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- The Royal Hotel, Hamilton, is to have a passenger elevator.

- The Union Bank of Halifax has declared a half-yearly dividend of three per cent.

- Insurance men are asking what has become of the money for policy stumps which was to be refunded by the Quebcc Government.

- Wm. Northways of Walkerton, Out., merchant tailor, has taken leave of absence; the bailiff is in possession for rent and taxes.

- Brethout & Howden, dry goods dealers, Hamilton, Ont., with branch at Walkerton, have made an assignment.

- The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York is reported to be on the eve of transferring its Canadian agency to the management of a Montreal institution.

- A writ of attachment has issued against Alfred D. Florant, retail dry goods merchant, of St. Joseph street. Liabilities from \$10,000 to \$15,000; assets not estimated.

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— A writ of attachment has been issued against William Small of Shakspeare, Ont., liabilities \$3,000; assets about \$1800; also against Thomas Walsh, of Lacolle, Que.

— We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Dawes, senior partner of the great brewing firm of Lachine, near this city, which took place last Monday, at an advanced age.

- Trying to chew caramels with false teeth ranks with trying to untie a knotted shoestring with mittens on your hands or to do business without advertising.—St. Albans Adv.

- Messrs. Gault Bros. & Co., of this city, are contemplating the erection of new cotton mills at Cornwall. A bonus of \$10,000 has been voted.

— The vote on the by-law granting a bonus of \$40,000 to the Wellington & Georgian Bay Railway by the people of Owen Sound was carried last Monday by 229 majority.

—A writ of attachment has been issued against Messrs. Cushing Bros., lumber merchants, for \$250; also against Alexander Robert, trader, St. Remi, for \$200.

— The search for coal near Bridgewater, N.S., has thus far been unsuccessful, notwithstanding the surface indications referred to some time since.

— It is said that the Government has determined on making a 10 per cent. reduction in salaries, commencing with the Ministers, and applying it to both the inside and outside service.

— C. B. Rankin, a grocer of St. Johns, Nild., is offering his creditors a compromise. He has never been in a very extensive way, and his liabilities are principally local.

— Oscar F. Toombs, grocer, and J. A. Balzer, bookseller, both of Walkerton, Ontario, have called a meeting of creditors. A writ of attachment has been issued against C. & J. Schure, butchers, of the same place.

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— The paper manufacturers are not satisfied with the recent advance in prices. Mr. Buntin was in Ottawa last week for the purpose of inducing the Government to consider the claims of the trade in submitting its Tariff Bill.

— Robichaud & Frère are a young firm of storekeepers at St. Jerome whose career has been of the butterfly order. Commencing in May, 1878, without capital, they are now in the assignee's hands.

— During 1878 the deposits at the Toronto Post Office Savings Bank amounted to \$185,427, against \$188,647 for the previous year. The withdrawals during 1873 were \$194,973.56, as against \$220,410 for 1877.

—In the month of December it is stated that 15 registered letters were lost out of the London Post Office, for the first time in 18 years. A post office clerk named Wm. Jarvis, lately of Ottawa, has been arrested on suspicion.

- R. J. Whitla of Arnprior, dry goods merchant, has sold his entire premises to George Wilson and Jas Hartney, jr., and is removing his stock to Manitoba, whither he goes to resume business.

— Joseph A. Fitch, of Kingsville, Ont, is offering his creditors thirty-five cents on the dollar of liabilities, in equal instalments, at two, four, six and eight months, secured by John Green & Co. of London.

— A. Brien, an old time storekeeper of St. Simon, Que, near Acton Vale, has assigned. Though many years in business Mr. Brien has never been regarded as very strong, and it is understood this is not the first instance of his being similarly placed. Liabilities are small.

—An accountant of Birmingham, England, has arrived out to investigate the affairs of the J. G. Joseph & Co. insolvent estate, Toronto, with a view to protecting the interests of the English creditors, whose claims amount to about \$125,000.

— The tomage of vessels built and registered at the port of Annapolis during 1878 amounted to 2,305 tons, representing 10 vessels in all there were 3 vessels lost of 878 tons, leaving 75 vessels of 22,324 tons, at present on the registry books. Two new vessels are building.

The people of Amprior are just now considerably exercised in investigating the causes of some of the alleged incendiary fires to which the place has for some time been subject. It is to be hoped the matter will be thoroughly sifted and the guilty parties punished.

— We note an attachment against E. E. Goddard, storekeeper, Sweetsburg, at the suit of the S. R. Nye, Bay State, Roke Co. A little while ago rumors were about to the effect that creditors' interests needed looking after, and some interesting developments may ariso from an investigation into this estate.

— The annual report of the Chief Engineer of the London, Ont., Fire Brigade shows costs in salaries and ordinary expenses \$5,000, a reduction from \$9,533 in 1874, and \$6,750 in 1878. A plan of re-organization is proposed in accordance with the new system of water supply.

A writ of attachment was issued the 10th inst. against Elie Raymond of St. Eugene, Ontario. Liabilities \$9,393. Assets consist of stock in trade, \$5,000; book debts, \$1,020; real estate \$1,550. Ilis property is mortgaged to some of his creditors for \$2,933, and Mr. J. B. Mongenais of Rigaud has a small lien included in the above figures on a separate building.

— Some twenty-five forgeries are reported against John Livingstone of Ailsa Craig, Ontario, carriage and waggon maker. He appears to have been going on for ten years. His brother-in-law, a merchant at Watford, who was his security is reported to have failed. Livingstone's liabilities are \$25,000. Assets a trifle of property in the village.

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- Writs of attachment have been issued against E. C. Wasmann, grocer, and Fred. S. Clark, farcy goods, St. Catharines, Ontario. Kane Brothers, grocers, of the same city, have assigned. A writ of attachment has also been issued against Samuel Parrish, grain and provision merchant, Uxbridge, Ontario. Particulars next week.
- The direct liabilities in the matter of H. C. Evans & Co., of Halifax, to which reference was made last week, amount to about \$25,000, while the assets it is said will show a deficiency. It is expected the insolvents will make an offer of 30 or 35 cents secured. They state that the unfavorable results of their lobster packing investment, and losses by bad debts, have wiped out their capital.
- Hurtubise & Perrin, dry goods merchants of this city, have been attached by Messrs. M. Fisher & Son. The firm commenced business in the spring of 1875, Mr. Hurtubise having been formerly of Hurtubise & Hamilton, who failed in 1869 with liabilities of \$14,000. The present firm also has not been a success, having compromised in 1876 at 25 cents on the dollar, and now again they are in the assignee's hands.
- At the special general meeting of the shareholders of the Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company, held the 9th inst, the policy of the directors, to actively continue the business and apply to Parliament for amendments to the Company's act of incorporation, was supported by a majority of nearly eight hundred. This

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involves a reduction of the capital and other

- advisable changes. - On the 13th inst, the freeholders of Strathroy voted on the by-law granting Mr. R. Pincombe the loan of \$10,000 already referred to, which was carried by a majority of 132. Mr. Pincombe is an old resident, and has done much towards building up the place. This act on the part of the rate payers is only an endorsement of their appreciation of his character as an enterprising man of business.
- _ An attachment has issued against Colm Gearing, merchant of Picton, Ont., at one time one of the most prominent grain operators in that section. His failure in 1876 will be still fresh in the memory of many of our readers. His wife at that time bought in the estate, and business was carried on for a time in her name, but upon getting his discharge in 1877, Mr. Genring resumed in his own name. His present liabilities are as yet unknown.
- -- A. W. Moren, shipping and commission merchant of Liverpool, N.S., to whom we have already referred, has been attached. This action was not altogether unexpected, as his position has been one of some uncertainty for some time back. He was indebted to Almon & McIntosh, bankers of Halifax, to extent of some \$42,000 at time of their failure, and it was then thought that Mr. Moren would have been obliged to succumb.
- Mr. Cooper of Strathroy, Ontario, builder, has got into difficulties. Cooper has been in business in Strathroy many years, but never appeared to be able to get much ahead. His present difficulty is directly through R. Nicholson, lumber merchant, whose chattel mortgage covering the premises and machinery has just

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been foreclosed. A number of hands have been thrown out of employment. Mr. Cooper appears to have the sympathy of the community in his misfortune.

- R. Davidson, a prominent storckeeper of Newcastle, N.B., has called a meeting of his creditors. Mr. Davidson has been long established, and has always stood well commercially, but impaired health has of late years had an unfavorable effect upon his business, aggravated latterly by injudicious over-buying. It is understood he shows a good margin of about \$10,060 over liabilities of some \$15,000, and with an extension of time he will no doubt be enabled to surmount his present embarrass-
- The Sorel Wadding Company has called a meeting of its creditors for the 15th inst, This is a comparatively new enterprise, having been organized as a limited liability company under provincial letters patent in 1876, with a capital of \$20,000, a portion of which was subscribed for in Scotland, whence the originators came. The company appeared to labor under difficulties from the start, attributed chiefly to inefficient management. In 1877 they were served with insolvency proceedings, but settled the matter and continued.
- It appears that the McKillop Agency is not wholly extinct. The enterprising agents who conducted the business in the Maritime Provinces seem determined to go on as usual under the same style and on their own responsibility. They are about to issue a "Reference Book " including Nova Scotia, New Branswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and St. Pierre Miquelon, with offices at Halifax and St. John. Henry Brock, manager of the Philadelphia "Credit Bureau," purchased the greater part of the books and records of the head office at the recent sale in New York.
- J. W. Franck, a dealer in clothing at Kingston, has failed. He came here only about a year ago, being then of the firm of Fralick

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& Boyd. He and his partner did not agree together very well-there was a lack of that harmony between them which is essential to the success of a firm, and a dissolution was arranged. Mr. Fralick continued the business alone, but discovering he had only about \$6,700 of assets to pay liabilities of \$9,600 he proposed that his creditors should accept 50 cents in the dollar. This we believe they agreed to, but he has apparently been unable to complete the arrangement.

- The total liabilities of J. E. Clement, of St. Johns, Que., whose failure we noticed last week, amount to about \$52,000, made up as follows: direct \$20,601, indirect \$2,225, mortgages \$13,090, unpaid calls on bank stock \$16,320. The assets are of very nucertain value, though nomically showing a margin over the indebtedness. The principal items are real estate \$25,000, subject to mortgage as above, shares in La Banque de St. Jean \$27,200, upon which 69 per cent. of calls is due, as above noted, about \$5,000 in outstanding debts and sundry other small items. It will thus be readily seen that there is really not much upon which to depend for a dividend, as the margin to be realized upon the real estate over and above mortgages cannot be large, and the unpaid calls due on the bank stock will more than swamp the present paid-up value. The first regular meeting will be held on the 23rd inst., and the

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- A meeting of the creditors of John Chamberlain of Lindsay was held on the 13th inst. Liabilities, ordinary, \$952.15; preferential \$51.50; total, \$1,003.65. Assets: stock, \$77.25; shop furniture, \$7.50; book accounts, \$562.02 \$646.77; deficit \$356.88. Many of the book debts are bad. The insolvent offered to pay all preferential claims and expenses in insolvency and 10 cents on the dollar on ordinary claims in 6 and 12 months unsecured. The meeting was adjourned to the 22nd inst. Geo. Kemp was appointed assignee and A. K. F. McAllen of Montreal inspector.

