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THE Pictou Board of Trade, at its meeting on the 8th inst. discussed the new tariff. A resolution moved by Mr. Ives, seconded by Mr. McCurdy, was carried, disapproving of the tariff as being "cumbrous and inconsistent." This is the most outspoken objection we have heard from any commercial body. But the *Mail's* correspondent declares that there was not a quorum of the Board present, and that the "Grit" members packed the meeting.

A PORT HOPE store keeper, Fred Lockwood, is missing, and a writ of attachment has been issued against his estate. Besides his indebtedness to Montreal and other houses for crockery, groceries &c., he owes Mr. Thos. Watson, school teacher, \$1,500 for borrowed money.

OF the numerous enterprises which have been undertaken in Canada, few have shown such discouraging results as the preserved or canned meat trade. Out of the number of companies that have been started in Montreal and Ouebec Province from time to time within the past few years, we don't know of one of them left to-day. A writ of attachment has just been issued against the Canadian Meat and Produce Company of Sherbrooke, a concern which started some five or six years ago with a large capital and brilliant prospects, which, however, were never realized. In 1876 this factory was burned down with a heavy loss, after which preferential stock was issued, and the company got into operation again, but has never been able to hold its own, and will be wound up in bankruptcy. The canned meat trade is a considerable one in the States, and canned fruits and vegetables still more important.

A COMPANY has been formed in Fredericton, named the New Brunswick Sugar Company, to cultivate the early amber sugar cane, and to erect a factory to make sugar and syrups; capital, \$5,000, in ten shares. Some \$1,400 were subscribed at once Farmers have already bought cane seed to plant.

THE Royal Insurance Company has purchased for \$50,000 cash the property and stone building on the corner of Notre Dame Street and Place d'Armes square in Montreal, owned and formerly occupied by the Merchants Bank. This property was considered worth, in 1874, over \$80,000.

SENATOR Jeremiah Northup died in Halifax a week ago. The hon. gentleman was a member of the first provincial parliament of Nova Scotia, and held that seat for a period of 25 years. He was a member of the firm of J. Northup & Sons, merchants and ship-owners, which he founded, and possessed, as a contemporary says, the needful qualities for a successful business man, viz., shrewdness, caution, promptitude, industry and enterprise; was a Vice-president of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, a director of the Ocean Marine Insurance Association, &c. He leaves an estate valued at \$400,000.

WINNIPEG residents have petitioned that a sum of \$50,000 shall be placed in the estimates for the building of a bridge over the Red river between that city and St. Boniface.

COMPLAINT is made by the Sarnia Observer that that town forms the only exception to the prevailing fashions of towns and villages in Western Ontario endeavoring to secure the establishment of manufactories in their midst. Bonusses, we would remark in passing, do not always bring benefits corresponding to their amount. It is quite possible, in this as in other matters, that towns may pay too dear for their whistle.

WHY is a merchant who does a strictly cash business never at rest? asks the Boston *Travel ler*. Because his work is never dun, is the reply.

A country man produced a cheque for \$150, duly certified, at the bank, and the cashier asked him "in what denominations" he wanted the money. Well, sir, my wife is Church of England, I'm a Presbyterian, myself. Its all one to me; but I guess you better give me the heft of it in Church of England bills, it'll please the old woman better.

THIRTY six, cases, all told, of assignment, attachment, or failure during the week, among them Mr. Paul Couture, shoe manufacturer, Quebec, who has failed before, but now again owes \$75,000 of which probably \$40,000 is indirect. W. C. Mountain, jeweller, Montreal, who was capiassed and held for trial on a charge of secreting his goods; Thos. Vincent, fancy goods, Ottawa; McLeish & Co., groceries, and Wm. Latch, lumber, Toronto, while R. B. Butland, Music, P. C. Allan, stationer, and Jas. Gibson, printer in this city are heavy losers by being burned out. Eight traders have sold out or gone out of business, two general dealers, three grocers, two hotel keepers.

A FRIEND sends us a specimen of "how some assignces manage an insolvent's affairs," in a printed list of receipts and disbursements in an estate, bearing no date, giving no domicile for the debtor, not naming the creditors or amount of claims. The estate is that of H. J. Vivian & Alex. McDonald, termed absconding insolvents of Thunder Bay. The stock of \$1,642 sold for \$850, and \$708 more was collected. Lawyers and Sheriffs' fees absorbed \$461, witnesses \$240, assignce's and interim assignce's, including expenses to Toronto, \$200 and there is actually a balance of \$69, in the bank, to pay two or three cents in the dollar to creditors.

NORWICH, Ont., was to have an oatmeal mill, and voted \$1000 towards it, but the duty on oats has spoiled the project, and Mr. Palmer has refunded the bonus.

THE total quantity of salt sold in the United States during 1878 was 7,662,658 barrels, of which 3,075,533 were imported. About 1,856,ooo were made in the Saginaw district of Michigan, about 1,434,000 in the Syracuse district of New York, 850,000 in Ohio and Virginia, and the rest of the 4,587,000 bbls. at other points.

"BOOK-DEBTS, bad, dead and out of date, \$18,863," are so classified among the assets of the estate of Mr. A. Mackay, a merchant of North Sydney, C. B., who is offering 50 cents in the \$ in 20 months. He has \$3,729 good debts and \$3,858 stock. Probably Mr. Mackay is now

alive to the need of writing off bad debts year by year, and doing less credit business.----Three more young men are about to try the dry goods business in Halifax, Messrs, Matheson, Harley and G. H. Bayne, succeeding to the stand of P. Grant & Co.-Longworth & Co., ship builders and shippers, Charlottetown, P.E.I., met their creditors lately. The firm has built 35 vessels in the last eight years, but finds the shrinkage and dullness in that sort of property hamper them greatly. Another Island shipbuilder, Mr. I. Ramsay, of Summerside is in financial trouble .-- R. McGee, hatter at St. John, has made an assignment. Jos. Townsend. trader, Louisburg, C.B., is in difficulty. W. M. Bond, St. Marys Bay, N.S., meets his creditors.

IN Moncton, N. B.. a brig is being built by W. Cochrane, also a schooner for the Anticosti fishing trade, by Mr. Jardine, part owned by employes in the railroad machine shops there. In Albert County, a vessel of 1,340 tons is building for B. Smith, of Windsor, and a vessel of 1,000 tons is to be ready for launching in August.

THE annual report of the Minister of Mines of British Columbia, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1878, states the total yield of gold from all parts of the province at \$1,275,204. The number of Miners employed in extracting this amount was 1,883, of whom 1,085 were Chinese."

IT is reported in the Winnipeg *Free Press*, though we have not heard of it before, that "an excursion of leading Ontario business men will be organized in Tcronto to visit Manitoba during May or June."

ORDERS have been issued to the managers of the fast freight lines, signed by the Presidents of the New York Central, Grand Trunk, Erie, Pennsylvania, and Baltimore & Ohio railroads. one paragraph of which reads as follows : " You are not permitted, nor will you permit the agents of your line, to become a party to any transaction, directly or indirectly, or to be instrumental in any way, openly or secretly, in securing to any shipper reduced rates of transportation below the regular tariff rates, * * * either by change in the classification or incorrect weights, or by giving passes, or in purchasing tickets or in any other way in which preference may be given to one shipper over another." This is designed to prevent "cutting" rates.

THE tack and nail factory of Messrs. R. Foster & Son, St. John, wnich had been closed during the winter, has resumed operations, with numerous orders.

THE Napanee Paper Mills Company has received an order for 400 reams of paper from an American patent medicine proprietor, for the printing of circulars, etc., for his Canadian trade.

While, from the report of the Registrar-General of Ontario, the death rate per 1,000 in Toronto is given at 23.6, Kingston's citizens only die at the rate of 17.2 per 1,000, which puts the lime-stone city amongst the very healthiest places in the Dominion.

IT is well for our newest province to make an effort in the direction of retail cash trade.

The credit system, however needful and beneficent to honest and struggling people in a new country, is abused by a class who are least entitled to its benefits. The class whose delinquencies have caused the effort, those who can pay but will not, do harm to themselves and everybody else; says the Winnipeg Standard. "Those who declared their intention to do business on the cash system-thereby clipping the wings of the more extravagant and reckless members of the community-have hearty good wishes for their success-Some good will result from the effort, undoubtedly. As a rule the poorer classes are regarded as very safe customers. They do not generally run formidable bills, and trust to luck to pay them; and were this class the only purchasers, trades-people would have few bad accounts. The dangerous element is the more stylish-those who appear to be well off; but who are so extravagant or such wretched managers that they are nearly all the time ahead of their incomes. In so far as this cash movement strikes at them, they will have little sympathy, what ever outcry they make."

ABOUT 1854, Cyrus Wakefield began the manufacture of chair seats from rattan, in the little town of Wakefield, Mass., where the Wakefield Rattan Co., has now the principal factory in the United States. What are commonly known as the cane seats to chairs, and the like, are woven out of split rattan. Within the last few years, an almost infinite variety of articles has been added to the list manufactured out of this tough and pliable substance. The raw material is imported from Singapore mainly, and comes tied up in bundles, the canes averaging from 12 to 16 feet in length, and from an eighth to three-quarters of an inch in diameter. Machinery is used for splitting them into any desirable sizes, but most of the weaving is done by hand. Of the many articles now being manufactured almost wholly out of rattan, and which takes the place of walnut, ash and other furniture woods, are chairs of all descriptions. settees, ottomans, baskets of infinite variety, tables, bedsteads, dressing cases, side boards, fire screens, window shades and trunks.

THE Oshawa Vindicator is of opinion that while some people desire to pay their debts some do not. A shopkeeper meeting a man out of work on the corner of the street intimated that he had a load of wood he wished to have cut. "Well" remarked the man, "cut it." "Oh," replied the shopkeeper, "I want you to cut it." "You do," was the rejoiner, " and what will you give me?" "Why you know you owe me an account which you promised to pay me long ago; I'll allow it on that," said the storekeeper. "Ah, you will said the man, I don't work in that way, I work for cash, I do.' The shop keeper spoke angrily. But the debtor coolly replied: "yes blow away, you're mad, but I have the advantage of you, I owe you an account and I am going to owe you. I have got the advantage of you, but you won't get work nor money out of me." And the shopkeeper has not, neither have others who have means of ether.

given credit to men of that stripe. Fortunately all men are not like that, still there are enough to make *cash down* the proper method of doing business.

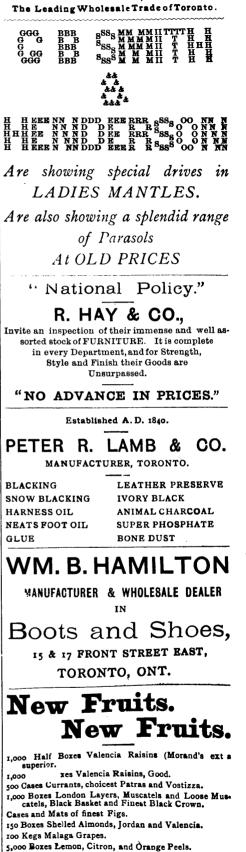
—The Bank of Montreal has declared a dividend of five per cent on the business of the half year. The directorate deemed it advisable to draw on the rest for \$500,000, to provide for the depreciation of assets, and to wipe out all accounts of a doubtful nature. The business done, however, has been a satisfactory one, the profits not only providing for all losses but paying the dividend just declared.

-In the New Brunswick Legislature on Saturday last, 12th inst., a resolution was introduced to advertise for tenders for new Legislative buildings at Fredericton, which some of the members argued were "absolutely necessary," the present buildings being "a disgrace to the Province, uncomfortable and unhealthy." An attempt was made to limit the cost of the buildings to \$100,000, but this amendment was voted down by 25 to 6.

