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		ANK,	The Board of Directors of the Canada Landed Credit Company hereby give notice that in pursuance of the Act of Incorporation, the	HENRY C. SCOTT STOCK AND SHARE BROKER,
~~~~	QUEBEC,		Annual General Meeting	(Member of the Stock Exchange)
CAPITAI	·	1,000,000	of the Shareholders will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of January 1875, at the Company's Official	Agent Quebec Fire Assurance Co.,
A. JOSEF	DIRECTORS.	President.	o'cleck, noon, precisely, to receive the report of the Di- rectors, and to elect six Directors for the ensuing year. The following go out of office by rotation, but are	32 Francois Xavier Street, MONTREAL.
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Agents in the	WM. R. DEAN, Cashier. e Dominion-Bank of Mon		JOHN DUNLOP, Esq. THOS. LAILEY, Esq. J. S. PLAYAIR, Esq.	MOWAT'S BLOCK,
" Ch	ew York—Bell & Smithers. icago—Bank of Montreal. indon, England, National Ba	ank of Scotland	By order, J. SYMONS, Secretary. Toronto Street, Toronto, 23rd Dec., 1874.	Wellington Street, STRATFORD.
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HAMILTON,	ONT. E	stablished 1847	STOCK & EXCHANGE BROKERS,	E. FORD,
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A NEW factory for boots and shoes, arranged to employ one hundred work-people, has just been completed by Messrs. Harper & Webster, at Shediac, N.B., their business having outgrown their old premises,

An encouragement to extend the city delivery of mail matter at an early day, is found in the fact that the few months trial had in Montreal of the system, proves it to cost nothing thus far, for the sale of onc-cent stamps has increased enough to cover the whole expense.

It has come out in evidence that \$105,000 was paid in sums of one thousand to twentyfive thousand dollars to various news correspondents, legislators, and office-bearers of the House at Washington, to facilitate the passage of the subsidy to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

MR. C. W. GOODFRY, shoe merchant, who left Belleville for the States between New Year's and the next day, has made a clean sweep of several thousand dollars by selling out his stock, (which was bought most on credit), for eash in hand to an unsuspecting party, who gave him goc. per dollar for it. There appears to be absolutely no assets left with which to pay his debts.

In relation to stories which had been set afloat, and which reached the press, to the effect that consideable loss had been sustained by the City & District Savings Bank in Montreal, through loans made by them. Information has now came, which we presume is authentic, that the loans so criticised were legitimate, and are secured in a manner which renders them, in the opinion of the Directors, amply safe.

MR. DUNCAN Bell, Manufacturers agent in Montreal, assigned a day or two ago with liabilities stated at \$60,000. We understand that two or three Western houses are involved to a considerable extent. A couple of other failures are reported, but we cannot now give particulars.

A FEW days ago, Mr. H. F. Sinclair of Orillia, doing a small business in Fancy Goods, made an assignment, with liabilities of about \$2.000. There are some circumstances connected with this case that have a very unfavourable appearance, and it remains to be seen whether they will bear the light of a thorough investigation.

THE fire which broke out in the upper part of the building leased by the Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company, left it without quarters in which to carry on its business. In this emergency Capt. Perry, of the Royal Canadian, generously came forward and gave them the use of a portion of his offices, which offer was, we need hardly say, gladly accepted.

MESSRS. MORRIS & ASH, of Rondeau, Ont., who were burned out about eighteen months ago, have, we reget, been compelled to suspend payment. We trust they will succeed in making an arrangement with the creditors, as the stoppage of their large factories must result in serious loss to the village.

A. M. KIRPATRICK, hailing from Uncle Sam's domain. came here a few months ago with a patent for manufacturing butter; and with the assistance of a prominent Lawyer, said to be a relation, he succeeded in forming a Company composed of a number of leading business men for the purpose of manufacturing butter out of suet, &c. After paying a considerable sum upon their stock the Directors found they were victims of misplaced confidence, and the concern has been closed.

A WRIT of attachment was issued, a week or two ago, against the goods and chattels of Charles Watt Mitchell, of Claremont, County of Ontario, under the following circumstances: Mitchell advertised to sell his stock by auction.

REMOVED.
We beg to inform our customers and the Trade gene- rally, that we have removed to our
New Warehouse, 39 Front St. West.
We have opened out this week and can show the con- tents of
410 Packages of New Autumn Goods.
Each Department has a full assorted stock. Merchants visiting the city are respectfully invited to call. Back orders will now receive immediate attention. TERMS LIBERAL.
THOMAS WALLS & CO.
39 FRONT STREET WEST.
DOBBIE & CARRIE
9 FRONT STREET WEST.
Stock kept Constantly Assorted
FRESH ARRIVALS
NEW GOODS.
DOBBIE & CARRIE.
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without reserve, and without informing any of his creditors of his intention. One of his creditors got wind of the affair, paid him a visit and protested against the unusual proceeding. A writ of attachment was issued and appealed against. At the examination it was found that Mitchell had sold out his entire stock—without taking an inventory to his "brother-in-law," whose means were invested in greenbacks. The sale or "sell," as it afterwards proved, was made on Saturday, 19th December, a few hours after Mitchell's creditor had interviewed him, and on Christmas day the Sheriff was in possession. The Judge cancelled the sale to the brother-in-law and confirmed the writ.

Among the more recent cases of apparent premeditated rascality, is that of G. A. Smith, who made an assignment at Trenton about two years ago. During the month of November last, he took about \$5.000 in cash to Montreal, which he distributed judiciously among some of the best houses in that City, and opened about fifteen accounts, making purchases of goods to the extent of about \$30.000; which goods he opened out in splendid style in a new store in Guelph, and for a time did a pushing business. The morning after New Years day it was reported that his new safe, which had a patent combination lock, had been robbed of \$4.000. On a careful examination by the police officer, it was found that if the safe had been robbed it bore no mark of violence. This aroused suspicion, and a few days afterwards he was arrested at the instance of the Montreal creditors. It is stated that he is now in Detroit, whence he sent the key of the safe, explaining the combination, and saying it was a pity to break the safe open

to a considerable extent. A couple of other Mitchell advertised to sell his stock by auction, DUTIES.—A meeting of tea merchants was held





of the more striking features of our trade during the year 1873-4, although the details thereof will not be laid before the country until Parliament meets. We found there had been a lull in the marked expansion of our commerce which had gone on for several previous years; that our total transactions had declined about \$50,000 as compared with the preceeding year (1872-3) but that this decline was altogether in our foreign importations, which many doubtless regarded as a gain rather than a loss. So far as our exports were concerned, they had increased by \$96,878.

These changes in our annual trade in 1873-4 made us anxious to ascertain how our transactions with the United States had been effected-that country generally being, as is well known, the chief purchaser of our productions. We have been able to procure the aggregate amount of the imports and exports between the two countries, and they certainly add to the peculiarities of the year's transactions. We find the imports and exports to have been as follows:

Total imports from United States .. \$54,279,749 exports to United States .... 30,317,685

Balance.....\$23,962,064

These returns do not show an increase in the aggregate value of our exchanges with the United States. In 1872-3 the total amount thereof was \$89,808,204, whilst last

adding the above imports and exports together. There was, therefore, a decline in the volume of our trade with our American neighbours; of over five millions of dollars. The striking and important feature of these returns is, the great change manifest in the proportion of exports to imports. It will be observed that our imports from the United States swelled to \$54,000,000 in round numbers, whilst our exports fell to \$30,000,000. This leaves a balance against us of nearly \$24,000,000-a marked difference from the usual state of our annual international account, and one deserving the earnest consideration of those who take an interest in our commercial affairs.

Within ten years our commerce with the United States may be said to have made a complete revolution. During the existence of the Treaty of 1854, the balance of trade was generally in favor of our neighbors. After that wise and salutary measure was abolished, and they had barred and bolted their markets against our productions, mirabile dictu, the balance wheeled round in favor of the Dominion. This was doubtless partly caused by the high prices produced by the civil war, but it also went to prove that the Americans require, and must purchase many of our productions, whatever duties they may impose upon them. In 1871-2, the balance of trade began to turn in favor of the United States once more, and two years later we find it to be no less than \$23,962,064.

In order that we may clearly trace the course of trade between the two countries, we annex the following statement of our exports and imports since Confederation took place. The returns are Canadian, and although not as reliable as we could desire, at least approximate to accuracy:

	Year.	Exports.	Imports.
ļ	1866-7	\$25,583,800	\$20,272,907
	1867-8	27,534,292	26,315,052
	1868-9	27,846,461	25,477,975
	1869-70	32,984,652	24,728,166
	1870-1	30,975,642	29,022,387
	1871-2	31,896,816	34,217,969
	1872-3	42,072,526	47,735,678
	1873-4	30,317,685	54,279,749

#### \$249,211,874 \$262,049,883

Taking this period of eight years, it will be seen we have taken from the United States articles valued at over twelve millions of dollars more than they took from us. But this difference against us was all piled up last year, which must be regarded as exceptional; during the previous seven years, the balance had been, to nearly an equal amount, in our favour; nor should it be forgotten in examining those statistics, that the shipments from Chicago, Milwaukee and other western ports via the St. year it was \$84,597,434, as will be seen by Lawrence, are entered in our returns as as before, there would have been a large

Canadian imports, although the produce or other articles may really be destined for Europe, and only pass through our country on their way to market. If the imports from the United States which "enter into consumption" in Canada, were alone entered in our Trade returns, we fancy the result would be somewhat different from what appears above. Making allowance for these circumstances, the foregoing statement will afford an approximate idea of the course of trade between the United States and Canada during the last eight years.

