Oil, Halifax, 40c, and Nfd.  $43\frac{1}{2}$ c. Seal Oil pale 40 to  $42\frac{1}{2}$ c; ditto straw 371c; ditto steam refined 47c. Linseed Oil Raw, 59 to 61c; ditto boiled 63 to 64c. Petroleum-This market is firm, with a steady consumptive demand at our quotations. Car lots 17c, part cars 171c, single barrels 18 to 181c per wine gal. Olive in moderate consumptive demand at \$1.00 to 1.10.

**PROVISIONS.**—Butter.—Receipts for the week. 8,115 pkgs.; shipments, 7,940 pkgs.; the market has remained unchanged, but there has been very little offering. Township Butter, 14 to 17c; Brockville and Morrisburg, 13c to 15c; Dairy, western, 9c to 12c. Cheese.—Receipts, 1,4681 boxes; shipments, 15.851 boxes; the market has ruled dull and only the choice late makes were saleable. We quote 8c to 94c, in side quotation for August make. Pork .-- Receipts, 266 brls; shipments, 81 brls; market dull with downward tendency, \$11 to \$12 being current rates for Mess. Lard is quiet at 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c to 91c for pails.

SALT.-Market is firm and the demand is still well maintained. Coarse, 621c to 65c; factory filled, \$1.00 to \$1.15.

WOOL .- Wool continues dull, but still lots of Canada pulled are selling to a moderate extent at 22c to 24c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Nov. 6, 1878.

There is no improvement over the previous week in the volume of business done in this market since we last wrote. The present is a naturally quiet period for dry goods, provisions, groceries, etc., and with the exception of hardware, which continues in good demand from remote country dealers, there is small activity in trade circles. Business is expected to improve as the Christmas holidays draw nigh. There are no fewer than four auction sales of dry goods, etc , being held in the city this week, and one result is the presence of quite a number of buyers in the market. The produce trade has continued extremely dull; sales of everything have been small, and prices for some grains have been declining. A considerable advance has been established in local and ocean rates of freight; but offerings have been uniformly small, and shippers are operating cautiously in everything. The English market has remained firm, with a slight advance on free wheat and corn, but the heavy supplies offered by America will likely prevent any considerable advance in the prices of produce.

Boots & Shoes .- Dealers report a fair business doing in filling sorting-up orders received during the week from travellers and by letter. Stocks are more complete uow than during the earlier part of the season, and orders received in the morning are frequently turned out in the evening. So far the demand for felt and rubber goods is light. Prices, while not quotably higher, are firmer, and there is a growing disposition to sift well the responsibility of buyers, and those failing to meet their payments find it difficult to obtain goods. Remittances fair.

CATTLE, ETC .-- Out of some 5,500 head of cattle, arrived here during the week, about 1,500 head were shipped. Owing to its superior quality Canadian beef and mutton continues in demand in the English markets. Extra prime animals, weighing 1,400 lbs. each and upwards, brought \$5 per cwt.; first-class for local use, weighing 1,000 to 1,100 lbs, \$4; second, \$3 to 3.50; and third, \$2.50 to 2.75. Sheep.-6,000 head were exported during the week; they averaged 160 lbs each, live weight, and cost about 4c per lb. Prices paid here were \$6 to 7 each for export grades; \$4 to 5 for seconds, and \$3 to 3.50 for thirds. Lambs have been in good demand, and brought  $3_{3.50}$  to 4.00 for firsts;  $3_{3.50}$  to 3.25 for seconds, and  $2_{2.50}$  to 2.50 for thirds. Calves have continued in good request at \$12 to 14.00 each for prime; \$6 to \$7 for seconds, and \$3 to \$4 for thirds. Hogs.-The market is dull and drooping, and prices have further declined to \$3.25 to 3.50, live weight.

DRY GOODS. - The past week was naturally a quiet period for this branch, being between the time when fall purchases have been made and when, as the result of cold weather, stocks in the country become broken up. Since Monday last the demand for heavy woolen goods has improved considerably, but country merchants invariably want to buy at unprecedentedly low prices for everything in this line. 'I ravellers report that stocks throughout the Province are unbroken as yet, and customers are generally holding off for still lower prices, complaining themselves of short crops, dull business and low

good, but on the whole, while improving, noth ing like as good as they should be at this season. The dry goods auction houses are pretty busy.