An important step has been taken by the Messrs. Redpath in regard to the terms adopted in the sales of their sugars, which are now again upon the market. Where 30 and 60 days credit were given upon their sugars when their refinery was in operation in former years, they have now fixed their terms as cash in 14 days, with 21 per cent. discount; but when transactions are very large special arrangements may be made. This is an example which should aid the disposition towards shorter credit. There has been of late years a tendency to relax the bounds within which mercantile transactions were carried on, to extend the period of credit and to grant time upon merchandise which was previously sold for prompt cash. That tendency has grown in some lines into an abuse, affording facilities to weak houses and neutralizing profit. The step taken by the Messrs. Redpath is therefore in a salutary direction.

—Dairymen in New York State, along the line of the Haarlem railway, are to be furnished with a cargo of prime milch cows from Canadian pastures. A Cambray merchant proposes to select from the counties of Victoria, Durham, and Ontario, a specimen car load to be shipped by the first boat from Port Hope. Should the venture prove successful, further lots will no doubt be exported.

-It is proposed to manufacture quinine in Canada, provided Peruvian bark, the raw material for the product, be placed on the free list, both articles now paying 20 per cent. Quinine is used in the Dominion pretty freely, being employed in making quinine wine, besides its common use as a febrifuge and tonic. The annual value imported is placed at \$80,000 to \$100,000. The process of extraction includes boiling the pulverised cinchona bark with water slightly tinctured with oil vitriol, then using carbonate of soda to precipitate the bases, and extracting the quinia and other alkaloids by means of ether.



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THE FISHERY AWARD AND THE STATE OF THE FISHERIES.

In the beginning of the Session speeches were made in the House of Commons by several members from the Maritime Provinces in favor of distributing the amount of the Fishery Award among the several Provinces, on the coasts of which Americans are, under the Treaty of Washington, allowed to fish. We pointed out, at the time, the unreasonableness of this proposal, and expressed the belief that it was not made with any hope that it would be agreed to, but for the purpose of obtaining an outlay of public money, ostensibly in the interest of the Canadian fishery. This surmise has proved to be correct; for already notice has been given by M. Fortin of a motion to make the amount of the award a special fund, to be used for replenishing the fisheries at points where they have been exhausted, and giving, in some unexplained way, "the greatest possible development" to that industry.

"It is argued that the admission of the Americans to our shore fisheries has caused a considerable diminution in the production, and that this industry is menaced with danger. It is added, that unless restrictive means, known to science, be taken, the exhausted spots will in future prove barren. These statements are worthy of attention; for they point to the necessity of enquiry into the truth of the alleged facts. M. For tin can hardly expect that Parliament will act in the absence of specific and reliable information, and he is probably only taking this means of bringing about such an enquiry. It seems to us that it would have facilitated matters if he had, at the outset, moved for a committee of enquiry on the subject. Not that the labors of a parliamentary committee could be expected to furnish all the information that may be necessary. The subject is one that has, in England, repeatedly been made the subject of enquiry through a commission, and perhaps era of the Reciprocity treaty, this expec-

it may be desirable to follow that course here. M. Fortin starts where he ought to end; he asks for action without enquiry of any kind. This is a task that would devolve upon the Government, if the necessity for action were established by a full enquiry, in whatever form conducted.

M. Fortin will probably undertake to explain in what way our fishermen have suffered by the Americans being admitted to our shore fisheries, when the resolutions of which he has given notice come under discussion. Is it because they use weapons having unwonted power of destruction? An English commission reported some years ago, that no mode of fishing known or practised could lessen the quantity of fish on the British coasts. We know that this opinion is not one that finds favor in the Maritime Provinces, and it is very doubtful if it be correct, when applied to Bulton and other peculiarly destructive methods. Any mode of fishing which destroys the young fish, instead of confining the catch to the full-grown, must be injurious, and would almost certainly diminish the quantity of fish, at certain points. Complaint has sometimes been made that American fishermen injure the fisheries by throwing the offal into the water; but though this practice be admitted, the opinion founded upon it is open to doubt. There is, in so wide a question as the preservation of our rich fisheries, abundant room for enquiry; and it may be urgent that enquiry should be made, with the least possible delay.

On one point of fact, we think M. Fortin is at fault. He assumes that certain merchants. British and Canadian, who erected costly establishments on the coasts, for the purpose of carrying on trade in connection with the fisheries, did so in the belief that no foreign country would ever be allowed to engage in them. British merchants of this generation could hardly have had such an idea, if they looked to what had been done in their own country. In the time of Ra!eigh exaggerated estimates were made of the value of the fish carried off by foreigners from British waters, and hopes were indulged of enforcing restrictions, which experience has proved could not be enforced. Selden's contention for a close sea, against Grotius, in this respect, went for nothing. The Dutch did, at one time, pay for the right of participating in the British fishery ; but this is so long ago that the tradition has long since passed out of the mind of the British merchant. Nor is it possible to see that Canadians, engaged in commerce connected with the fishery, had any firm foundation for the belief that they could always monopolize this trade. Certainly since the

tation has had no ground to rest upon; for every one must have seen that what had been done once could be done again. If M. Fortin be here counting on pecuniary compensation to these merchants, for loss of trade, it is obvious he cannot expect to succeed. And, to do him justice, we do not think that this is his intention.

The conclusion which M. Fortin asks us to accept is put in a shape which looks logical, and is intended to be captivating. He wishes to establish as a principle. "that it is only just and equitable that what comes from the fisheries should return to the fisheries." At this rate, nothing the Government has to do with would be profitable. We could not adopt this principle without being carried a great deal further than probably M. Fortin would care to look. Apply it to another great industry, and see how it would work. If we undertook to return to the forest all the timber dues and license money we get, we should throw away whatever revenue we get from this source. Extend the principle, and Government would be left nearly without pecuniary resource. Besides, it is impossible to say what the fisheries may cost to protect, in a given number of years. Many times the amount of the award has been expended upon them, by England and Canada, in the past ; and this expense must, in future, fall on the Dominion in a much greater proportion, supposing the same outlay should have to be incurred again.

Whatever it is necessary to do for the fisheries should be done. If exhausted banks require to be restocked, it will have to be done. If any other expense be really needful, it will have to be incurred. But. first of all, information is needed. And, then, if it be found that such expenditure is necessary, it must, where so great an interest is concerned, be regarded as a matter of course. But, in any case, there is absolutely no reason for making a special fund of the amount of the fishery award, while there are a thousand against it; not the least urgent being the series of deficits which have followed one another for several years in unbreken succession.

BANKING REFORM.

FOURTH ARTICLE.

A knowledge of the disease is half its cure. We have been probing somewhat deeply into the wounds that have affected our banking institutions, not with the view of making invidious comparisons, still less of gratifying idle curiosity; but with a view to so lay bare the real sources of disaster as to suggest methods of permanent cure. For the disease is pot skin deen. It does not arise out of any constitutional provision of the banking laws of the country, and is not to be cured by Acts of Parliament. It is the result of vicious internal malpractices. It is here that disease exists, and here that remedies must be applied.

Pursuing then, the contrast referred to in our last number, we observe that one of the most striking points of difference between the operations of Loan Companies and Banks is the measure of discretion and responsibility allowed to agents. In the case of the former none whatever is permitted. No agent can lend money on his own motion. This is the rule; and if he were disposed to break it he cannot do it. for he has no money to lend. The agents of Loan Companies do not have a store of money by them for the charge of which they are responsible. Their functions are strictly limited to forwarding applications and recommendations, and this is wise. Experience has proved that agents are biassed by local circumstances. They have friends whom they naturally want to oblige. They are fond of popularity like other men. They are good-natured and cannot resist importunity. They are timid and may be bullied into compliance. In short, they are human; and they are dealing with a business not their own. If money were lost they would not lose. The Loan Companies have therefore very wisely not put the power of lending money into their agents' hands. They have not even allowed them to receive money on deposit on behalf of the company. Even this power they think is dangerous, for it would involve the company in responsibility for the actions of men, some of whom might be forgetful and others not absolutely honest. The whole business in fact of dealing with money, either in receiving it on deposit or lending it on security, is strictly confined to the Board and its immediate officers at headquarters.

On a directly opposite principle however have the operations of Banks in Canada been conducted. Not only have their agents been entrusted with large sums of money to take care of, but they have been allowed a very wide discretion in lending it. Theoretically, indeed, applications for advances are referable to the Board ; but the agent, it must be remembered, has every facility for lending money without that reference if he so pleases. He has a store of money in his safe; and practically he has the whole of the funds of the bank at his command; for he can give an order for any amount, upon any other office of the bank for the money which may be stored there.

well-defined provisions to the contrary, it popularity, to begin with, and then it raises is scarcely in human nature but that he shall be pursuaded, or flattered, or bullied, into lending it at times on his own responsibility. He knows, of course, that this may come to the knowledge of the Directors. But he trusts either that it may be overlooked altogether, or that, if found fault with, his reasons will be approved. He may, in fact, assume an independent attitue, and give his superiors to understand (in a quiet way), that it is he who has the control of their business in such a town. and that he can very easily carry it over to an opposite camp if need be.

Under the influence of causes of this kind and of others which need not be mentioned, it has come to pass, during the rage for increasing business, that agents have often been allowed a discretion which may almost be described as unlimited. It came to be quite a common phrase with Bank agents, in dealing with customers, to say to them : "Come to me and I will give you all the money you want." And they kept their word. Scores of agents, by means of this liberality in the use of other peoples' money, have lifted themselves to positions of popularity and prominence, so as to be looked upon almost as little gods; and, very naturally, people will always worship a free dispenser of money. And so long as the resources of the Bank admitted of it, the process could go on without interruption. Such agents, moreover, are not only popular with their customers, but they are occasionally able to bamboozle even Directors also. For as the interest on a Bank loan is generally credited at the time the money is lent, the lavish dispensing of the Bank's resources tells wonderfully upon the profits of the institution. The agent, therefore, comes to be not only prominent and popular in the district, by lending money so freely, but is popular with the Directors because, apparently he is making so much money for the Bank.

Now, if the resources of our Banks had been absolutely boundless, and this cheertul and pleasant style of spreading money over the land could have gone on without interruption, there would have been no check either to the popularity or the profit, so-called. Unfortunately, however, there is a limit, even to the enormous masses of money that have been subscribed for Bank managers to take care of. A turn of the financial tide makes it necessary to 'restrict discounts,' as the banking phrase goes, or in plain words, to ask people to repay the money which has been lent them. For the popular agent, this is a very bitter pill to swallow. Of all things he detests asking

very unpleasant questions as to the power of his friends to repay that which they have borrowed. So long as he goes on lending. this question is never raised at all. It is a curious phenomenon of banking that during this freehanded dispensing of money no losses are ever made! It is only in the unfortunate process of getting repayment that they arise. Agents are sometimes so popular that they cannot find it in their hearts to ask their friends to pay their debts to the Bank, and the Directors, in order to get this done, have sometimes been compelled to entrust it to another hand. Then. strange to say, losses begin to develop fast enough, much to the satisfaction of the popular gentleman aforesaid, who triumphantly points to the fact that when he conducted the business at such and such a place not a dollar of loss was ever reported. It is his unfortunate successor who has to realize the unpleasant fact that under the former popular regime thousands and tens of thousands of the Bank's money were squandered upon scheming speculators, impecunious storekeepers, hare-brained adventurers and scores of other people who by favor of the agent had been living riotously at the Bank's expense.