So far as 1873-4 is concerned, we regard it as an exceptional year. As compared with the previous twelve months, our imports went up \$6,544,071; this is a considerable increase, but not so large as to call for special remark. Our exports, however, fall off \$11,754,841; this is a marked decline, and coming at a time when our importations also increased considerably, makes the wide difference which we have seen exists between imports and exports.

When the details of the year's transactions are published, we feel assured that the decline in our exports to the United States last year will be found to have arisen mainly from the stagnation of the Lumber trade. Lumber was a drug in the Albany and other eastern markets during the year, and we have no doubt that this is the chief, if not the only cause of the defliciency in our exports across the lines. We are the more assured of this because we exported of Grain and Animals to the Unted States as follows:

Grain exported to United States ....\$6,963,765 Animals, &c., to do. .... 5,706,367

Total ......\$12,670,132

We cannot tell as yet whether the Lumber trade will attain to its former buoyancy this year or not, but if it does, the chances are that our exports to the United States in 1874-5 will speedily more than regain last year's decline. And it is possible too, that the sales of American goods in Canada may not be so large. We fancy our imports last year were swelled by goods forced on the Candian Market by the hard times across the lines, a style of business involving too much sacrifice on the part of sellers to be often repeated now that business is begining to brighten a little among our neighbours.

The fact that our exports to the United fell off \$11,754,851 in 1873-4, whilst our total exports-including our shipments to all countries-increased over those of the previous year by nearly \$100,000, affords incontestible proof of the prosperous condition of the Dominion. Had the United States taken from us as much Lumber and other exports

expansion in our total exports-more even than during the two preceding years, when there was an average increase of seven and a half millions per annum. When the details are laid before us, it will be found that our transactions with Great Britain have largely increased. This is another significant fact, and one affording evidence that when the American Markets do not suit our exporters, they quietly, and we dare say with equal profit, make their shipments direct to the Mother country.

We see no reason to change our opinion that 1873-4 was a good year for Canada, and that although our valuable Lumber trade suffered, the Agricultural, Manufacturing, Mercantile and other great interests of the Dominion made substantial and satisfactory progress.

#### FLUCTUATION IN BANK STOCKS.

In our last week's issue we gave a table showing the prices of bank stocks for each week of the past year. The reason for many of the fluctuations shown in the table is often a mystery to the uninitiated. They affect enormous masses of property, and numbers of people both here and abroad are influenced by them, but holders of stocks are often puzzled enough in looking over the stock report to know what causes are at work to bring about such changes as are constantly taking place; and possibly also why there should be such wide difference in the value of the stocks themselves. We propose to touch upon a few of the causes operating to bring about these changes, and also to notice the rea. sons which operate in giving the particular value which each stock has in the market.

All stocks in Canada are bought with the accumulated dividend as part of the price. The dividend of course is a matter of supposition until it is declared, and this is sometimes an element of speculation in the stock. But whatever dividend is supposed to be forthcoming is added to what may be called the natural value of the stocks, when therefore, the dividend is paid, there is always a drop-in-price to a proportional amount, unless some cause at that moment supervene to prevent it. This fall takes place twice a year but not always at the same period, (for the banks do not all pay their dividends at the same time) and these half yearly changes give rise to no little of the apparent fluctuations on the list, but which in reality are no fluctuations at all. Fluctuations, properly so called are due to such causes as the following: The state of the money market. As

sequently fall in value. Plentiful money acts in precisely the opposite way. With abundance of money there is a desire for investment, which causes a demand for stocks amongst other things. Money also accumulates in the banks, and they are willing to lend on the security of stocks. This fosters speculation in them and drives the price up. Investors in stocks must always calculate that their property is affected by these causes, and in making an investment the state of the money market itself should be considered. For if money happen to be exceptionally plentiful at the time, a higher price than ordinary may have to be paid for any stocks that are bought.

The primary cause however that directly and immediately tells upon the value of a stock is the probability as to the dividend, or of a bonus in addition to it. Because a dividend or bonus has been declared once we are not to conclude that it will be declared always; probabilities must be weighed. An increased dividend may be declared under such circumstances that there is every possible reason for supposing that it will be continued; as for example, when a Bank has been making year by year far more profits than it has divided, and its reserve is up to a point that is considered sufficient; investors may reasonably calculate what the property is worth on the basis of a regular dividend of the increased amount. But sometimes a bonus, or an increase of dividend arises from exceptional causes, as when the Bank of Upper Canada once most foolishly, made up by dividend and bonus no less than twenty five per cent; the bank in fact at that time was giving away the resources of previous years, and so far from their being any chance of such a division again, that very dividend paved the way for the subsequent breaking down.

Most of the banks of Canada have maintained regular dividends of eight per cent, with an occasional reduction to six, or an increase to ten. One of them, and that the Bank with the largest capital of any, for some time declared a dividend and bonus equal to sixteen per cent; but the price of the stock showed that investors were extremely dubious of such a rate of division being maintained. The probability or otherwise of this was a constant element of speculation while it lasted, and rumour was always busy with whispers for some time previous to the appearance of the announcement of dividend as to what were the intentions of the Bank Board respecting it. When dividend is increased, it is of a a general rule when money is dear stocks the utmost importance to purchasers are pressed on the market for sale and con- to know what have been the reasons for and may present statements that appear

such increase, and whether the bank can maintain it. Directors sometimes yield against their better judgment in this matter, when shareholders who have bought at a high premium from some reason or other, become clamorous for a higher dividend before the position of the bank is such as to render a continuance of it reasonably certain. Banks too are sometimes actuated by rivalry in the matter, and declare a higher dividend because some other bank has done the same.

The question of the probable continuance of a dividend is of course intimately connected with the whole management of a bank, as well as that of the trade of the country; with management that has been successful for some years past, there is reason for expecting that the same success will follow in the future. This perhaps is the best mode of judging on this point. It is of course exceedingly difficult to form an accurate opinion, for sometimes the best laid plans may fail to produce the desired result. Usually however a body of experience is acquired by those who have long carried on the management of an institution, and if, year by year there has been a favorable result under varying circumstances, it is fair to presume that the same management will bring about the same state of things again. The condition of trade in the country of course vitally affects the question: with several bad harvests in succession, or repeated years of depression in our lumber and timber interest, a state of things may be brought about in which the very best management may be nnable to avert serious losses, and with serious losses, the inevitable question comes whether the dividend is to be reduced or not.

The amount of the "Rest" or Reserved Fund of a bank has an important bearing on the continuance of the dividend, in fact, one principal object of accumulating such a fund is to ensure that the dividend shall remain unimpaired, even when losses are sustained. The dividend may be assisted by an amount taken from the Reserve; if the amount of that fund will admit of it.

Losses therefore, or rumour of losses, if of serious amount almost invariably affect the value of a stock. In the first place they diminish to a certain extent the actual value of the property. They tend to raise the question as to the continuance of dividend, and if more than one loss is made, if the bank is visited with a series of so called misfortunes there is a diminished confidence in the management, and nothing affects the value of a stock so much as this. A bank may apparently have a considerable reserve. may keep a good supply of available funds.

satisfactory to the Stockholders, but if there is a want of confidence in the management the quotations will be persistently low. This want of confidence may be reasonable or unreasonable. It may exist long after the cause for it has ceased. So difficult is it for bad impressions to be removed when they have once been originated that years of subsequent carefulness will scarcely do away with them. Time, however, will remedy this: for confidence must return in time. Meanwhile it is for those who own stock to hold on, and they will receive their reward in an advance which will probably be rapid and considerable. The want of confidence, however, may have a reasonable foundation. When after repeated warnings, the same style of management is persisted in that has led to former difficulty, there is good reason for investors to be uneasy. Or if there is reason to believe that losses have been sustained of so serious a character as to impair the capital of the bank itself: this is a position of such grave difficulty, and requiring so long a time to work out of, that stockholders need never wonder if their property is almost unsaleable.

It should be noted, however, that rumors are not always to be believed. Almost invariably an actual loss or an impending one will be magnified. There is a perverse pleasure in carrying bad news. But because a bank may be a creditor to a large amount when a firm has failed, it does not always follow that a loss will be sustained. If a bank has based its advances on proper securities, it ought not to be a loser at all. And in repeated instances this has been the case. Rumor, however, always assumes a loss. And not unfrequently when a suspended firm has a certain amount under discount, rumor says the bank has lost that amount. Stockholders should beware of acting on the mere rumor and talk of the street for another reason. The tactics of Wall Street are not entirely unknown in Canada. It may suit the purpose of some parties, at times, to have the price of a certain stock kept down. To whisper and nod and shrug the shoulder judiciously when such a stock is named may have the effect of shaking confidence even in the absence of anything more definite. And when in addition to this, it can be stated that the Bank is in with so and so, &c., &c., and was reported to have lost by such a one, that is quite sufficient to effect the price of stock • in the desired direction.

