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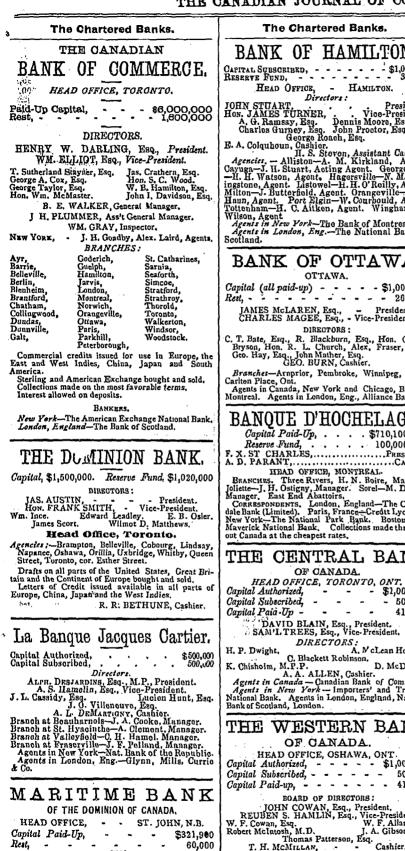
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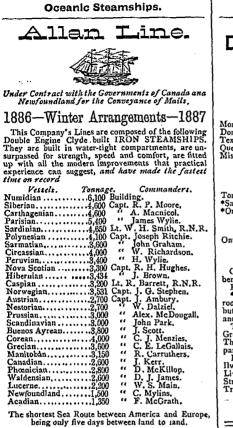
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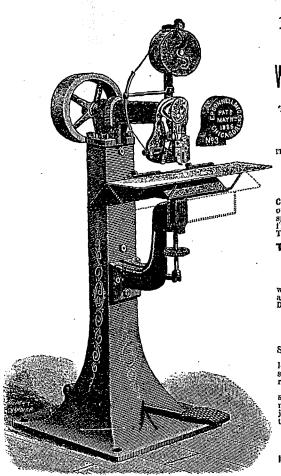
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CHARLES DRINKWATER, Secretary.

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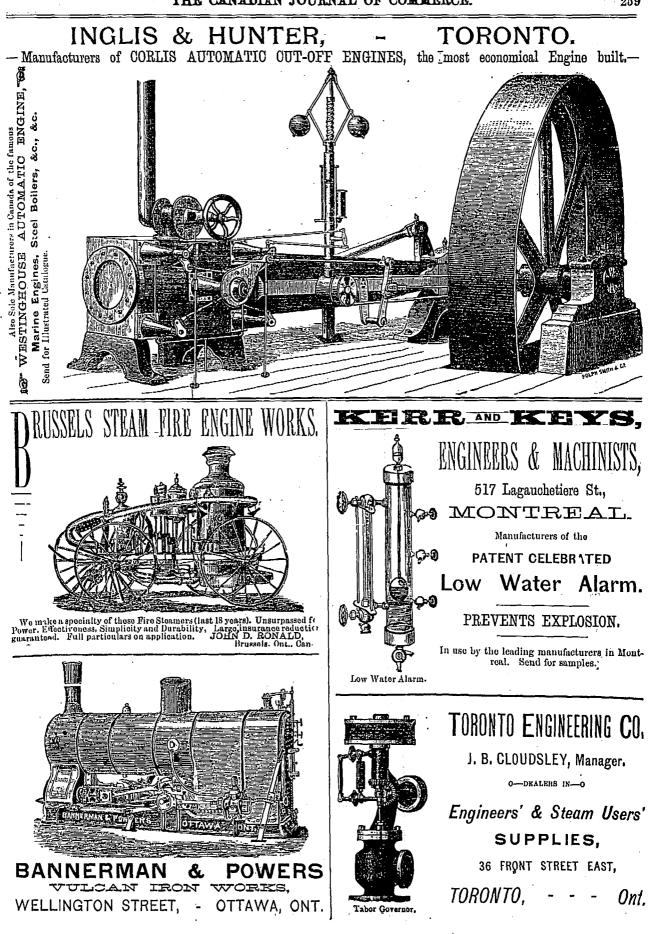
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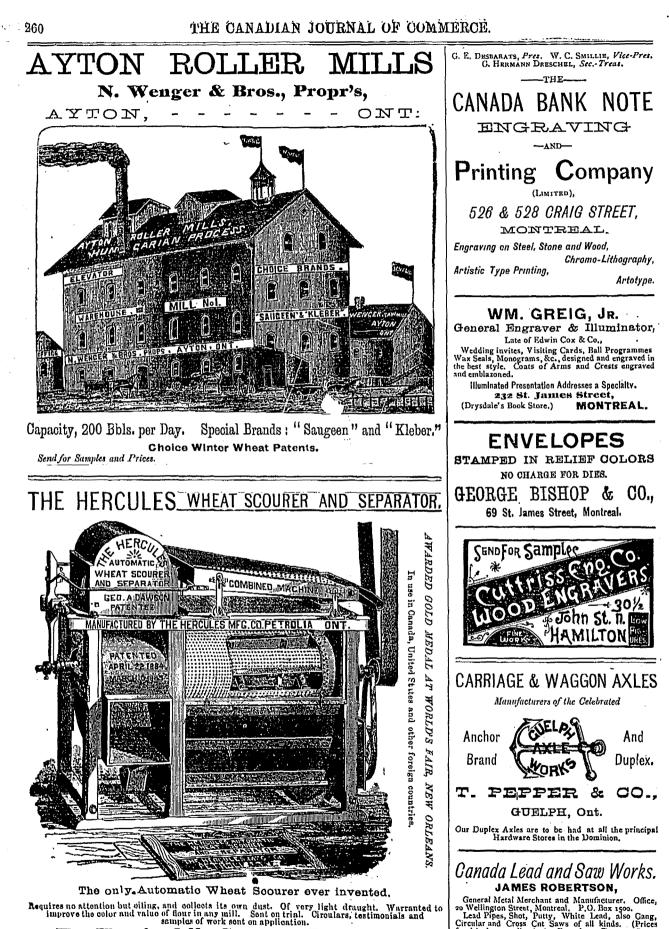
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The Grand Trunk freight house on River street, Buffalo, with all its contents, together with a number of freight cars, and the office with the books and documents, were destroyed by fire last week.

T. L. MURPHY, trader of South Farmington, N. S., has assigned. He was formerly a life insurance canvasser, and was only a trader in the sense that he was ready to take up anything that came along.

Tun stock of dry goods belonging to the bankrupt estate of R. G Brown was sold at auction by Benning & Barsalou. The stock and fixtures amounted to \$6,987, and sold at 53 cents in the dollar.

CoAL to lhe extent of 256,000 tons has been shipped from the port of Sydney, C.B., and 122,000 tons from North Sydney, making the shipments from Sydney Harbor a grand total of 378,000 tons during the year.

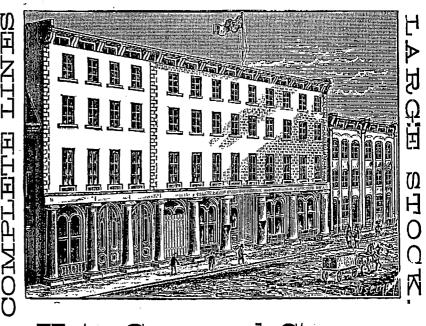
The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Rubber company was held at their offices last week. Satisfactory reports were presented, and the election of directors resulted in return of the old board.

Two new townships, comprising some of the richest agricultural lands in the Province of Quebec, have been added to the surveyed portion of Ottawa County by the recently completed survey of the Lievre district.

A COMPANY has been formed in Montreal by John H. Harding, of St. John, for the purpose of working a mine of manganese situated in Maitland, N.S., on the Shubenacadie river. The capital of the company is \$100,000.

E. V. GODFREY, a retired storekeeper and ship owner of Dorchester, N. B., has assigned





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with liabilities of about \$10,000. He owned interests in ten or twelve vessels and was understood to be in comfortable circumstances.

MR. A. F. GROSSET, late foreman at the Kingsey mills, has purchased the paper mills at Chambly from Mr. J. E. Molleur, president of the Banque St. Jean. With the co-operation of his sons he will commence manufacturing at once.

A COMPANY has been formed in Montreal to work a manganese mine near Tenecape, N.S. These mines have been worked in an halfhearted kind of way for some years, but the new company, with a capital of \$100,000, will start it up with vigor.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the Lucan Agricultural Society, the auditors' report showing the total receipts to be \$451.42, and a total expenditure of \$405.07, leaving a balance of \$46.35 to the credit of the society, was received by the members.

DESPITE the latencess of the season, the ferry service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland is being well maintained. The Neptune and Northern Light are making trips each way daily, and from the commanders' reports are encountering considerable ice.

HOWARD DELL, who ran a handle factory and coal business at Ridgetown, Ont., has assigned. He claims to have lost several thousand dollars by depreciation of stock in his handle factory, but appears to have failed through having too many irons in the fire. JUSTE BOUCHER, of Drummondville, Que., abandoned his trade as a carpenter and bought out the general store of Dubuc & Co. in September, 1886. As might have been expected he has not made a success of his new venture, and consequently he assigns with liabilities of \$2,500.