Furs.-There has been a steady trade done so far in manufactured furs, and the demand, which has been chiefly for low-priced goods, is expected to increase as the weather becomes colder. Many dealers in the country held over large stocks from last year, owing to the mild winter, and have accordingly delayed purchases this season. For the finer furs the demand is never very active until the approach of Christmas holidays. Last year's prices will likely be repeated. The movement in *Raw Skins* is light as yet, but they will doubtless be coming forward more freely as the season advances. Dealers report prices about the same as last year.

FREIGHTS.—Charters reported for the week ending Nov. 6th are: Schrs. Eureka, barley from Port Nelson and Hamilton to Oswego at 13c; White Oak, barley for Oswego at 11c; W. J. Preston, wheat to Oswego at 11c; Dauntless, wheat from Oakville and Toronto at 2c; Annie Falconer, barley to Oswego at 12c; Acacia, wheat from Oakville to Oswego at 21c; prop. Cuba, corn to Ogdensburg at through rates. Rates by steamer unaltered on flour : 20c per barrel to Montreal, and 14c to Kingston; and those on grain 5c to Montreal in bulk, and 31c on bagged to Kingston. An advance of about 21c in Grand Trunk rates to Montreal was announced on Monday, and from Toronto to the undermentioned points they now stand as follows: Flour to Kingston, 221c per barrel; Gananoque to Prescott, 25c; Edwardsburgh to Montreal, 30c; St. Lambert to St. Johns, 40c; to St. Hyacinthe, 42c; St. Leboire to Lennoxville, 45c; Waterville to Coaticook, 50c; Dan-ville to Chaudiere, 45c; Duckett's Landing to Point Levis, 45c; Cacouna to Metapediac, 65c; to St. John, 65c; to Halifax, 70c; to Miramichi (for Newcastle), 65c; Point du Chene and Pictou, 65c. Dansville and McAdam Junction, 65c: to Carlton, 65c. Rates on grain one-half of the above per cental.

FLOUR.-Stocks in store, 4,250 bbls. against 3,650 bbls. last week and 5,911 bbls. on like date last year. The market has remained quiet since our last reference; the offerings have been small but sufficient for the demand, and prices generally steady. Superior extra has been inactive but nominal; extra quiet and unchanged; one lot sold last Friday on track at \$3.85; fancy has continued nominal, but strong bakers brought \$3.85 on track; spring extra has teen sold at 3.70 f. o. c., and at equal to \$3.65 and \$3.70. To day the market was inactive; there was a good enquiry for superior extra at \$4.10, for extra at \$3.85, and for spring extra at \$3.65, but holders were unwilling to sell, holdieg off for an advance. Car lots of bran have sold on the track at \$9.00.

GRAIN.-Wheat, fall-Stocks in store, 38,136 bush. against 64,702 bush. last week, and 39,691 bush. on like date last year. The wheat market No. 2 fall has been held at 87 to 88c, with no sales reported. No. 3 fall has been firmer, and brought 78c f. o. c. on Monday last. To day sales of car lots of No. 1 fall were made at 92c, and of No. 2 at 85c f. o. c. Street prices stood at 80 to 93c. Wheat .- Spring .- Stock in store 74,455 bush. against 67,403 bush, last week and 189,024 bush. on like date last year. The first grade of spring has been scarce and steady, with sales on Friday last at 85c f.o.c. The demand has been chiefly for No. 2, sales having been made at 82 to 83c. and at  $84\frac{1}{4}c$  for a lot of very choice. The market closes steady at our quotations. Oats.---Stocks in store, 15,110 bush., against 15,240 bush. last week and 22,729 bush. on like date last year. The dullness and inactivity have remained unabated all week. The only sales reprices. Remittances are in some instances, ported were those of two cars of mixed Ameri-