#### TRIBUNALS OF COMMERCE.

In suggesting the creation of Tribunals

nion Board of Trade was not asking the delegates to sanction a new and untried experiment; he was only asking them to take advantage of the experience of other countries, notably of Germany, France, and the United States. When the late Wm. Lyon Mackenzie used to propose Courts of Arbitration, he was met by the objection that they would not work. And in making them applicable to the settlement of all kinds of disputes, the objection would even now not be without considerable force. Mr. Howland, in proposing to confine the Tribunals of Commerce to the sphere which their name indicates, was not going an inch beyond the limits warranted by experience. The number of appeals against the decisions of tribunals is no bad criterion of the satisfaction they give. In Germany the percentage in these courts of commerce is extremely small; being only 139 out of 11,949, and even of the few cases appealed the original decision was confirmed in the majority of cases-67 per cent. That the proportion of reversals is less than in the ordinary tribunals is proof of the satisfaction with which the decisions of the Tribunals of Commerce are received, and that they furnish the readiest means of arriving at finality. In France, the average reversals, during a period of four years, was only thirteen per cent., though the number of cases adjudicated upon was 110,000. In New York the decisions of the Chamber of Commerce are final; the best of all proofs of the general favour with which they are received. The Beecher case, the Tweed case, or any case of importance furnishes abundant evidence of the surpassing ingenuity of the lawyers in creating delays. If the great world of commerce were constantly impeded by these obstructions, the loss would be incalculable. New York merchants have of course the option of submitting their disputes to the arbitrament of the ordinary tribunals, with their myriad opportunities of delay and appeal; but they generally prefer, and wisely prefer to trust to the justice of a tribunal of their own, against the decisions of which there is absolutely no appeal.

Activity is the life-blood of commerce : stagnation and delay arising out of litigation are always hurtful and sometimes ruinous. Here, then, is a great point proved in favour of Tribunals of Commerce : their expedition, implied in speedily reaching a final decision. In Canada, merchants often prefer to settle disputes at a positive loss rather than encounter unknown delay and indefinite cost. This state of things is not satisfactory; and there is no reason why it should continue. Nor is there any such a Treasury as once told so powerfully

Board of Trade, acting on the advice of Mr. Howland, resolved to bring under the attention of the Minister of Justice the desirability of taking steps, at the earliest date, to establish Tribunals of Commerce, in towns of ten thousand inhabitants and upwards.

These Courts are differently constituted in different countries. The German courts have each a legal judge assisted by commercial judges; in France the actual judges or arbitrators are all commercial men, assisted on legal points by the clerk, a lawyer; the judge who acts for the New York Chamber of Commerce is taken from the bar and appointed by the Governor. He cannot entertain any case in which the rights of married women. minors or lunatics are concerned ; subject to this restriction, he can deal with all disputes between members of the Chamber of Commerce, in which there is no charge of fraud or collusions to give them a criminal tinge.

Mr. Howland roughly sketched a plan which he thought would be suitable to Canada. The judge should have had a legal training; but he should be assisted by men of commercial experience, taken from the various branches of commerce, paid by such fees as would rule in ordinary arbitrations and hold office during good behaviour. Submission should be voluntary with the right of appeal to the highest courts unless it were made a condition precedent that there should be no appeal. To the restriction of jurisdiction which prevails in New York, the President would add matters connected with real estate. This is of course not given as a final or perfect plan; but it is one into which it would be possible to glide with an ease that would be hardly perceptible, and which would not even shock any prevailing prejudice.

THE DOMINION BOARD OF TRADE .--- The annual meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade took place at Ottawa, on the 19th inst. The President, Mr. W. H. Howland, delivered his opening address on the same day. He referred to the fact that the banks have eleven millions of Government money on deposit; and that they having to pay interest on it, are obliged ta re-loan it; the effect of which is to create expansion, liable to be followed by contraction on its withdrawal. He expressed the opinion that it would be better not to allow Government deposits to be used in commerce, and suggested that an independent Government Treasury should be established. There are not the same reasons for establishing of Commerce, the President of the Domi- reason to fear that it will. The Dominion in the United States. The large loss sustained by the Government by the failure of banks- The Bank of Upper Canada failure is the only analagous instance. We must however, not lose sight of the possibility of an independent Government Treasury being some day established. The President noticed the attempt to secure, in Ontario, by legislation, uniform conditions of insurance. Independent of the objections to the Ontario Act, which he did not specify. he showed that even just conditions should only be enacted by the general legislature; as Provincial legislation would produce diversity instead of uniformity. The fact was noticed that no attention had been paid by the Government to the recommendation of the Board to take measures for securing the safety of life on steamers on the lakes .- On the second day the President announced, on reliable authority, that the Committee on Commerce at Washington had advised the President not to ratify the Reciprocity Treaty. The information will cause a feeling of relief to those Canadian interests which the Treaty would have imperilled or destroyed. The Board adopted a report condemnatory of the Treaty, as it stands; amendments of which the object was to sustain the Treaty in whole or in part being voted down by large majorities.

FIRE INSURANCE.-SEPARATE INSURANCE ON EACH CLASS OF GOODS .--- A policy of insurance on several different kinds of goods for amounts on each is in effect a separate policy on each class; and where such a policy requires the assured to deliver "as particular an account of the loss and damage as the nature of the case would admit," he must give such an account of the loss in each class of goods, and a statement of loss upon his stock or merchandize generally is not sufficient.

-We do not know of anything much more cowardly and contemptible than endeavouring, by means of anonymous communications, to injure the character of another; and the meanness of such an action becomes criminal when the venemous pen of the slanderer disseminates what he knows to be false. We have received a circular, with nothing in it to show from whence it has been issued, containing a malevolent attack upon the Positive Life Insurance Co., partly drawn from the columns of the Philadelphia Age. A New York paper has also been noticeable in its attacks on the "Positive;" but we can assure the Canadian representatives of this Company that, as it is better to have a ccrtain class of people as enemies rather than friends, so they may rest satisfied that no injury will result from the unfounded statements which have appeared in the Age and its New York contemporary.

-Mr. J. L. Brodie, assistant-cashier of the Royal Canadian Bank, goes to Montreal to take charge of the branch in that city. Mr.W. Sache, the present manager, retires from the service. Mr. Brodie has had considerable experience in banking in Scotland and elsewhere, and the bank has no doubt acted judiciously in promoting one of its own officers to this important position. The practice of looking outside to other institutions for assistants is not desirable when it can be avoided, without detriment to the interests of the Institution.

### meetings.

#### CANADA LANDED CREDIT COMPANY.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Landed Credit Company was held at noon on Wednesday, at their new offices, Toronto Street. There were present Mr. John L. Blaikie, the President, in the chair. Messrs. John L. Blaikie, David Buchan, James Campbell, J. S. Playfair, J. Y. Reid, Thos. Lailey, John Dunlop, South Zorra, Edward Bull, M. D., Weston, J. B. Osborne, Beamsville, William Alexander, James Young, M. P., Galt, John Macdonald, William Williamson, N. A. Parlane, Collingwood, James Thorburn, M.D., Lawrence Buchan, A. K. Roy, A. M. Smith, Peter Patterson, David Clarke Yorkville, John Stark, and J. M. Thomson, Montreal.

The Secretary, Mr. J. Symons, having read the notice calling the meeting, next read the annual report and balance sheet, which were as follows :-

"The Directors beg to submit to the share-holders the annual balance sheet as at 31st December, 1874, and have the pleasure to report that during the past year the business has been considerably increased and a substantial improvement made in the financial position of the Company.

The net profits for the year, after making the usual deductions, and including a balance of \$655 89 brought forward from last account, amount to......\$38,962,83

Which has been appropriated as follows,

\$38,322 96

639 87

Balance carried forward...... As shown in the balance sheet the Mort-gaged Loans at 31st Dec., 1874, aggre-

1.288.873 32 And the repayments to the Sinking Fund

by borrowers ..... ..... 115,508 83

The increasing regularity and promptness on the part of the borrowers in making their payments evidence a general improvement in the character of the Company's securities.

The amount of debentures issued and deposits combined, show an advance over last year of \$65,800. The Directors, in view of the increased profits,

after careful consideration resolved to augment the dividend for the half-year ending 31st Dec. last, and accordingly a dividend at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum was declared, leaving, as appears, a handsome surplus to be carried to Reserve; which account now amounts to \$27,000.

" To meet the requirements of the business of the Company, a further issue of the Capital Stock was recently made, which was, with few exceptions, promptly taken up by the Shareholders, and the subscribed capital has thereby been increased to \$750,000.

"Owing to the early expiry of the lease lately occupied by the Company, your Directors took steps to secure more suitable offices, and after inspecting various buildings, the Freehold of the spacious premises now occupied by the Company was purchased. The portions of the building not required for the business of the Company are leased at rates which yield a liberal return on the capital invested in this purchase.

"To further widen the base of the Company's operations, the Directors have obtained an amendment to the Charter, empowering the Company to act as an Agency and Trust Company; an addition to the business, which by judicious management will be a source of profit to the Shareholders.

" They have likewise obtained power to invest any of the surplus funds of the Company in the public securities of the Province.

"The Directors who go out of office this year by rotation, are :---

JOHN L. BLAIKIE, ESQ. D. BUCHAN, Esq. EDWARD BULL, Esq. JOHN DUNLOP, Esq. THOMAS LAILEY, Esq.

J. S. PLAYFAIR, Esq.

"All of whom are eligible for re-election. JOHN L. BLAIKIE, President.