This stock of the bankrupt estate of J. D. Westgate, of Lachine, which amounted to 9,-800, has been sold in small lots, and realized $61\frac{1}{2}$ cents in the dollar net. This is considered by the inspectors very satisfactory, and a strong plea for selling bankrupt stocks in that way instead of *en bloc*.

JOS. LAMARCHE, a small butter and produce dealer at Bonsecours market, has assigned, with liabilities of \$4,700. He started two years ago as Cousineau & Lamarche, who dissolved a year later. Since then he has continued alone, doing a small business and making a bare living.

W. G. HARRISON, who kept a kind of second hand grocery store in Portland, N. B., is endeavoring to secure a settlement on the basis of 25 cents in the dollar. He bought up old grocery stocks and peddled them round and, as he owes very little, his offer will in all probability be accepted.

The contract for the construction of the Cape Breton railway has been awarded to Messrs. Sims and Slater, who will at once make active preparations for an early commencement of the work. No change has been

Leading Wholesale Trade of Montreal. Leading Wholesale Trade of Montreal. Leading Wholesale Trade of Montreal. Notice of Dissolution. McArthur, Corneille & Co. KENNETH CAMPBELL & CO. Importors of and Dealers in Wholesale <u>1</u> WHITE LEAD AND COLORS, DRY AND GROUND IN OIL, THE co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of KIRK, LOCKERBY & CO., has this day been dissolved by limitation, Mr. Kirk retiring. JOHN M. KIRK. W. W. LOCKERBY. Dec. 31st, 1886. A. L. LOCKERBY. DRUGGISTS. DRY AND GROUND 1N OIL, Varniskes, Oils, Window Glazs, Star. Diamond Star, and Doublo Diamond Star Brands. English 16, 21 and 26 oz. Sheet. Rolled Rough and Polished Plate Glazs. Colored Plain and Stained Enamelled Sheet Glass. Painters' and Artists' Materials. Okemicals, Dye Stuffs. Naval Stores, &c., &c., &c. ATTER HAR BALS Cod Liver Oll, Newfid. . ! DEFERRING to the above, a new co-partnership has been formed by the undersigned, who will continue the above business in all its departments, under the firm name of LOCKERBY BROS. Cod Liver Oil, Norwegian, Corlander Seeds, Cream of Tartar. OFFICES AND WAREHOUSES : 310, 312, 314 and 316 ST. PAUL STREET. WM. W. LOCKERBY. D. L. LOCKERBY. A. L. LOCKERBY. 608 CRAIG STREET. -AND-147, 149 and 151 COMMISSIONERS ST. MONTREAL Montreal. The ONTARIO MUTUAL **ROBERTSON, LINTON & CO** LIFE ASSURANCE CO. Waterloo, Ont. Head Office, CORNER OF \$100.000 · . . . Dominion Deposit, -ST. HELEN & LEMOINE STS., MONTREAL. The Only Purely Mutual Canadian Life Company. Total number of Policies in force, Dec. 31, 1885, 6.381 \$8,259,361.81 Covering Assurance to the amount of . British and Foreign Dry Goods, 660.617.05 Net Cash Assets. 695.601.36 Net Reserve to Oredit of Policy-holders, The rapid growth of the Company may be seen from the fact that in 1870, the first year of its business, the total assets amounted to only \$6,216, while last year they reached the handsome total of \$735,661.87. CANADIAN TWEEDS.

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WM. JAMES. a Brampton farmer, is the principal partner in the organ building firm of T. James & Co., of Guelph, which he bought out, at 25 cents in the dollar, after their failure in September, 1884. He has since carried on the business under the old style, and with the same result, an assignment.

having been adhered to.

A. E. SINCLAIR, brewer, of Sarnia, Ont., had never very bright chances of success. His class of customers was a poor one, and consequently he lost considerably by bad debts. The Scott Act was in his case the last straw that broke the camel's back, and he has now given up the struggle and assigned.

A DEPUTATION from the Canadian Press Association waited upon the Attorney-General and presented a memorial praying for certain modifications in the law respecting libel. They asked that plaintiffs in libel suits should be compelled to deposit a sum towards costs before action could be proceeded with.

OCTAVE CHANDONNET, of St. Pierre les Becquets; Sophie Richard, of Ottawa; and Jos. McDonald, of Gabarus, N. S., are all small traders who have been compelled to make assignments .---- Mrs. Leo, a Lindsay, Ont., milliner, is in trouble after two years trial of the business. Liabilities will reach \$800.

M. & F. ATWATER, general storekcepers, of Boylston, N.S., are offering a compromise of

50 cents in the dollar, payable half in nine and the balance in twelve months. Liabilities are \$2.670 and assets nominally worth \$2,000. Their capital was too small, and they were somewhat too generous in giving credit

I. E. BOWMAN,

President.

The Pinsonneault property on Place d'Armes has been purchased by the New York Life Insurance company for \$85,000. This is the most important transaction of the kind which has been recorded for some time past, as the property, from its exceptionally advantageous site, has been sought after by a number of capitalists.

FREDERICK UTTROH, cigar dealer and manufacturer, of Preston, Ont., has assigned. He has neglected his business, partly through sickness, leaving it in charge of a relation, with the usual result. At one time he had a very fair business, but neglect has caused if to pass into the hands of more careful and enterprising men.

THOMAS MOWILLIAMS, shoe dealer, Ottawa, formerly kept a hotel in Portage du Fort. He bought out the branch store of W. E. Brown, at Ottawa, paying therefore \$2,000 in cash, said to be all his own money. He is now endeavoring to effect a compromise at 70 cents in the dollar, secured, spread over twelve months.

GEORGE JAMES, dry goods merchant of Hamil-

ally from England where he was in the commission business. Locally he has been prompt pay, and moved his store into larger premises last May. Probably the increased expenses have eaten up his profits and thus brought about his failure.

W. HENDRY.

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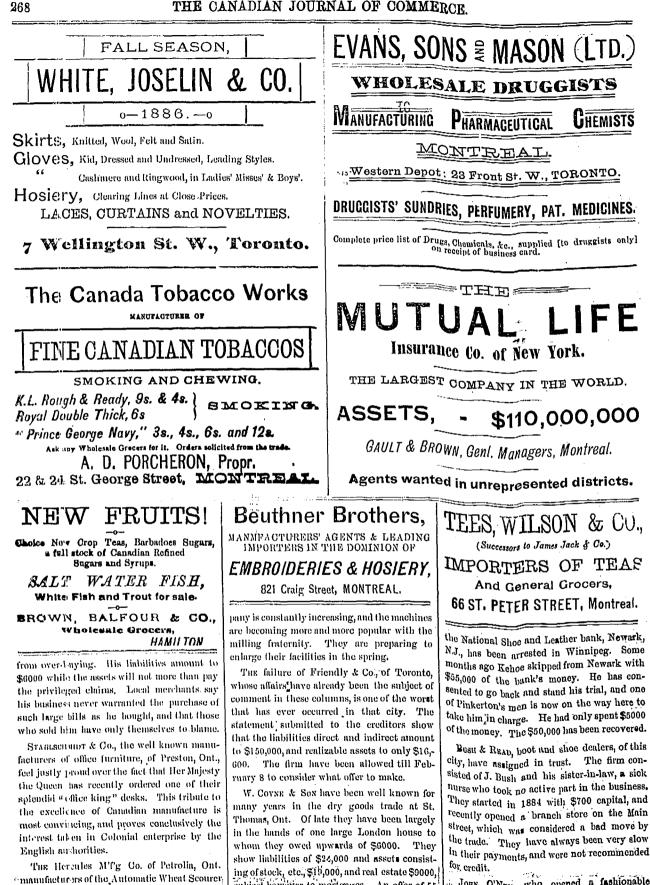
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VAUGHAN BROS., iron, etc., of St. John, N.B., succeeded the firm of J. L. Dunn & Co., in which one of the Vaughans was a partner, in the spring of 1878. Trade in their line has been quiet for some time past, and, as neither of them were very pushing business men, they do not seem to have secured sufficient to save them from an assignment.

The first number of the Canadian Workman. weekly established in this city in the interest of the labor movement, appeared last Saturday. The editor and proprietor is Mr. M. Charles Foley, late of the Palladium of Labor in Hamilton. The newspaper presents a creditable appearance compared with organs of a similar mission published in Canada.

J. B. WEDDLETON, general storekceper, of Clarke's Harbor, N.S., came originally from Yarmouth, where he was a sailmaker. His business there was unsuccessful, and was wound up by his largest creditor, showing a final loss of \$1,000. Since then he has been in poor circumstances, and his assignment is looked upon as a matter of course.

JOHN RUBINS, tailor, of St. John, N.B., who ton, Ont., who has just assigned, came origin- has just assigned, is an example of a failure



JOHN O'NHIL, who opened a fashionable subject however to mortgages. An offer of 55 Sentlemens' outfitting establishment in the cents in the dollar has been made and refused. Balmoral block on Notre Dame street last JAMES W. KEUON, the defaulting cashier of summer, is stated to have left the city, leaving

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instant. Mr. O'Neil has since telegraphed from Chicago, where he now is, that he will return at once.