- At the first meeting of creditors of Thomas Douglas of Cambray, held 14th inst., Thomas Darling of Montreal was appointed assignee. The insolvent offers \$2,800 secured for the estate, and to pay all expenses in insolvency and preferential claims. The meeting adjourned to Montreal on call of assignee appointed after five days' notice.

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\$7,484 63 Assets, Stock and furniture in shop, \$3,381.15; book debts, \$944.66; notes, \$122.45; horses, waggons, &c., \$192.30; real estate valued at \$2,300.00-\$6,940.76; deficit, \$347.45.

- The insolvent estate of James Beaty, Leader office, and of W. L. McGillivrny, stationer, were sold by auction in Toronto this week,

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- Stone & Bailey, Peterborough, doing a small business in fruits and confectionrey, have made an offer of 33c on the dollar of their liabilities, secured, which will probably be accepted. Their liabilities are \$2800; assets, stock \$1292, book debts \$735.

- The Dominion Bank was unintentionally omitted from the table of weekly average prices of stocks for 1878, published last week. Its stock began the year at 121 and maintained the same figure throughout. The new premises of the bank on King Street west are among the most elegant in the Dominion.

- Dun, Wiman & Co.'s Annual Circular, just issued, gives a comparative table of failures in the United Stated and Canada for the last six years as follow:

United-States. Canada. No. Amount No. Amount 1873... 5,163 \$228,589,000 994 \$12,334,192 1874... 5,830 155,239,000 7,696,765 .996 201,060,353 1875... 7,740 1,968 28,843,967 1876... 9,092 191,117,786 1,728 25,517,991 1877... 8,872 190,669,936 1,892 25,523,903 1878... 10,478 234,383,132 555 9,100,929

This is not a very satisfactory exhibit for our neighbors, while in Canada there would seem to be a considerable improvement. We must defer further reference.

-The liabilities of ex-Alderman Gearing of Toronto so far as can be ascertained are about \$95,000, of which about \$60,000 was secured on real estate which may possibly be worth \$50,000 to \$55,000. The preferential claims for workmen's wages are about \$4000, rent \$1500, taxes Leading Wholesale Trade of Montreal

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about \$900. The chattels have been sold, which with book debts collected realized about \$4000 and something more may be collected from the books. After paying the rent, taxes, law and ins lyency costs the workmen will be paid a dividend on their claims, but the general and ordinary creditors will get nothing.

- Messrs, R. C. Strickland & Co. of Lakefield, lumber merchants, who assigned about a year, ago and whose estate, with the exception of a heavily mortgaged saw mill, has been disposed of by the assignee, have just succeeded in effecting a compromise at 15 cents on the dollar, and are again preparing to begin business. The Stricklands have been unfortunate. In 1870 the firm of Strickland Bros. failed disastrously with liabilities of some \$60,000, while their available assets barely sufficed to pay the men's wages and costs, the ordinary creditors getting nothing. In 1873 R. C. Strickland and C. A. Boulton commenced business again, the latter putting in \$9000. After continuing for three years it was found impossible to go on, and Boulton went out, taking a mortgage on the mill property for his capital. His place was taken by R. A. Strickland, who was supposed to be a man of means, and whose name gave credit to the concern. It turns out, however, that he put nothing into the business, and although possessed of a wife having an indepen-

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dent fortune had no means whatever of his own. The unsecured liabilities of the concern amount to \$175,000. A large part of their property, including a steam saw mill, embraced in a mortgage to Ross & Co., of Quebec, and valued by them at \$30,000, was transferred to Ross & Co. at their valuation. The principal creditors are the Ontario Bank \$85,000; Ross & Co. unsecured \$57,000; the other sams are smaller, and principally to local men.

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FINANCE AND INSURANCE REVIEW.

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THE DOMINION BOARD OF TRADE.

The time is approaching for the annual meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade, and we do not exaggerate when we state our conviction that it will be not only by far the most important meeting of that body ever held, but that on its results will depend the opinion that will be generally formed as to the usefulness of the institution. The various meetings that have taken place of persons more or less inter. ested in manufactures have doubtless led to the communication to the Government of a great deal of valuable information, well worthy of being carefully considered, but nevertheless, the opinions, which have been elicited, are open to the imputation that they are those of persons directly interested in a protective policy. The members of the Dominion Board of Trade, on the other hand, represent the mercantile interests of the Dominion generally, and are more likely to be impartial. A great variety of questions will have to be discussed, more, indeed, than can be satisfactorily dealt with in the time allotted for the meeting, and it is, therefore, important that the several Boards of Trade

should make special reports on as many of them as possible.

No question probably presents greater difficulties than the sugar duties. Alluding to the fact that these duties had been embarrassing if not fatal to many Governments in England, Mr. Disraeli, now Lord Beaconsfield, once remarked: "Strange "that a manufacture which charms infan-"cy and soothes old age, should so fre-"quently occasion political disaster." We do not apprehend any serious political disaster from the re-adjustment of the sugar duties by the present Government and Parliament, but the subject is by no means free from difficulties, and we cannot but think that the discussions which are taking place at Washington, regarding these duties, may aid materially in promoting a satisfactory solution of the question.

The duties on the various classes of iron and its manufactures require most careful consideration. There seems to be a preponderating opinion that a duty ought to be placed on pig iron, which has hitherto been admitted duty free as a raw material. It may be hoped that if such an opinion should prevail, the duty will be placed in the lowest grade. The probability is that upon unenumerated articles there will be no very material difference of opinion. Some increase seems absolutely necessary in order to obtain an adequate revenue, but we cannot believe that there will be any attempt to introduce the highly protective system of the United States. The duties on which, in all probability, the warmest discussions are likely to arise, are those on coal, salt, and agricultural products. We can hardly doubt that very wide differences of opinion will be found to prevail among the members of the Dominion Board of Trade regarding duties on raw materials and articles of food, and it will be specially interesting on the eve of the announcement of the policy of the Government to have the subject discussed by a body of men specially representing the commercial interests of the Dominion.

Assuming, as we are justified in doing, that the revised tariff will be on a higher scale than that now in force, it is most important that the Government should be urged to endeavor to secure more equitable valuations at the different ports of entry in the Dominion. That great irregularity exists regarding these valuations is beyond a doubt, and it is equally certain that an effectual remedy should be applied. It may be open to much doubt what that remedy should be, and the members of the Dominion Board of Trade are peculiarly qualified to offer suggestions on the subject. A thoroughly efficient inspector in connection with the Customs Department at Ottawa could searcely fail to add largely to the revenue by checking undervaluations and securing something approaching to uniformity in the mode of levying the duties. That such does not exist at present is but too apparent. The Dominion Board of Trade will, we feel assured, give their best consideration to the various subjects brought under their notice, and we sincerely hope that they will not waste their time in fruitless discussions on the subject of reciprocity, which, in the present temper of the United States Congress, is not likely to be entertained at Washington. It is perfectly well understood that Canada is ready at any time to concur in any reasonable scheme for establishing reciprocal free trade with the United States, but, after the rebuffs that she has received, it would be undignified on her part to make fresh propositions.

TRADE COMPETITION.

The prevailing depression in Great Britain is scarcely explainable by the generally received theories of the political economists. It is generally admitted that the proximate cause is the closing of the United States market to British manufacturers, or rather the ability of the Americans latterly to compete successfully with Great Britain not only in the United States markets, but in other countries hitherto monopolized by British manufacturers. In former articles we showed how in iron and cotton goods the Americans have been slowly but surely driving British goods from our own market. This has doubtless been facilitated by the gradual lowering of wages in the United States on the one hand, and by strikes among the British workmen on the other, who have thus prevented their employers from lowering the cost of production. The immense capital at the command of the British manufacturers-the accumulation of generations-and the want of it in the United States have hitherto operated to the disadvantage of the latter. But this disparity is being gradually lessened. Capital is steadily and rapidly increasing in the United States. A country cannot be the granary of the world without growing rich, and the richer it grows the more wealth will be seeking profitable investment. It has been truly said that capital is guiltless of patriotism; if English capital finds itself hampered at home by strikes and combi nations it will flow wherever good security and higher dividends await it.

In iron manufactures the United States have the coal and ore in even greater abundance than England. In cotton manufactures the advantage is clearly with this side of the ocean, where the raw material is on the ground and manufacturers are protected by the cost of transporting it to Europe and the return freight, insurance and other expenses. Canadian cottons are monopolizing our home market owing largely to the lower rate of wages prevailing in this country, especially in the Province of Quebec, a fact to which we also owe our command of the market for clothing, boots and shoes and other home manufactures.

The British manufacturer has been for many years in the position of the man who, having seen that everything is going right, that his profits are ample, concerns himself personally very little about his affairs, and leaves the conduct of his business to his manager, . giving his own thoughts to other things. The American or Canadian manufacturer is differently situated. He is dissatisfied with his profits, his thoughts are largely turned to discovering new openings for business, to diminishing the cost of production or making a better article. This tends to improve processes in manufacture, stimulates inventions, besides which there is the greater energy incidental to an infusion of young blood in any department of trade.

The lowering of the rate of interest on this side of the Atlantic will also have its effect; a capitalist who can get eight per cent. for his money will hesitate to incur the trouble, risk and anxiety inseparable from a manufacturer's life unless he can make that eight per cent. fifteen. But if. he can only make five per cent, as a capitalist he may be induced to become a manufacturer if he sees his way to making that five per cent ten. And this is the condition of things which is gradually obtaining among us. Profits are reduced to a minimum: there is less extravagance among business men, and lessened incomes offer less temptation to rash invest-

THE STOCK MARKET.

A writer in the Montreal Gazette, over the signature "Shareholder," has suggested a remedy for the depreciation in bank stocks, which there can be no doubt has caused great anxiety of late to all parties interested. There can hardly be a doubt that "Shareholder" is correct in designating that policy dangerous and suicidal, which he attributes at this time to the banks, viz., changing their policy as to making loans on the collateral security of bank stocks. Apart altogether from the

question whether such loans are expedient or the contrary, it would be most unfortunate to make any sudden change at such a time as the present. "Shareholder," however, ought to establish the fact that the banks have materially reduced their loans on these securities. We apprehend that the cause of the trouble is that some investors have been pressing bank shares upon a market already overloaded. The bank returns for December will very soon be published, and we shall then be better able to judge how far " Shareholder " is correct. There can, however, be no doubt as to the fact that within the last ten years there have been over issues of stock, and that the subject to which "Shareholder" has called attention is one deserving the most serious attention of the Government. He has, moreover, made a suggestion that the banks should be authorized "to advance on their own stock, " which would probably paye the way to " a gradual absorption of the stock by a " reduction of capital."