These strictures may seem severe. They are not directed against Bank agents as a class but only against a certain section of them, generally known as popular, enterprising, and sometimes as very clever, who have struck out courses of their own and while disregarding instructions have been allowed to assume an independent position. There is scarcely a town in Canada but has known an agent of this class. The sums of money which have been lost by the operations of such men are simply fabulous. They amount to millions upon millions in the aggregate. We speak within the bounds of knowledge in saying that one half, at least, of the enormous losses made by the Banks of Canada during the last twenty vears are attributable to them. As these losses have amounted altogether to some \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000, the stockholders of Banks can easily calculate to what extent they are indebted to the clever and enterprising gentlemen to whom such immense powers have been entrusted.

The responsibility of Bank agents or branch managers in Great Britain is of an entirely different description. There, the distinction between Advances, more or less of a permanent character, and Bills of Exchange, either inland or foreign, is of the sharpest and clearest description. Here, owing to the mischievous custom which we borrowed from our neighbors of making Having this power, and in the absence of people to pay back money. It destroys his promissory notes do duty for all classes of

transactions, this fundamental distinction is lost sight of. But it is a vital one. It belongs to the very essence of banking business, and it is clearly understood by bankers in Great Britain. There, no discretion whatever is allowed to agents or branch managers with regard to loans or cash advances. If a man wants these, he states his business to the agent, with the security he has to offer, generally two substantial bondsmen, and the case is sent to be adjudicated on by the Directors. After this, all the agent has to do is to keep the customer within the line allowed him. It is only in the discounting of regular Bills of Exchange that agents have any discretion, and as these bills are almost universally bona fide and regularly paid at maturity, the discretion very rarely leads to trouble.

The case may be put in a single line. Bank agents in Britain cannot lend money; they can only discount Bills of Exchange. Here, on the contrary, agents do both, but they do it in such a way as to mystify both themselves and the authorities of the bank as to the real meaning of transactions. As to the results, they are as above stated.

Intimately connected with this subject of discretion allowed to agents is that of competition for business. Now, competition, where several banks exist in a locality, may always be expected. It is not a bad thing, per se ; for there is a competition that is retional, sensible and kept within due bounds. There is also a competition which is irrational, stupid and dangerous; and of this latter, truth to say, the agents of banks have been guilty to a terrible degree. When the rate of interest has been driven up by such competition to a point that leaves no profit to the bank, or when the rate of discount is pushed down to a point that makes the lending simply a business of exchanging one shilling for another, it is bad enough; but a worse effect is produced when competition takes the too common form of offering far larger amounts of accommodation than is prudent.

It has not been an uncommon thing for a customer when checked by a wise and sensible banker (which check had he taken it would have been for his own good) to go over to the agent of another institution and get a promise from him of double the amount of money he could have had from his own bank. As above remarked the current phrase is "We will give you all the money you want." On this understanding the account is transferred. Larger operations are indulged in, larger ventures made than ever, the result of which, nine cases out of ten, is that the customer is ruined and the bank makes a loss.

tion amongst the agents of loan companies too. This, however, can work little mischief owing to their restricted powers. If the agents of Loan Companies had a store of fifty to a hundred thousand dollars at their command we should see some curious results. But as they have no money at all entrusted to them, the force of competition, so far as they are concerned, spends itself in flattering recommendations and overvaluations. The directors, however, generally see through all this; but if ever the spirit of competition runs riot with the Board of Directors their businesss will be as dangerous as banking has proved. As we have observed the peculiar feature of banking is that the agent, by the very nature of his business, must have a store of money by him. He can lend it if he chooses. He can lend it in spite of orders to the contrary, as he very often has done. And until there is an entire change of system with regard to his powers, duties and responsibilities, we fear that it is hopeless to expect much change for the better in banking.

MANITOBA AND ITS FUTURE.

It is a fact worthy of passing note, that Manitoba and the North-West Territory are now the "land of promise" to not a few Canadians. While Quebec is sending forth her French Canadian artisans and small farmers, the Ottawa Valley her hardy lumbermen, and Western Ontario her agriculturists, mechanics, and merchants to settle on the broad and fertile prairie land of the West; far Nova Scotia, even, plants a colony of her sturdy sons in this our Western Reserve, and we may expect old Britain, and even the neighboring States to add their quota. Nor is it without a curious phase, this exodus from our older provinces to our youngest and least known. While there are elements of discontent or at least disappointment in the minds of merchants who have failed in business; of shanty men or laborers who can get no further employment in Ontario; of workmen whose trades are stagnant in the manufacturing towns; of farmers who find their progress slow and are eager for the fresh fields-while each of these finds a different cause for complaint with his lot, all are unanimous in thinking Manitoba the spot which will better the condition of each.

There is much in the condition of things in that new country to inflame the imagination and to attract capital and enterprise. Land is cheap, and easily worked; the climate is bracing and healthful; opportunities must offer for agricultural and mechan-

And then there is the sense of merchant. freedom to begin in a new and distant country the battle of life again, without witnesses of former failure and out of the atmosphere of disdain and pity which supercilious former friends will not fail to show, to say nothing of the habits of economy which one who is freed from the trammels of etiquette and of keeping up "necessary style" may assume under new surroundings.

The considering of ways and means is needful, however, to the emigrant as well as to the finance minister. Let no one go to Manitoba, if he can help it, without money, for he is tolerably certain to have a hard time. This need not mean much money, but sufficient to maintain him there for some weeks, if not months. Again, as to the time for going : April is too early for comfort. An Ontario gentleman writes from High Bluff upon this subject. advising men of families not to start before the first of June, as the roads are impassable until then, and the weather not certain ; but after that date the roads are good, the weather fine, and the nights warm. Young men might, however, venture in April or May. "If persons come to Winnipeg and cannot get beyond, it will cost them a good deal. A small room rents there for ten or twelve dollars a month. Wood costs from six to seven dollars per cord. Stock can be bought ten per cent cheaper in June than in April." This is in the main true, except that it is too much to say that roads are "impassable," though they are certainly bad. As to climate, one hears many expressions of dread of the intense cold of winter in the Prairie Province. That dread need not Any one who has wintered in Queexist. bec or Ottawa will not find Winnipeg colder, unless, perchance, he interview the thermometer, for there is a quality of dryness and exaltation in the air which makes the system able to resist the cold. The winters are long, it is true, but there are compensations. November is as gladsome as Indian summer, while the summers cannot be described, so delightful and stimulating are they. Another point, upon which those purposing to settle in Manitoba should be informed, is where the likeliest land lies. Many have gone to Garry, to Selkirk, and up about the big lake, only to find the best lots taken. Around Winnipeg, for instance, the land is held by half breeds to a very great extent. Landing at Emerson or at Dufferin, the passenger will be likely to do better, for west of Emerson, around Pembina Mountain, Pomeroy, Turtle Mountain, and elsewhere, where the land is open for settlee ent, and there are market towns within easy reach, as well as grist and saw mills. We are well aware that there is competi- | ical skill as well as for the experience of the On the Little Saskatchewan, about Portage la Prairie, there are, according to government agents and other authorities, good tracts. But there is this advantage, in prospecting southern Manitoba, at least first from 'merson (which is on the borders of the Province and just opposite Pembina on the river), that if no suitable location be found there, one can the more readily retrace his steps and proceed north-ward.

A word may be needed upon the disgustingly common practice of " land-jumping," that is, the pre-occupancy or " preemption" of land by parties notwithstanding that these lots may have been previously secured, though not actually occupied by other parties. This seems a hardship to be sure; and one would say that the sellers of these lands should be compelled for a certain time at least, to guarantee possession. But there is another side to the question ; the contention of the land agents is that they cannot hold land for intending settlers unless the conditions of settlement are fulfilled, and the prescribed duties done upon the place. Intending settlers therefore, who have entered homesteads or grazing farms, should make sure that they have complied with every necessary condition to prevent their claims from being jumped, and to protect their rights in case they are compelled to resort to ejection proceedings.

A live question has been that of transportation facilities for the Province, the action of the contractors upon the Pembina branch having occasioned great inconvenience and a feeling of temporary isolation. The present lessees, Joseph Upper & Co., covenant in their lease to equip the branch thoroughly with all necessary rolling stock and other things required to its efficient working by the 30th current. They bind themselves to keep the whole line from Emerson to Selkirk, in an efficient state of repair, when the privilege granted the St. Paul & Pacific road (giving them running powers), shall terminate according to notice to be given, and permit Upper & Co. to work the line in lieu of the contracting parties (Geo. Stephen & the St. P. & P. R. R.) Important restrictions, and ones which will command approval amongst Manitobans, are those whereby the rates of passenger fare or freight rates are subject to revision by the executive, and are not exactable until the tariff of charges has the approval of the Governor-General in Council; also, that Upper & Co. shall not interchange freight or passengers with any steamboat or other railway company. The inhabitants breathe more freely now, for to be barricaded by frost, as the land practically was, shut out, or rather shut in by a 70 miles gap in the

iron railway chain was not pleasant in these late days.

MERCHANTS GOING WEST .- One thing should be said to merchants going to Manitoba, that they run great risk of disappointment in going thither with stocks of goods without having visited the Province before-hand. To be successful traders, they must "know the ropes," and they cannot know the ropes unless they have been in the country to learn what descriptions of merchandise will suit the halfbreed, the Mennonite or the Canadian population, respectively. Should a person reach Winnipeg for example, with an assortment of wares for a general store, he will probably find that that town has already as many general merchants as can possibly succeed, for although it may be argued that the population of the capital is growing fast and therefore gives more room for additional merchants, still it is a shifting population, that town being a point of arrival for most of the immigrants who are bound for the interior. The safest plan for one who designs merchandising in that country is first to make a trip thither and look out a fair location, and then take care to select a stock as staple as he can, and make up his mind to "dicker" a good deal for skins and furs and produce in lieu of cash. Among the numbers who are flocking westward in high expectancy, there cannot fail to be some who will be disappointed, although there is a living and possibly success and comfort before those who work with a will and with discernment. Still, everyone does not possess the strong arm or the stout heart, and there may be many a hardship before such. There should be a readiness to "take hold" of any chance, to work at any trade, profession or occupation that offers itself, and the chances are all in favor of the cheerful steady worker.

-In the course of an address at Sherbrooke, following the examinations in the Government School of Art at that place, Mr. S. C. Stevenson Secretary of the Quebec Council of Arts and Manufactures, notwithstanding an increase in numbers from 131 in 1877-8 to 198 in 1878-9 at the Sherbrooke School and an equal average attendance, expressed regret that the citizens of Sherbrooke did not show more interest in, and appreciation of the object of these free schools. Wa trust that that gentleman did not in any way foreshadow the intention of the authorities when he suggested that his hearers would perhaps regret, when too late, if the Government withdrew the schools altogether for

want of their being appreciated by the people; we are told, indeed, that they have no such intention. Mr. Stevenson's remarks upon the importance of the education of the industrial classes in art and technical drawing were deserving of the attention with which they were received. The claims of these schools upon the interest of manufacturers and commercial men have already have been noticed through these columns. The fact that tuition in them is free and that access may be had in them to models, engravings, plans and specimens. ought to stimulate handicraftsmen to become pupils in drawing, carving, designing, and the like. We know of a thorough mechanic now earning \$3.90 per day in a locomotive shop who might at this moment have a position in the works at \$2,000 per annum if only he had the requisite knowledge of drawing perspective and mathematics.

MUTUAL INSURANCE RETURNS.