23 Toronto Street, Toronto, 13th January, 1875.

#### BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1874.

#### Assets.

Loans	1,288,873 32
Canadian Bank of Commerce	32,880 56
Federal Bank	40,983 11
National Bank of Scotland	8,575 19
Smith, Payne & Smith's	28,698 12
Debentures	21,030 80
Cash	830 86
Property on Toronto street	40,000 00
Office Furniture	1,000 00
Interest due and accrued	20,157 93
Advanced Law Charges	1,201 83

#### Liabilities.

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	Capital Stock\$	361,185 41
	English Debentures	688,352 98
	Canadian do	99,227 00
	Deposits	163,451 12
	Sinking Fund	115,508 83
	Reserve Fund	27,000 00
1	Dividends unclaimed	2,253 89
Ì	Dividend No. 27, payable 2nd Jan.,	•
	1875	15,184 96
	Debenture Interest due Jan. 1, '75	16,407 66
	Requisitions	20 00
	Profit and loss balance	639 87

#### \$1,484,231 72

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"We hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Canada Landed Credit Company and have found the above We have also examined the balance correct. securities in the Company's strong room, and found them in perfect order as represented in the above statement.

## "WM. WILLIAMSON Auditors.

"W. B. PHIPPS,

#### " Toronto, 9th January, 1875."

The Chairman then said-Gentiemen, I think I may fairly be permitted to congratulate you upon the report that has just been read, and upon the balance-sheet now submitted along with your approval. It is the best balancesheet that has ever been submitted to the shareholders of this Company. It has afforded your Directors a great amount of satisfaction to be able to declare and to pay for the last half-year an increased dividend at the rate of nine per

cent. per annum. The Directors felt that they were fully warranted by the position and by the circumstances of the Company in doing this. But not only have they been enabled to do this, they have at the same time been enabled to make a substantial addition to the Reserve Fund, bringing the amount of that account up to \$27,000. In case it may be a matter of some surprise to some gentlemen to see so large an amount to the credit of this Company at the bankers, I may say, in explanation, that the amount was to its credit on the 31st of December, but that immediately after-on the 1st of January-a large sum had to be paid out of that on debentures, and in dividends payable on the 1st of January, and in interest on debentures then falling due; and that at all times there is a considerable amount in the shape of applications for loans in the Solicitor's hands to be provided. There is one item with regard to which no information appears in this report, but to which reference was made in last year's report. I may state with respect to that item-that of deposit-that in that branch of our business there has been a falling off, and that that falling off has been owing to the fact that the rate of interest allowed for deposits was reduced We made to five per cent. that reduction anticipating that it would lead to a much larger decrease in the deposits than has actually taken place, and believing that it would be in the interest of the shareholders to bring about that result, inasmuch as we can procure the money we require on very favourable terms for fixed periods, which is much better than holding money payable on demand, as deposits always are. During the year a further increase was made in the stock of the Company, and now the subscribed stock of the Company amounts to \$750,000, leaving \$250,000 still avaailable, to be used whenever the interests of the shareholders are apparently to be subserved by calling that up. At the last session of our Legislature certain amendments to our charter were, as the report states, obtained. To only one of them need I reter particularly, the Agency clause. We have now, however, under our charter, to act as an Agency and Trust Company, and I think there is every reason to believe that that will be to the interest and advantage of the shareholders. The report also mentions a fact of some consequence and interest to the shareholders, that is, that the Company has now acquired as its own the premises in which we are assembled to-day. The time, I believe, had come when it was necessary for the Company to be in a different position with respect to premises to what we occupied in the past. When a Company has attained to the position which has in many respects been realized by this, it becomes desirable that it should occupy premises of its own, and so not to be exposed to the contingencies either of having the rent increased some day, or of being obliged at an Furthermore, a Company of this sort, having in its possession a large number of mortgages, titledeeds, and other documents of that description, should be able to feel the greatest confidence in the safety of those papers on their premises in case of fire occuring. I believe the premises we now have will meet all our wants. They are convenient, admirably situated, and yield a good return for the amount invested in them. If anything else occurs to any shareholder about which he would like any information, I will be willing to answer any question he may put. I do not think of anything further myself. With these few remarks I beg to move "That the report now read be received, approved, and printed for circulation amongst the shareholders."

The Report was then adopted, and after the usual complimentary resolutions the meeting adjourned. Upon resuming, the Secretary read the report

of the scrutineers, which stated that the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz., Messrs. John L. Blaikie, D. Buchan, Edward Bull, John Dunlop, Thomas Lailey, and J. S. Playfair.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. J. Lang Blaikie was re-elected President, and Mr. John Macdonald was re-elected Vice-President for the year ensuing.

#### Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.—Long Point Dec. A fire in the stables of Dr. E. H. Trudel, destroyed twenty-five cows, and eight horses, with the stables, and a large quantity of hay. Loss about \$8,000; insurance, \$5,000.

Glenwilliams, near Georgetown.-Williams' woolen mills, was destroyed by fire the operatives barely escaping with their lives. The loss is \$25,000; insurance \$15,000. Over fifty hands are put out of employment. The mill will be rebuilt at once.

Orilla Dec- House of Mr. Voase was consumed insured for \$1000.

Township of Morris, Dec. 28.—Barn of Robt McCrae with stable &c., were burned ; insurance \$1,000.

Wingham, Jan. 19 .--- A fire broke out in Hiram Lemmey's carriage shop, which was completely destroyed, with contents; also T. L. Jobb's blacksmith's shop and Greer & McDoo's hardware shop, owned by Wm. Bowers.

Kingston, Jan. 19.-A fire destroyed the carriage factory of George Brown, on Barrie street. The loss is estimated at \$2,500. Insured for \$600.

Gananoque, Jan. 17—A fire was dicovered in the roof of George Penn's new residence. The main part of the building was totally destroyed The wing and the furniture were saved. The loss is about \$5,000; insured in the Canada Farmers' Mutual for \$2,000.

Listowel, Jan, 17.- The mills belonging to Bradley & Climie, were completely destroyed by fire. Insurance \$7,000; loss not yet ascertained.

January 13.- A barn with its contents belonging to Mr. Land on the Waterloo Road, between Dundas and Gullock's Corners, was burnt to the ground, with hay, grain and implements; the loss about \$3,000. The fire was the work of an incendiary, as the house near by was robbed of \$41 at the time; no insurance.

Greenwood, Jan. 13.—The house of Mr. Joseph Gibson, near this place was burned; loss \$1,000; insurance \$350. Gorrie, Jan. 14.—The house of Mr. Leech's

dwelling was burned. Loss about \$1,000; insurance light.

WELLINGTON MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COM-PANY .- The general annual meeting was held in Guelph, 14th January. Otto Klotz, Esq., in the chair. The report states the losses of the year at \$3,448.25; increased amount insurance, \$281,783; the total risks in force foot up to \$1,-897,063; the amount of preminm notes on hand for Insurers is \$181.301.35. The Company's indebtedness amounts to \$2,337.94. The following gentlemen are the Directors for the ensuing year :-Fredk. W. Stone, David Allan, John Harris, Jas. Goldie, Guelph; Geo. Davidson, Berlin : Geo. Hespeler, Hespeler; Geo. Randall, Waterloo; C. Ernst, New Hamburg; James M. Fraser, Elora; Jas. Cattenach, Fergus; Chas. McMillan, Erin; of whom the two first named were elected President and vice-President, respectively.

-Three more steam fire engines are to be bought for the suburbs of Montreal; one is to stationed in Delisle village, one at Cote St. Augustin, and one at the Tanneries West.

#### THE DOMINION BOARD OF TRADE.

The Dominion Board of Trade met on January 19th; the President, Mr. W. H, Howland, in the chair. A large number of delegates were present. The report of the Executive Council congratulated the Board on the action taken by the Government in regard to free postal delivery in cities, and the reduction in postage to the United States; calling for tenders for steam communication to the West Indies; canal enlargement including Baie Verte canal; alluded to reciprocal arrangements for coasting trade with Germany, the Netherlands Norway, and Sweden, and in Brazil, where the Custom House exists. The incorectness of the monetary bank statements and of the returns of the imports and exports had engaged the attention of the Government.

Remonstrances had been sent to the Imperial Government, protesting against the taxation of Canadian ships for the support of lights and buoys on the coast of the United Kingdom.

The attention of the Government having been called to the practical working of the Pilot Act, in taking punishment of pilots out of the hands of the local pilot authorities, a reply has been received that the power of suspension of certificates has not been taken away, and the subject would receive immediate attention.

A correspondence has been opened with the commercial department of the French Government and with the French Commissioner of Commercial Geography. A short discussion took place in reference to the incorrectness of statistics which was taken part in by Mr. Fry, of Quebec; Hamilton and Hon. R. Read, of Belleville; it being feared that the United States would get the advantage in the fisheries arbitration, owing to the fullness of their statistics and incompletness of ours. There were no returns of the reports by rail from Ontario, but the Hamilton Board's endeavor to arrange for returns from the Great Western under estimation of Canada tonnage, was alluded to, as was the practice of people shipping to the United States of entering goods as low as possible, on account of the high duty and the necessity of obliging Custom Houses to give returns. The report was adopted and the standing Committees struck.

The hitherto confidential report of the Committee on Reciprocity appointed at St. John was presented, and the meeting adjourned.