THE annual fur sales by the Hudson's Bay company were opened on the 26th. There was a full attendance, and the prices for good beavers showed an increase of 25 per cent over last year. There was a large demand for poorer samples, and sales were speedily effected. There was a full supply of muskrats, beaver and rabbit skins.

THE friends of Mr. A. Pilon, formerly a well known dry goods merchant on St. Catherine street, will regret to learn that he has been sent to Longue Pointe Asylum as hopelessly insane. Once prosperous, he gradually saw his business reduced and lost courage. Since then he has often spoken of committing suicide, until it was found necessary to keep a continued surveillance over him, and it was finally thought best, on advice of physicians, to cause his confinement in an insane asylum. LAST year was not only a bad one for the New England cod and mackerel fishermen; the whale fisheries were also unprofitable.

sale. The Arctic fleet took only 153 whales as against 222 in 1885.

THE absconder, Tobias Epstein, who failed in the gents' furnishing business at Toronto last summer, and who, after defrauding his creditors, fled to the States, has sent an offer of 10 cents on the dollar to his creditors through the assignce of the estate. He also offers 25 cents on the dollar in settlement of the claims of the Montreal firm, who tracked him to Steubenville, Ohio, where he had started business. It is not likely that the creditors will accept his offer, as they are in hopes o forcing a higher figure from him.

Tur cash offer of 40 cents in the dollar, made by Pinkerton & Co. for their estate, having been refused by three of the principal creditors the estate will now be sold, and the firm given an opportunity of buying it in at probably much lower cost. Mr. Pinkerton is too active a man of business to remain content, with an ample income secured through family connections, and will most likely endeavour to resume at an early day. Although somewhat wanting in due seconomy of personal expendisome of those in the same line of recent date. and there are few business men capable of feeling such a position more keenly than Robert Pinkerton. The failure had been discounted by the trade for some time, but some of the creditors apparently believed that assistance would be forthcoming if required.

ABCHIBALD M. ALLAN, who assigned a few days ago with liabilities of \$6,700, has been unsuccessful several times before. He commenced business about fourteen years ago and for a few years did fairly well, but was induced to venture into land speculations, the consequence being that he failed in 1875 with liabilities of \$18,000, but effected a compromise with his creditors at 65 cents in the dollar, payable in three, six, nine and twelve months. After that, renewals became the order of the day, and in January 1883, he once more compromised, this time at 70 cents in the dollar, spread over the same period. . In 1885 he elaimed a surplus of \$6,500, but this soon melted away, for in February, 1886, he again failed with liabilities of \$9000, and obtained a settlement at 40 cents in the dollar, payable within twelve months. Whether he will again succeed in compromising appears to be doubtful.



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Canadian houses during last summer at high prices could not be moved axcept at severe loss, and must therefore be held until the English market is ready to absorb them. This however cannot be very far distant, as the supply of first quality pine deals is now well known to be decreasing steadily year by year.

The statistics of clearances from the port of Quebec continue to show a steady falling off in the exports of wood goods from that historic seaport. This is due partly to the steady rise of Montreal in popularity as a lumber shipping port, especially for that coming from the Ottawa district, and also partly to the fact that many mills, which formerly sent their deals to Quebec to be shipped, now deliver them direct to the ships and steamers. The figures for the past ten years are as follows:—

Vessels.	Tons.
796	670,627
476	399,833
433	364,628
634	555,451
459	380,186
426	359,925
487	416,169
. 366	291,398
. 369	294,789
. 325	250,635
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On the other hand to show the remarkable increase of Montreal lumber shipments during the past decade and the swiftness with which she is absorbing a large portion of this important branch of export, it is only necessary to premember that in 1877 her lumber shipments were only 3,400,000 feet deals to the United Kingdom and \$,800,000 feet to South America, while in 1886 they reached 98,000,000 feet to Great Britain and 21,500,000 to South America. The shipments from Montreal to Great Britain for the past ten years are as follows:-

	Vessels.	Feet.
1877	10	3,400,000
1878	20	8,680,000
1879	20	8,663,500
1881	27	12,830,000
1882		66,602,000
1883	131	50,514,000
1884	148	76,874,000
1885		84,282,000
1886		98,277,000

These figures need no comment. They prove the steady advance of Montreal better than columns of argument, and testify to her gradual absorption of the sea-going trade of the Dominion.

Although the general consensus of opinion appears to bear out the statement that, so far at all events as the exporting houses are concerned, the past season has been on the whole an unprofitable one, it has been far otherwise with deal manufacturers, who are held to have had one of the most profitable years in the history of the trade. The large demand from the United States, and the favorable state of the market there, rendered the mill-men abso-

lutely independent of the deal buyers, and consequently the exporting houses were compelled to purchase at their prices to fill up their stocks. The mill-men were thus masters of the situation, and must consequently have reaped a handsome profit on the year's work. As mill-owners look forward to a still more prosperous business with our neighbors during the present year (retaliatory measures notwithstanding), it is probable that the cut of logs in the Ottawa district will be still more extensive this year than in 1886. Each year the volume of the demand from the United States has steadily increased in spite of the growing production of her own manufacturers, and it is evident the end is not yet. In spite of labor troubles, railroad strikes and other drawbacks, reports from the United States at the close of the season show moderate stocks, good prices and a hopeful outlook. In view of the regrettable decline of our lumber trade with Great Britain, the steady growth of this new demand must be a subject of congratulation, and it is to be hoped no act of hare-brained legislation may tend to sever the pleasant and profitable relations now existing between the two countries.

In spruce deals the outlook is by no means so promising. The large supplies of north of Europe white wood offering at low prices has reduced the rates obtainable for spruce deals to too low a margin to be profitable. As the new cut will probably equal that of the past year no improvement in prices can be hoped for, and it is probable that eventually Canadian spruce manufacturers must give ap the hopeless task of competing with the Baltic for the British trade, and turn their attention to the search for other markets for the disposal of their deals. The reduced demand and lessened consumption of Canadian lumber in Britain seem to point out to our exporting houses the necessity of curtailing their exports to British ports unless they wish to run prices down below a living margin. The attempt to force upon that market the same quantity of deals that was readily absorbed in the halcyon days of the past, is a violation of the law of supply and demand which cannot fail to react disastrously on the trade. The consumption of Canadian deals in the United Kingdom appears to have materially lessened, and if prices are to maintain their equilibrium, future shipments must be reduced in proportionate ratio.

THE TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE.

The proceedings at the annual meeting of the Board of trade of the City of Toronto, referred to last week, appear to have been more than usually interesting. The excitement during the week between the nomination and the ballotting almost rivalled that of a parliamentary election, testifying

in a striking way to the keen interest taken in the aflairs of the Board by the members, and in marked contrast to the indifference which prevails elsewhere.

In his valedictory address, Mr. Darling reviewed in an able manner the trade and commerce of the city and province for the past year, touching, besides, on points of general interest and importance, chief amongst which may be noted the question of municipal taxation, the working of the Government savings-banks, and the necessity for a Cabinet Minister at Ottawa, charged with the care of matters appertaining to trade and commerce. The British Board of Trade, the president of which is a member of the Cabinet, and which affords opportunities for securing the services of such men as Mr. Giffen for the public good, is no doubt the model on which Mr. Darling would erect this new department. We regard the suggestion as a most valuable one. Such a department could do excellent work on the lines followed by the English Board, not the least useful, from our point of view, being the collecting of statistics as to the trade and commerce of the country, its economic wealth and resources, etc.

Mr. Darling's ideas as to Government savings banks are entirely in accord with those of this journal. He says :

"The Government is still indifferent to the representations made to it by many competent to express an independent judgment upon the subject, as to the effect of their policy in attracting the savings of the people by paying a high rate of interest upon the deposits in their Postoflice and Savings banks, and denying to the commerce of the country the use of this money by locking it up, in a fixed unproductive form, in public works. When our merchants and manufacturers realize that this means a higher rate of interest upon all the money they borrow from banks, and that incidently it stands in the way of a lower rate of interest to every borrower of money in Canada, stronger and more frequent solicitations will be made to the Government to review their policy in this matter." It is to be feared that all such governments as exist in Canada feel more acutely the possible effect of their policy on the main body of their supporters, than the representations of any set of men of independent judgment, who are sure to form but a small portion of the community, and possess a correspondingly small number of votes ; nevertheless we hope some day to see the Dominion Parliament take this matter in hand, and deal with it from the point of view which Mr. Darling justly attributes to competent men of independent judgment. He himself has put the case in a nutshell, but we may add for the consideration of the manufacturers and merchants, who are the chief customers of the banks, these three points: (1) that bank rates for discounts and deposits will only go down together; (2) that with the

Government competing for deposits at a fixed arbitrary rate, having no relation to the present value of deposit money, the banks cannot reduce beyond a certain point without losing their deposits to the Government; and (3) that this arbitrary rate paid by the Government therefore fixes the minimum rate of discount.