We have just received a copy of the "state. ment of affairs of Mutual Insurance Companies" for 1878, made to the Government in accordance with the provisions of the Act, Cap. 161, Rev. Statutes, which has been prepared under instruction from the Provincial Treasurer by the Clerk of Insurance. The form on which these returns are made, is a great imp-ovement on those previously used; and if the simple and concise method of ascertaining the actual value to companies of their premium notes, combined with honest and intelligent answers to the questions asked, were furnished by every company, a careful perusal of the returns, would afford to a person of ordinary knowledge of insurance matters sufficient data by which to form a tolerably correct opinion as to their solvency or otherwise. The general public are deeply interested in knowing with some degree of certainty the standing of companies which do so large a proportion of the insurance business of the country. There are fifty-one Mutual Insurance Companies embraced in the returns before us, exclusive of the Hastings Mutual, of Belleville; Manufacturers and Merchants' Mutual, of Hamilton; Niagara District Mutual, of St. Catharines, and the Reliance Mutual, of Toronto, which have ceased to do business. The Canadian Mutual of Hamilton, though holding "Ino license" for 1878, is reported as having taken premiums to the extent of \$17,000. Many of our readers will be surprised to learn that the amount insured by these institutions is nearly \$50,000,-000. This fact, taken in connection with the collapse of several within a comparatively recent period, render Government inspection in the interest of the public a matter of imperative necessity. We are glad, therefore, that steps have been taken to remedy this long felt defect in connection with the working of Mutual Insurance.

A careful analysis of the returns for last year demonstrates very clearly that the services of an insurance Superintendent are much needed. Some of the companies require carefully looking after. We understand that some of them recently formed have taken a new departure in regard to the ratio which the premium note bears to the amount of insurance. The usual way used to be the annual rates charged by stock companies as a basis for calculating the amount of the premium note required, which was by the old method increased by a multiple of four, either for a one or a three years' insurance. This excess of the premium note over an ordinary cash premium stood in lieu of the capital stock of a proprietory company, as security to the assured, that all honest claims and other liabilities would be promptly met. The "new departure," we understand, only requires for one year's risk a premium note equal to the annual premium charged by stock companies, on which is collected in cash at the time the insurance is effected four-fifths or eighty per cent. of the said premium note. This premium and the balance of the note is the sole security this class of company offers to the simple-minded insurer. Properly conducted, mutual insurance is the best and cheapest form of protection, and under certain restrictions and proper management equally safe and reliable. It frequently happens, however, that companies are organized and managed by parties innocent of the remotest knowledge of either the principles or practice of honest mutual insurance, and it is no wonder that the result is frequently disastrous, and thus brings discredit on the mutual system. We trust the Government will appoint a competent man as Insurance Superintendent. Properly conducted companies have nothing either to fear or to lose by such an appointment, and it will result not in crushing these companies, but in placing many of them on a more substantial footing, and thus obtain for them a much greater degree of public confidence than they now possess. We may have something to say at a future time in regard to these returns, with reference to matter of details as exhibited in the returns of the several companies.

THE FAILURE LIST.

There have been more failures in Canada in the first three months of 1879 than in the whole year 1874. While the United States show a lessening equal to 25 per cent. in number, and 47 per cent. in aggregate, of failures during the first three months of this year as compared with last, Canada shows, according to Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co.'s return, over 12 per cent. more failures in number, and 14 per cent. more in amount than in the same period of 1878, while these last were in their turn 15 per cent. greater than the first quarter of 1877.

1st Quar. 1879.	1st Quar. 1878.
. Fail'rs. Liab's. F	No of Am't of ail'rs. Liab's 3,335 \$82,078 826 555 9,100,920

\$11,648,000 is nearly the amount of the whole year's failures in 1873, and a third more than the whole of 1874! It is proper to remark that

the failures in the United States for the like period of 1877 were smaller in number and \$27,540,000 less in aggregate than in the first quarter of 1878. It is well known that the increased number of American failures last year was due largely to the rush of traders "to get through" insolvency before the abrogation of the Act in that country. Similarly, it may be supposed that the greater number of failures in Canada for the first quarter of 1879 is due to the desire of Canadian traders in some degree to be beforehand with the abrogation of, or possible change in the insolvency law of the Dominion. However this may be, the fact remains that failures are not lessening; there are too many people dividing the trade; continued compromises, bankrupt stocks, etc., are telling upon the mercantile class, and the end is not yet. There were in Canada in

1878	1615	failures,	\$23.152,262	liabilities.
1877	1890	**	25,510,147	**
1876	1728	"	25,517,991	**
1875	1968	"	28,843,967	**
1874	966	**	7,606,765	**
1873	994	"	12,334,191	"

Add to this dire list the 634 insolvents, owing \$11,648,697, this year, and we have a total in six and a quarter years of 9,795 insolvents, owing \$134,704,000. Equal to five failures every business day. But, since the beginning of 1875, our traders have been failing at the rate of over six per day, owing \$15,000 each. It is a disgrace; and may well make sober-minded merchants long for some autocratic power to put down credit, or to cancel the power to collect debts.

COMMERCIAL USES AND ABUSES OF MONEY.

The proper use of money, and abuses of it as committed amongst ourselves, formed the subject of a recent lecture in the Commercial Travellers Association rooms in this city. Starting with the theory that no larger amount of money should form the circulating medium of a country than the sum of its accumulated wealth, i.e. the sum of the savings of its inhabitants after all debts are paid, Mr. R. J. Wylie proceeded to cite instances of evil effects produced upon banks, importers, merchants, manufacturers, artisans, and even farmers, by what he considers has been the bane of Canada these five years, viz. ; "too much money, too easily obtained from the banks, and money's worth too easily got from merchants by the various borrowers named above, and paid for at too high rates. If only an amount of the circulating medium equal to the savings year by year of producers, were permitted to exist in a community, we fear the business of that community could not be carried on.

But without stopping to discuss the scheme, not seldom previously propounded, of a national Bank of Issue, we may mention a suggestion made by the speaker with which we have much sympathy. The establishment, namely, of a course of lectures upon mercantile topics, before the Commercial Travellers' Association. There are those among themselves who possess the

ability to discourse upon business matters; and there is no occupation which affords greater opportunities for observation of the causes of success or of failure in business, than theirs. Who should be better informed, by his own sight and hearing, of the advantages of system, economy, industry, to a store keeper? Who can more readily discern than an observant travelling salesman, the lack of thrift, the absence of promptness, the disregard of economy, the decline of diligence in a trader, which are a sure presage of disaster ? Some of them, besides, have had experience in the responsibilities of principals, and can therefore give valuable intimations as to right methods or wrong methods in merchandising, to their younger or less experienced brethren. By all means let a course of lectures upon business requirements be instituted.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The most brilliant success which has yet been attained by the electric light, was probably that recent one where the Albert Hall at Kensington was illuminated by it, under the direction of Messrs. Siemens Bros., the well-known electricians of London, England. The occasion was the performance of Handel's oratorio of the "Messiah." The hall, which is of immense size, was filled by a critical audience, and the splendour of the light was the theme of general commendation.

The auditorium was lighted by four of Siemen's smallest size regulators, fed by four of his medium size machines, each capable of giving a light equal to 6000 sperm candles. The machines were driven at a speed of 473 revolutions per minute, which is nearly ten per cent. greater than is ordinarily required. The orchestra was illuminated by four Joblochkoff candles, mellowed by the usual opal glass globes, and capable of emitting a light equal to 300 candles each. These lamps were similar to those in use in Paris and switched into circuit in succession once every hour. The insulating material which Joblochkoff uses between the carbon pencils throws out rather a rosy tint, but the contrast with the pure white light of the Siemens' lamp was rather agreeable to the eye. A new Siemens' alternate current machine was used for the Joblochkoff candles, instead of the Gramme, which he has hitherto adopted. Driven at a speed of 660 revolutions per minute. the current is reversed 52,800 times in that short space of time. This is accomplished by having the magnets wound in alternate directions, so as to present to the revolving coils north and south poles alternately; and a north pole of any particular magnet of one frame is opposite to a south pole of its corresponding magnet on the other frame. This is returning in principle to the original electro-magnetic machine constructed by Prot. Holmes, and with which Faraday himself experimented at the South Foreland lighthouse.

The cost of illuminating the Albert Hall for four hours with electric light, including preliminary trials was \pounds_2 10s. od., stg., or say \$3.12 per hour, viz:—

Coal	£ī	00	o
Carbons			
Wages	0	10	0
Wear and tear	0	10	ο
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£2 10 0

The ordinary cost of lighting with coal-gas for $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours is £7 07 00, viz : 42,000 cubic feet at 3/6 per thousand, or equal to about \$10.50 per hour.

It will be observed that the motive power amounts to one half of the whole cost; but where efficient water-power is available this expense would be avoided. Take, for instance, Ottawa: the lighting of the House of Commons and Senate Chamber could be done more effectively and at far less than the present cost for gas. Then, how brilliant the Government Grounds would appear illuminated with four lamps! One can hardly imagine anything finer than the effect upon that group of noble buildings.

Just one week has elapsed since Edison stated that his electric light was a complete success; and in five weeks from to day, he expects to have all the houses in Menlo Park lit with it. He now gets a light equal to thirty candles from a lamp which at first only gave a light equal to two and a half candles. He claims that the subdivision of the light is now perfect; and says the dynometer for the measurement of the horse power has given him more trouble than the light. Delay has been caused in perfecting the generator of electricity, but at last he has made two machines that operate successfully. Not only has the proportion of electricity to horse power been increased, but the current is better adjusted to his lamp. The lamp used will not melt until it gives out a light equal to three gas jets; and it is only intended to work to one-third this capacity. The regulator now used is of use only to turn the lamps up and down. To use Edison's own expression, he can "get the same amount of light for three times less money" than gas costs. On the whole, the certainty of the success of this light never looked so near complete as at present.

INSOLVENT ACT AMENDMENT.—A draft act, introducing very material change into the Insolvency laws, has been submitted by the subcommittee of the committee recently appointed by the House of Commons to consider the question, but the information made public as to the nature of the changes to be made is not sufficiently definite or full to justify a discussion on the merits of the proposed measure.

The more important changes are said to be the abolition of official assignees and the appointment of an interim custodian, who shall not be eligible to be appointed assignee; the entire abolition of compositions, leaving the estate to be divided in every case; to diminish the facilities now existing for a discharge; .imiting discharges from creditors to those given by consent, with reference to which it is sug-

gested to require a consent from four-fifths in number and amount of the creditors before nonassenting creditors are bound; to provide additional supervision over the winding up of estates and to lessen the cost. So far as the general administration of estates is concerned it would appear that the main features of the present act will be maintained.

If any new law is to be passed during this session, the report of the committee should be placed before the House at the earliest possible moment, for the subject is much too important to allow of hasty legislation. One proposition likely to provoke lively discussion is the appointment of Judges in Insolvency in the principal business centres. Although much may be said in favor of this step, anything having a tendency to such centralization can scarcely fail to meet with opposition from the outlying counties, while it is argued that public opinion will not permit the erection of another court. Then again, exception is taken by some to the assessment of the assets of bankrupt estates to defray the expense of an Insolvency Court.

CONFEDERATION LIFE Association. --- The statement of the Confederation Life Association for its seventh completed year, indicates continued progress and success on the part of that company. In spite of an unusual number of lapses and surrenders, owing probably to the scarcity of ready money in manufacturing and mercantile circles, the company's new business for the year just past shows an increase both in number and in aggregate of policies. The premium receipts were \$147,799 against \$132,600 the previous year. After a deduction for re-insurances already effected, the present re-insurance liability is calculated at \$313,989, to which is to be added unclaimed surrender values and annuities of \$9,493. The company's assets are increased from \$369,870 to \$456,337, while the surplus has now grown to \$68,640. The report is a clear and we must add, a satisfactory one. The growth of the company has made enlarged premises necessary, and we observe that it is shortly to remove to the handsome building now being erected for it on Toronto street.

ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COM-PANY .--- This company has received a license to transact business all over the Dominion, and we observe has made a deposit with the Receiver General of \$55,224.98. As a carefully managed home institution it is satisfactory to find that the business of the company keeps up well. Although the new business of the last is not so large as the former years. yet by reason of fewer lapses in 1878, the aggregate premium receipts were larger. The death claims were low, reaching but half the expectation ; this assisted the company to increase their net assets which they have accordingly done by 25 per cent. or \$29,890. The share of the Company's surplus available for distribution to policy holders will reduce fourth year policies by one fifth, and tenth year by more than one half, says

-The bill of the Nova Scotia Local House to fund the public debt of Nova Scotia and borrow \$800,000, was defeated in the Legislative Council on Saturday last, by a vote of 13 to 5. The bill had passed the Assembly unanimously; and the veto of the other Chamber has created surprise as well as disgust according to the telegrams, for the bill was deemed a necessity in order to sustain provincial obligations.

Meetings.

CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION.

The seventh annual meeting of the Association was held at the head office, Toronto street, Toronto, on Thursday April 10th., at noon. The Hon. W. P. Howland, C.B., President, took the chair, and Mr. J. K. Macdonald, managing director, acted as secretary. The following gentlemen were also present:---

Hon. W. McMaster, W. H. Gibbs, James Young, of Galt, John N. Lake, John Langton, I. C. Irving, C. E. Hooper, J. N. Yeomans, F. A. Ball, Wm. Elliot, R. S. Baird, R. Manning, E. Hooper, Irwin Diamond, L. Goldman, Dr. Oldwright, W. S. Lee, His Worship, Mayor Beaty, S. Nordheimer, J. H. Mason, J. C. Hamilton, J. Adamson, C. Carpmael. After reading the notice calling the meeting,

After reading the notice calling the meeting, the minutes of last meeting were taken as read and confirmed. The President then submitted the following report and financial statements:—

Your directors beg to report that during the year 1878, 1,289 Applications for assurances amounted to \$1,957,018 were received. Of these 1,173 for \$1,741,318 were accepted, and 1,174 policies written, 107 for \$202,700, were not considered desirable risks and were declined, 9 were deferred for a time.

The continued depression in trade and commerce has borne so heavily on the income of many persons as to leave them without the means to pay their premiums; this, together with the the very liberal rules of this Association in respect to surrender values, has doubtless led to an abnormal number of lapses and surrenders. Your directors, however, have no reason to believe that, notwithstanding the liberal surrender values given, the business will be less favorable than that of other companies.

The cash account and balance sheet, which are submitted herewith, will show a satisfactory increase both in income and assets, while a handsome surplus has accrued from the business of the year.

The audit of the company's affairs has been made in in the same efficient manner as in the past.

A special committee of the directors has, as heretofore, gone over the securities. The report of this committee will be found appended hereto.

The actuary has made the valuation of the liability under the policies and annuity bonds granted by the association. His report is also appended.

Two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum were paid to the shareholders in the year 1878, which with the bonus of 2 per cent. makes 10 per cent. In considering the dividend for the half year ending Dec. 31st, 1878, your directors felt that it might be more satisfactory to have a dividend of 5 per cent. each half year, instead of 4 per cent. and a bonus, and as the state of the account would warrant this, a dividend of 5 per cent. was ordered and has been paid.

The board realizing that annual valuations and the issue of an annual balance sheet afford the greatest possible security, not only to the policy-holders but also to the directors in dealing with matters for the relief of policy-holders, 1878. felt warranted in adopting the plan of an annual Dec. 31 distribution of the ascertained surplus, and the application of ONE-HALF of the surplus at the credit of policies of five or more years standing,

in the following manner. First.—In helping to pay the premium for the

succeeding year. Second.—In case of death, in the purchase of a bonus addition to the policy, or in case the party takes his profits in cash, the moiety to be paid in cash with the claim.

The effect of this will be seen from the average of 32 policies of various ages ranging from 22 to 56, on which the premiums are \$3,316,16. Half of the profits for the one year 1877, represents a reduction in the premium of nineteen per cent.. an equal percentage being carried forward to the credit of the policies to be dealt with at the next quinquennial division. This will be a substantial relief to our policy-holders.

Your directors felt it wise to ask Parliament for an amendment to the Act of Incorporation by which the Association will be enabled to make direct loans on the policies, also to repeal Sub-section 5 of Sec. 13 of the Charter. This clause had been intended as a protection to the mutual policy-holders by limiting the liability, but owing to an unfortunate wording was sus-ceptible of being misrepresented and distorted. Power was also asked to make investments in the securities of Great Britain and Ireland and in those of the United States to an extent necessary for deposit purposes, so that at any time it may be decided to do business in these countries the necessary investments may be made. The Amending Act granting these changes and powers has passed the Commons, and there is no doubt but it will be duly passed in the Senate.

It having been announced in the speech from the Throne that the question of the Govern-ment taking up the business of Life Insurance would be brought before Parliament, your direc-tors deemed it wise to co-operate with the other Life Companies in remonstrating with the Government, and it is to be hoped that due attention will be given to the facts brought before the Finance Minister and other members of the Government.

In resigning the charge of the affairs of the Association, your directors have pleasure in being able to congratulate the meeting on the satisfactory condition of the business, all branches of which have had the close attention of the Board. At the same time they desire to bear testimony to the devotion and efficiency of the officers and agents.

The Act of Incorporation provides that all the directors retire, but are eligible for re-election. W. P. HOWLAND. I K MACDONALD

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**		CASH ACCOUNT, 1878.
		877. Dr.
**	68	Dec. 31. To Cash on hand in banks \$12,412
6		878. " for Premiums 147,799
"	-	Dec. 31. " for premiums on
**	00	annuities 1,100
"	38	" for interest 24,124
**	-	" for deposit on de-
	49	bentures account 71
		" for loans on pol-
	39	icies repaid 261
"		" for loans on mort-
	32	gage repaid 37,988
		" for loans on de-
	00	bentures repaid. 4,456
		" for loans on stock
••		repaid 4,650
	82	" for sundry sources 868
		" for loss under
	00	policy re-assured 610
	6.	\$224.242
	·4	\$234,342

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τ.	By	expenses for year	\$45,403	84
		re-insurance	2,976	89
	**	surrendered policies	3,495	68
	**	death claims	30,621	85
	"	profits to policy hold-		-
		ers	2,914	18
	"	one year's dividend on		
		stock	5,000	00
	"	annuities	700	00
	**	profit and loss acc't	29	28
		Investments.		
	"	mortgages	103,717	04
	" "	debentures	5,161	02
	**	loans on stock	8,750	00
	"	Government five per		
		cent. deposit	600	00
	**	loans on policies	5,450	
	* *	sundry advances	43 I	
	**	furniture	285	
	"	cash in banks	18,760	
	"	cash on hand	54	80
			\$234,342	64

BALANCE SHEET.

Liabilities.

Dec. 31, 1878

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Dec. 31, 10/0.		
o Assurance Fund, on the Hm. In-		
stitute of Actuaries' Mortality		
and 41 per cent. (including		
bonus additions	323,035	85
Less, for reserve on policies re-		-
insured	9,045	98
\$	313,989	87

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To reserve on lapsed policies, liable		
for surrender or restoration	3,390	75
" annuity funds	3,396 6,095	40
" losses by death, accrued but not		
due, (since paid)	4,сбо	00
" all other accounts, including		
premiums paid in advance	4,276	71
premiums pare in auvance	4,2/0	1.
Total liabilities to policy-holders	\$331,818	73
To amount of paid-up stock, being		• •
10 per cent. on subscribed capi-		
tal of \$500,000		00
" amount held to cover the cost of	•	
collecting the premiums out-		
standing and deferred on Dec.		
31st, 1878	3,377	97
" Half-year's dividend on stock,	0.011	
Train your 5 divisions on Stoon,		~~
rayable 1st Jan., 1879	2,500	
" surplus	68,640	53
-		
	\$456,337	22
Assets.	*430,337	~3
Dec. 31st, 1878.		
By depentures (market value \$111	_	

11500001		
Dec. 31st, 1878.		
By debentures (market value \$111,-		
258.35)cost	107,378	22
" Mortgages	265,077	04
" Loans and Stocks	9,350	
" Government 5 per cent. stock		
$(par $_{4}, 100)$ (cost)	4,097	50
" loans on policies	6,095	
' sundry accounts	541	
" furniture	1,124	
" cash on hand	54	80
" cash in banks	18,760	43
" premiums in course of collection		
(reserve thereon included in lia-		
bilities) (of this the sum of \$11,-		
go1.53 is covered by notes)	22,452	II
" quarterly and half-yearly premi-		
um on existing policies due sub-		
sequent to Dec. 31, 1878 (re-		
serve thereon inculded in liabili-		~
ties)	11,327	58
" Interest due, \$2,110.50; and ac-	,	
crued, \$7,967.62	10,078	12
	\$456,337	27
I.K. MACDONALD,		-0
CLARK MANAGE CHANNY		

Managing Director.

We have examined the Books of Account, Securities and Vouchers representing the Cash Account and Investment Account, also the Securities represented in the Balance Sheet of Assets, and hereby certify to the correctness of the same; and find the Books, Securities and Vouchers in a most satisfactory and clear condition.

ALFRED J. MASON, Auditors. Toronto, March 22nd, 1879.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INVEST-MENTS AT THE CLOSE OF 1878.

To the Board of Directors of the Confederation Life Association :-

We, the Special Committee of your Board, charged with the duty of an examination of the securities representing the investments of the Association on the 31st December, 1878, beg to report :

That we have examined each mortgage, debenture, certificate of Government stock, and each loan on the security of stock as collateral, and find the same correct, and kept safely and orderly.

The Loans on Mortgage amount to \$265,077 04 Debentures (face val. \$113,009) cost 107,378 22 Gov. Stock (face val. \$4,100) cost.. 4,097 50 Loans on Stock Collaterals 9,350 00

Total	\$385,902 76
Wm. Elliot, E. Hooper, W. H. Beatty,	} Committe.

Toronto, April 5th, 1879.

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ACTUARY'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that, having computed the value of risks of the Confederation Life Association as stated below, upon the basis of the Institute of Actuaries' Life Tables, and interest at the rate four and one-half per cent, per annum, taking account of the net premiums only, I find the liability thereunder as follows-as at date of 31st Dec., 1878 :--

Present Val. of Reserve.

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Number of policies valued 3,709 in- suring an amount of \$5,465,858.53	\$323,035	85
Of these 36, for an am'nt of \$121,- 609 were re-insured	9,045	98
Leaving a net liability of To this must be added unclaimed	\$313.989	87
surrender values to an amount of And the present val. of 3 annuities	3,396	75
for an amount of \$802.30 per annum	6,095	40
Making the net total liability CHARLES (\$ 323,482 Carpmael	02
	Actua	
Toronto, April 7th, 1879.		
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES UNDER " SECURITIES AND SAVINGS BANK I	GOVERNMI POLICIES."	ENT
The Trustees beg to report— That they hold Government a amount of four thousand one hun and that the liability under this cl	dred doll	ars.

31st, 1878, was \$3,944.12 under 104 policies. W. P. Howland, WM. MCMASTER, Trustees. J. K. MACDONALD.

April 1st, 1879.

On motion of the President, seconded by Mr. 58 James Young, of Galt, the reports and statements were unanimously adopted 12

Votes of thanks to the President, Directors, Officers and Agents were passed. Messrs. John N. Lake and John Langton, were appointauditors.

ed in the re-election of the old board, namely :--Hon, W. P. Howland C.B., Hon. Wm. McMaster, Sir Francis Hincks, K C. M. G., C. B., Hon. T. N. Gibbs, Hon. James Macdonald, R. Wilkes, B. Morton. W. H. Beatty, Hon. Isaac Burpee, Edward Hoorer, J. H. Mason, Wm. Elliot, James Yourg, F. A. Ball, M. P. Ryan, S. Nordheimer, W. H. Gibbs, and J. K. Macdonald. At a subsequent meeting of the board the Hon. W. P. Howland, C.B., was re-elected President, and Hon. Wm. McMaster, and Wm. Elliot, vice presidents.