The Montreal Gazette has likewise treated the subject editorially, and has given fair reasons for the decline which in his opinion is attributable to the ordinary cause for the decline in price of everything marketable, viz., the supply being largely in excess of the demand. Deprecating any legislation hostile to the Stock Exchange or its members, the Gazette is of opinion that "the remedy must come from the banks themselves," and if applied at all " it should be in the direction of reductions in their capital." The Gazette is therefore of the same opinion as a " Shareholder" as to the proper remedy. The Gazette is, we apprehend, in error in supposing that "the quantity of loose stock controlled by brokers and speculators is larger than ever before." On the date of the last return the bank loans on stocks were considerably less than at the corresponding period in 1873. The November returns show a slight decrease from those of August, but nothing that would affect the market.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the Dominion Government will give its serious attention to the subject, which is one of great importance. The suggestions of the Gazette and of his correspondent "Shareholder" are very general, and if adopted would require the most careful consideration. It is not probable that it would be deemed advisable to permit banks to lend on their own stocks. If the object be to reduce their capitals it might be effected by permitting them to purchase shares, such shares to be cancelled, and the capital reduced to that extent. Again, it would be absolutely necessary to

place a limit on such reduction of capital. What that limit should be if the principle were adopted would be a matter for the consideration of the Government, but it would probably be advisable to fix on a percentage, say 25 or 20 per cent. Again it might be inexpedient to permit such reduction in the case of banks having small capitals. A strong opinion has prevailed that charters should not be granted with capitals of less than a million of dollars, which is the smallest authorized capital in Ontario and Quebec. There are a few cases in which the authorized capital has not been subscribed, and these cases would have to be specially considered if the principle were adopted. It is well worthy of consideration whether this subject is not one that should engage the consideration of the Dominion Board of Trade at its approaching meeting.

THE COMMERCIAL ASPECT OF FIRE INSURANCE.

Much has been written at different times by various pens to prove that insurance is either a science or a profession, and that to put it upon the simple level of commerce is a degradation. While we are willing to concede that all insurance partakes in a certain degree of both a science and a profession, we none the less maintain that it also undoubtedly belongs to the world of commerce, and is governed by the same great laws of supply and demand which rule all mercantile transactions, whether in produce, manufactures or labor.

Fire insurance is unquestionably a branch of trade, and is a commercial article bought and dealt in just the same as dry goods or groceries. No one who looks calmly at the subject can deny that now a days competition fixes to a very great extent the price of fire insurance, as it does of any other mercantile commodity; and it is plainly discernible that, as such competition increases or decreases, so the price in both instances alike is either forced below or rises above the actual market value. Any one who shuts his eyes to this unmistakeable fact merely puts himself into the position of the ostrich which buries its head in the sand. Of course there is, as we have stated, an actual market value for Fire Insurance, whether of private dwellings, saw mills, or any other risk; and those companies who sell their policies below that figure in order to secure the business from their neighors will as assuredly suffer, sooner or later, as a dry goods merchant who, to meet competition, parts with his wares at less than cost price. And here let us remember that in fire insurance, as in other trades, there are two kinds of competition, the one healthy and necessary to the well-being of both custoner and dealer; the other spurious, the result of over-production and highly injurious to all parties, for too cheap insurance will, in the end, recoil upon the policy-holder as well as the company, and eventually bring ruin and disaster upon both buyer and seller. It is this over-production and its necessary consequence, too cheap insurance, from which our neighbors in the United States (with the exception of the Pacific States) have been suffering for a lengthened period. A material remedy for this evil is to be found in a tariff combination, of which California and its sister States are a notable example; but, although such combin. ations may check and even prevent rates from falling below their paying level or, in other words, "market value," they can never, for any length of time, cause injustice to the insured by keeping rates above the aforesaid level, either in the price itself or by refusing a rebate to which the policy-holder is fairly entitled for then the healthy competition we named steps in; and a remarkable instance of this has occurred of late years in England where, of all places, the tariff combination has been for long so powerfully sustained that it was thought to be invincible. We allude to the fact that the tariff offices set their faces steadily-we might almost say obstinately-against allowing the owners of cotton mills and other special hazards any reduction for providing appliances for the extinction of fires. For a time the companies, strong in that which gave them strength, namely "union" were victorious, but in 1870 some of the most influential and wealthy mill proprietors in Lancashire founded a company entitled "The Mutual Fire Insurance Corporation Guaranteed,"-an unlimited concern, having no paid up capital but a guarantee fund of £100,000 sterling, whose object was, without cutting the current tariff rates, to give certain percentages to mills insured by it that were provided with one or more fire appliances; and, though at first the corporation, being a kind of Ishmael with its "hand against every man and every man's hand against it," had a hard fight for what was only just and right, yet under the able management first of Mr. Tattersall and afterwards of Mr. W. H. Hore, now of the "London Assurance," it grew year by year more powerful, till finally, a short time back, its triumph was complete, for the tariff offices were forced to concede the very allowances it had promulgated. and had struggled against odds to main-

There is yet another point in which fire insurance properly guided proves its com mercial nature, and that is, while eschewing illegitimate speculation, it yet can seize the opportunity, when offered, either to recoup past losses or to reap fresh harvests; and it is here, as in other mercantile tran sactions, where the master mind makes itself felt. There is no doubt that, after a terrible conflagration in a large city, as at times of a commercial panic, is the period, with a strong hand at the helm and a deservedly high credit, when a company or merchant, as the case may be, should-if we may use the homely expression-"go in and win." Conflagrations, like panics, cause the weak to succumb, and insurance at any reasonable price is almost fiercely demanded of stable institutions. It was after the Chicago and Boston fires that the late Mr. Swinton Boult, founder and manager of the "Liverpool and London and Globe" urged upon the Directors of his company to recoup themselves of their enormous losses at once, while rates were bounding upward and they could command "the market," letting their risks run off again when the re-action came, thus proving himself possessed of that boldness which may be coupled with equal caution when the latter is needed, both so necessary in the underwriter as in the merchant. The Directors declined the scheme other English companies entered the field to share the spoils, and the opportunity, as Mr. Boult intended it, was lost, but the best underwriters now admit that he had fully grasped the situation from a commercial as well as an insurance standpoint, though the daring of the enterprise at the time seemed to partake of recklessness. Our space will not permit us to continue, albeit there are many other instances by which we might show that fire insurance belongs emphatically to trade; still we think we have written enough to prove that, without wishing in the least to lower the status of fire under writing, it nevertheless is a trade, and must be guided and governed by the principles of commerce.

CURIOUS DISCLOSURES.

No. 7. DRIED FRUITS.

The consumption in this country of foreign dried fruits, amounting to 16,949,361 lbs., costing \$811,058, on which a duty of \$141,938 is collected, would be incredible, were not the Government Blue Books indisputable witnesses of the fact proportioning 4 lbs. of fruits and 20c. expense for the luxury to every inhabitant of the Dominion. The 20c. expense is the

official figures, but we have filready learned not to trust over much to official valuation, and in this, as in the preceding cases, our investigation is not likely to result in showing greater accuracy in Government valuation.

The large importation of dried fruits to Canada comprises many varieties, currants from Zante and the Archipelago, dates from Barbary, figs from Smyrna, Spain and Greece, raisins, almonds, filberts and walnuts from the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, plums and prunes from Bosnia, Servia, Hungary and France, and "others," to use the stereotyped word of the customs' department, when not disposed to go into details. Out of this enumeration we shall select a few articles, exhibiting the same features we pointed out in other lines of imports. Almonds and prunes answer our purpose.

The importation of shelled almonds for the year under review (1876-7) were 58,375 lbs., valued at \$6,525; average value per lb., 11c. They were brought from Grat Britain, the United States, France and Spain, and were distributed among the several Provinces as follows:

Average value per lb. in each Province.

En		United States, 1	France.	Spain.
Ontario	He.	12c.		
Quebec	134	1.1	91	16c.
Vova Scotia	10			

N. Brunswick. 11

Shelled almonds are quoted in Marseilles, Smyrna and Spain, especially the fine qualities, as Princess and Jordan, at prices differing somewhat from the foregoing. The "New York Shipping and Commercial List and Price Current" of the date quotes the shelled almonds in bond as follows:

Languedo	shelled	l, in bags	18c.
Do	do	in boxes	20
Princess			32 to 35
Jordan, in	bags	,	30 to 31
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These quotations are widely distant from the average of 11c. per 1b. of the Canadian importation, and this year one of our contemporaries quotes Jordan almonds 75c. per 1b., duty paid. We feel justified, therefore, in our conclusion, that the undervaluation at least amounted to one-half the value, and that the loss of revenue on shelled almonds is \$1,142.13.

Almonds not shelled, coming from same places as above, averaged as follows:

		United		
The state of the state of	England.	States.	France.	Spain.
Ontario	7c.	8½c.		73c
Quebec	7	7	61	53

Nova Scotia	8	104	:	•••	14
N. Brunswick.	10	41			
P. E. Island	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{3}{4}$		•••	
General a	verage,	7‡c.	rer	1Ե.	

The New York quotations in bond at the same date, in accordance with the Marseilles, Tarragona and Sicily prices current, were:—Almonds, Languedoc, 12c.

per lb., Tarragona 12c., and Ivica 11c.

Walnuts and filberts, in the same public documents upon which we base our statements, average 4\(^3\)c. per lb. The quotations in 1876-7 were:—Grenoble walnuts, 7c.; Naples, 6\(^3\)c.; Marbot, 6\(^1\)c. per lb. Filberts: Italy and France, 5c. How to reconcile the valuation in Canada with the value at the places of production is beyond us. The whole matter, undoubtedly, lies in a nut shell, and the Department, perhaps, will crack it for us.

Prunes and plums present another example of undervaluation. The importation amounts to 671,388 lbs; value \$23,820; average value per lb. 3½c. The average value in each Province from same places of export is as follows:—

Prunes are imported from three European countries, and are regulated in price by the number of fruits in a given weight. German prunes come principally from Hungary and Bohemia; Turkish prunes from Bosnia and Servia, and French prunes from the south of France. According to prices current of the year under review, and quotations of the shipping and commercial lists of New York of the same time, prunes were worth then:—

Turkish prunes, 5c. to 6c. per lb. German " 6 " 8 "
French " 10 " 16 "

the Turkish prunes giving 150 to 140 fruits to the pound in weight, German 130 to 110, and French fruit in proportion, leaving aside French prunes known as prunes d'Ente, pruneaux d'Agen, etc, giving only 25 to 30 fruits to the pound, and sold in this market in fancy boxes or glass jars 50 to 60 cents per lb.

If we raise the average value from 3½c, as given by the customs valuation, to 7c. per lb., and this we may do without fear of too high a valuation, as more than one half of the importation comes from France, we find that the duty ought to have been \$8,336, instead of \$4,168 collected.

The investigation of the other dried fruits would lead to the same conclusion. The average value of figs, for instance, is

3½c., when Elemy from Smyrna are sold at 12c. per lb. Raisins average for London layers 5c., and for others 4½c. per lb.; and the report of the American Consul at Almeria, for the same year, gives 7c. as value per lb. of raisins exported to the United States, which are a good deal inferior to the English importation. Dried fruits do not make an exception to the general lowering of official valuation.

HINTS ON APPRAISEMENT.