Mr. Darling has also taken up from the commercial point of view a grievance recontly touched on in these columns:

"The rate of New York and sterling exchange are artificially enhanced at the moment to all purchasers thereof in Canada by the policy of the Government, in keeping its reserves, not in American gold, which is current at par all over this continent, but in English sovereigns, which can only be marketed in New York at a loss. That this is effective in preventing a drain of gold from Canada occasionally, as the current of exchange requires, is true; but it is a heavy penalty merchants have to pay for such an artificial obstruction, imposed to suit the exigencies of a false system"

It is not clear whether he regards the prevention of an outflow of gold as a desirable thing or not, but we doubt if he would give in his adherence to the exploded Mercantile Theory. If the natural flow of gold is outwards we can only stop it by some substitute which costs the country a great deal more. Our debts abroad must be paid or we must get time for them, and pay like other belated debtors, interest and charges for the accommodation. If we do not send gold or goods our banks and merchants must utilize their credit abroad, and pay for it : and when exchange on New York is at a high promium it is almost entirely because we are sending neither goods nor gold.

If a solvent merchant with a large balance at his banker's, were to leave it idle there year after year, and at the same time borrow to meet his payments, through fear that he might one day need his balance, he would probably be considered a little touched, but that is precisely the theory which has led to the Government's reserve in British gold, and which is really its only defence. The idea that by preventing the export of gold the Government will be saved expense in keeping up its reserve, is so narrow and illiberal that we cannot credit our rulers with holding or acting on it. Were the government reserves kept in American gold, it would flow in and out as the exigences of the country's exchanges might require. If the flow out is greater than that inwards it may be taken as a clean indication that the Government has borrowed too much from the floating capital at home (by means of its legal tender notes) and that it should take up somewhere a permanent loan to replace this. We may remind our readers that this is no mere theoretical view of what may happen, but it is pre-

cisely what did happen when the legal tender act was not in force to the extent it now is, and when banks held gold for their reserves instead of legal tender notes. In those days a premium on New York funds was almost unknown, and no difficulty was ever experienced in working the exchanges of the country; indeed they worked themselves.

In regard to municipal taxation, Mr. Darling recommends a system much the same as in vogue here; a poll tax to cover what all enjoy in common, a business tax based on rental, and a moderate tax on real estate; dropping the taxes on income, and on personal property entirely. His views on this important subject were endorsed at the meeting by Professor Goldwin Smith, a publicist of great experience, and a close student of economic and social problems.

The remainder of Mr. Darling's address was occupied in discussing the condition of the various industries and branches of commerce, all of which is well worth reading. He touches with natural pride on the growth of the Board, mainly due to himself, thrugh he does not claim it, and congratulates the members on the acquisition of a site on which is to be erected an exchange worthy of so prosperous an association as the Toronto Board of Trade.

MR. BLAKE IN MONTREAL.

In his recent speech at the Queen's Hall in this city Mr. Blake ventured at last upon some disclosure of the policy of the Opposition. The assurance that little or no change would be made in the tariff, was received with cheers. Whatever feeling may animate the minds of the adherents of the respective parties in Canada, there can be no two opinions as to the impossibility among us of anything approaching Free Trade as it is understood in England. We must raise a revenue of 30 to 40 millions a year, and as direct taxation is out of the question the only means left us are the customs and excise. The tariff has doubtless some faults of construction as well as of administration, but these are minor differences and may be adjusted by one government as well as another.

The promises of economical reform made by Mr. Blake, commend themselves to the people at large irrespective of political differences. There is much room for improvement wherever we turn our eyes. We have been too lavish with our money—the money of the tax-payers—the consumers; —we have too many barnacles fastened to the ship. It is the common belief that the work now performed by the large army of civil servants in the employ of the government, could be accomplished by one-half the number; and this is the case not only in Ottawa, but in the local legislatures. What do we want with two houses to legislate for each Province? Ontario manages with one; let others follow her example; —let our people demand of the party in power central as well as provincial, that they spend less money in supporting drones all over the country and there will be less need of any change of government, with possible tinkering of tariffs and provision for a new set of followers who must in their turn learn the whole business over again,—and the country will continue on the road of prosperity to which all signs point for our commercial and manufacturing interests and consequently for the masses of the people.

Both sides are confident of success. It will certainly not be very encouraging for those who contemplate universal suffrage if the great numbers recently enfranchised by the present government should now assist in driving them out of power; but they also may find that "gratitude is a lively sense of favors to come" rather than of favors that are past. =

The Manufacturers' Association, at their meeting in Toronto this week, characterized Mr. Blake's utterances as involved, uncertain and indefinite, and adopted the following resolution :- "That this meeting of manufacturers and millers, representing almost every branch of industry and every section of the province of Ontario, hereby place on record their unanimous opinion that on the maintenance of the National Policy depends the continued prosperity of Canada; and that its maintenance can only be assured by a return of the Liberal-Conservative party to power on the 22nd instant, the tariff policy of the Reform party being involved, uncertain and indefinite."

THE QUEBEC CABINET.

The new cabinet formed by Mr. Mercier appears to be a fairly representative one, and if the statement that the house from which it is selected is one of the ablest parliamentary bodies in this Dominion, be correct, it should be a thoroughly efficient and skilful one. The new legislature rertainly contains a number of clever men, and so far as oratorical talent is concerned compares well with any previous legislative body; what their administrative capsbilities are, remains yet to be seen, but a man who excels in one branch of government is equally likely to be successful in another, and consequently we may reasonably expect that a government collected from such a body will be somewhat above the average.

Out of the eight members of the government, the English speaking portion of our population is represented by three—The Hon. Messrs. Shehyn, Ross and McShane. Mr. Ross, who was formerly Attorney-General in the Joly government, may be considered as the representative of the

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English Protestants, while Mr. McShane will be very acceptable as the standard bearer of the Irish Catholics. Mr. Shelyn has both English and French blood in his veins, and will be equally a representative of both nationalities. Two portfolios and a seat without office have been conceded to the Nationalist wing, so that the pure French Liberals consist of the Hon. Mr. Honore Mercier, the premier, and the Hon. Mr. Charles Gagnon, the provincial secretary.

As regards ability the cabinet is decidedly strong. The Hon. Mr. Mercier is conceded even by his opponents to be one of the most powerful debaters of the day. He is an indefatigable worker, and possesses the full courage of his convictions as well as the painstaking energy necessary to form an efficient premier. Mr. McShane is one of the most popular of parliamentary men, the result probably of his native warm and hearty good nature. Mr. Shehyn has always shown a thorough knowledge of figures and finance. His experience as a successful merchant, of which there few in our legislative bodies, should make him a most valuable acquisition to the cabinet. The other members are far above the average in ability, and altogether the government is a strong one and likely to give a good account of itself and deserve the approbation of its constituents.

As the commercial element is well represented on the new ministry, we may assume that mercantile questions will receive " that consideration which their importance warrants. A government composed entirely of professional men is to apt to ignore business questions, but with the mercantile interests so well represented it is safe to say that commercial questions will not be neglected, and that the business interests of the Province will receive that skillful protection and encouragement which only those who have received a practical training in commerce can intelligently bestow. The interests of Montreal are in the hands of its representatives, and it is safe to say that, no matter what may be the difference in their politics, their united energies will all be bent upon the fostering of its industries and the promotion of its material interests as the commercial metropolis of Canada.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

The statements of the official press that the calling out of the German reserves does not imply any increase of the existing tension in Europe, has failed to reassure the general public, and on Tuesday last the panic existing on the Berlin Boerse spread to England and resulted in a general collapse in prices on the Stock Exchange which was still further aggravated by the intense excitement ruling in Paris. The

news now coming forward is not reassuring but the fact that the Bank of England rate has been reduced to 4 per cent is a sufficient guarantee that no immediate breach of the peace is to be anticipated The martial contagion appears to have spread even to our ordinarily pacific American cousins and the U.S. Senate is spending its time in spreadeagle denunciations of Canada and in calling the attention of the Government to the practically defenceless condition of their own ports in case they should desire to attack their inoffensive Canadian neighbors. Still signs are not wanting that all this wordy raging only covers the most pacific of intentions and that the mercantile interests of the two countries are too closely interwoven to admit of any serious supture. The protests of Chicago and Portland will secure the elimination of the clause forbidding the transit of Canadian railway cars which would seriously injure the interests of those cities and the bill will consequently be narrowed down to the simple coercion of Canadian fishermen when they are able to catch them napping.

The money market here has been absolutely unchanged and featureless, and in both London and New York the street rate is lower at 3 per cent. Still of late there has been a distinct improvement in English trade and the banks are now finding a good field for the employment of their funds. This improvement must tend to accentuate the tendency to higher rates which will result from the reduction of the market supply of money. In New York all signs point towards the increased cheapness of money. Every influence at the moment tends towards the accumulation of funds; the Inter-state Commerce and Retaliatory bills have imparted such a degree of uncertainty to the future of every industry that timidity and caution rule the day, and consequently an easier money market may be confidently predicated. -

Trade circles also show a tendency towards increased quietness for the time being. Confidence in the coming season is everywhere strong but a more cautious and conservative feeling is manifested. It is, of course, not difficult to account for this temporary hesitancy. The change of government in Quebec has caused a feeling of uncertainty as to the result of the coming Dominion Elections, and the vagueness of the Liberal leaders enunciations on the tariff question have naturally a disturbing influence on trade, as should the existing Government go out of power, the discordant views of the component parts of the present opposition on this subject might result in some modifications in the tariff that might affect commercial interests unfavorably. Fortunately the period of suspense will soon be over, but until then we cannot look for much improvement in business,

GREAT CRY AND LITTLE WOOL.