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can, on track, at 27c. No Canadian offering. Street receipts very small and prices steady, at 30 to 32c. Barley.-Stocks in store, 253,583 bush. against 244,662 bush. last week and 210,022 bushels on like date last The market for this grain has been devear. cidedly dull, with prices steadily declining, since Scarcely any business has our last reference. Scarcely any business has been reported. The first grade has been offered at \$1, with 98c as the best bid. No. 2 has remained purely nominal. Extra No. 3 sold at 73c f.o.c., on Friday, but was offered at 70c on track yesterday. No. 3 sold on Friday last at There was no movement re-59 and 6oc f.o.c. Extra No. 3 was offered at 68c ported to-day. on track, but nothing over 65c, f.o.c., would have been paid, and No. 3 was offered freely at 59 to 6oc, with only 55c bid. Other grades nominal. On the street to-day, 60 to 93c was paid. Peas.--Stocks in store 12,293 bush. against 8,828 bushels last week, and 26,121 bushels on like date last year. There has been no business done in this grain since our last report. There seems to be no demand for any description, and prices have been steadily declining. No. 2 has been off red at 60c, without bids. Street receipts small and prices weak at 60 to 62c. Rye is unchanged. at 54c for car lots, or on the street.

GROCERIES.—Some leading grocery houses have been very busy, but on the whole trade has continued quiet and steady. Remittances moderate. Fish-White fish and trout are in small supply as yet, but they meet with some enquiry at \$3.25 for the former, and \$3 for the latter. Salt herrings have met with ready sale at \$6.00 to 6.50, and there has been a fair demand for scaled herrings, which are scarce at from 28 to 30c. Fruit has ruled steady under a good jobbing demand. Stocks are liberal, and a good business has been done in Valencia raisins at rather firmer prices. The supplies of Malaga fruit have considerably increased, but sales are few as yet. Prices are quoted at \$1.65 to 1.90 for ordinary layers; \$2.15 to 2.50 for London layers; \$1.80 to 2.00 for loose muscatels; and \$1.30 to 1.50 for Malaga figs. in mats of 25 lbs. each, while still finer raisins are quoted at \$4.50 to 7.00. Currants have been moving off freely in small lots, at from 43 to 6c, the latter price being for really choice fruit. We understand some round lots sold to-day, however, at 43c and 51c. Quotations are higher in Europe, and holders here are becoming firmer. Spices have been in fair demand for small quantities at our quotations. Syrups quiet; sales of the better grades have been made freely, in small lots, at unaltered prices. Sugars have been steady, but not active. There has been a good demand for all but the very low grades. The tendency of the market has been lower, in sympathy with the English markets, but a telegram from New York to day announces a fractional advance on all grades. Teas have been steady, with a good jobbing demand reported. Prices have advanced in England recently, equal to about 4c per lb. on First Young Hysons, for which there has been a good demand here from retailers. One line of Young Hyson, good medium, sold at 35c. The de-mand for Blacks and Japans has been rather light, and the former is reported firmer, without actual change in figures. There is no material change to note with reference to the trade in Tobaccos, Wines and Liquors; not much doing. and prices unaltered.

HARDWARE .- Business has continued rather brisk for general hardware, and a good many parcels of axes, saws, and nails have changed hands during the week. Several sorting-up orders have been received by dealers from buyers from the Georgian Bay and Manitoulin Island districts. Prices unaltered. Remittances fair, but not satisfactory.

increased during the week, but it is still barely sufficient for local wants. Prices firm but unchanged. Sheepskins have been advanced since our last report, and 75c is now paid for all the best green skins. There are a good many coming forward just now, but owing to the extreme dullness of the wool market there is no prospect of another advance this season. Tallow has increased in supply, but the warket rules very quiet and prices are unchanged.

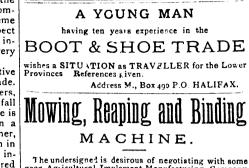
LEATHER .- The market has been fairly active for all kinds of stock used by the country trade. The demand from the large manufacturers, however, has fallen off, owing to the bulk of fall orders having been completed, and the trade is passing between seasons. There has been a brisk enquiry for all kinds of Harness Leather. Upper, Russets, and Sole Leather have been in good demand, but Buff, Pebble and Splits are inactive. The market is rather bare of coloured linings, and prices are accordingly firm. Remittances are still unsatisfactory.