The report on the Reciprocity Treaty takes ground against the gradual duties and against the limitation of time for the canal construction and enlargement; that the coasting trade should be conceeded by the United States, and that Canada should not be bound to construct the Caughnawaga Canal until New York State agrees to open the channel through to New York, and give Canadians equal privileges with Americans; that Lake Champlain should be included in the coasting trade of the great lakes; that the right of free entry of Canadian or American goods shipped from one port to the other should be made clear, thus greatly lessening the facilities of American manufacturers for making a slaughter market of Canada. The need for more definiteness as to the schedules of manufactures as stated, and also as to whether the growth of the produce or manufactures will include articles part of which are made in foreign countries; that Consular certificates and vexatious custom regulations should, so far as possible, be despensed with. In conclusion the committee state that the Dominion Board of Trade is earnestly in favor of the freest possible commercial intercourse between Canada and the United States, but that concessions should be as nearly as possible equal.

#### Commercial.

#### MONTREAL MARKET.

#### From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, Jan. 19th, 1875.

The cold for the last week has been very severe, the thermomoter keeping steadily below zero, and what is rather unusual in the very cold weather, the wind has been very high making the cold to be felt more severely both in and out of doors. The wind at last changed to the eastward, and to-day the temperature is more moderate.

Business is not improving so fast as could be desired, the demand for goods in the wholesale trade has been very light. Teas are very firm, and holders are keeping up stocks in hopes of a considerable rise in value in sympathy with the N. Y. market. Dry goods are still without animation, but merchants are very sanguine of a good spring trade. Hardware shows very little change since our last report. Drugs and chemicals in limited demand. Flour quiet. Provisions quiet but steady. Ashes firm.

ASHES .-- Pots .- For first pots there has been a good demand, and a fair quantity have been changing hands at our last weeks quotations, market closing steady at \$5.90 to 5.95. Seconds very few of this grade are coming in, the only few barrels offered found buyers at \$5.00. Pearls. -Have advanced in price, but the quantity selling has not been very large, good tares brought from \$6.80 to 6.85, closing lower at \$6.75, nothing doing in inferiors. The stocks at present in store are Pots 630 bris; Pearls 1041 bris. BOOTS AND SHOES.—This branch of trade has

not yet recovered the dullness usual at the holiday season. Some animation however is now looked for, in the meantime there is no change to make on our price list. We quote Mens stoga boots \$2.25 to 2.50; do Kip do \$2.75 to 3.25; do French calf \$3.50 to 3.75; Boys stoga boots  $\$_{1.75}$  to 2.00; do Kip do  $\$_{2.00}$ to 2.25; Womens split boots  $9_{00}$  to  $\$_{1.10}$ ; do Buff do  $\$_{1.15}$  to 1.25; do pebbled grain bals.  $\$_{1.20}$ to 1.50; Misses heavy split boots 75 to 90c; do Buff do goc to 1.00 ; do pebbled grain bals \$1.00 to 1.25.

CATTLE .-- The market was better supplied today than for some weeks past, and the quality of cattle offering was also good. Some fancy beef cattle brought \$6 per 100 lbs., but the generality brought from \$4.50 to 5.75 per 100 lbs. Bulls, of which there were a large number in market sold for \$4.50 to 5.00 per 100 lbs. live weight. Dressed Hogs were plentiful, and sold at \$3.50. No Sheep in market. DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.-We have had no

wholesale demand, and even the jobbing demand this week has been very small. Quotations for the most part are unchanged. but 'he lightness of the stock of some lines tends to keep up prices. Bleaching Powder is unchanged at 3 to 3[‡]c. Saltpetre is nominal at \$8[‡] to \$8[‡]. Sal Soda is scarce, and continues firm at our late quotations of \$1.85 to 1.90. Soda Ash is nominal at 2 to  $2\frac{1}{3}$ C. Caustic Soda is a shade off \$3.75 being asked; Demand being so small in other articles we do not give quotations which are for the most part nominal.

DRY Goods .- Travellers are now out, but the number of orders coming in as yet, are not up to the expectations of merchants, however, it is fully expected that a brisk trade will be done a little further on, and anticipations are good. Canadian Wollens are still in active demand, and stocks are getting well worked down. Clothing, travellers are sending in very fair orders, and prospects are good. Fancy Dry Goods have not been much asked for. Remit tances have been hardly so good this week as for some little time previous.

in the state of this market, stocks of all kinds from \$4.25 to 4.50. Spices.—There has been are full, but there has been no demand, and rather better demand for some articles in this are full, but there has been no demand, and prices are without change, but if anything rather firmer than last week. We quote Dry Cod \$5.00 to \$5.50. Green Cod \$7.121. Labrador Herrings \$5.75 to 6.00. Salmon and Mackercl are unchanged.

RAW FURS .--- There was a decline of from 10 to 15 per cent in the price of Beaver at the London sales, on the 11th and 12th, inst., a further fall is looked for. Muskrats were firm with upward tendency. We quote: Beaver, with upward tendency. We quote: Beaver,  $\$_{1.50}$  to 1.75; Black Bear \$6 to 10, according to size; Fisher, \$5 to 7 Silver Fox \$25 to 50; Cross Fox; \$2 to 5; Red Fox  $\$_{1.25}$  to 1.50; Lynx  $\$_{1.50}$  to 1.75; Dark Labrador Martin \$7 to 8; Pale Martin  $\$_{1.25}$  to 1.75; Prime Dark Mink  $\$_{3.00}$ ; Dark Mink, 2nd,  $\$_{1.50}$  to 2.00; Erro Deck Ottor \$6 to you Fall Muckrat to to Fine Dark Otter \$8 to 10; Fall Muskrat 12 to 15c; Winter do 17 to 20c; Spring do 23 to 27c; Racoon 25 to 50c; Skunk20 to 30c.

FLOUR.-The stocks in store and in the hands of Millers on the morning of the 15th, inst., were 74,159 barrels, against 69,129 barrels on the 1st, inst., and 89,359 brls. on the 15th of January, 1874. Receipts during the week have been 7,000 brls. We have to record this week some enquiry for flour for May delivery, and a sale of 1,000 brls. of Spring extra has been taken at \$4.50; beyond this the demand has been confined to the wants of the City dealers. Sales reported was within the following range of quotations, market closing exceedingly dull. Superior extra \$5.05 to \$5.10; extra superfine \$4.80 to 4.90; fancy \$4.70 to 4.75; spring extra \$4.30 to 4.40; superfine \$4.00 to 4.10; strong bakers flour \$4.50 to 4.85; fine \$3.75 to 3.85; middlings \$3.50 to 3.65; pollards \$3.00 3.25; U. C. bag flour \$2.15 to 2.25; oatmeal is quiet at \$5.20 to 5.30; cornmeal \$4.00.

GRAIN.-Whcat-The stocks in store and in the hands of Millers on the morning of the .15th, inst., were 189.710 bushels, against 223,-397 bushels on the 1st, inst., and 735.703 bush-on the 15th of January, 1874. There is nothing doing in this grain just now, either on the spot or for future delivery, and in the meantime quotations continued nominal. Maize stock in store 23,440 bushels, this market has been very quiet, can be bought at 80c. Barley is lower go to 95c., being now the current rates, but at these prices the market is dull. *Peas*, several car loads have changed hands during the week at 95c. per 66 lbs. Oats, market is very firm, but prices continue to be 42 to 43c., although there are very few transactions transpiring. Pot Barley is unchanged. Pearl Barley, none.

GROCERIES .- Teas .- The demand has been active for Japans, and early in the week considerable purchases were made on speculations towards the close, holders here became very firm in sympathy with the New York market, and are now holding their stocks for considerably higher prices than we quoted last week. In the absence of sales we do not give quotations. Not much doing in black or green teas, prices of which are easier. Coffee.—There is not much demand here, and although the New York market has had an advancing tendency, this market has not sympathized. Stocks here are fair, Java 26 to 30c; Maracaibo is firm at 22 to 23c; Rio is a shade dearer at 21 to 23c; Jamaica 21 to 22c. Sugar.—The demand which has prevailed for sometime for scotch refined has reduced stocks, and although sales this week have been at 81 to 9¹/₈c, holders are looking for a considerable advance in price. Local refined is unchanged. There has been no movement whatever in raw sugars. Molasses .-- There has been more disposition to sell shown by holders, and the market is rather easier in consequence. Muscovado 45c; Trinidad 47½c; Barbadoes 52c; Sugar house 40c. Syrups .- High prices checks business, and

line, especially nutmegs and black pepper, and sales of all kinds to a moderate extent have taken place within our range of prices. Black pepper 17 to 19c; Nutmegs 95c to \$1.10; Cloves 47 to 48c; Mace \$1.30 to 1.50. Other kinds are un-changed and little asked for at the moment. Fruit.-Demand has been small, and prices are for most part unchanged. Layer raisins are firm at \$2.90; Valencias 81 to 9c; Currants have an advancing tendency, sales range from 55 to 54c; Figs 15 to 16c; Soft shell almonds are scarce; Walunts 8½c; Fiberts 10½c; Prunes 7³/₄ to 8c.