The regrettable incident at the Hudon Cotton Mills, which resulted in the fine of an overseer for administering some slightly corporal punishment to a female operative seems to have attracted more attention from the daily press than its importance warrants. Considerable capital is made out of the fact that the girl was expected to be at work for eleven hours a day, and these hours, at first, do seem excessive, but it must be remembered that the work is of a very light description, and that the taking of the position was entirely voluntary on the part of the employee. Any resort to physical violence on the part of superiors should be most rigorously punished. but it is easy to understand circumstances under which a hasty or passionate man might be tempted to commit acts that cooler reflection might cause him to regret. A well known printer in this city, who is known otherwise as a man of generous and warm heart, has occasionally been wont to express his disapprobation of the conduct of his male employees by simply kicking them out doors-or as they term it, "firing them out." The manager of the Hudon mills has always endeavored to make the task of the small army of some two thousand operatives as pleasant as is compatible with the successful carrying on of their business, and consoquently the magnifying of a contemptible squabble between an impudent work-girl and her immediate superior into a labor grievance is as ridiculous as it is exaggerated; but in these days of political canvassing some allowance must be made all round. There is little to apprehend in our days on the part of his modern majesty, King Demos, that his sacred person will be subject to ill-treatment. He is fully alive to the value of that time-honored privilege, "The Divine Right of Kings," and is not disposed to let his subjects slumber in fancied security for a period not long enough to give it the semblance of a deadletter enactment.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

There is a glimmering of hope-a dim and distant ray-in the mind's eye of a shoe manufacturer here and there that some such combination as that just concluded by the trunk manufacturers may eventually be possible among the shoe trade also. The low prices at which goods are sold, and which in some cases would barely pay for the raw materials, cannot fail to bring about some reform sooner or later ; meantime the average profit of about eight per cent leaves but little to pay for ordinary modes of life not to mention high priced horses and other luxuries. There is really no need for selling so closely-it benefits nobody, and only tends to flower! the quality of the goods. There is angeneral belief among the trade that the fall of one house, recently noted, was due to the manufacture of a class of shoes too good for competition. Be this as it may,

the ready-cash advantages of leading houses are too powerful for those who must pay interest, and have no countervailing privileges at their disposal. The principal recourse is to economy of manufacture, which can only be accomplished by the use of cheaper materials. This, however, does not avail much; the actual difference between the materials in a first class shoe and one of the cheapest grade. is but a tew cents : on the other hand, the cost of living in a large mansion, with all its accessories, and a house renting for from \$300 to \$400, may amount to \$5000 a year. If more of us were to observe the economies of early years, be content with "Shanks' mare," and dwell over our banks or stores, as was the custom of some of the older families among us not many years ago, until such time as we had acquired the means for something better. there would be fewer failures in business, and the names in future bank-share lists would be as significant of uninterrupted prosperity in former years as are those we now find in these highly interesting pamphlets.

THE LONDON AND LANCABHIRE FIRE .- The announcement in these columns early in December that Mr. H. J. Johnston, of the Confederation Life, had resigned the local agency of the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., was shortly followed by applications from many candidates east and west. An ex-railway man called immediately on an ex-life man with the paper in his hand and asked if he knew anything of the matter. "Excuse me for a moment," replied the ex-life man, and he forthwith dashed at the door, rushed across the street and made application for the post. Among the Montreal applicants in the field are Messrs. F. W. Evans, of the Atua and Hartford Fire Insurance Companies, Thomas Hiam, J. W. Molson, Geo. W. Patterson and several others. Mr. Johnston found the business so very small and his time more profitable with his other business, that he concluded to throw up the L. & L. An evidence of the small amount of business done is shown by the fact that although " plans" were bought and other preparations made for opening in St. John's, a few miles distant, a year had elapsed and yet not a single policy was written. It is high time that the public began to be aware that there is such an institution doing business in Canada, and we give the company the benefit of this notice. The life company of the same name is well known in Canada, because its manager has sufficient appreciation of modern business methods to keep the name of his company before the public-the insurance public-the people who buy insurance as well as those who sell it. It is to be hoped, for the sake of the company, that Mr. Bevan, who is now in this city, will put the right man in the right place at last, and bring about a turn in the backward tide of the company's business in Canada. Since writing the above we learn that Mr. Evans has been appointed to the vacant managership.

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THE NORTH AMERICAN LIFE .- The annual report of the North American Life Assurance Co., to be found in full elsewhere, is no less. than its predecessors a gratifying exhibit of progressive prosperity. We need only point to the advance again made in premium income, assets and surplus, and to the increase (nearly \$600,000) in the volume of new business as compared with 1885. The figures in the report speak for themselves, and call for no repitition here. The conservative management of the company is exemplified by the large proportion of the assets invested in first mortgages. The character of the business done during the year has proved highly satisfactory, and in this respect we speak with personal knowledge of that proportion of it transacted by Dr. Charles Ault, general agent for the Province of Quebec. A distinguishing feature of the Company is its promptitude in making the annual returns to the Government, which is done at the beginning of the year, the books being closed on the 31st December. This, it is claimed, ensures accuracy of statement, inasmuch as it excludes all business beyond that properly belonging to the year covered by the report; it is also an indication of system and readiness in the keeping of its accounts. The remarks made by the gentlemen composing the board will be read with usual interest, and there is no man in Cauada so influenced by partyism who will not rejoice to see the name of Hon. Alex. Mackenzie still to the fore among the phalanx of public men who assisted Mr. McCabe in bringing the North American to its position among Canadian life insurance comnanics.

THE QUEBRO TREASURY .--- The new Ministry found the provincial public chest in rather a worse condition than Ali Baba's butter-tub. A clean sweep appears to have been made ; not a copper was left, although as late as the second of last month the Quebec Government drew upon the Dominion Treasury for the comfortable sum of \$525,000 on account of the Provincial subsidy. Not only that, but much of the expensive furniture, glass and silverware belonging to the Speaker's Chambers had disappeared ! Let us see ;---who was the last Speaker, anyway ?- Now that we recollect. we can confidently assure the new Speaker that every spoon and butter-dish will be returned as soon as called for. If they were not packed by some servants in a mistake, or seized or removed by some greater mistake, they must have been simply borrowed for use at some elegant entertainment, and are there for as safe as if they were in Quebec. Since writing the above, we learn that the sum mentioned was expended in paying off certain debts, and that the late Speaker, now Judge Wurtele, has returned the furniture, silverware &c., removed under a mistaken idea that it belonged by right to the retiring Speaker.

THE COMING CARNIVAL.—The preparations for the winter carnival are now rapidly ap-

proaching completion, and all indications warrant the assertion that it will be the most successful one ever witnessed in this city. Aided by the experience of former years, the defects hitherto apparent will be carefully guarded against, and no effort will be spared to render the entertainments of our many visitors a thorough success. The enormous toboggan slide on Jacoues Cartier Square, the ice usis e and the maze, will all attract the atiention of strangers while the courtesy of the private toboggan clubs in placing their slides obsolutely at the disposal of visitors forms a species of 'retaliatory measure' that will be thoroughly appreciated. The co-operation of all classes of citizens has been spontaneous and hearty, and unless present indications undergo some radical change the attendance from other cities, to witness and take part in our winter sports will be far larger than in any previous carnival year.

THE WATERLOO MUTUAL .- The annual statement of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Ins. Co. shows a still further advance in business as compared with 1885. The number of policies issued during the year covered by the report was 5,311 against 4,856 in the previous twelvemonth ; the total number of policies in force has increased from 11,399 to 11,997; the total income from \$93,335 to \$102,474, and the total assets from \$228,650.35 to \$246,448.26. The losses have been much heavier, being \$64,789 against \$37,524, but 1885 was an exceptional year in this respect. The other items of expenditure are commendaby low as usual with this well managed company.Z Among the assets the item of "agents' balances" is no less assuring of business kept well in hand. The four causes cited by the president as accounting for the position of the company are conclusive, and a guarantee that the future efforts of the management and directorate can scarcely fail to be as productive of equally satisfactory results. The previous directors were all re-elected, with Messrs. Charles Hendry and George Randall as president and vice-president respectively.

TRUNKS AND BELLOWS .- The trunk manufacturers from far and near met in the St. Lawrence Hall here last Friday and Saturday, and after due discussion of the situation agreed to advance the price of trunks fifteen per cent. This was rendered necessary they aver by the increase in the price of raw materials. The bellows manufacturers have also agreed to a similar advance, but of these there are only two or three in the country, and the business is chiefly in the hands of one large house. A competing firm burnt their fingers in an attempt not long since to enter into competition, and dropped it after the loss of preparations, time and money. The trunk men have evidently taken a lesson from the cotton manufacturers.

MR. D. GRAHAM, for many years manager of the Williams Sewing Machine Co., Montreal

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ii fi and Plattsburg, has resigned, owing to some personal differences of opinion between himself and the directors Mr. Graham personifies in a remarkable degree the able development of which the modern sewing-machine man is capable when grafted upon native business tact and a keen appreciation of surroundings. The late manager, although still a young man, has deservedly acquired a goodly share of worldly wealth which he humanly enjoys in his elegant west-end mansion.