PAINTS, ETC .- Business is reported quiet, and not so good as last year at this season. The demand has been nearly altogether from country dealers. Window glass continues in good request, and there has been rather a brisk enquiry for Linseed Oil. Prices are a shade easier, with out quotable change.

PROVISIONS .- Business has been quiet, sales being almost entirely confined to the country trade. Remittances rather slow. Butter .-- The market is now so thoroughly demoralized and broken down that no dealer cares to touch this article. Shippers here have received peremptory orders from Liverpool to stop buying, unless they can get very fine Fall qualities, and no considerable quantity of this kind can be obtained. Could it be got, 11 to 12c would be paid : but, in the absence of transactions, we can only report prices nominal. Straight lots of Summer made butter would not bring over 4c at the outside; fine selections are worth more. Bacon is easier, in sympathy with other articles; Cumberland cut has been selling in cases at 51 to 6c. in tons at  $5\frac{1}{4}$  to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ , and in round lots at 5c. Long clear, boxed, is worth  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6\frac{3}{2}c$ . Cheese is lower, and the fear of 63c. a break in Liverpool caused Sept. cheese to be sold, to the extent of 2,000 boxes yesterday, at Ingersoll, at 8c. Shippers here have received orders from I iverpool to hold off, and the prospects are that the market will be still lower. Dried Apples have been dull. Some small lots of new fruit have been offered, but prices are scarcely settled yet. Good bright samples in small lots can be bought at 5c, and car loads of American are quoted at 4 to  $4\frac{1}{2}c$ . Eggs are scarce and higher, quoted at 20c per doz. in cases, and 190 in barrels, wholesale. Hams, in sympathy with almost every other hog product, are lower. To storekeepers they have been selling at 10 to 12c for smoked, uncovered, but they were offering to-day to the trade at  $9\frac{1}{2}$ to roc, according to quality, for smoked, and at 8c pickled. Hops have declined in value since our last report. Sales have been made at 81 to gc, and one inferior lot sold at 7c. We quote the range at from 7 to 10c. Lard has ruled quiet, sales being only in small lots. Prices are easier at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  c for tierces, 8 to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  c for tinnets, and  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to gc for tubs. Mess Pork is also easier, quoted at \$10.00 to 10.50 for cars; \$11 to 11.50 for lots of ten barrels and over, and \$12 for smaller quantities. There are no car loads offering on the market at present. Dressed

Hogs are selling at \$4.37 to 5.50 per cwt. WOOL.—The market has continued dull, and prices for fleece, in which there has been very little doing, have declined, 23c being the high-est figure now paid for round lots. The farm. ers have been holding back a large quantity of wool for higher prices which, it is expected, will be brought forward now. HIDES AND SKINS.—The supply of Hides has quiet and unchanged; dealers report sales of

small lots at from 23 to 24c for ordinary qualities. Recent reports from the English and American markets are unfavorable.



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#### Wilkin's Patent Mower, Reaper & Binder.

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Frince Edwar. Island. This is the cheapest and most imple machine ever in-venter if or performing the labour of Mowing, Reaping and Binding, and it is not an experiment, for it has stood the best of all tests, he tests of the field. By its Patent Right FIFTEEN CLAIMS are se-cured to it, never before grant-d to any invention of its kind, and a few of its peculiar features may be mentioned as follows:

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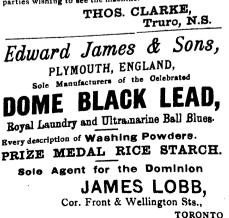
behind the driving wheels, and are not subject to the up and down motion of the pole, but are always the same distance from the ground, thus leaving the surface cut perfectly even. 3rd. Its

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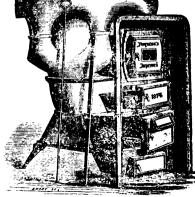


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