The several articles published in this paper under the name of "Curious Disclosures" have established the fact that lack of knowledge of the value in the appraisal of imports for assessment of duty has caused a considerable loss of revenue to the Government and placed the importers at the different ports of entries on an unequal footing, resulting in special and unjust advantages for competition on the part of those passing their goods through the customs, the officers of which may be unacquainted with the value in foreign markets. The object we have been aiming at is the neutralization of these special advantages by a fair approximation to the average value of the goods at the place of export. Uniformity of valuation is contrary to all the facts of trade. It does not need to be stated that prices at which goods can be bought in a foreign market vary with a thousand influences. and especially with the standing of the buyer and the quantity he may purchase. A large importer of old standing and undoubted credit buys 500 pieces of silk at \$1.50 per yard, and another young firm rich in hopes, who has a market for only 50 pieces, has to import the same goods at \$1.70; we do not mean to say that the valuation of the invoice of the older firm has to be raised to \$1.70. The difference between the two invoices is the right consequence of capital, experience, foreign connections, and is not to be neutralized. All the Government can reasonably expect is that the invoice shall fairly approximate the average value of the goods at the place of export. When the price ranges above that standard, it is not the province of the Government to protect the incompetent importer by equalizing the value of his goods with those of the merchant who buys more advantageously. To do so would be to offer a premium upon mercantile incompetency and to legislate in defiance of the laws of trade. On the other hand, to adjust the invoice of the careful merchant to the higher dutiable valuation of the goods of his incompetent rival would be an injustice defeating the advantages due to legitimate causes.

In the customs bill reported by the

Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to the House of Representatives, the following clause occurs, which may prove of some interest in this country:

"Sec. 4.-For the purpose of securing a greater uniformity in the collection of duties on imports at the various ports of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized in cases of variance between the appraised value or classification for duty of similar merchandise at two or more ports in the United States to direct the Board of General Appraisers, or a majority of them, to examine and decide upon the true dutiable value or classification of such imports. and to cause the duties to be levied in such cases accordingly; and the general appraisers shall have, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, authority to establish such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, as shall tend to secure a greater uniformity in the appraisal and classification of imports for assessment of duty."

That the establishment of a Board of General Appraisers be needed in the United States to secure a greater uniformity in the appraisal and classification of imports is of importance when we consider how stringent are the laws and regulations of the customs; how large the number of officers of the department and agents of the special service, and how great the experience of the appraisers. Uniformity of appraisement in the United States means the conformity of appraised valuation at all the ports, and this we think to be arbitrary and calculated to evoke a great deal of bitter animosity, as placing all the importers on the same level is the negation of advantages accruing to standing experience and high repute.

In this country it is not so much uniformity of appraisal of the imports as the knowledge of the value at the place of export of the goods imported that is wanted. The number of ports of entry is so considerable in the Dominion (and they cannot prudently be reduced without encouraging smuggling), that many officers are called upon to assess duties on goods they probably never saw before. In Europe the entry of certain goods, textiles for instance, is restricted to certain ports having competent appraisers. This restriction could, with difficulty, take place here, but, at all events, the publication by the department, at regular intervals. of instructions to officers in the service. advising them of changes in the value of goods abroad, might, in a certain measure, remedy this lack of knowledge, and no officer, knowing that an article is held in bond in New York at a stated figure, would allow its entry at a lower valuation. Many difficulties may occur in appraisement, and a great deal is to be left to the discretion of the officer. But the amazing discrepancies it has been our task to make known would no longer be permitted, and importers would not see their goods assessed on a value of sixty cents more per yard than the merchandize of their competitors lucky enough to do business at or near another port of entry.

WHAT EDUCATION IS OF MOST VALUE.

Gibbon says that every person has two educations, one which he receives from others, and one more important which he gives himself. This self-education begins with infancy. Knowledge subserving direct self-preservation is that which the infant is chiefly busied in acquiring daily, from the terror at the approach of an unfamiliar animal to the control of its move ments so as to avoid collisions, what objects are hard and will hurt if struck, what objects are heavy and injure if they fall on the limbs, the pains inflicted by fire, by missiles, by sharp instruments. And when, a few years later, the energies go out in running, climbing, and jumping, in games of strength and games of skill, we see in all these actions by which the muscles are developed, the perceptions sharpened, and the judgment quickened, a preparation for the safe conduct of the body among surrounding objects and movements, and for meeting those greater dangers that occasionally occur in the lives of all. Being thus, as we say, so well cared for by nature, this fundamental education needs comparatively little care from us. What we are chiefly called upon to see is that there shall be free scope for gaining this experience, and receiving this discipline, that there shall be no such thwarting of nature as that by which stupid schoolmistresses, lay or religious, commonly prevent the girls in their charge from the spontaneous physical activities they would indulge in; and so render them comparatively incapable of taking care of themselves in circumstances of peril.

But this is not all that may be comprehended in the education that prepares for direct self-preservation. For complete living it is necessary not only that sudden annihilations of life shall be warded off, but also that there shall be escaped the incapacities and the slow annihilation entailed by unwise habits, and the breaking of physiological laws. As, without health and energy, the industrial, the parental, the social, and all other

activities become more or less impossible, it is clear that this secondary kind of direct self-preservation is only less important than the primary kind, and that knowledge tending to secure it should rank very high. But here, too, guidance is in some measure ready supplied. Were men habitually to obey the promptings of nature before these become too peremptory, comparatively few evils would arise. If fatigue of body or brain were in every case followed by desistance; if the oppression caused by a close atmosphere always led to ventilation; if there were no eating without hunger or drinking without thirst the system would be but seldom out of working order. There is, perhaps, no subject on which there exists more ignorance or indifference than that of ventilation. And this is more to be deprecated in our large northern cities, where dwellings become more and more air-tight every year, often with a view to economy in fuel, but not unfrequently through pure ignorance. Our doublewindows have openings at the foot of the sash, instead of at the top, and in some boarding-houses and hotels it is not unusual for the inmates to burn gas all day and night in order to keep their rooms warm. A class room in one of our largest modern built colleges was some time ago made the subject of an experiment by one of the professors. He collected a quantity of the frozen moisture from the inside of the windows, and by analysis found it to contain a percentage of carbonic acid almost sufficient to cause death. How many of our schoolrooms are better ventilated? and yet our physicians cannot account for the great proportion of infant mortality that prevails in this city,-for the "slaughter of the innocents" continually going on among

Should any one doubt the importance of an acquaintance with the fundamental principles of physiology, as a means to complete living, let him look around and see how many men and women he can find in middle or later life who are thoroughly well. Occasionally only do we meet with an example of vigorous health continued to old age; hourly do we meet with examples of acute disorder, chronic ailments general debility, premature decrepitude. Scarcely is there one to whom you put the question, who has not in the course of his life brought upon himself illnesses which a little knowledge would have saved him from. Here is a case of heart disease consequent on a rheumatic fever that followed reckless exposure. There is a case of eyes spoiled for life by over study. Yesterday the account was of one whose long-endur

ing lameness was brought on by continuing, spite of the pain, to use a knee after it had been slightly injured. And to day we are told of another who has had to lie by for years because he did not know that the palpitation he suffered from resulted from an over-taxed brain. Now we hear of an irremediable injury that followed some silly feat of strength; and, again, of a constitution that has never recovered from the effects of excessive work, needlessly undertaken, or prolonged for years. in an office where the sun's rays never entered; while on all sides we see pernetual minor ailments which accompany feebleness. Not to dwell on the actual pain, the weariness, the gloom, the waste of time and money thus entailed, only consider how greatly ill-health hinders the discharge of all duties, makes business often impossible, and always more difficult; produces an irritability fatal to right management of children; puts the function of citizenship out of the question : and makes amusement a bore. Is it not clear that the physical sins-partly our forefathers and partly our own-which produce this ill-health, deduct more from complete living than anything else, and to a great extent make life a failure and a burden instead of a benefaction and a pleasure.

WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

The following article is extracted from one of the many contributions sent us nearly three years ago in response to our offer of \$50 for the best essay on the causes of the prevailing depression and its probable remedy:

Look at the numbers of children now in the schools and charitable institutions of this city; all are being brought up without any knowledge suited to rural avocations, they can only look to city employments for a living, and what line is not already full to repletion. Unless some energetic remedy be adopted, what remains but an amount of wretchedness exceeding even that of this winter! Could not these institutions be transplanted, some of them at least, completely into the country, say to the North Shore, where, with plenty of land both cleared and wooded attached, children would acquire some knowledge of farm work. We well remember an establishment of the kind in Ireland for the children of the soldiery; the boys raised a great part of their subsistence, and, as a rule, learnt some trade besides; the cultivation of potatoes and other vegetables was of the best; they also learned the care of cattle, and the girls the work of the dairy, spinning, knitting, &c. Here they would have their own wood,-no trifling item, and learn the use of the axe. Shut up in the town, immured within high walls, they can learn little of good, and their health and physical powers degenerate. The large contributions of the city to relieve the distress would go far to attain the object, but public aid would be required, and in the interest of the country would be well bestowed. They would thus be more acceptable inmates in the farm houses, where as many should be placed as practicable. As to their well being, something in the way of Miss Rye's plans might serve, thus might these children be disposed of with some hope of good to themselves and the country. Dependence on the city alone foretels for their future a large share of misery, privation and consequent crime. The closing of navigation throws on the resources of this city a large number of able men at the commencement of every winter. Could it not be arranged that, suppose in October, an intelligent and reliable surveyor should look out among the vast unoccupied tracts of government land on the North Shore some blocks fairly adapted for settlement. and that on the men alluded to being thrown out of work, they should be formed into gangs on the lumbering plan, and under the direction of trusty "bosses" be set to clearing roads into those tracts, including any necessary bridging. They would not consume more than on the present miserable system of inventing work generally of little value and, from the rigor of the season, seldom half done. Clearing out roads in woodland is suitable for winter work. Probably also many would be induced to take up residence in the lands so opened, and thus at once form a nucleus of settlement. To this they should have every inducement, little or no charge for their lands, which are now wholly useless, but by this plan would soon contribute to both the trade and strength of the country. It is our great want, a hardy race of cultivators to the North. The South will settle spontaneously to the tracts thus opened. Settlers should be attracted by every means. From want of accurate knowledge of the locality, we would merely suggest that these roads should be cut leading northwards as a rule, but open to modification, if nature of country required, and at intervals of say ten or twelve miles. These intervals would soon fill up were the roads once settled. Encouragement by a free grant of a really good mill site, a fair tract of land about it and perhaps some money, should be given to get up mills, an indispensable adjunct to good settlements. Would this system not be

preferable to the present one of precarious employment, insufficient wages, involving in the case of families pinching want, and worst of all the self abasement hence arising?