The returns of the provincial immigration officer for the five agencies throughout the province of Ontario show total arrivals of immigrants during last year to be 69,539. Of these 49,685 went to the United States, six to Quebec province, 4,560 to Manitoba and 15,288 remained in Ontario. The total arrivals during 1885 were 41,853, of whom 25,139 went to the United States, 34 to Quebec, 2,707 to Manito ba, and 13,973 remained in Ontario.

MR. J. S. MEREDITH, manager of the Hamilton branch of the Merchants Bank has been chosen to fill the approaching vacancy in the local manager's department in Montreal, in the place of Mr. A. M. Crombie. Mr. Meredith will enter on his present duties after considerable experience in the larger operations of banking, not the least important portion of which was acquired during his management of the Chicago agency of the bank some years ago.

MR. J. D. WELLS, general agent for Canada, passed through Montreal this week on his return from the annual meeting of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association at New York. Mr. Wells was accompanied to New York by Messrs. Warring Kennedy, dry goods merchant, and William Wilson, manufacturer, of Toronto, both of whom were appointed on the directorate of the association. Mr. Wells received the prize annually awarded to the general agent returning the largest amount of business for the year.

The traffic receipts of the Grand Trunk railway company for the week ending 29th January, show an increase of \$32,238 over the corresponding week last year.

The close of the city census shows the population of Montreal to be 185.544.

Meetings, &c.

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the North American Life Assurance Company was held in the company's offices on Tuesday the 25th ulto, the president, Hon. Alex. Mackerzie, in the chair. The following is the annual

REPORT.

The directors, in submitting their annual report have to express their entire satisfaction with the amount and character of the business done.

During the year 1,355 applications for \$2,722,450 were received, upon which were issued 1,259 policies for \$2,520,950, the rest being unacceptable, and 7 policies for \$16,-350.00, which had lapsed for non-payment of premium, were revived. This is a volume of new business amounting to nearly \$600,000 over that of any former year, and sixty per cent in excess of that done by any Canadian company in the same period in its history. The accompanying revenue account and balance sheet show that the assets have been increased nearly 25 per cent, and the investments in first mortgage securities have been more than doubled. The same thorough audit of the company's affairs, established by the directors from the commencement of business. has been continued and made quarterly by gentlemen of large experience, appointed as auditors by the annual meeting, and in addition, the standing committee of the board has also verified in like manner the accounts and securities of the company. The reports accompany the balance sheet.

Mr Standen, in his official report to the directors as Consulting Actuary, made the following statement, last year, viz. : " I find that in volume of new insurance, amount at risk, premium, income and reserve held for the security of policyholders, your company is largely in excess of any of the other Canadian companies during the same period in its history." This applies with increased force to this year's business. The progressive prosperity of the company will be best seen by comparison with the largest Canadian companies. For example the cash premium receipts for its 6th year exceed those of the Confederation, at the end of its 8th year; of the Sun at the end of its 10th year; of the Ontario at the end of its 13th year; and of the Canada Life, at the end of its 22nd year, as shown by the published official reports. The company's records are kept in such a complete and systematic manner that its balance sheet was finished a few hours after the close of business on the last day of the year, and a full report of the business of the year ended on that day, was mailed to the Government on New Year's day.

The last official report of the Superintendent of Insurance shows that this was the only life company whose report was received by the Department in January; that those of 10 companies were not received until February; of 22, not until March; and of 7, Lot until April, thereby preventing the issue of the Superintendents report until long after the prorogation of Parliament. For several years the full report of this company has been received by the Department in the first week in January.

The Insurance Act, as amended last session, calls for a preliminary report, showing the main features of the year's business, to be sent to the Government not later than January 15th. Should all the companies comply with this reasonable requirement, it would enable the Superintendent to publish his report months in advance of its present publication, and thereby greatly enhance its value and accuracy.

The Superintendent of Insurance points out in his last report that the amount of business compared with that done in 1875 had risen from \$5,077,601 to \$14,881,695, and the business in force had increased in the Canadian conpanies during that period from \$21,957,-296, to \$74,591,139, while the corresponding increase in American companies had been less than six millions, making a difference in favor of our home companies of nearly forty seven millions. This very gratifying fact is

evidence of the rapid national development of the Dominion, showing that we are strong enough to support great commercial enterprises, and that our home companies are more than holding their own against their foreign competitors.

The same report of the Superintendent shows that the foreign Life companies alone received in premiums from Canadian policyholders during the same period of eleven years, nearly thirty-two millions of dollars, a great part of which was, therefore, withdrawn from the available capital of the country, and went abroad, thereby helping the advancement of commercial competitors. By dealing with our home companies such money would have been utilized in building up and extending Ganadian interests. The report also shows that the United States companies have only deposited with the Government a small portion of the reserve on their policies in force here, while the securities deposited are almost wholly foreigh slocks.

The entire reserves and resources of Cauadian Life companies are invested in Canada, The advantage and convenience to policyholders are largely in favor of doing business with well managed home companies.

The directors have declared a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent per annum to June 30th, next, payable on July 2nd, to the Guarantors, as interest on the paid up portion of the Guarantee Fund.

The services of the company's staff of officers, inspectors and agents again deserve special commendation.

The directors all retire, but are eligible for re-election.

ALEXANDER MACKENZIE, President.

January 25th, 1887.

FIRST SCHEDULE—REVENUE ACCOUNT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LIFE ASSURANCE CO., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1886.

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- Dec. 31. " Cash for Premiums.. 175,454 04 " Cash for Interest 18,795 35

		\$	483,306	27
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		aries to Agents	23,646	18
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		Policies	26,487	15
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Note-For security of policy-holders the company holds Assets (as per balance sheet)..... ==\$427,151 98 ain And in addition-10163 Uncalled Guarantee Fund = 240,000 00 \$667,151 98 From which deduct-Reserve (\$311,685, and 1994.3 death loss, \$2,000 at Dec. 31, as above) =\$313.685 00 Surplus on policyholders account.....=\$353,466 98 \$427,151 98 Assels 1886, Dec. 31. Dom. Gov'nt deposit-Debentures \$48,400 ; Cash \$6,440 54,840 00 First mortgages on real estate. .. 245,711 75 Debenture 10,000 00 Loans on Stocks, nearly all on call 18,250 00 12,024 43 Reversions Bills receivable..... 602 70 Furniture 2,690 31 Lonns on policies..... 735 40 Special deposit.... Commuted commissions 875 00 5.000 00 Agents' balances..... 3,163 83 Cash in branch and head offices... 1,252 89 Cash in banks..... 20,411 02 Balance Net Ledger Assets...... \$375,557 33 Ädd Short date notes for premiums ... 21,822 88 Premiums on existing policies in agents' hands and in due course of transmission 11,309 91 Premiums on existing policies due subsequent to Dec. 31st, 1886... 14,366_35 (Reserve on this and preceding items, included in Liabilities). Interest due, \$190.73, and accrued, \$3,904.78 4,095 51

\$427,151 98 WILLIAM MCCABE,

Managing Director and Actuary.

We have examined the books, documents and vouchers, representing the foregoing revenue account, and also of each of the securities for the property in the above Balance Sheet, and certify to their correctness.

JAMES CARLYLE, M. D., } Auditors.

W. G. CASSELS, Toronto, January 3rd, 1886.

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We concur in the foregoing cortificate and have personally made an independent examination of said books quarterly, and also of each of the securities representing said property.

E. A. MEREDITH, L.L.D.,

WM. GORDON, Auditing Committee of the Board.

The president then said, in moving the adoption of the report :

I rise to make the formal motion usually made by the president to adopt the report which reveals the work of the year and the standing of the company. I make the motion with all the gratification of previous annual meetings, inasmuch as our former rate of progress has been greatly accelerated, not only as regards the amount of new business, but in the addition to the surplus and in the amount of the investments. The new business amounted to over two and a half millions. The surplus amounts to \$46,891.98 after payment of all charges. The mortgage investments have been more than doubled.

Competition in the business of life insurance was never keener than it has been during the last year, largely in consequence of this competition, the aggregate of business will be found to be greater than formerly, though shared in by more companies. The British and United States companies have made vigorous efforts to obtain a firm foothold in Canada, and some of them is pushing their business paid commissions far above that paid by Canadian companies and in excess of what we think it safe to pay.

It naturally occurs to our policyholders and guarantors to ask : "How has the 'North American' prospered during such a year ?" The figures I have already given convey a fair idea of the result in a general way. The report shews that the business put on our books during the year was about \$600,000 in excess of the business in 1885. This success shews that the various plans of the company are suited to, and appreciated by all classes of the community desiring insurance.

In former years I compared the position of this company with that of the principal Home Companies during the same period in their history. By this means a more definite idea can be formed of the great progress made by this company. I propose to-day to amplify such comparisons as applicable to the past year, but not in any hostile spirit to comnetitors.

The figures are in every case taken from official statements. The position of these companies at the end of their sixth year was as follows :-

	Total Amt.	in Force.	\$1,609,400	4,888,755	2,995,058	2,165,412	6,075,804	
COMPANIES' FIGURES, END OF SIXTH YEAR.	New	Business.	\$140,523 00 \$ 414,070 \$1,609,400	1,616,558	1,267,342	534,000	2,540,784	
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END OF		Assets.	\$140,523	369,856 94	300,297 31	179,505 51	427,151 98	
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COMPANI		ŕ	Canada Life	Confederation	Sun Life	Ont. Mut., 10th year.	North American	; .