THE ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE ASSU-RANCE COMPANY.

The ninth annual meeting of this company was held in the head office, Waterloo, Ont., on Wednesday, 9th April, 1879. Besides resident members of the company there were present H. C. Baird, of Parkhill, W. H. Bone, of Thorold, George Landerkin, M.D., of Hanover, A. B. Flint, of Toronto, Peter McRae, of Ayr, J. S. Perine, of Doon, Levi Williams, of Prince Edward County, R. C. Frye, of Haysville, J. B. Snyder, of St. Jacobs, J. D. Bowman, of Berlin, James Fair, of Clinton, and Themas Bryan, of London. The President, Mr. J. E. Bowman, occupied the chair, and called the meeting to order by reading the notice. The minutes of last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The President then read the following Wednesday, 9th April, 1879. Besides resident The President then read the following

Report.

GENTLFMEN,-Your Directors desire to lay before you the following as their report on the financial condition of your company at the close of the year, ending on the 20th day of January, 1879,

During the past year 390 policies were issued for assurance, amounting to \$416,150, which is not quite equal to the new business of the previous year, but this deficiency is more than compensated by the small number of lapses as compared with previous years; the lapses amounting to less than 15 per cent, so that the net increase in the number of policies and amount of assurance are fully equal to the average in-

of assurance are fully equal to the crease of the past eight years. The amount of cash premiums received during the past year is \$53,163.63, being a small increase over the previous year.

Our net assets amount to \$118,727.07, being an increase of \$29,890.55, and our gross assets are \$142,619.31, showing an increase of \$32,-409.85. Our investments in mortgages and municipal

debentures amount to \$108,786.08, which is an increase of \$25,812.61 since our last report.

Our death claims have again been exceedingly light during the past year, amounting to only \$5,500, which is less than one-half of the expectation.

After setting apart a full reserve as required by the recognized Life Assurance Tables, and meeting all our current liabilities, we have a surplus of \$29,149.91 to the credit of the policy holders, which will be equitably distributed in due course.

We have recently deposited the sum of \$56,-224.98 with the Receiver-General, and obtained a license from the Finance Minister for the Dominion.

You will be called upon to elect two Directors in the place of C. M. Taylor, and Robert Melvin, both of whom are eligible for re-election, and you will also be called upon to elect three additional Directors in compliance with the the notice given by our Manager and under the authority of Section V of our Dominion Charter.

The detailed statement proposed and duly

The ballot for the election of directors result- statement of our Manager are herewith submitted. On behalf of the Board. ISAAC E. BOWMAN, President. April 9th, 1879. The President then read the Auditors' Finan-

ciai Statement and Report, as follows : Financial Statement of the Ontario Mutual Life

Assurance Company, for the year ending the 20th January, 1879.

Balance as per Audit \$88.836 72 RECEIVED IN 1878.

For Premiums For Interest		
1 01 1001080		- 59,277 66
		\$148,114 38
DISBURSEMENTS I	IN 1878.	
To Policy Holders-		
For Claims by Death \$5,500 0	0	
Purchased Policies. 1,312 6		
Cash Dividends 5,638 1	5	
Returned Prem's 36 6	0	

Returned Prem's 36 60		
	12.487	39
Commission to Agents	5,175	99
Medical Examina ions	1,686	50
Salaries to President and Direc-		
tors, Auditors, Manager and		
Assistants, General Agents and		
Solicitors' Fees	7,479	21
Printing, Stationery, Advertisi'g		
Postage, Rent, Travelling Ex-		
penses, &c	2.014	76
Re-assurance	257	42
Government License	50	00
Dominion Act of Incorporation	236	04

29,387 31 Balance, net Assets...... \$118,727 81 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS. Debentures, face value, \$55,966.92 cost\$54,023 65 Mortgages, (first liens).. 54,762 43 Loans on Policies...... \$5,107 67 Agents' and other bal-ances

ances Merchants' Bank, Cash 3,314 02 on call..... 1,272 16 Cash on hand..... 247 14 4 -\$ 9,940 99 ----- \$118,727 07 Notes secured by Policies in \$23.892 24 LIABILITIES. Reserve or Re-Assu-rance Fund, based on 4 per cent. int. 111,152 60 Less on Policies Reassured...... 431 97

-\$110,720 63 One claim adjusted (waiting Surrogate papers) 1,000 00 Cost of collecting Notes and Pre-

miums, (say 10 per cent.)..... 1,748 77 **\$113,4**69 40

Surplus\$29,149 91

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company :--GENTLEMEN,--We beg to lay before you our

eighth annual report of the company's financial affairs, being for the year ending 20th January,

1879. We have established the amount of the company's revenue from all sources by a careful examination of the receipts, and we have passed all vouchers for disbursements properly authorized by your board.

The investments of the company, consisting chiefly of mortgages and town and county de-bentures, have been verified, the securities, excertified to by your auditors, and the actuarial cept such as are held by the Dominion Govern-

ment to cover the deposit required, have been produced by your manager.

The company's business for the year has been to a certain extent affected by the depressed condition of the country, but the transactions, although not of very much greater volume than previous years, have been advantageous to the policy holders, who have every reason to feel gratified that during a period of such business difficulty, the exhibit made by the company should be so satisfactory.

We are, gentleman, yours truly,

GEORGE J. JAFFRAY, HENRY F. J. JACKSON, Auditors.

Waterloo, March 22, 1879.

The President read the

ACTUARIAL REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company;-

GENTLEMEN,-The amount of insurance in force on the 24th day of January, 1879, was \$1.885,311 50 under 1,709 policies. The amount of Reserve required to re-assure

these policies, according to the "Actuaries" rate of mortality and interest at 4 per cent. is \$111,152.60; from this the reserve on re-assured policies of \$431.97 is to be deducted, leaving the fund this company requires to hold to be \$110,720.63; to this add one claim adjusted \$1,000 and ten per cent for collecting notes and premiums \$1,748,77, making a total liability of \$113,469.40. This sum deducted from the company's assets, which amount to \$142,619.31, leaves the handsome surplus of \$29,149.91.

The portion of this surplus which will be available for distribution will reduce the premiums on fourth year policies about 20 per cent. and on older policies the reducion will be proportionately greater, amounting to over 65 per cent. of the premiums on policies in the tenth year. Such a result cannot fail to be appreciated by the policy holders.

I attach a schedule of examples of reduction. Your obedient servant, WM. HENDRY, Manager.

Waterloo, April 7th, 1879.

EXAMPLES.

4th year policy, No. 2928, premium \$112.56, reduced by \$23.53, to \$89,03. 6th year, policy No. 1898, premium \$44,72, re-

duced by \$21.29, to \$23.43. gth year, policy No. 720, premium \$97.88, re-

duced by \$55.68, to \$42.20.

10th year, policy No. 668, premium \$27.51, reduced by \$16.55, to \$10.96.

After receiving the several very full reports the President moved their adoption, which was seconded by George Landerkin, M.D., and unanimously carried.

The election of directors being the next business, Messrs. A. B. Flint, of Toronto, and Levi Williams, of North Marysburgh, were appointed scrutineers.

The several ballots were passed, and the scrutineers reported the unanimous re-election of Mr. Robert Melvin, of Guelph, and Mr. C. M. Taylor, of Waterloo, and as additional directors the election of F. C. Bruce, of Hamilton, to serve one year; R. S. Patterson, of Belleville, to serve two years, and Hon. S. C. Wood,

of Toronto, to serve three years. Mr. R. S. Tyne moved, seconded by Mr. John Shuh, that Messrs. Jackson and Jaffray be re-appointed auditors.—Carried. On motion of Mr. R. S. Tye, seconded by Mr.

W. H. Bone, three hundred dollars were placed at the credit of the President for the past year's services.

Mr. J. B. Hughes spoke in complimentary terms of the company's position, and of the efficiency of the officers and their devotion to the interests of the company, and moved that a vote of thanks is due and be tendered to the

officers and agents. R. S. Tye, Esq., seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried

The boa'd met immediately after the annual meeting and re-elected Messrs. I. E. Bowman, of St. Jacobs, President, and C. M. Taylor, of Waterloo, Vice-President.

The general agents of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company are :--H. J. Brine, 168 Line Assurance Company are: -H. J. Brine, 168 Teraulay Street, Toronto; Stephen Burrows, Belleville; J. G. Beam, Elora; J. H. Saul, Lon-don; David Pilbeam, Welland. Agents wanted in all unrepresented localities.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

PETROLIA, April 14th, 1879. In the annual report of the Mutual Crude Oil Association, which met here on the 9th inst., it appears that they received from producers the following quantity of oil during the year 1878 : Received from producers, 666,876 barrels; sold for home trade, 260,070 bbls.; sold for export trade, 86,330 bbls.; tanked, 337,476 bbls. These are the real figures. Now, allowing that private parties have, at the present time, tanked and above ground, say 100,000 barrels, this will make 437,476 of crude oil in stock, which must be disposed of. A continuation of the Mutual Association has been organized, but is not as yet recognized by all the producers. The managers of the new Association are Messrs. J. L. Englehart, A. C. Edwards, James Kerr, George Sanson, Jas. Lougheed, E. H. Correll, D. M. Kennedy. It is the opinion of many that the Association cannot exist long, the large accumulation of oil being a great incubus on them. Besides, they are at present without any hope of an export trade, and unless every individual producer joins, the ring must break. The fact of this Association selling oil at say \$1.70 per barrel does not materially help the producer; for instance, one man produces 30 barrels per day, which he reports to the Association; his amount for sale will only be about one-third, or say ten barrels ; the rest will be tanked. Thus he receives \$17, less expenses; whereas, if he sold it on the open market at say 8oc per barrel, he would receive \$24. The argument for open market is also that it would stop the production to a great extent, and most of the small wells would be shut down, and thus give an opportunity of getting rid of the large surplus. It was stated by the chairman. Mr. Lancey, says the Advertiser, that the production of the United States now reaches 46,000 barrels per day, and the stocks held there aggregate 6,000,000 brls... these stocks being over and above the requirements of the European and other markets, which are glutted. Development flat. Market the same.

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MONTREAL MARKETS.

(From our own Correspondent.) Montreal, April, 15th 1879.

Crossing on the ice has ceased for the season, and this in addition to the Easter holidays has made business very dull during the week. We need not look for much activity till navigation is open, which is likely to be sooner than was at one time anticipated. Redpath's yellow sugar is now in the market and shows good value as compared with the same grade recently imported. Their white sugar will be on the market to-morrow, and in the meantime the market is rather unsettled. Fine teas are scarce and in demand, there has been some enquiry from the U. S., for the better sorts which at present prices would pay them to import. the flour and grain market is still stagnant. We give to-day the stocks in store this morning, which will be found under their respective paragraphs.

BOOTS AND SHORS .- The trade keeps very quiet : orders are only of a sorting up character, and there seems a determination on the part of and there seems a determination on the part of buyers to purchase sparingly, prices are firm, not unchanged. We quote Men's Stoga Boots, \$1.60 to 2.50; Men's Kip Boots, \$2.50 to 3.00; ditto French Calf \$3.25 to 3.75; ditto Buff Con-gress \$1.60 to 2.50; ditto Split Brogans 90c. to \$1.00; Boy's Split Brogans 80 to 90c; ditto Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1.20 to 1.60; Warmen's Buff and Pebbled Balmorals \$2.00 to Women's Buff ard Pebbled Balmorals \$1.00 to 1.60; ditto Prunella bals, 50c to \$1.75; ditto Prunella Congress bals 50c to \$1.50; ditto congress 50c to 150; Misses Buff and Pebble Bals, 75c to \$1.30; ditto Prunella Bals and Congress, 45c to \$1.00: children's ditto 40c to \$1.00; ditto Pebbled and Buff Bals 65c to \$1.00.