THROUGH RAILROAD FREIGHT .- The Railroad managers have had an important conference in New York, at which nearly all the principal companies were represented, though the Grand Trunk of Canada is not included in the list. The report of a sub-committee was adopted which recommended uniform rates on all through freight from the West to Europe from each of the seaboard ports; the rates to be based upon the full inland rate to New York, plus the ocean rate, such rate to be the same vis all the other ports. Mr. Broughton of the Great Western of Canada was present, and a party to the arrangement, which, it may be feared, will not be conducive to Canadian interests.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

The more important business changes of the past week are as follows:--

Dissolutions:—Robinson & Ralston, wholesale boots and shoes, St. John, continued by J. Robinson & D. H. Hall, style, Jas. Robinson & Co.; Almon & Melitosh, brokers, Halifax; Muirhead & Longard, plumbers, Halifax; Todd, Greighton & Co., saw mills, Liscomb, N.S.; C. & C. Henley, traders, Spry Bay, N.S.; P. McDonald & Co., general store, Annandale, P.E.I.; May & McCornnek, dry goods, Charlottetown; Scully & Collins, traders, Fredericton; Duncan, Grant & Co., builders, Halifax; Whitmore, Cornnack & Co., builders, Halifax; and McInnes Bros. & Co., dry goods, Hamilton.

Offer to compromise:—Chas. B. Rankin, groceries, St. John's, Nfid.; Ferguson, Rankin & Co., Bathurst, at 20 cents; and Muir & Scott, commission merchants, Halifax.

The Ottawa Agricultural Insurunce Company has issued the following notice to its shareholders:

OTTAWA, 21st December, 1878.

Dear Sir.—In the Report and Statements which have been laid before you, you have been shown that whether this Company continues to do business or wind up, additional calls must be made, but to wind up more will be required than to continue business. The Directors, in common with a number of shareholders, think the Company should go on. Some of the shareholders have expressed a willingness to pay 5 per cent in addition to the entire calls now made of 20 per cent, and transfer their shares to any person (acceptable to the Board) who will assume the liability on account thereof. If you are disposed so to do, you have now the opportunity by writing me by return of mail to that effect, and signing the enclosed power of attorney authorizing the Secretary to transfer your shares, at the same time inclosing the difference between the amount you have already paid and twenty-five per cent.

I am, yours truly,

John Rochester, Vice-President. THE GLOBE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, January 2nd, 1879.

The Superintendent announces that the result of an examination of the affairs of the Globe Mutual Life Insurance Company up to the 30th October, 1878, shows the following:

Surplus as regards policy holders. \$ 238,322,27

It is proper to state that the Company claims that a large portion of \$62,000 which the Super-intendent holds to be a liability of the Company under the head of "Claims for death losses and matured endowments in process of adjustment, or adjusted and not due," are not established as losses, the proofs not having been received by the Company at the close of the examination.

The Superintendent is gratified that the foregoing result of the examination of this Company shows a surplus of \$238,322,27, with which it should be enabled to do a flourishing and prosperous business.

(Signed), John F. Smyth, Superintendent.

SALE OF THE ST. LAWRENCE HALL,-The deferred sale of the property belonging to Mr. F. Geriken, late proprietor of the St. Lawrence Hall, took place on Wednesday at the office of Lajoic, Perrault & Seath, official assignees. The St. Lawrence Hall was sold to Mr. Thomas Workman, one of the mortgagees, for \$105,000, his former bid, and the Medical Hall portion of the building to Mr. M. H. Gault, in behalf of the Montreal Assurance Company, for \$50,000, his former offer. The property at the southeast corner of St. Urbain and Vitre streets. containing 4,384 feet, with building, was bought by Mr. Coristine for \$9,050. The dwelling house No. 163 Bleury street, containing 10,905 feet, was purchased by Mr. G. R. Grant acting for the estate of the late Sir W. E. Logan, for \$6000. There was a plentiful gathering of many of our wealthy citizens present, but owing to the heavy liens upon the property, bidding was slow. Some property belonging to the Deblois estate, consisting of two stone stores corner of St. Lawrence and St. Catherine streets, and other buildings from 993 to 1,005 St. Catherine street, and 4,012 feet on St. Charles Borromée street, with buildings 1007 to 1.017 St. Catherine Street, and 181 and 183 St. Charles Borromée street, was also put up and brought a good figure under the clever management of Mr. Seath, auctioneer pro tem, being sold to Mr. Charles Gravel, of Gravel & Frère, retail groceries, for \$23,600. The farm on the Lower Lachine road, containing 51 arpents, was bid up to \$10,000, but was withdrawn.

DISCREDITABLE.—The enterprising youth who has charge of the sub-editorial department of the London, Ont., Advertiser is evidently under the impression that the Journal of Commerce, has little or no circulation in Middlesex and neighboring counties where the Advertiser lives and moves and has its being, if one may judge from the andacious manner in which he appropriates original paragraphs, long and short

from our pages. On a recent occasion we deemed it proper to drop him a gentle hint as to the error of his ways, and were charitable enough to attribute it to the influence of the holiday season. It would seem, however, that he is keeping it up. In the number succeeding the hint referred to be appropriated the usual quantity, but was honest enough to credit us with three paragraphs out of about a dozen. In his issue of the 13th inst, he has relapsed into his former ways. On the right hand column of the Advertiser's front page he prints about two hundred lines of original matter from our columns without giving us credit for any part of it, apparently trying to pass it among his readers for his own. It may be well to remind our enterprising contemporary that one who owes so much to the credit system should be more careful how he refuses it to others. We have from one to three special, paid correspondents in every county in the Dominion, and similar means of obtaining information are open to the London Advertiser also. Of course we have no objection to furnishing him at second-hand as long as he gives us credit in the usual way, in accordance with the recognized courtesies of respectable journalism.

- A dispatch from Ottawa last Saturday, says :- The creditors of a Maria street doctor, who went to California a short time ago for the benefit of his health, are beginning to feel uneasy over his absence and the non-settlement of accounts and notes now due. Numbers of creditors have no hesitation in stating that they believe they have been deliberately victimized. as inquiry reveals the fact that the property the doctor owned has been heavily mortgaged, even to his household effects. The hired man is out some \$2,200, having placed \$1,000 in the doctor's hands at 10 per cent, per annum when he begun service 30 years ago, also allowing his wages, with the exception of small amounts occasionally, to remain in the same way. A seizure of household goods for taxes and water rates was made last Friday, but the amount was paid by the holder of a chattel mortgage, who has since removed the articles outside the

THE SUGAR TARIFF IN THE UNITED STATES.—
In the House of Representatives at Washington the Committee of Ways and Means have decided the sugar tariff question, so far as they are concerned. They rejected the polariscope, retained the present Dutch standard test of color, and adopted the following scale of duty:

This new tariff is a compromise measure, and as such does not seem to suit anybody. It is quite favorable to Louisiana and West Indies planters, and the light duty on centrifugal sugars will greatly injure the refining interests. The Bill will meet with considerable opposition in the House, so many opinions being at variance on its final result; and the decision of the Committee of Ways and Means is far from being as yet the law of the country.

A NICE LEGAL POINT FOR WAREHOUSEMEN.— The Brantford Courier says: At last assizes the case of Benedict vs. Ker was tried, where the plaintiff endeavored to recover the price of barley left in store in the warehouse of the defendant, which was destroyed by fire, Judge Patterson, of Toronto, entering a verdict for the defendant on the ground that he had a right to mix plaintiff's barley with other barley belonging to defendant, as contended for by defendant's counsel, the Hon. A. S. Hardy. Mr. Robert Smyth (of Wilson & Smyth), counsel for the plaintiff, appealed against the decision of the Judge before the Courts at Toronto, and contended that the defendant in mixing the barley became liable for the value. The full Court sustained this view, and reversed Judge Patterson's verdict.

THE GLOBE MUTUAL LIFE .- On another page we publish a document which will be read with satisfaction by the Canadian policy-holders of the Globe Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. The certificate of the Superintendent of the Insurance Department of the State shows that the Company's surplus has increased over one hundred per cent, during the ten months ending the 30th October last; and we learn that upwards of \$50,000 has been added thereto during the remaining two months of 1878. The severe official examination made into the affairs of the Globe Mutual has resulted in a glorious triumph for the Company, as we assured our readers would be the case in former references to this Canadianized insti-

— Our articles on the canal policy appear to be effective in awaking public attention to the subject. A large meeting of the vessel and steambout owners of St. Catharines, Port Dalbousie, Merritton, and Thorold was held on Saturday last, at St. Catharines, for the purpose of discussing the question as to the improvement of the carrying trade of the lakes and canals of the Dominion. The propriety of appointing a deputation to wait upon the Government, with a view to effect a readjustment of the canal tolls in the interest of such trade, as well as in the interest of the trade of the country generally, was also discussed.

— Workingmen in the village of Gunston, Va., have circumvented the hard times in a novel and successful way. A co-operative association furnishes its members with constant employment at fair wages, and they board in one large family house, and thereby reduce the cost of living about one-half. They have a large farm and garden, and are employed raising food, making clothing, erecting buildings, making roads and fences, cutting fuel and in housekeeping for themselves, producing with their own labor nearly all that is required to supply their wants and make them comfortable, with a considerable surplus, which they sell. Each member is required to save a considerable part of his wages. None of them have been idle a day during the past nine months.—N. Y. Telegram.

— Though the entire number of furnaces in the United States decreased during the year by 16, and the number in blast by 10, the total production showed a very considerable increase. The stock on hand is also less than at the close of last year, and the net increase in consumption is not far from 200,000 tons. This state of things, is explained mainly, by the general revival of business, the commencement of which is generally acknowledged on all hands.

-The Federal Council of Switzerland intend, subject to the approval of the National Assembly, to impose on the products of States that do

not treat Switzerland on the footing of the most favoured nation, and whose tariff submits Swiss products to exceptionally heavy duties, such proportionate additional taxes (additional to those set forth in the new tariff) as they may deem necessary. This clause is evidently directed against the United States.

STANDARD FIRE INS. Co.—We are pleased to notice again the prompt and liberal manner in which this Company disposes of all honest claims. The letter from Messrs, Harding, Harding & White, barristers, of St. Mary's, which appears in our columns this evening, is a very flattering acknowledgment of the Company's straightforward course. The proper plan for an insurance company is undoubtedly to pay honest losses promptly, and resist all dishonest with equal promptness. We are pleased to see the Steindard winning so good a reputation and wish it continued success.—Hamilton Times.

—The fifteenth annual meeting of share-holders of the Bank of Yarmouth, N.S., was held the 8th inst. The retiring directors were unanimously re-elected: Hon. L. E. Baker, president; Charles E. Brown, vice-president; John Lovitt, Hugh Cann and J. W. Moody. Total amount of bills in circulation, \$89,000; last half-yearly dividend, five per cent; surplus, \$100,000.

— There has been an increase in the imports of Newfoundland in 1878 over 1877, in the following articles:—Flour, 53,000 barrels molasses, 3,000 puncheous; tea, 50,000 lbs.; coal, 10,000 tons. There has been a decrease in oats 36,000 bushels; potatoes, 6,000 barrels; bread, 6,000 cwt; pork, 7,000 barrels; rum, 400 puncheous, and tobacco, 160,000 lbs.

- Value of goods entered for consumption, and duties collected at the port of Truro during the year ending 31st December:—Dutiable \$142,410; free, \$11,313; total, \$153,723. Customs duty, \$30,257.84; Excise duty on tobacco and spirits, \$2,635.10.