You will observe that in the amount of our income, accumulated funds, new business and insurance in force we are very considerably ahead of the companies named, at a similar period in their history, and in another important aspect, that of the cost of the business and its stability, I find we also compare very favorally with our home competitors.

Hon. Alexander Morris, vice-president, in a number of us have taken the deepest interest since its organization, and we must be all gratified at its rapid development, at the strength it has attained, and the support that has been given to it by the Canadian com-

munity from British Columbia to Prince Edward Island, thereby proving that the people of Canada are becoming alive to the duty that lies upon them to support home institutions and thus contribute to the prosperity of our rapidly growing Dominion.

I would desire to call attention just now to a few facts contained in the report. It would appear that during the period of 11 years nearly thirty-two million dollars have been paid for premiums to foreign life companies by Canadian insurers. The gain that would have resulted by the retention of that large amount of money in our own Dominion and its application in the way of assisting the various industries throughout the county is at once apparent. These figures are very suggestive and I think ought to impress them-selves upon the thought of those contemplating life insurance. The comparative longevity of lives in Canada, as compared with other countries, is one that³⁹ has attracted my attention. I was for ten years consulting attention. I was for ten years consulting director of one of the largest British companies doing extensive business in the Dominion and I was impressed with the fact that according to the Carlisle Life Table used by that company the' mortality experienced in Canada was always very much less than provided for by that table. We have much reason to be gratified with the large amount of new business d ne by this company during the past year and also with the retention and stability of its old business.

It is a mistake for Canadians to suppose that it is profitable for them to insure in foreign companies on the grounds of their larger assets without considering the relation of these assets to their liabilities, for large as the assets of some of them appear they are almost wholly, debias of their policyholders, and by no means constitute an extra element of strength. The business of many of these companies is also diffused throughout nearly all countries and climates and subject thereby to increased loss from war and climatic causes and insurers in Canada are thus made to bear the extra cost of insurance arising from a largely increased death rate necessarily incident to the business of such companies when compared with that in this favored land of ours. Canadians are thus better off when their insurance is effected in our own companies, while a comparison of the figures given in the last report of the Insurance Superintendent proves that the assets of Canadian companies are sufficiently ample for the absolute security of their policyholders and that in the ratio of their assets to their liabilities they rank amongst the strongest.

I feel that the company is under obligation for the valuable services rendered by our Medical Director, Dr. Thorburn. He is exceedingly careful in the selection of our risks and I believe if he errs at all it is on the side of safety. The company is to be congrat-ulated on having such an excellent staff of agents. The work done by them during the past year is the best testimony to their perseverence, intelligence and energy. It is my very pleasant duty to refer to the Managing Director. We all know that he has devoted himself energetically and with great ability to build up this institution, in fact it seems to me that his heart seems bound up in the success of this company. The services of the secretary, Mr. Goldman, to the company have won the heartiest approval of the board. In addition to these gentlemen we shave also an excellent staff of officers whose connection with the company has always been marked by their undivided attention to its business.

Our worthy president is without doubt a tower of strength to this company, and I can only express the hope in which I am sure you

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all will heartily join, that he may soon regain a vigorous state of health and be long spared to give the benefit of his valuable advice, assistance and experience.

Dr. Thorburn, medical director, presented his report. On motion of Mr. J. L. Blaikie, seconded by Mr. D. McOrae, it was adopted.

On motion of J. K. Kerr, Esq., Q. C., seconded by B. B. Hughes, Esq., it was unanimously resolved, that as a recognition of the valuable services of the president, vice-presidents, and chairmen of the finance and executive committees, a sum of money be placed to their credit.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Nelles, principal of Victoria College, Cobourg, seconded by Mr. J. R. Miller, barrister, of Toronto, the thanks of the policyholders and guarantors were tendered to the president, vice-presidents, directors and members of the provincial and local boards of directors for their attention to the interests of the company during the past year.

The Rev. Dr. Nelles, of Cobourg, said he felt great pleasure in being at this gathering and also at seeing his old friend, the Hon. A. Mackenzie, occupying the chair. He said he was not a financier and consequently in matters pertaining to a life insurance company he largely depended upon the position and ability of the gentlemen composing its management; when he saw such men as the Hon. A. Mackenzie, Hon. A. Morris, Senator G. W. Allan, and other leading gentlemen gathered here to-day, connected with this company, he felt that as a policyholder his interests were perfectly safe.

Mr. J. R. Miller, barrister, in seconding the motion said, that as a policyholder he, like the Rev. Dr. Nelles had every confidence in the president, vice-presidentis' and directors of the company, and he felt confident that the splendid position it had already attained was only a commencement of a very brilliant and useful future to the people of this Dominion.

⁷ On motion of Hon. O. Mowat, seconded by Capt. Larkin, thanks were tendered the medical director, managing director, secretary, inspectors and agents of the company for the satisfactory 'discharge of their respective duties.

Hon. Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario, said, It gives me great joy to be here with you to-day, and to see my old friend Mr. Mackenzie still holding the office of president of this company, a position he has ably occupied for many years, devoting his mental vigor and ability to this institution. It is gratifying to know that the other officers of this company are also gentlemen of great ability. It is essential for the success of an institution such as this that they should be so, and as one of the oldest stock-holders in this company I certainly think that the company is to be congratulated on having as managing director a gentleman like Mr. McCabe, of known ability and standing in the insurance profession.

Captain Larkin, of St. Catharines, said, as a policyholder he was delighted with the success of the company, and heartily endorsed all that had been said about the support of home companies. He had been in favor of life insurance since he had been old enough to know anything about it, and had always advocated supporting Canadian companies.

vocated supporting Canadian companies. Mr. Meredith, L. L. D., and Mr. Lake were appointed scrutineers, when the poll was opened: wasof 20. 16 port

The scrutineers reported the old board reelected. The meeting then adjourned, whereupon

the new board met and re-elected the officers

of last year.

WATERLOO MUTUAL FIRE IN. CO.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the members of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held at noon on Thursday, the twentieth day of January, 1887, at the Company's office, town of Waterloo. The president, Charles Hendry, Esq., took the chair, and read the Directors' report, the Secretary's financial statements and the Auditors' report.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Members of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company :--

GENTLEMEN,—Your directors beg to lay before you their report for the year ending 31st December, 1886, being their twenty-fourth annual report. From the several detailed statements about to be submitted to you, we have prepared the following synopsis:—

We have during the past year issued 5,311 policies. The total number of policies in force is 11,997. 'The aggregate amount of in-The total earnings of the Company during the past year were \$102,474.03. The assets of the Company above all liabilities are \$189,593.26. Comparing the above with our statement of the previous year, it will be seen that there has been an increase in each of the above items—of policies issued, 455; in the total number of policies in force, 598; in the total amount of insurance, \$134,558; in the earnings of the Company, \$9,130.16; in assets above all liabilities, \$11,564.91. Referring again to the statements before you, your directors cannot conclude their report without congratulating the members on the strong financial position of the Company, and without briefly referring to the causes which have placed the Waterloo Mutual in the enviable position which it now occupies, and which have been the means of securing a large share of patronage from the leading manufacturers and business men of Western Ontario. These causes are :--

1st. The reputation of the Company for prompt and honorable settlements of all hon-est losses. 2nd, The fact that no claim has ever been resisted except upon the grounds of fraud and arson. 3rd. Not more than two assessments have ever been made during the term of any policy. 4th. The fact that the cost of insurance on the Mutual System has never exceeded 80 per cent. of the annual rates of stock companies. Such being briefly the past history and present standing of the Company, your Board expect from the insuring public a continuance of the liberal patronage extended to it during the past twenty-four years. In conclusion, your attention is called to the two main objects of the meeting-disposing of the statements about to be read to you and the election of five directors. The retiring directors are :- Messrs. Geo. Randall, John Shuh, J. D. Bowman, H. D. Tye and Wm. Snider, all of whom are eligible for re-election. On behalf of the Board.

CHARLES HENDRY, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance on hand 31st Dec., 1885.. \$82,722 94

Receipts.

Premiums and asse	258-			
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Interest, rent, etc	3,782	98		
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Reinsurance and agents' bonuses. Travelling expenses, postages, books, stationery, advertising	5,243	12
and printing Law costs, exchange, auditing and	3,770	94
miscellaneous expenses	1,722	35
Balance	83,160	75

Assets.

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Office and office furni-		
ture \$6,564 84		
Debentures 12.775 00		
Mortgages 39,600 00		
Deposit receipts Mol-		
sons Bank		
Bills receivable 3,847 14		
Agents' balances 1,842 15		
Assessments in course		
of collection 2,044 14		
Molsons Bank current		
account		
Cash on hand 275 99		
**************************************	83,160	75
Accrued interest	1,655	
Premium notes (less premiums	•	
and assessments paid thereon).	161,632	46

\$246,448 26

Liab	ilities.		
Unadjusted losses (computed at) Amount required to reinsure all outside	Ş3,405	00	
risks Balance of available	53,450		
assets		26 	26

C. M. TAYLOR, Secretary.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President, Directors and Members of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company:-

GENTLEMEN,—Your auditors beg to report that we have examined the books and accounts of your Company for the year ending the 31st December, 1886, and that we have found them strictly correct. The securities for the investments held by your Company have also been examined, and we find them correspond with the financial statement herewith submitted. We wish in conclusion to bear testimony to the kindness and courtesy of the officers of your Company, and to their business ability and efficiency. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. SCULLY,

D. L. BOWMAN,

Waterloo, Jan. 14, 1887. Auditors. The reports were adopted on motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Weidman.