HIDES AND PELTS .- There are very few hides coming in just now, and there has not been much done in this line. Prices are for No. 1 inspected \$8.00 to 8.25; No. 2 ditto \$7.00 to 7.25; No. 3 ditto \$6.00 to 6.25. Sheep and Lambskins \$1.25

\$1.50 each. HARDWARE.—Quietness is the prevailing feature in this branch of business, nor is there likely to be much improvement until travellers commence operations for the season. Stocks are well assorted but light, and high rates of freight prevents heavy importations via Portland. Prices are firm in sympathy with the British markets. However, we look for greater ease in price on opening of navigation, when goods can be brought in at a smaller advance on sterling cost. Low prices still prevail in the United States, and trade is anything but brisk. We repeat the quotations of last week :- Pig Iron-Eg lington, \$32.00 to 33.00; American, \$32.00 to 34; Hematite, \$41.50 to 42.00; Summerlee, \$35.50 to 36.50. Bars per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.70 to 3.00; best ditto, \$3.00 to 3.20, Swedes and Norway, \$5.50 to 6.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$7.00 to 7.50. Canada Plates per box—Glamorgan and Budd,  $\$_{5.50}$  to 5.60; Arrow,  $\$_{5.75}$  to 6.00; Garth,  $\$_{5.50}$  to 5.75; Hatton  $\$_{5.25}$  to 5.50. Tin Plate per box—Charcoal IC,  $\$_{10.50}$  to 10.00; Coke IC, \$3.50 to 9.00; 14 x 20, 25c extra. Tinned sheets Charcoal best No. 26 15c. Boiler Plates ordinary brands per 100 lbs. \$3.75 to 4.00. Best brands \$4.00 to 4.25; Galvanized sheets best brands No. 28, 104C. Hoops and Bands brands No. 28, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$3.25 to 3.50; Sheets best brands, \$3.75 to 4.00; Pressed Nails per 100 lbs, \$5.25 to 5.50; Cut Nails 12d to 7 in., 3.75; ditto, 5d to 10d, \$4.00; ditto,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 4d. \$4.50. 2 D Lath, \$5.25. Lead—Pig, \$6.50 to 6.75; do sheets, \$6.50 to 6.75; do Bar, \$6.50 to 6.75, Zinc Sheet \$7.50 to \$8.00; Steel Cast, 13 to 14c; Spring \$5.00 to 5.50; best ditto, warranted, \$6 to 6.50; Tire ditto, \$4.75 to 5. Sleigh Shoe \$4.50 to 5.00; Ingot Tin, 25 to 26c; Ingot Copper, \$22.00 to 00. Horse to 3.5 Steight Side 44.50 to 5.00; Ingot Tin, 25 to 26c; Ingot Copper, \$22.00 to 00. Horse Shoes \$5.50 to 5.75. Proved Coil Chain, \$in., \$7.00 to 7.25. Iron wire 6 per bdl \$2.70 to 2.80; Window Glass, per 50 feet, 4th quality, to ar added in beam for the form of the state of t to 25 added inches \$2.50 to 2,60; to 40 added inches \$2.70 to 2.80; to 50 added inches \$3.00 to_3.10.

LEATHER .- The market continues quite dull for want of most descriptions of stock. Spanish sole is in ample supply and only limited demand. though prices are unchanged. Slaughter sole has a little more enquiry but stocks are pretty full, and prices for anything but the very best favor buyers. Harness is in somewhat better request, especially heavy weights, which are scarce. Upper is dull though desireable; light stock is scarce. We quote Hemlock Spanstock is scale. We gette internet optimish sole No. 1 B. A. 26c; do No. 2 23 to 24c; Buffalo sole No. 1 22 to 23c; do. No. 2 19 to 21c; Hemlock slaughter 27 to 30c; waxed upper light and medium 38 to 42c ; ditto heavy 35 to 38c; grained upper 37 to 40c; splits large 26 to 32c; ditto small 18 to 25c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs, 60 to 75c; ditto 18 to 26 lbs 50 to r some little time previous. FISH.—We have very little change to note 54 to 60c. *Rice.*—Meets with a fair enquiry at to 31½c; buffed cow 14 to 17c per ft.; enamelled

cow 18 to 19c; patent cow 191 to 20c; pebbled cow 14 to 17c; rough leather 27 to 281

LIQUORS .- Brandy .- There has been the usual jobbing demand for this liquor, the market ruling firm and full prices are paid. Hennessys is now held for \$3 to 3.10 in wood; Martells \$2.75 to 2.85; Cases \$8.25 to 9.50; Gin .is firm and small sales of De Kuypers are reported at \$1.70 to 1.72¹; green cases \$4.00 to 4.10 and red cases \$7.50; Houtmans in wood \$1.65; green cases \$3.75; red cases \$7. to 7.25. *High wines* are rather dear, a fair business has been done at  $1.77\frac{1}{2}$  D.P.; rye whiskey in good demand at  $94\frac{1}{2}$  c D.P.

OILS .--- The market is still very quiet, and stocks generally were light. We continue to quote : Newfoundland Cod oil 621 to 65c ; and Nova Scotia Cod oil at 571 to 6oc; Pale seal 65 to 673c; Steam refined seal 65 to 673; Olive oil \$1.00; Boiled Linseed 723 to 75c; Raw Linseed 673 to 70; Petroleum market has been without much activity, a few car loads has been placed at 28½c; small parcels and single barrels bring

from 30 to 321c. PROVISIONS.—Butter.--Receipts for the week have been 256 kegs and the shipments 442 kegs. There is an absence of demand for common grades, but all fine grades are in demand, but the views of holders are above those of buyers. We quote store packed Western 22 to 23c; Dairy Western 23 to 24c; Eastern Township butter 26 to  $26\frac{1}{2}$ ; Cheese very litle doing, but the market is firm. Fine 13%c, and finest 14c. Pork.-Receipts 130 barrels; shipments 4 barrels; market rules quiet but steady. Sales con-tinue to be reported of New Inspected Mess at \$23.00; and Thin mess at \$21.00; Lard market steady but quiet at 14¹/₂ to 15c; Tallow in the rough is unchanged at 5 to 6c per lb, rendered in barrels 71 to 8c; City Canvassed Hams 16 to 17c.

SALT-Coarse continues to be quoted at goc., there is no demand, and it is the general feeling that to effect sales holders will require to give way considerably

WOOL .--- We continue to quote Pulled Super 35 to 36; Black and unassorted 32 to 321c., but the market is very quiet, we hear of no transactions except a small sale of Quebec assorted pulled at 29 to 34c.

#### TORONTO MARKET.

#### TORONTO, January, 21, 1875.

The condition of our various markets has varied a good deal during the week; some have been in a state of chronic dullness, scarcely any business has been done and little or no enquiry, beyond that for the supply of immediate wants, is heard, Prices however, have held up exceedingly well in face of the heavy decline outside. Provisions have been improving and may now be said to be fairly active; packing is carried on with considerable energy. Groceries have been quiet with some goods firm in price and others weak. Imported and manufactured goods seem to be going off rather more readily.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- The sorting-up trade in winter goods is quiet ; orders for spring goods are coming in more freely, but travellers' reports are generally discouraging prices of all sorts of goods are firm and unaltered.

CATTLE .- Beeves - Receipts have been of fais amount, and as the demand from the eastern markets has fallen off, sufficient for the wants of buyers, save in first-class. That grade is still scarce and wanted at \$4.75 to 5.00. Second-class have constituted the bulk of the supply and been seiling easier at \$3.75 to 4.25. Third-class have been equal to the wants of buyers and going off at \$3.00 to 3.50, according to quality. Sheep have continued to be scarce and wanted at firm

second-class rather higher at 5.00 to 5.50. Third-class are not offering, but would probably sell at \$3.50 to 4.00. Lambs are eagerly sought after, and scarcely any can be had even at very firm prices. First-class are worth 25c. more than at our last, and will bring \$4.50 to 5.50. Second-class are steady at \$3.25 to 3.75, and third-class would bring \$2.50 to 2.75. Calves remain nominally unchanged. Receipts are very small, and all offering are readily sold. Choice first-class dressing, not less than 120 lbs., are worth \$10 to 12; and second-class dressing from 75 to 110 lbs. from \$5 to 8. Third-class are unsaleable.

DRUGS .- Trade is quiet and no change whatever has occurred in prices since our last.

FLOUR-Stocks in store on the 18th inst. 13,155 barrels against 11,286 in the preceding week and 12,297 on the corresponding date last year. There has been scarcely any demand heard all week, and in the absence of transactions prices have been very much unsettled. Extra sold on Friday at \$4.35 f.o.b., and spring extra at equal to \$3.95 here; but no movement was reported on Saturday or on Monday. On Tuesday lots of 100 barrels of fancy and 100 barrels of spring extra sold at \$4.20 f.o.b. for the former, and equal to \$4.00 for the latter. The market yesterday was increasingly dull; no enquiry was heard for anything, and prices were nominal at quotations. Oatmeal-Has continued firm in price; car-lots have sold at \$5.00 on the track, which price would be repeated. Bran-Is very scarce and in good demand at \$16.00 on the track.

FRFIGHTS .- Grand Trunk winter rates on flour from Toronto are nominally 40c to Monfour from 1 oronto are nominally 40c to Mon-treal; 65c to Point Levis; 80c to Portland; 95c to Halifax; 90c to St. John, and 85c to Boston. Grain per cental one-half of the above rates which are purely nominal, nearly all being taken on contract. Through rates to England—Flour to Liverpool per Allan line 6s. 2d. stg. per barrel; wheat in bulk 12s. 8d. stg. per quarter; boxed meats and lard 77s. 6d.; butter and cheese gos. od. per ton of 2,240 lbs. Flour to Glasgow via New York, \$1.63 per brl.; wheat in bulk per cental; boxed meats and lard 89c; beef 83c., and pork 89 per cental; butter and cheese \$1.04 per cental.