— The Oriental Marine Insurance Company, of Yarmouth, N.S., has been in existence five years, and has paid its shareholders a total of one hundred and twenty-seven thousand dollars since it started, or a net profit of four hundred and twenty-five dollars per share.

- Mr. James Guest of this city, whose announcement will be found elsewhere, has been appointed agent for the well-known house of J. H. Henkes, Delftshaven, Holland, distillers of Geneva spirits.

Cobourg Sentinel.—We notice that the Sentinel has been enlarged and improved generally, and is now published in eight-sheet form. The new lessee, Mr. J. A. Wilkinson, late of the West Durham News, writes short, pithy editorials; and its local columns are well filled. A feature of this paper is a column of "funnygraphs" under the head of "Small Tork." In short, it is one of the best local weeklies on our exchange list.

THE "MINAMICHI ADVANCE," which is strong in its trade statistics of the North Shore of New Brunswick, thus "settles" the "enterprise" question for a local contemporary

We will pay \$10 to any person who will show us a copy of the Advocate, published prior to the winter of 1874 (when we began our yearly publication of lumber statistics) containing the "Statements of Lumber Shipments" which it has given since we led the way and showed it what ought to be done in that line,

Now as we are a good deal interested in the class of enterprise which it appears the Advocate claimed to exercise, and as the Advance says, virtually, that paper's enterprise was nit for some seven years (the Advocate was established prior to Confederation,) it ought to earn the \$10 offered, or say as little as possible to the Advance on the subject.

-The remainder of the stock of goods belonging to the insolvent estate of Savage, Lyman & Co. has been sold to Mr. Alfred Savage, whose tender was the highest.

THE MISSING MANAGER .- Not a little sensation was created in monetary circles last week when it was announced that the manager of the Merchants' Bank at Owen Sound was missing, and that he had left the affairs of the branch somewhat involved. The manager of that branch, Mr. W. H. Scott, left at the close of the year, ostensibly on a holiday visit, and immediately resigned. Shortly after drafts of considerable amount, which had been cashed by Mr. Scott for a gentleman in Owen Sound, came back under protest. As the amounts of the drafts exceeded the sum named in the regulations of the bank which local managers are permitted to lend without special authority from headquarters, the matter was at once enquired into. Mr. Scott was found to have left for good, and, strangely enough, the gentleman, a Mr. Weller, for whom the drafts were cashed, and who was a real estate owner in Ontario, had also left town, ostensibly for Michigan, where it is claimed he had gone to purchase timber limits. The management of the bank are taking active steps to hunt up both parties, and will likely succeed. Scott was an official in the old Commercial Bank, and consequently has been a long time in the service of the Merchants' Bank. Both parties are well known in Belleville. There is no doubt of the late manager's guilt, but he very cleverly contrived to have it appear that his action in the matter was an error of judgment rather than anything savoring of dishonesty. The total amount involved does not exceed one-third of the sum reported in the 'street," and the bank has already recovered a part of it. Mr. Weller has written to the directors from Chicago, just as he was about to leave for the camps in Michigan, offering to meet them anywhere to discuss the matter, and refers to it as though it were an ordinary business transaction with the Bank.

FIRE RATES IN NEW YORK.

Some time ago the New York Local Board appointed a committee to investigate the causes, and, if possible, suggest a remedy for the present wide-spread demoralization in fire-insurance in that city. It was rightly judged that, if the evil could be cared there, it would care itself elsewhere. This Committee was in itself a curiosity, embracing elements as diverse and irreconcilable apparently as oil and water, and much interest was felt in its deliberations. Many long and weary sessions were held, and suggestions invited from all quarters, and "open letters" were quite numerons. There was no trouble in arriving at the causes of the demoralization. They are patent to every business-man,-increased competition, in-

creased losses, and shrinkage in assets, or, as one vigorous member expressed it, burning the candle at both ends and in the middle at the same time. The effect of these causes is seen everywhere. Rates have dropped from 25 to 50 per cent., and there are but few risks paying what has come to be regarded by professional skilled underwriters as adequate rates. The Committee were met at the outset by diverse interests between so-called tariff and non-tariff companies, agency and non-agency companies, and other discordant elements. They struggled manfully, and finally on the 15th ult., made a report on the situation, which, if adopted by a majority of the companies, will lead to results as far-reaching as present demoralization.

The Committee unanimously recommended the abolition of the rebate system. Many professional readers will comprehend the meaning of this recommendation; but, for the benefit of the unprofessional, it will be explained. Briefly, the rebate system is the plan of granting a rebate on the rate directly to the assured. Many merchants and capitalists have secretly rejoiced that they were enabled to get back 10 or 15 per cent, upon their insurance premiums, in the blissful but delusive belief that they had thereby gained something, for getting that before anything could be taken from the price it must first be put on. So general has this custom been in New York city that t is doubtful if one policy in a thousand is issued at net rates to the assured. Now, the effect upon the companies has been to compel them to pay first a rebate and then a broker's commission. Originally it was instituted to head off the brokers and induce the assured to deal directly with the companies, but that attempt has been about the most dismal failure on record in the history of the business. The double rebate has cut into the rate so deeply that it is a great burden, and consequently the Committee recommended its total abolition, and reduction of brokers' commissions to a lower sum than is now paid, -all this to be accomplished through a tariff association.

This is a scheme by which the companies may be joined in one common brotherhood to fix rates. and loyally adhere to them. Final action on the proposal will be taken some time this month, and it is not at present deemed likely that it will succeed. The honest bottom fact is that many of the "big Injuns" of the fire insurance fraternity do not wish it to succeed, and on one pretence or another will stay out of it. Indeed, no less a light than George T. Hope, President of the Continental Fire, of this city, is reported to have declared at the last meeting of the Local Board that he would only join in the movement provided 95 per cent, of the companies in the city would do likewise. Now, it is not believed ninctg-five per cent. will join, and, accordingly, we may reckon the Continental as "out." Then, if the Continental, the Home; if the Home, the German-American; if the German-American, the Phenix, and so on. What is apparent is that there are some companies and some agencies which will not join in this movement under any conceivable circumstances, and if others are deterred by their example the whole business will be a failure. Notwithstanding these discouragements, there are several sanguine spirits working earnestly to bring about a reform. The English companies are unanimous in its favor, and so are the agency companies, but the fellows who would rather rule in a place unmentionable than serve in Heaven are very troublesome.

Correspondence.

A CORRECTION.

Hamilton, January 10th, 1879.

To The Journal of Commerce, Montreal.

DEAR SIR,-In a recent issue of your generally accurate Journal, you impute to Mr. Johnson Boocock the discredit of being attached. You subsequently denied this very properly. But in your issue of this week you devote a whole paragraph to justify your previous report. Now, we have unmistakeable evidence that, in neither case, was your information correct. We are quite familiar with Mr. Boocock's affairs, he having been in our employment for a number of years and we know that he has neither been attached nor has he compromised. It is really too had that respectable, well-meaning traders should have their credit and reputation damaged by unwarranted reports of this kind, and we would respectfully suggest your making an apology for the gross injustice which has been done to him. Your correspondent should be severely reprimanded for making such egregious mistakes.
Tuos. C. Kena & Co. in liq.
Per Kittson.

[The information was procured from the "Change List," published by Dun, Wiman & Co.'s Mercantile Agency in this city, dated Dec. 31st, and was further corroborated by information through McKillop's agency, which has recently ceased to do business in Ontario and Quebec. It is one of the few lessons we have received through relying upon such information. We sincerely regret any annoyance caused Mr. Boocock in the matter .- Ev. J. or C.]

INSURANCE-FIRE RECORD.

Barrie, Jan. 8.—A two-storey frame house owned by Mrs. Shaney, and occupied by W. Wilson, destroyed. Loss \$1,000; insured for \$800 in the Western.
Halifax, Jun. 9.—A house owned and occu-

pied by Mrs. Ward badly damaged.

Notiawa, Jan. 9.- A dwelling owned and oc-upied by P. McKee, together with all the household contents, destroyed. Loss, \$600; no insurance.

Pleasant Point, N.B., Jan. 11.—A two-story wooden building owned and occupied by Alfred Wood, destroyed. The building was insured Wood, destroyed. for \$700.

Fort Coulonge, Que., Jan. 13.—A house belonging to Bernard Smith, together with contents, destroyed. Loss, \$800; no insurance.

Dorchester, N.B., Jan. 13.—The grist and carding mills belonging to Elijah Ayer totally destroyed. Ya insurance.

destroyed. No insurance.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—The drying-room of the laundry of the Montreal General Hospital slightly damaged.

Kingston, Jan. 13 .- The double frame house, on Alfred street, owned by John Vandewater on Affed street, owned by John vandewater; together with an adjoining house, owned by Capt. Ren, destroyed. Fully insured.
Farnham, Que., Jan. 14.—The residence of Dr. Dartois totally destroyed. Loss \$3,000; in-

sured for \$1,500.

Quebec, Jan. 14 .- The Baptist Church damaged to the extent of \$50. Middle River, N.B., Jan. 14.—The dwelling and shop of N. Fraser destroyed.

ASSIGNMENTS .- ONTARIO.

J. W. Frolick, Kingston. P. & N. Melady, dry goods, Toronto. W. H. Robinson, Toronto. W. Dunlop, Toronto. Geo. A. McCully, Hamilton, Wm. Currie, St. Mary's,

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

A. Brien, St. Simon.
G. F. Benudry, Montreal.
Wm. W. Rosser, fancy goods, Montreal.
PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

J. Tallent, boots and shoes, Portland. S. Lipman & Son, tobaccos, St. John. J. W. Potts, groceries, St. John.

WRITS OF ATTACHMENT .- ONTARIO.

Geo. Peters, London.
B. & J. Leggett, general store, Chesley.
B. Stone, butcher, Toronto.
Jno. Ohapman, Belleville.
J. Chamberlain, Lindsay.
R. A. Parker, general store, Ottawa.
M. H. Thompson, Lindsay.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Andrew Neill, Three Rivers.
E. C. Goddard, Sweetsburgh.
J. F. Brazeau, Montreal.
Max. Hudon, contractor, Quebec.
G. T. Folster, St. Thomas de Pierreville.
J. E. Clement, St. Johns.
Hurtubise & Perrin, Montreal.
S. St. Denis, Lachine.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

E. J. Manning, hotel, Conquerall Bank,
J. Norton, groceries, Halifax.
J. McGuire, general store, Steep Creek.
R. R. Waterman, Truro.
Jno. McGuire, Guysboro.
Vm. B. Shaw, general store, Windsor.
James Anderson, Halifax.
Moren & Hunan, Milton.
A. W. Moren, commission merchant, Liverpool.
PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Gregory Bros., St. Stephen.
Thomson & Stevens, St. John.
D. L. Hutchinson, jewellery, St. John.
Jno. Vaughan, boots and shoes, St. John.
M. C. Inch, millinery, St. John.

PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.
D. S. Baker, general store, Charlottetown.
R. Tuplin, groceries, Alberton.
John A. McLeod, general store, Kensingston.