CATTLE .- On the St. Gabriel market yester day there was very little demand, butchers being all well supplied before Easter, the only sale reported was one lot at $4\frac{1}{4}c$; per lb. Hogs are in fair supply; a few only sold yesterday at 5c; per lb. A large number of cattle and hogs pass through here this week for shipment to Europe.

DRY GOODS.-A few buyers have been in the city, but the busines was of small extent. The sorting up orders are much fewer this year than usual; the bad state of the country roads may account for this. Remittances are not at all satisfactory; and under the New Tariff shorter credits will have to be insisted upon the better to enable importers to meet the extra duties, as their goods arrive and are taken into store.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .--- The enquiry for goods is improving, the market is firm. Bicarb is a little dearer, we now quote it \$3.10 to 3.25; Saltpeire is firm at \$8.50; Soda Ash, \$1.65 to 1.75; Iodide (f Potash, \$5.25; Arrow Root, 11C to 12c; Cream Tartar Crystals, 241 to 26c; do. ground 28 to 32c; Caustic Soda, \$2.50 to 2.65; Sugar of Lead, 11 to 12tc; Bleaching Powder \$1.40 to \$1.50; Alum, \$1.65 to 1.90; Sulphur 3c; Roll Sulphur, 21 to 3c; Epsom Salts, \$1.60 to 1 75; Sal Soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; Tartaric Acid 45c; Quinine, \$3.80 to 3.90; Opium, \$5.00 to \$525; Cape Aloes, 16 to 17c; Castor Oil, 14 to

FLOUR.—The stock in store and in the hands of millers this morning was 77,669 brls., against 80,663 brls. on the 1st inst., and 72,381 brls. on the 15th of April, 1878. Receipts during the past week 14,920 brls. Total receipts from 1st January to date 156,656 brls., being a decrease of 19,401 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of last year. Shipments during the week were 11,648 brls. Total shipments from 1st January to date 62,078 brls., being a decrease of 13,256 brls. on the shipment for the same period of last year. The Easter holidays helped to make the continued dullness in the flour market more perceptible, transactions have been few and small. The demand for flour for baker's use was pretty brisk to-day at late rates. We quote Superior Extra \$4.00 to 4.65; Extra Super., \$4.42} to 4.45; Fancy, \$5.30 to 4.35; Spring Extra, \$4.20 to 4.25; Snperfine, \$3 90 to 3.95; Strong Baker's Flour, \$4.35 to \$4.60; Fine, \$3.35 to 3.50; Middlines, \$3.00 to 3 15; Pollards, \$2.60 to 2.80; Ontario Bags \$1.20 to 2.171; Oatmeal, \$4.25; Cornmeal, \$2.75 to 2.85 kiln dried.

GRAIN.-Wheat-The stock in store and in the hands of millers this morning was 115.585 bushels, against 85,858 bushels on the 1st inst., and 395,896 bushels on the 15th April, 1878. Receipts during the week 45,960 bushels. Total receipts from 1st January to date, 597,483, being a decrease of 275,646 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1878. Shipments during the week 46,144 bushels. Total shipments from 1st January to date 594,854 bushels, being a decrease of 240,647 bushels on the ship-ments for the corresponding period of 1878 There is nothing doing as yet in this grain; holders of No. 2 Spring are offering it at \$1.02 Norway, 4.25 to 4.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, for May delivery without finding buyers, who \$6.25 to 6.50. Canada Plates, per box, Garth

appear to await the opening of navigation. Maize is nominal. For Peas holders want 80c per 66lbs. Oats are firm and held along the line at 32c; Barley, 45 to 60; Timothy Seed, \$1.60 to 1.70; Clover, 61 to 71c per lb.

GROCERIES.-Teas-There has been a fair demand for Japans, the better qualities being scarce and enquired for from the U.S. Qualities that would bring above 40c, for which there is most demand, are scarce both here and in the United States. Prices here are firm for all prades. Uncolored Japans, 22 to 50c.; Gun-powder, 25 to 70c.; Young Hysons, 22 to 70c.; Twankey, 15 to 25c.; Congou, 24 to 75c.; Souchong, 25 to 6oc. Coffee.—There have been some small sales of the best qualities of coffee within our range of quotations, but common kinds are not asked for. Our prices are for Laguayra, 19¹/₂ to 20c.; Old Govt. Java, 28 to 32c; Mocha, 29 to 33c.; Maracaibo, 20 to 21c. Sugar.—Montreal refined yellow is now in the market, and there have been sales from 7[‡] to $7\frac{1}{8}$ c. The retail trade are well pleased with both its appearance and quality, considering that it shows better value than corresponding grades lately imported. No white from the Montreal refinery yet in the market, but expected to be to morrow. Next week we hope to be able to give quotations. The sugar market here is unsettled, and imported have been weak, holders being anxious to clear out their stocks, which in some cases are pretty heavy We do not alter prices, however, Dry Crushed, 10 to 10¹/₂c.; Am. Granulated, $8\frac{3}{4}$ to $9\frac{1}{4}$ c.; do. Yellow, $6\frac{7}{6}$ to 8c.; Scotch refined, 7 to $S_{2}^{+}c$, do. reflow, og to dt., probably be shaded in order to effect consider-able sales. Raws—Holders continue to offer able sales. Raws-robbers continue to only this kind of sugar at $6\frac{3}{4}$ to 7c.; but the demand has not improved. *Mulasses*.—There has been little enqu.ry and we hear of no sales, quotations being nominally unchanged. Syrups are a little firmer, at 45 to 55C., for good to fine qualities. Rice has been more asked for with sales from \$4.30 to 4.50; Tapicca \$7.75 to 9.00. Spices .- There is a firmer feeling in that department of business, but prices do no show any material change since last week Cassia, 151 to 18c; Cloves, 42 to 46c; Nutmegs, Cassia, 154 to 10c; Jamaica Ginger, 21 to 22c; Pimento, 15c; Black Pepper, 9 to $9\frac{1}{2}c$; White Pepper, 18 to 20c; Mace, 75 to 90c. Fruit.—The demand for the season is over, and holders in order to effect sales, would accept lower figures than we give at this moment, they are asking for layer raisins \$1.45 to 1.55; London layers \$1.85 to 2.00; Valencias are still in some demand and are held for 61 to 64c; Sultanas 81 to 9c; New currants 34 to 41c; Prunes 41 to 5c; Tarragona Almonds 15 to 16c; Filberts, 7 to 9c; Walnuts, 7 to 13 C.

HIDES.—There is no change in prices, \$6, \$5, and \$4.00; are still the current rates for butcher's hides. Calfskins 9c.

HARDWARE.-We have little improvement to notice in this branch of business for the past week beyond that it is beginning to be felt that higher prices have to be paid for goods. In some lines holders are firm at the increased duties particularly in heavy goods; but in many lines of shelf hardware little advance is asked probably on account of the heavy importations previous to tariff changes. Pig iron is being offered at very little over last year's spring prices, notwithstanding the \$2 per ton duty. Tin plates are particularly firm at the late advance in England; other lines are without any material change. We are without any material change. We quote: Pig Iron per ton, Summerlee, \$18 50 to \$19 00; Langloan, \$19.00; Eglin-ton, \$17 50 to \$18.00; Calder, \$18.00 to \$18.50; Carnbroe, \$17.00 to \$18.00; Hematite, \$22.00 to \$24.00. Rars, per 100 lbs.: Scotch and Staffordshire, \$1.80 to 1.85; best ditto \$2.10 to 2.25; Swedes and 1308

and Penn, \$3.50 to 3.60; Hatton, \$3.10 to 3.10. Tin Plates, per box: Charcoal I C, \$6.00 to 6.25; ditto I X \$8. to 8.25; ditto D.C. \$5.50 to 5.75; Coke IC \$5.25 to 5.50; Tinned sheets charcoal, best No. 26 111 to 12C; Galvanized Sheets, best brands, No. 28, \$7.75 to 8.00. Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs \$2.50 to 2.75: Sheets best brands, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Boiler Plates, ordinary, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Boiler Plates, ordinary, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Russia Sheet Iron per lb 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Lead, pig, per 100 lbs., \$4.00 to 4.25; sheet \$4.50 to 5.00; Shot \$6.25 to 7.00; Steel, sheet \$4.50 to 5.00; Shot \$6.25 to 7.00; Steel, cast per lb. 13 to 14c; spring per 100 lbs \$3.50to 4.00; tire, steel, \$3.50 to 4.00; Inget tin \$18.00 to 20.00; Inget copper \$19.50 to 21.00; Horse shoes per 100 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.75. Cut Nails, per 100 lbs, 12 dy. to 7 in., \$2.85; ditto, 5 dy. to 10 dy., \$3.15; shingle nails, \$3.50; lath nails, \$4.25; 100 keg lots 5 per cent dis-count. Pressed Spikes, \$4 to 4.75. Proved Coil Chain, $\frac{1}{8}$ in., \$4.57 to 5; Wire, per 63 lbs., \$1.90to 2.00. to 2.00.

LEATHER .- The shoe retailers have been purchasing more freely during the past week, and business shows a little more activity. Stocks are still in excess of requirements, and prices continue to favor buyers. It is scarcely possible to look for remunerative prices for leather while tanners continue to overstock the market in the way they have been doing. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole, No. 1; B. A., 21 to 23c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 18 to 20c; Zanzibar, No. 1., 19 to 20c; ditto No. 2, 17 to 18c; Buffalo Sole No 1, 19 to 20c; ditto, No. 2, 17 to 18c; Hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 21 to 23c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 32 to 35c; ditto, heavy, 30 to 33c; Grained, 33 to 35c; Splits, large, 21 to 27c; ditto, small, 18 & 24c.; Calfskins, 27 to 36 lbs., 40 to 65c ; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 40 to 6oc; Sheepskin linings, 20 to 30c; Harness, 22 to 27c; Buffed cow, 11 to 14c; Enamelled cow, 15 to 17c; Patent Cow 15 to 17c; Pebbled cow 11¹ to 14c; Rough 20 to 23c. OILS.—*Peroleum*—The market is weak, and

although as yet we do not quote it lower, on account of the near approach of reduced rates of freight, it is more than possible that car lots could now be bought for about $\frac{1}{2}c$ less than our quotations which are for car lots, 16c; part cars, 161 to 17c; single brls, 171 to 18c. Turpentine is a little up, being now sold at 471 to 49c; Linseed Oil, Raw, 59 to 6oc; ditto, Boiled, 63 to 64c; There has been some enquiry for Cod Oil and steam refined Seal with small reported sales. We quote Cod Oil, Nfd., 40c; ditio, Halifax, 36c; Seal Oil, Pale, 424c; ditto, Straw, 35c; ditto, steam refined, 46 to 47c; Olive Oil, 95cto \$1.00; Palm Oil, $8\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c per lb.

PROVISIONS.—Butter— eccepts, 238 pack-ages. Shipments, 350 packages. The supply of new butter continues to be small. but larger quantities are now expected to come forward. Fair to choice new Eastern Town-ships butter brings from 16 to 19c. Stocks of old butter are difficult to move at from 8 to 12c. Cheese—Receipts, 199 bags; shipments, 1,383 boxes; market is dull and confined to the retail trade; prices are low in England and still have a downward tendency. Round lots of September and October make could be bought at 7c; while lots to the retail trade command from 8 to 8¹/₂c. Pork—There is a fair jobbing demand and price of mess is well maintained at \$14.00 to 14.25. Smoked Hams, 9 to IOC; Lard, (Canada) q to q c for tubs and pails; Bacon, gc.

SALT.—The market is steady with fair de-mand for coarse at 60 to 624c, and factory filled, \$1.00 to 1.10.