GRAIN .- Stocks in store on the 18th instant were as follows: Wheat 187,962 bush; barley 83,130 bush; oats 3,968 and peas 47,468 bush; against 344,196 bush of wheat ; 10,055 bush of wheat.—The fall outside has not exercised much influence on prices here which have continued to be steady, but with only a small movement. No. 2 fall is very scarce and sold at 97c in store on Monday. No. 1 treadwell sold at 96c, and 97c in store last week, and at 97c f.o.c. on Tuesday, the lower grades are very slow of sale. Spring has been steady, and sold at 91c for No. 2 and 93c for No. 1 in store on Monday. There was no movement on Tuesday. Yesterday No. 2 fall sold at 98c f.o.c., but 93c f.o.c. was the best bid for No. 1 spring. Street prices 95c for fall ; 92 to 94c for treadwell, and 91c for spring. Oats .- Have been scarce, firm, and in good demand all week. Car-lots sold last week at 43c on the track, but on Tuesday 44c was paid, which would probably be repeated. Street price yesterday was 45c. Barley.—There has been some movement during the week, but, as usual, particulars have been carefully kept private. The feeling, however, seems to have been firm, and the tendency of prices upwards. Yesterday No. 1 was offered for sale at \$1.12, and No. 2 at \$1.10 f.o.c. with buyers at about a cent less. On the street \$1.05 to 1.10 was paid. Peas .-Have been in active demand at steady prices, but with few offering. There was a round lot of uninspected sold last week at 75c in store,

Tuesday, which prices would be repeated. Street prices 75 to 76c. Rye .- Sells at 70 to 71c on the street.

GROCERIES.-Coffee.-There have been some sales of Porto Rico at 25½c, showing a decline on last week's prices; Java has sold at 30c, but Ceylon has been quiet. Fish .- Herrings remain quiet, and though lots of Labrador are offered at \$6.25. Cod has declined 25c, and is selling at \$5.00 to 5.25. Lake-fish is scarce and nominally unchanged. Fruit.-Has been quiet, no movement is reported in Layers, but lots could probably be bought at \$2.75; Valencias are unchanged, the only sales .eported is that of 500 boxes at 9c. Sultanas are quiet, a lot of 50 boxes sold at 15c; currants seem to be unsettled, a lot of 200 barrels sold at 57c., but choice cannot be had under 61c. Nuts are unchanged. Liquors-Brandies are firm, and Martell's is up 25c. Whiskey is unchanged, Rice-Remains inactive, and prices nominally unaltered at \$4.40 to 4.75. Sugar-Prices are rather weak. There have been sales of two lots of Demerara at 81c; of one lot of bright Scotch at 9c., and of drycrushed, and ground at 101 to 103. Montreal refined is offered in lots at 83c. Syrups-Prices are steady and unchanged ; there was a car-lot of molasses and golden syrup sold at 44c., for the former, and 55c for the latter. Tea--The market continues to be firm, with an improved feeling prevalent. There have been sales of coarse grades of Young Hyson at 35 and 40c., and of choice at 70c. In blacks there was a line of choice sold at 70c., and small lots have changed hands at 58c., for fine, and 34 and 38c for coarse. There has been no movement in Japan as the high prices ruling have repelled buyers. Tobacco-Seems to be rather less active; the quality offering is said to be inferior; prices, however, are still steady.

HARDWARE.-There has been some little im provement in trade since our last. A demand has set in for shelf goods, which are going out freely. Tin plates are selling fairly well for the season. Galvanized iron has become quiet. Lead and zinc are scarce and firm, but no change has occurred in the price of any article.

HIDES AND SKINS .- Hides-Receipts of green are still of fair amount but are slow of sale at the advance, as the enquiry for cured is slow, and no corresponding advance has occurred in them; a few lots have sold at 81 and 82c. Calfskins are still purely nominal. Sheepskins are abundant and steady at \$1.50 to 1.75 for choice green; a lot of 1,400 green skins sold at equal to \$1.19 each.

Hops.-The market remains entirely unchanged. Holders refuse to make concessions and buyers refuse to purchase without them; any sales made are those of small lots only, and these usually sell at about 4oc.

LEATHER .- Trade has remained quiet since our last, the greater part of the sales made being to retailers. Slaughter is quiet and unchanged. Spanish sole is moving more freely; a lot of 600 sides sold at 261c. Harness is scarce and wanted. Foreign goods are firm, and in some quarters an advance is expected, but none has yet occurred.

PETROLEUM.-No alteration whatever is reported; nor is any likely to occur for some time should the western combination be maintained. Car-lots sell for 24c at London and 251c here; small lots at 26 and 27c. A fair trade is being done at these prices.

PROVISIONS-Butter-No enquiry whatever has been heard for shipment and prices are almost nominal. There was one small lot sold at 21c and another at 2112c which are the only sales reported. Box-butter is still abundant and is very slow of sale at 19 to 23c Cheese Remains very quiet but firm in price at 141c. Eggs Receipts, though not very large are fully prices. First-class are firm at \$6.00 to 7.00, and and for No. 1 inspected 76c in store was paid on weak at 18 to 20c. Pork Has been inactive and

declining; the only sale reported is that of a car at \$21.00 but car-lots are now offering at \$20.75c, and small lots at \$21.50c. Bacon Has been active at firm prices ; a lot of 1000 sides deliverable on the 1st of March sold at  $9\frac{1}{2}c$ ; a lot of 200 sides sold at IOC ; tons are bringing rot and small lots rot ... Hams Have been active; round lots of short-cut Sugar cured sold at 12¹/₂c and 12³/₂c but none would now be had under the latter figure and holders generally ask 13 to  $13\frac{1}{2}c$  Lard Has been selling freely at firm prices ; a lot of about 500 tennets brought 14c; lots of 50 tennets have been selling at 141 and small lots at 141 to 15c. Hogs Receipts have been large and prices weak, closing at a decline of 10 to 20c on our last quotations, car-lots hove generally sold at \$7.90 to 8.00 but some small lots have gone off at \$7.75 to 8.00. Dried apples—Are selling freely at from  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to 8≩c.

SALT.—Liverpool remains unchanged in price. Some small lots of coarse have sold at \$1.50, and of fine at \$1.60. Goderich is easy at \$1.10 for car-lots and \$1.15 to 1.20 for small lots. Wool.—There has been little movement in

this market since our last. One lot of 4,000 lbs. of pulled combing and superior changed hands at 30c., and a lot of about 500 lbs. of fleece brought 37c. Round lots of superior are offering at 31 to 32c.

#### RAILROAD BUILDING IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Railroad Gazette for January sums up the railroad construction for 1874. From its article we make the following extracts :-

Our record for the year shows a total of 1,925 miles of track laid on new railroads during the year. We will probably have to make some corrections in our list, and most of these doubt-less will be additions, but it is substantially correct, and illustrates very completely the progress made during the year.

As was to be expected, this is the smallest mileage constructed in this country for many years. As we have compared the figures from week to week it has appeared that in 1873 we four times as much, as in 1873 about four times as much, as in 1874. But the con-struction in 1872 was itself the smallest for many years, it being indeed the beginning of a decline after a long period of extraordinary activity in railroad construction, as will be seen by the following statement, in which we give the figures from our own records for the last four years, and from Poor's Manuel for the other years, our record covering the miles of track laid, whether opened for traffic or not, during the calendar years named :

MILEAGE OF RAILROADS CONSTRUCTED FOR TEN

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1865 1,177	1870 5,525	
1866 1,742	1871 7,222	
1867 2,449	1872 7,340	a
1868 2,979	1873 3,883	u
1860 4.953	1874 1,923	

We have to go back, then, to the first year after the war before we find so small a mileage of new railroad construction as we report for the year just past.

Poor's Manual gives the mileage of the United States at the close of 1873 as 70,651. Accepting this, we begin the current year of 1875 with a total of 72,576 miles of railroad to serve a population of 2,50 miles of railroad to serve a popu-lation of about 44,384,000 souls, so that there is a mile of railroad to support for every 612 per-sons. The increase in mileage during the year was about 2% per cent. This is very nearly equal to our average yearly increase in population and doubtless greater than last year's increase

in production, but it is trifling compared with the rate of increase during previous years, which was 5²/₃ per cent. in 1873 even, 12¹/₃ per cent. in 1872, and no less than 13²/₃ per cent. in 1871. This latter was a rate of progress which could not possibly last; it would have bankrupted the world.

IMPORTS AT THE PORT OF MONTREAL.-The following statement exhibit the value of a few of the leading articles imported into Montreal for the past year compared with 1873 :---

1874 1873 \$296,102 \$301,975 Brandy..... Gin..... 117,101 167,952 Rum..... 11,582 7,973 Cigars..... 365,255 440,366 Meats ..... 199,080 337,433 Hops ..... 50,378 23,163 Rice..... 77,591 105,783 Ale, Porter, &c ..... 59,382 56,748 Tobacco..... 10,513 25,221 Wines ..... 384.511 389,846 Sugar ..... 2,143,916 2,030,364 Mace and Nutmegs..... 17,856 12,663 Molasses..... 153.564 46,789 166,920 266,785 323,509 420,869 5,137,237 Wearing Apparel..... Fruit ..... Woollens.... Cottons.... 4,006,830 4,184,894 Silks and Velvets..... 1,071,531 1,148,116 Furs..... 236,494 Hardware. ..... 1,626,661 1,784,611 Leather and Imitation .. 154,380 Glassware..... 239,613 Fancy Goods..... 586,792 Sole and Upper Leather 188,435 Green and Japan Teas,pd..... 3,559,778 1,196,897 Black Teas, p.d..... 49,374 189,467 Iron.... 1,895,340 1,936,074 Free Goods ..... 11,943,953 11,596,782 556,889 787,733 Leaf Tobacco..... 787,733 -Herald.