Commercial.

MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16th, 1879.

There has been a fair degree of activity among retailers during the week, now that the heavy winter roads have improved, and stocks of goods are becoming considerably reduced in most sections. Remittances have been much complained of, but during the last week or two there has been some improvement in this respect. The wholesale trade is busily preparing for spring business. The money market shows little change. Stocks are still weak.

ASHES.—Receipts moderate. First Pots have sold at from \$3.80 to \$4.15 and are again easier, closing at \$4.00. Inferiors, none offering, there has been only one buyer in the market for a month, and fluctuations are merely whimsical. *Pearls.*—No sales since our last. Firsts nominal at \$5.50. Receipts since 1st January, 335 brls Pots and 46 brls Pearls. Deliveries, 252 brls Pots and 34 brls Pearls. Stock in store on the morning of 16th January 1206 brls Pots and 250 brls. Pearls.

Boots and Shoes.—A fair amount of orders have been received since last report, but retailers purchase with caution, and competition is so sharp that there can be very little margin for the manufacturer, the production being evidently at present in excess of the requirements of the trade.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS. — A fair amount of business has been doing during the past week,

without any particular change to note in prices. Our English reports received by hast mail state, with reference to heavy chemicals, that Liancashire prices are not generally lower, though for large orders very low figures have in some instances been accepted to clean out accumulations. Many of the local makers are disinclined to necept contracts which they would otherwise take, on account of the possibility of their works being stopped by the men's resistance of reduced wages. In some instances the men have refused to accept the reduction insisted on by the masters, and the works will stand idle for the short time necessary to bring the hands to terms. Many firms will probably avait of the expiration of their 1878 contracts to very considerably curtail their production.

Day Goods. — The wholesale houses are busy making preparations for entering upon the spring campaign. There are a few alterations in prices which our readers will find it to their interest to remember. Canadian Tweeds are fully ten to fitteen per cent lower than at this period last year; American cottons and prints are slightly lower. English and Scotch tweeds are steady, but the finer class of imported woollen goods are higher, as predicted in our dry goods report during September and October last. Silks are steady, but there is some indication that black silks will advance. Other dress goods show no change. Canadian cottons are slightly lower, but the reduction is hardly quotable, except for old lots, or which a reduction of about 2½ per cent could be had. We repeat previous quotations:—Valleyfield (bleached) X30 in., 6c; XX33 in., 74c; XXX36 in., 7c; O36 full, 7½c; OO36 full, 9¢; EEE36 shrink finish, 9¢; BB36 full, 11¢; Ll.36 in shrink finish, 9¢; RB36 full, 11¢; Ll.36 in shrink finish, 12c. Hochelaga (Grey), G30 in. 6½c; H33 in. 6¾c; HHB36 in. 7¾c; XX36 full) 8¾c; XXX36 in. (full) 9½c. Oornwall (Grey), WD32 in. 6¾c; WE35 in. 7½c; WR35 in. 8¢; WS35 in. 9¢; WA36 in. 8½c; WW36 in. 9¼c; Twilled 36 in. 11½c. Lybster (Grey), No. 23 in. 6¾c; No. 2, 35 in. 7½c; No. 1, 35 in. 8¢; XX36 in. (full) 9¢; Heavy twilled, 36 in. 10c. Dundas (Grey Sheetings), B. 72 in. 21c; No. 1, 72 in. (twilled) 32c.

Figh.—Trade in this line has been very dull for several weeks past, and little business is looked for before the beginning of Lent. We repeat previous quotations with but few changes:—Green Cod at \$4.50 for No.1; Dry Codfish, American, in full supply at \$4.25; Gaspé, scarce at \$4.75 to \$5. Little doing in Labrador Herrings, which remain firm at \$4.25 per brl. PickledSalmon at \$90.00 for No. 1, and \$10.50 for Nos. 2 and 3. Mackerel still in limited quantity. We quote No.1 at \$8; No. 2, \$5.50 to \$6.50 and \$7; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$5.50. Small fall, \$3. Smoked Herrings, 21 c. to 23c. per box. Finnan Haddies, \$6.2c. per lb. Smoked Salmon, 12½c. per lb. Bloaters, \$2.00 per box. Canned Salmon, \$2.00 per doz. Lobsters, \$1.40 per doz. Frozen Salmon, 12½c. to 13c. per lb Boneless Codfish, 6c. to 6½c. Boneless Hake, 3½c. to 4c.

FLOUR.—The trade presents no new feature. Market very quiet—demand light—holders not pressing, but holders would make slight concessions to effect sales. The stock shows an increase on the fortnight of 4,000 barrels.

Stocks in Store and in hands of millers.

	15 Jan. 1879.	2nd Jan. 1879.	15 Jan. 1878.
Wheat bush.	84,555	85,270	396,601
Corn "	118,652	118,858	121,421
Peas "	51,952	51,952	162,304
Barley "	84,596	84,804	45,844
Oats "	20,107	23,141	9,368
Flour bris.	54,063	49,968	43,172
Oatmeal "	365	389	1,196

Furs.—No change in prices. We quote:—Rats, Spring, 13c. to 16c.; Rats, Winter, 10c. to 13c.; Rats, Fall, 6c. to 8c.; Red Fox, \$1.10

to \$1.20; Cross Fox, \$2.00 to \$4.00; Silver, \$25 to \$40; Lynx, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Martin, 75c. to \$1.00; Otter \$3.00 to \$5.00; Mink, Dark Prime, 75c. to \$1.25; Mink, Pale, 25c. to 50c.; Beaver, Winter, clean Pelt, per lb., \$1.50 to \$1.75; Beaver, Fall, clean Pelt, per lb., \$1.50 to \$1.35; Bear, large prime, \$6 to \$8; Bear, small, \$4 to \$5; Cub, \$2 to \$4; Fisher, \$5 to \$7; Skunk, 20c. to 40c.

GROCKHES.—Sugars have been quite active, with considerable sales of yellows at advance reported. Granulated closes rather lower, influenced likely by greater proportional drawback on granulated than yellows. Yellows are 6½c. to 8½c.; Granulated, 8½c. to 9½c. Teas, market firm for desirable Japans. Teas, from good, ordinary to line and choice kinds, 24c. to 48c. would be the range,; In Young Hysous, not much doing, Black Teas, also quiet. Syrups are a fair demand, 4°c. to 55c. Molasses, inactive. hiee, light business, 54.25 to 54.40. Coffees, Java is limm 27c. to 30c., Maraciabo, 20c. to 22c. Chemicals, dull. Spices, Pepper steady, Nutmegs, lirm, Cloves 40c. to 45c. scarce. Fruit.—Valentin Raisins in demand and held still for some advance, 5½c. to 6c. are current figures. In Malaga Pruit not much doing, also in Currants.

HARDWARE.—There is little change in this department beyond the recent alteration in the manufacturers' discount to the trade on nails, which is equivalent to an advance of 25c. per keg.

LEATHER.—We have to report another quiet week. The boot and shoe houses are pursuing a careful policy this season. Having sent their travellers out, they now await orders before manufacturing stock. As soon as orders begin to come in a demand for leather will arise. Spanish, Slaughter and Buffalo sole, dult of sate and prices are in buyer's favor. No. 1 Pebble in good demand at No. 2 price. Splits and Waxed Upper, slow of sale. Harness very dult. French Calf and Kips in fair demand.

Live Stock.—The arrivals of cattle at Point St Charles last week were greatly in excess of the two previous weeks. The arrivals of the last six days were thirty-three carloads of cattle, three carloads of sheep, and two carloads of horses. At the St. Gabriel Cattle Market last Monday the demand was large, and prices were well maintained; sales ranging from 3c to 4½c per lb. Ten good cattle were sold at 4½c per lb., four heifers at 534 each, and twenty-three cattle at 552 each, part of these last are for shipment to Britain. A carload of cattle were sold at an average of from 3c to 4½c per lb. another carload brought \$37 each, another carload \$38.50 each, and a further carload at \$42c per lb, and eight other cattle were sold at 4½c per lb, and eight other cattle at from \$25 to \$46 each. Two small lots of live hogs brought 3½c per lb. The price of dressed hogs say they are willing to pay from \$2.35 to \$3.95 per 100 lbs., while dealers ask \$4.10.

OHS.—There is not much movement in oils, the demand being confined to small country orders, and dealers in the city have their stocks pretty full. Naval Stores.—Are dull and nominal. Paints.—Ditto.

Phoyisions—Butter.—There has been rather more enquiry for strictly choice selections, the supply of which is very scarce, and prices rule a trifle higher. The supply of Eastern Townships is still very small, and shippers have been compelled to take the fancy lots of Brockville and Morrisburghs in place of Townships. The continued cold weather abroad has caused a better demand for grades below finest, and during the past week we notice a decided improvement in good to medium lots, which have hitherto been more or less neglected. We note sales of 300 packages fine selected Brockvilles

at 17c., 300 medium Western at 15c., 100 fair Dairy at 13c., 100 good Dairy at 15c., 200 selected Dairy at 163c, and 150 tubs fancy selected Townships at 19c. The following is the comparative stocks of Butter in Liverpool with highest market prices on 1st January 1879, 1878, 1875, 1873 - 1874 - 1875.

1877, 1876, 1875, 1874:—
1879......22,5-14 packages, highest prices 100s.
1878......31,418 " " 90s. " . .. " 1877......31,757 120s.44 " 1876.....15,553 114s.εi 44 1875.....21,367 138s." 64 11 126s. 1874..... 8,342

Cheese.-There is a trifle more hopeful feeling, but it is only on the very finest lots of September and October makes, which owing to scarcity, are held with greater confidence. For medium and ordinary grades which make up the large accumulation, there is very little demand, and holders appear anxious to accept almost any bid. Latest cable advices report an ad-vance of 1s. but it is only on the very finest September and October makes, and the greater portion of the stock continue more or less neglected. It is considered doubtful with the enormous stocks of earlier makes on both sides of the Atlantic, and the condition of the working classes in England, whether we shall see any higher prices, and even at present rates it seems evident that we must have a large accumulation of old cheese on hand by the time the new make appears. We note a sale of 136 boxes of strictly choice September and October makes at 7th which after being repeatedly. offered, was the very best price obtainable. Cable, 46s. The following is the comparative stocks of Chese in Liverpool with highest market prices on 1st January, 1879, 1878, 1877, 1876,

1875, 1874:-			et e e et e		-
1879	183,041	boxes,	highest	price	16s.
1878	. 89,489	"		*	65s.
1877			tt .		69s.
1876				44	5 īs.
1875			· "	44	72s.
1874				. 66	68s.

Seens .- We expected to have been able to give a more favorable report of this market the present week, but there is still very little demand for seeds. Holders in Ontario are asking \$3.75 to \$3.90 per bushel for Red Clover, and we believe there has been some transactions at these prices. Timothy is nominal at \$1.60 to \$1.75, but the farmers are not bringing any to market, and there is nothing doing in it.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Toronto, January 16.