WOOL.—There is no change in the market; transactions have been few and small, although there are indications that a fair demand will spring up a little further on in the season; prices are as last quoted. Pulled Wool, 23 to 25c; ditto black, 20 to 21c, but cannot be said to be firm.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 17, 1879.

There is nothing novel to chronicle in the condition of the wholesale trade. In groceries, hardware, dry goods and provisions a moderate business is doing. In the first three of these lines better prices are sought by some houses to be obtained since the advance on duties, but other firms, eager for business, make a virtue of giving away the profits " and sell at old prices or below them. In compiling prices current, therefore, one is never certain of being able to indicate the minimum price of an article; but the figures we have given to-day represent what are generally asked.

Dry goods merchants make the suggestion that our cotton manufacturers would do well to desist from making their trade prices known, by means of definite numbers upon each separate quality or make of goods, and by a printed list affixing prices to each number. Better, they contend, to sell, as British makers do, with reference to the quality of the goods, the buver being the judge, after personal examination. That this would give the skilled importer a chance to make a profit out of his knowledge of his business, while the price-list method exposes the price of these goods to every petty buyer, and encourages improper parties to buy.

BOOTS AND SHOES.-Business in this line is extremely quiet, and orders sent in for the most part small. Payments are 'not satisfactory; a good many ask renewals, some extensions, and compromises are by no means unknown. The effects of John Turner & Co.'s estate were sold this week, and realized 76 cents in the dollar for the book debts deemed good, 9 cents for those not so classed, 50 per cent. for the cut stock, and 17 p c for the machinery of the factory in Montreal. The stock here was bought at $78\frac{1}{2}$ cents in the \$1 for the first lot, and various bids reducing the average to — cents, the purchaser of most of these being Mr. T. P. Taylor. a relative, and the firm will probably recommence soon.

CATTLE. -- For the Easter season trade is dull: there is plenty of every class of animals offering, but not very brisk buying. Prices are much the same as last week. No cattle are being bought for shipment at present in this market. The new British regulation disqualifying any steamship which may have carried cattle from a scheduled port from all unscheduled privileges for three months will be as severe on the steamship owner as on the cattle dealer.

FLOUR AND MEAL .- Flour-Stocks in store, 27,900 barrels, against 28,900 barrels last week, and 29,565 last year. The market is weaker, the prices outside having declined, and we quote Superior and Spring extras 5c. and Superfine 10c. lower, There have been some transactions in these grades, consisting of car lots of Extras as above, but no heavy sales. Beerbohm's report makes Wednesday's London market weaker. Oatmeal is steady and quiet.

GRAIN.-Wheat, Fall-Stocks in store, 74,862 GRAIN. — Wheat, Fall — Stotes in store, y_{1} , bushels, against $\delta\delta_{0}\delta\delta_{0}$ bushels last week, and bushels against $\delta\delta_{0}\delta\delta_{0}$ bushels last year. The 125,498 bushels on like date last year. market has been very quiet all week, and the tendency downward. Chicago wheat report on Wednesday indicated drooping prices, and we lower our quotations. There is no No I in market, but some parcels of No. 2 have been

No. 2 Fall was offering at \$1.00, without buyers. Offers of No. 3 were made on Tuesday at goc, when 85 was the best bid. Wheat.—Spring.—Stocks in store, 258,868 bush against 270,832 bush. on like date last year. We quote No. I a cent lower nominal; some small sales have been made of No. 2 at quotations and of No. 3 at 86c; but transactions have been very light; holders of the better grade are asking to day 88c. Oats .- Stocks in store 12.-154 bush. against 21,986 bush. last week and 11,966 bush. on like date last year. Market steady at 35c to 38c; demand light. Barley.—Stocks in store 69,907 bush. against 76,366 bush last week and 141,034 bush. on like date last year. This grain continues purely nominal, all grades, the malting demand appears to have ceased, malsters having sufficient stock on hand. Peas.-Stocks in store 52,909 bush. against 37,893 bush. last week, and 20,590 bush on like date last year. Nothing doing, prices unchanged from last week. Rye is quiet

at 48 to 50c; corn dull at 50c to 52c. GROCERIES.—Since we last wrote there has been fair activity in this line. Last Saturday's business at retail, coming as that day did between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, was the most active that has been known for six months. The "bottle business," we are told was unusually brisk. We make no change in prices of raw sugars; a good many have been sold to arrive. There are numerous enquiries for teas, but actual transactions are limited. Fruit is dull generally, but valentia raisins are firm. Molasses steady.

HIDES AND SKINS .- There is moderate ac. tivity in this line, but not much profit or satisfaction to be derived from the present attitude of the hide dealers, who continue to pay 61c for green hides, and to sell the same hides, cured and inspected, for 61c. Calfskins, for which IIC continues to be paid, when green, are sold for 121c when cured and inspected, a fair profit, assuming that these figures are obtained above board. Sheepskins are coming in in fair quantity at last week's figures.

PROVISIONS .- The market for provisions in Chicago for the past few days has been weak. Mess Pork sold as low as \$9.871 and Lard at This break has not been recovered, but \$5.85. its effect is not perceptible on prices here, which in hog products are unchanged from last week, while the same figures as before quoted are being paid for dressed hogs. In this market Mess Pork is quiet and unchanged. A fair demand exists for acon at former prices, while Hams are in pretty active request ; a large sale was made this week to a dealer on p.t. There is a weaker feeling in butter as large supplies of rolls are now coming in. It is true that a parcel of very choice brought 20c, but others sold at 19 and 18c while a small lot of very fine went for 16c ; very little demand for old, which offers at 4c with no takers. Cheese is dull and weaker; The best parcels still bring 8½ and even 9c, but the market is full of poorer qualities selling anywhere from 6c upwards. Eggs are in abundant supply and lower, say 9 to IOC, Hops are un. changed from previous quotations, and Dried Apples steady.

PORK PACKING IN CANADA.-As compared with some previous years the business in pork packing in Canada, during the winter of 1878-9. has declined very considerably, the total number of hogs packed being stated at 115,775 against 151,781 in the season of 1877-8, a falling off equal to about twenty four per cent. The need of buying hogs in Chicago, and at other United States points, because of the impossibility of obtaining in Canada enough hogs of a given weight at any one time, and other sold within our range; later, however, this week disabilities as compared with packing points

further East rendered successful competition with American packers difficult. The freight from Chicago to Toronto costs 1 c per lb, besides deterioration in transit which the Canadian packer has to bear. Then the freight from points in Canada is higher than from Chicago to any of the principal seaports of Great Britain. The number of hogs packed in Ontario last winter was 97,435, and there were packed last summer in this province 8,579 hogs, mostly by one house in Toronto. The number winterpacked last season in Quebec was 18,340. The totals for different winter seasons in these two provinces were, according to the Cincinnati Price Current, as follows :----

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The amount of barrelled pork made was 13,000 barrels, against 23,000 the previous winter, ard 30,000 in 1876-7. The following table shows the number of hogs packed at the principal places in Canada during the past and previous winter seasons, from November 1 to March :---

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Aylmer		3,	000	6,000
Bowmanville		2,	725	2,100
Brantford		Ι,	800	1,200
Collingwood		2,	000	1,809
Guelph		3,	000	6,800
Hamilton		14,	000	9,000
Ingersoll		9,	000	4,000
Kincardine		I	,000	1,500
Lindsay		I,	100	1,734
London		7,	500	16,000
Mitchell		no	report	2,000
Newmarket			469	1,537
Orillia			750	1,350
Owen Sound		Ι,	000	1,000
Parkhill			300	1,000
Paris		I	,100	I,000
Prescoit			500	900
St. Thomas		I	,500	I,400
St. Catharines		I	,000	2,500
Seaforth		I,	000	1,300
Toronto		28	,500	26,500
Walkerton		no	report	1,100
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St. Henri 3,000

Total..... 115,775 151,781 But 31 places packed hogs in Ontario this season against 37 places the prevous season. Towns which packed last winter, but not the present season, were: Cobourg, 750; Wing-ham, 380; Elora, 600; Galt, 1,200; Goderich, 300; Milton, 260; Port Perry, 400; St. Henri, 3,000; while Mitchell, Strathroy, and Walker-ton have not reported. Brockville, which packed 1,800 this season, furnished "no report" last season, while of towns which packed in 1877-8, but not last year, there were Chatham, 1,000; but not last year, there were chathain, 1,000, Listowel, 700; Meaford, 500. Barrie, Peter-boro, Hensall, Keene, packel less than last year; Lucan, the same number, 500. Accord-ing to the return furnished by the packers on these various towns and villages the average net weight of their hogs was this year 201.10 bs. against 211.75 lbs. in the previous season. The yield of lard per carcase averaged 20.50 lbs. this year against but 19.20 lbs. last year. SALT.—The market is steady and the supply

appears adequate, Liverpool coarse we quote \$1.00 to 1.15 per bag, and Canadian, 90 to 95c per barrel. Dairy, \$1 85 to 1.90. WooL —There is little, if anything, to be

added to our remarks of last week to describe the market to-day. Prices are unaltered, and a limited movement continues, principally in small parcels.



other business. By order of the Board,

Toronto, 9th April, 1879.

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21	13.36	32	18.33	42	26.42	52	41.45
22	13.71	33	18.94	43	27.55	53	43.50
23	14.07	34	19.59	44	28.75	54	45.67
24	14.45	85	20.27	45	30.03	55	47.98
25	14.85	(36	21.00	46	81.39	56	50.44
26	15 27	37	21.76	47	32.83	57	53.06
27	15.72	38	22.58	48	34.36	58	55.85
28	16.19	39	23.45	49	35.98	59	58.82
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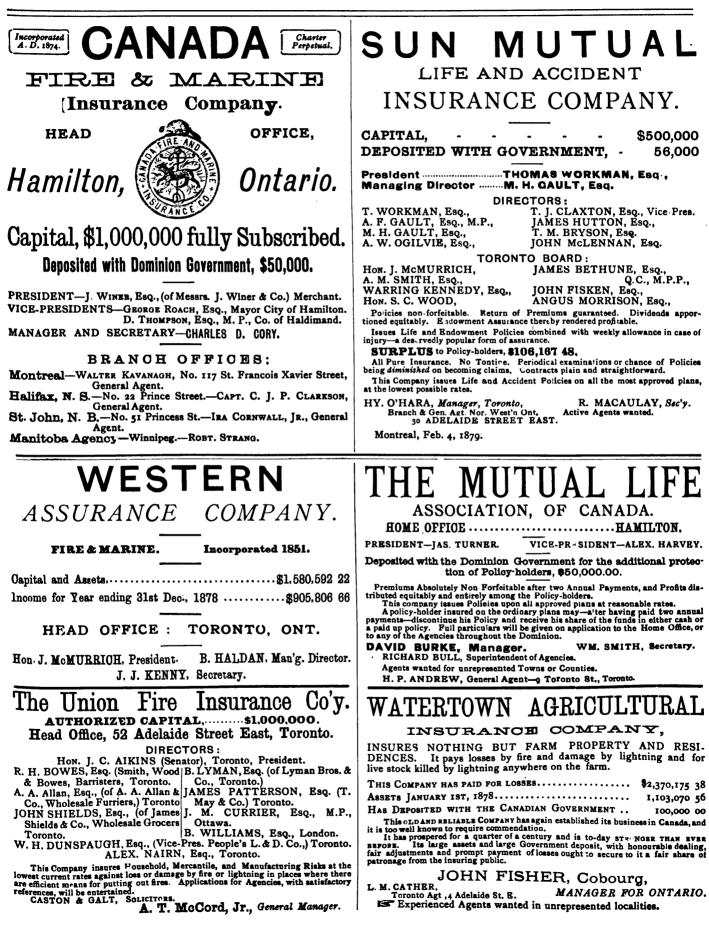
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