Toronto, 17th Jan .- A fire broke out in the upper part of the building leased by the Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company, corner of King and Church streets. Insured in the Royal Canadian for \$8,000; loss about \$1.500.



Tenders for Grading-Fort William to Shebandowan.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender Pacific Railway," will be received up to noon of

#### SATURDAY, the 27th of February next,

For the Bridging and Grading required on that Section of the Pacific Railway extending from the Town Plot of Fort William, near Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, to Lake Shet andowan, about 45 miles in length.

For plans, specification, approximate quantities, forms of tender and other information, apply at the office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Ottawa.

Plans and specifications for that part of the line be-tween Lake of the Woods and Red River will be ready ir the course of two or three weeks. By order.

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YONGE STREET, TORONTO.

In the matter of Edgar Allan Williams, Insolvent. I, the undersigned James Bellingham Boustead, of the city of Toronto, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims be-fore me within one month, and are hereby notified to meet at my office, No. 14 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, on Friday, the twelfth day of February next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of examining the Insolvent, and for the ordering of the affairs of the estate generally. estate generally.

JAS. B. BOUSTEAD, Assignee. Dated at Toronto, this 12th day of January, 1875.

In the matter of John Edwards, an Insolvent. The Insolvent has made an assignment of his estate to me, and the creditors are notified to meet at my office, No. 14 Adelaide Street East, in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday, the second day of February next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee: IAMES B. BOUSTEAD, Interim Assignee. Dated at Toronto, this 12th day of January, A.D. 1875.

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45 Front St. East.	Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesal Rates
TORONTO,	Boots and Shoes : Mens' Calf Boots	\$ c. \$ c.	Hardware-continued. Copper: Pig	\$ \$ c.	Oils-continued.	\$. c. \$:
STORAGE, WAREHOUSING	Kin Boots	2 10 2 40	Sheet	022024 029033	Machinery Olive, common, ₽ gall.	030040 100110
AND	" Stogas boots, No. 1 " No. 2	2 75 2 85	3 inch to 6 inch 22 inch to 23 inch	3 90 4 00 4 15 4 25	" salad salad, in bottles,	180 23
COMMISSION AGENTS.	" Knee Boots " Cong. gaiters & Bal	3 80 3 90	Shingle Lathe	4 65 4 75 5 40 5 65	qt., per case Seal, pale	32033 075 08
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Goods Stored in or out of Bond, or received	Womens' Bals & Gat, peg "M.S.	120165 160210	" 28 Horse Nails :	0 10 0 10 0 10 0 10	Oil, \ 25 lbs Do. No. 1	2 00 2 2
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No. 30 Church Street, Toronto, Ont.	Caustic Soda Cream Tartar	0 04 0 05	Bar—Amer., 🍄 100 lb Refined Swedes	7 25 7 50	No. 1, 1 car	0 25 0
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Managing Director.

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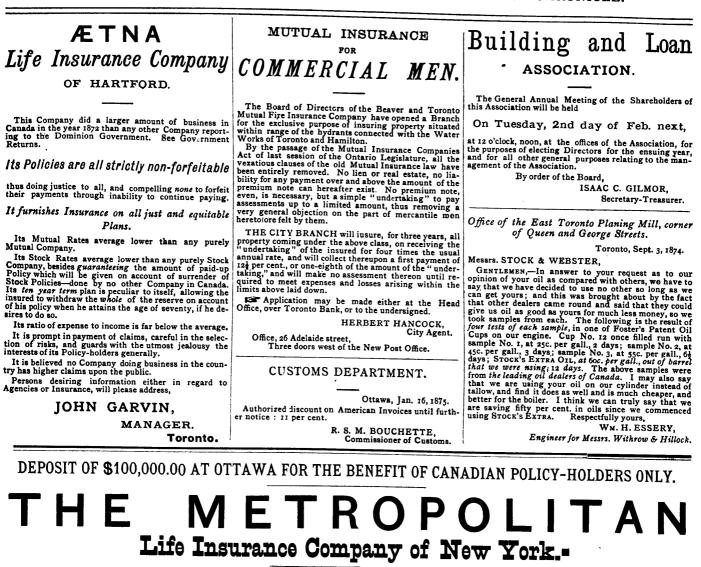
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By the sworn returns to the Insurance Departments the net increase or decrease of business of each of the Life Companies of the United By the sworn returns to the insurance Departments the net increase or decrease or business of each of the Life Companies of the Onice States for 1873 is exhibited. It will be seen that the METROPOLITAN occupies the handsome position of FOURTH on the list in actual gain of membership, the three companies exceeding it being an average of sixteen years older!! And of the total gain of the business, as done by all the companies of the Company for the year, the METROPOLITAN competing with Forty-seven others, supplied ONE-SIXTH.

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THT MEETING ANNUAL

Of the Anchor Marine Insurance Company will be held on MONDAY, the 22nd of February.

HAND-IN-HAND MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMP'Y.

ALL THE PROFITS DIVIDED AMONG POLICY-HOLDERS ANNUALLY.

W. H. HOWLAND, President. HUGH SCOTT, Manager & Secretary. SCOTT & WALMSLEY, General Agents.

**OFFICES**: Ontario Hall, Church Street,

### Toronto.

## THE ANNUAL MEETING

Of the HAND-IN-HAND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held on MONDAY, the 8th of FEBRUARY.

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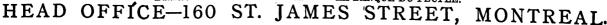
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CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED. \$6,000.000. Having over Two Thousand Stockholders. Available Funds to Meet Claims Exceed Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars. Insure all Classes of Risks against Fire at Moderate Rates, which will be Paid Immediately on the Loss Being Established.

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"Consolidated Fund, City of Quebec	7,414 45	
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In the County Court of the County of York. Between Joseph Wey and George Augustus Greene, Plaintiffs and John C. Prittie, Defendant. Upon the application of the plaintiffs and reading the writ of attachment issued herein, t :e affidavit of service thereof, the return thereto of the Sheriff or the County of York, to whom the said writ is directed, and the affi-davits and papers filed, and no petition to quash or to stay proceedings having been filed, I do order that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named defendant, John. C. Prittie, be held at the office of the clerk of this court at the Court House, Toronto, on Tuesday, the Twenty-sixth day of January instant, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of appointing an Assignee to the estate of the said defendant. G. DUGGAN

G. DUGGAN, KERR & AKERS, Judge of the C. C., Plaintiffs Solicitors, Dated at Chambers, this 8th January, A.D. 1875. Judge of the C. C., C. Y.

A meeting of the creditors of the above named defen-dant John C. Prittie, will be held at my office, No. 14 Adelaide St. east, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 26th January, 1875, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering the advisability of disposing of the entire estate and effects of the defendant by public auction or private contract in one lot or otherwise.

JAS. B. BOUSTEAD, Guardian. Dated this 8th January A.D. 1875.

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In the matter of Edward Rogerson, an Insolvent. The Oreditors of the Insolvent are notified that a Meet-ing will be held at my Office. No. 26 Toronto Street, in the City of Toronto. on Monday the 25th day of January inst., at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the Public Remainsation of the Insolvent, and the ordering of the Affairs of the Estate generally. W. T. MASON, Assignce.

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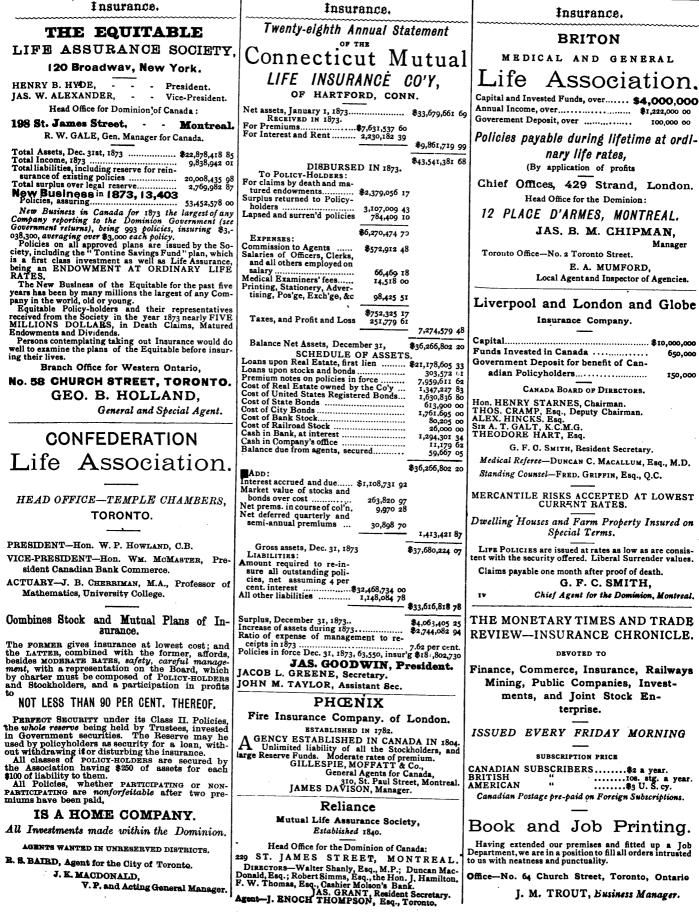
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