Market still quiet. Flour inactive, but some enquiry heard and \$3.50 bid for Spring Extra Wheat quiet but steady, with but the splot. Where there are the standy, with buyers at \$2c for No. 2 Spring; \$4c to \$5c for No. 1 Spring, acd \$9c for No. 2 Fall. Oats easier, Canadian sold at 27dc on track. Barley inactive and unchanged. Peus steady with buyers at 59c to 60c for No. 2. Hogs firm and sold at

AMERICAN MARKETS.

Chicago, Jan. 16th, 1.02 p.m.—Wheat, 82&c Jan.; 82&c Feb.; 83&c March 83&c. Receipts, 72,000 bush: shipments, 26,000 bushels. Corn, Jan. 29&c; Feb. 29&c to 30&c; March 30&c; May 34&c. Receipts, 81,000 bush; shipments, 38,000 bush. Oats, Jan. 19&c; Feb. 19&c; March 20&c;

bush. Oats, Jan. 193c; Feb. 194c; March 204c; May 234c. Receipts, 34,000 bushels; shipments, 26,000 bush. Barley, cash 95c; Feb. 96c. Receipts, 8,000 bush; shipments, 15,000 bushels. Pork, Feb. \$8.02\frac{1}{2}; March \$8.17\frac{1}{2}; Apr. \$8.32\frac{1}{2}. Lard, Feb. \$5.72\frac{1}{2}; March \$5.92\frac{1}{2}; Apr. \$5.93\frac{1}{2}. Lard, Feb. \$5.72\frac{1}{2}; March \$5.92\frac{1}{2}; Apr. \$5.93\frac{1}{2}. New York, 2.10 p.m.—Wheat, Chicago, 98c; Milwaukec, \$1.02; No. 2 Red, \$1.10\frac{1}{2}. Sales, 75,000 bush; receipts, 8,000 bush. Corn, No. 2, 47\frac{1}{2}c. Receipts, 33,000 bush. Pork, Jan. \$8.75; Feb. \$8.80; March \$8.95. Receipts, 534. Lard, Jan. \$6.12\frac{1}{2}; Feb. \$6.12\frac{1}{2}; March \$6.16\frac{1}{2}. Receipts, 5,449. ceipts, 5,449.

Milwaukce, Jan. 16.—Wheat, No. 2, 83clc. Receipts, 66,600 bush; shipments, 35,000gbus. Toledo. Jan. 16.—No. 2 Red Winter, 954c; Detroit White Michigan, 944c; March 97c.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

Liverpool and London, Beerbohu's Report, January 16.—Floating Cargoes Wheat, dull. Floating Cargoes Corn, firm. Cargoes on passage and for shipment, Wheat, slow. Cargoes on passage and for Shipment, Corn, rather easier. No. of cargoes on passage to U. K., Wheat, 1,500,000 qrs. No. of cargoes on passage to U. K., Corn, 330,000 qrs. Liverpool Wheat spot, very quiet. Liverpool Corn, spot, quiet but steady. Liverpool Red American Spring, No. 3 to No. 2 78 2d to 85 5d.

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IMPORTS.

Comparative statement of Imports at the Port of Montreal per Grand Trunk Railway from 1st to 15th January 1878 and 1879, inclu-

	1878	1879.
Ashesbrls	248	381
Butterbrls	5,701	3,698
Barleybush	4,800	3,600
Bacon boxes	4	
Corn bush		480
Cheeseboxes	24.	6
Flour brls	22,181	12,130
Lardbrls	1,145	
Outs bush	1,400	700
Oatmeal brls	560	265
Peasbush	1,200	
Pork brls	600	200
Wheatbush	800	٠

RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK.

Ashes .- 96 brls. Pot, 2 brls. Pearl. Butter .- 1,441 bris.

Butler.— 1,441 bris.
Barley.—1,200 bush.
Bacon.— box.
Corn.—— bush.
Cheese.— 2 boxes
Flour.— 5,830 brls.
Lard.— 532 brls.
Outs.— 700 bush.

Oatmeal.—165 brls. Peas.——bush. Pork.—75 brls

Wheat .- - bush.

EXPORTS.

Comparative statement of Exports of leading articles at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st to 15th January, 1878 and 1879, inclusive.

	1878.	1879,
Ashesbrls	227	65
Butter brls	8,493	15,282
Barleybush	27,750	
Baconboxes	438	498
Cornbush	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Cheeseboxes	10	1,387
Cattle		531
Flourbrls	9,190	9,209
Horses		*****
Hogs		
Lardbrls	1,200	1,775
Lumberfeet		
Oatmealbrls	2,875	1,949
Oatsbush	2,118	
Peasbush	19,097	53,431
Porkbrls	5	28
Sheep	350	
Wheatbush	S2,75 L	109,940

EXPORTS FOR THE WEEK,

Ashes .- 60 bris. Pots, 5 bris. Pearl.

Butter.— 2,765 brls. Barley.—— bush. Bacon .- 56 boxes. Corn. - bush.

Cheese .- 982 boxes. Cattle .- 273. Flour .- 6,115 brls.

Hogs.

Lard .- 951 bris. Lumber. - feet Oats. - bush. Oatmeal - 400 brls. Peas.— 8,060 bush.

Pork.—— bris

Sheep.——

Wheat .- 52,000 bush.

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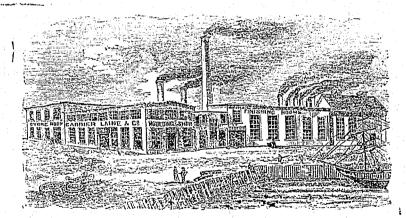
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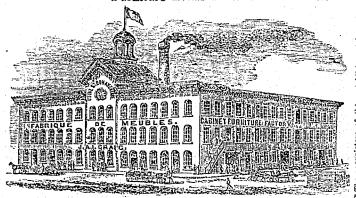
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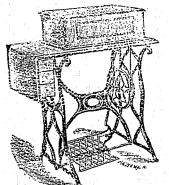
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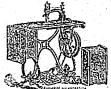
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	ASSETS.	
	Cash in Bank	42,248 41
	United States Bonds and Deposits 4	21,972 50
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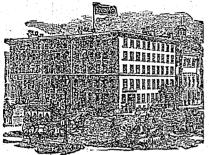
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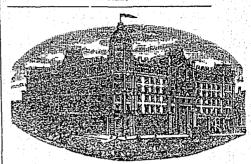
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Montreal	\$200	\$12,000,000	\$11,979,800	5,500,000	5	137] 138
Ontario Bank	40	3,000,000	2,996,000	100,000	3	631 65
/ Mechanics' Bank	50	500,000	456,510			
Merchants' Bank of Canada	100	6,200,000	5,461,790	475,000	. 31	773 781
Consolidated Bank of Canada	100	3,500,000	8,477,950	230,000	3	55 57
Du Peuple	50	1,600,000	1,600,000	240,000	21	60 63
Jacques Cartier	50	1,000,000	1,000,000 1,996,715	400.000	3	30 31 81 85
Toronto	50	2,000,000	2.000,000	1,000,000	83.	
Ouchec Bank	100	2,500,000	2,499,920	475,000	53	1151 1161
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Maritime	100	1,000,000	667,910	20,600	0	50
Exchange Bank	100	1,000,000	1,000,000	50,000	3	63 67
Imperial Bank	100	913,000	868,000	60,000	4 3	1021
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Canada Landed Credit Co	25 25	1,430,000	500,000	40,000	4	1211
Canada Perm. Loan and Savings Co	50	2,000,000	2,000,000	808,000	6	174
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Dominion Telegraph Co	50	600,000	600,000		3}	71
Farmers' Loan and Savings Co	50	450,000	400,000	17,000	4	114
Freehold Loan & Investment Co.	100	600,000	600,000	200,000	5	146
Hamilton Provident & Loan Society l	100	1,000,000	775,883	87,000	5	112
Huron & Erie Say, & Loan Soc.	50	1,000,000	977,622	220,000		1374
Imperial Loan and Investment Co	50	600,000	600,000	50,000	4	109
London & Can. Loan & Agency Co	- 50	4,000,000	560,000	143,000	. 5	131
London Loan Co. of Canada	50	418,500	129,400	15,129	9-7 mos.	1113
Montreal Telegraph Co	40	2,000,000	2,000,000	*******	3	102 102;
Montreal City Gas Co	40	4,000,000	1,860,000	*******	5	108 108
Montreal City Passenger Ry Co Montreal Building Association	50	1,200,000	600,000 500,000		8	741 76
Montreal Loan & Mortgage S'y	50	500,000 1,000,000	1.000,000	75.000	3 4	44 45
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Ontario Savings & Inv. Soc	60	1,000,000	718,018	144.000	5	1021 128
Provincial Permanent Building Soc	100	280,000	250,000	10,000	ă	- 60
Richelieu & Ontario Nav. Co.	100	1,500,000	1,500,000	20,000	3 3	421 43
Toronto City Gas Co	50	600,000	600,000		<u> </u>	1411
Union Permanent Building Soc.	50	500,000	400,000	35,000	5 5	142
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co	50	1,000,000	800,000	250,000	5	145
						

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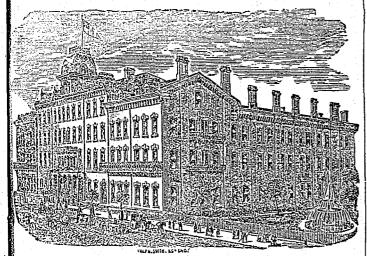
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NAME OF COMPANY.	No. Shares.	Last Dividend. per year.	Share par yalue.	Amount paid per Share.	Last Sale. per Share.	Canada quotations per ct.
British America Fire & Marine. Canada Life Citizons, Fire, Life, Guarantee & Acc't Confederation Life. Sun Mutual Life and Accident Isolated Risk, Fire Quebee Fire. Quebe City Fire. Western Assurance. Royal Canadian Insurance Accident Insurance Co. of Canada. Canada Guarantee Co. Merchants' Marine Insurance Co. Mational Insurance, Fire. Stadacona Insurance Co., Fire and Life Ottawa Agricultural.	2,500 11,850 5,000 5,000 2,500 2,000 20,000 60,000 2500 2835 5,000 20,000	5-6mos. 7½-6mos. 6-6 mos. 4-6 mos. 12½ 10 7½ 6 mos. 8 per ct. 8 ben. 2p.c. 8 per ct.	100	\$50 50 20 10 124 10 130 10 20 45 20 20 20 20	\$56 85 26 123 120 10 26 20 204	112 103 126 j 100 26 120 j 100 105 152 83 84 j 100 102 j

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Briton Medical Life	20,000	10	£10	2	£1 2\frac{1}{2}.		
Briton Life Association	60,000	10	1	1	i 1		
British & Foreign Marine	50,000	50	20	4	16		
CommercialUnion Fire Life & Marine	50,000	30	50	5	151		
Edinburgh Life	5,000	10	100	15	401	****	
Guardian Fire and Life	20,000	l īš	100	50	71-75		
Imperial Fire	12,000	£7 p. sh.	100	25	153		
Lancashire Fire and Life	100,000	30	20	-2	7.1		
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