Messrs. Munn and Weidman were then appointed scrutineers for the reception of the ballots for the election of directors.

The ballot resulted in the re-election of Gco. Randall, Esq., John Shuh, Esq., J. D. Bowman, Esq., A. D. Tye, Esq., and Wm. Snider, Esq.

Moved by W. H. Bowlby, Esq., LL.B., seconded by J. Kalbfleisch, that Messrs. D. L. Bowman and J. M. Scully be re-appointed auditors for the ensuing year. Carried. On motion of Geo. Randall, Esq., seconded

On motion of Geo. Randall, Esq., seconded by Wm. Snider, Esq., the remuneration of the President and Directors as heretofore paid bo adopted for the ensuing year.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the President, directors, officers and agents of the Company.

The Board of Directors met immediately afterwards and re-elected Charles Hendry, Esq., President, and Geo. Randall, Esq., Vice-President, for the ensuing year.

Financial.

THORSDAY EVG., Feb. 3, 1887.

The financial event of the week has been the reduction of the Bank of England rate to four per cent, a measure which has had a reassuring effect on the market, even when the decline in consols and French rentes is taken into consideration. The street rate remains unchanged at 3 per cent, with easier tendencies. Sterling exchange is higher, 60days' sight closed at 9 @ 3-16 between banks, and 9g counter; demand, 9g @ 10, and 101, cables, 101 @ 1. Posted in New York 4.851 and 4.89; actual 4.85 (0) | and 4.88 (0)]; cables 4.884. New York funds are now at par @] between banks and 1 @ 3 counter. The local stock market has been dull, and the tendency downward. All leading stocks close Flightly cheaper, the principal losers being Can, Pacific, Richelieu and Telegraph, which have depreciated from three to five points since last writing. The approaching carnival and the elections both tend to demoralize business, and the week generally has been devoid of interest. The following are the highest and lowest prices of the week compared with the same period of 1886 :---

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Banks.	No.	Shares.	Highest price.	Lowest price.	Average same week 1886.
Commerce		935	1244	123	1211
Jacques Cartier		1	74	74	
Merchants		436	1304	130	118
Montreal		313	241	240	2062
Ontario		10	- 115 į	1153	109
Peoples		184	102]	101	79

Miscellaneous.

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MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY EV'0, Feb. 3, 1887.

Business has shown increased volume since the roads have been opened up, and travellers generally report a healthy condition of affairs. At the moment the approaching elections and the Montreal and Hamilton carnivals cause an unsettled teeling, but after these disturbing ovents are over business will run more smoothly. It is too early to anticipate how Pebruary payments will be met. On all hands a good winter's trade is anticipated, and preparations for the carnival have caused a stir in many directions.

Assues.---Receipts have been rather larger than to the same date last year---and though the stock is much smaller---prices have de-

clined to \$4 for first pots and \$3.35 for seconds, at which recent arrivals have found buyers. *Peurls* are scarce, and worth \$8 for first sort. Receipts since 1st January, 246 brls. pots, 20 brls. pearls; deliveries, 409 brls. pots, 59 brls. pearls. Stock in store 2nd Feb, at 6 p. m., 473 brls. pots, 24 brls. pearls.

COAL AND WOOD.—Demand for coal fair, as some householders are running out of supplies. Coke is in good consumptive demand. Wood quiet. Stove, \$6.50; chestnut, \$6.25; egg, \$6; house grate, \$6; smiths, \$6; Scotch sterm, \$5.50. Cordwood steady. Maple, long cord, delivered \$6.50; birch, \$6; beech, \$5.50; tamarac, scarce and held at about \$5.50. Coke \$2,50 chaldron.

FLOUR AND GRAIN .- Grain dull so far as spot business is concerned, which makes it difficult to quote prices, and quotations must be considered as more or less nominal. Transactions in red winter wheat have been made at 79c@80c along the line, with white winter and spring quoted at 79c@80c, according to which values should be about 90c. Peas have sold at 51c@52c along the line. We advance prices of wheat accordingly. There was no alteration in the condition of the flour market, which continued quiet and steady, with values unchanged. It is understood that layers would pay about present prices for May delivery, but sellers refuse positively to accede to such terms. In the west wheat and corn close strong and higher. An English cable says: The deliveries of English wheat continue to be in bad condition, making values generally lower. Sound wheat, how-ever, maintains rates. Country flour is cheaper, owing to the excessive supply of foreign brands. Final cash quotations in Chicago were :-- Wheat 77ge, corn 35lc, oats 25ge, pork \$12.95, lard \$6.521, and ribs \$6.55.

FISH AND OILS .- The market for fish bas been firm, and for oils dull. Green cod has again been excited and higher. A car lot was sold at \$4.621 for large in drums, and \$5 is now being asked. The Halifax market is said to be cleared of green cod. For Labrador herring there has not been much demand hering there has no been inter demand hately, but stocks are light and holders are firm. The stock of pickled, salted and canned fish is considerably lighter than for some years past. Fresh frozen fish has been un-usually high so far this season. A Halifax letter says that no fresh herrings are on the market as yet. There has practically been no and this makes a scarcity in all gorts of frozen fish, notably haddock and cod. Our regular quotations will be found as amended elsewhere, but we quote fresh fish as follows: -Cod, 3c; had-dock, 3½c@4½c; St. John, N. B., herring, \$1@ \$1.10 per 100. Tommy cods-Prices have advanced, and shippers in New Brunswick will not accept less than \$1 per barrel in car lots, delivered in Montreal, formerly 80c was the price. Spot prices, about \$1.10 per brl. Smelts, never a very popular fish here, are being pushed and are commencing " to take." They are selling at 3c@6c per lb. as to quality and size of box. Fish oils are quiet but about steady. Canned mackerel scarce, and firm at \$4.30@4.40. Salmon scarce at \$6.20@\$6.30 per case. Lobsters quiet at \$5/@\$5.30.

Duy Goons.—Our city retail people report a good week's trade and great expectations appear to be uppermost in the minds of most of them for the week to come—Carnival week. Travellers who are still out on the regutar spring trip, are sending in satisfactory orders,

so far as we are able to make out, and we have hunded dilligently for information. It is established, without doubt, that the volume of business so far done has been quite satisfactory. Remittances are still a subject of complaint. Slocks of imported goods continue to come to hand and on the whole are fairly assorted considering the early season of the year.

DAIRY PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS. - Butter quiet but firm on light stocks, and although demand is light, values are well held. Cheap goods are scarce. In New York Elgin creamery is at 29c@30c, and good to choice creamery at 24c/a/28c. The market for cheese was quiet but very firm. According to all accounts business is virtually over for the season so far as export buying is concerned, as the quantity available for sale has been worked down to a fine point. The cable remained at 64s. Provisions.-The hog mar-ket was quiet with little business doing. We quote nominally car lots \$676\$6.10 per 100 pounds. The demand for eggs was slow and prices steady at yesterday's decline. Limed sold at 21cm22c, and new laid at 25cm27c per cozen. Poultry was steady, the offerings being light. We quote turkeys De @ 10c, chickens 5c @ 7c, ducks 8c@9c, and geese 5cfa7c per lb. Partridges met with a good demand at 45c per brace. The supply of venison is large, for which there is little enquiry at 3c/a4c for carcases, and 6c/07c for saddles per lb. Pork and ments, steady. In the West, there was decided strength in pork, which rose 471c@55c and closed with only a trifling reaction from the highest at \$12.95 February, \$13.00 March, \$13.15 May. Lard also was strong and advanced 10c@121c, closing at \$6.55 February, \$6.621 March, \$6.721 May. Meals were strong and 20c higher. The stock of mess pork in Chicago shows an increase of 24,965 barrels compared with last month, a decrease of 99,874 with 1886, a decrease of 64,210 with 1885, a decrease of 48,447 with 1884.

GREEN FRUITS, ETC.—Market fairly active and steady to firm. We quote apples ex-store, \$3@3.50. Oranges, Jaffas from Palestine, \$4 @\$4.25; half boxes, \$2.50; Valencias, \$4.50 @\$4.25; half boxes, \$2.50; Valencias, \$4.50 @\$4.50 box; Malagas, and Palermos, \$6 case; Maples, \$9@\$10 case. Messinas, \$1.75@\$2.25. Cranberries, fair to good, \$7@9; faney, \$10@ \$11. Sweet potatoes, \$5@\$5.50 brl. Almeria grapes, \$4.50 keg. Coccanuts, \$6 per 100. Onions, native, \$3@3.50 brl. Figs in boxes, 104c @ 124c; Turkish figs, 6c per 1b in bags. The English market for apples is steady. Cable 15s@15s 3d. A recent letter said ; Market for good fruit steady but poor wasty stock is a glut at weakening prices. The inferior quality of many apples is damaging prices generally, and dealers are afraid to touch them. Baldwins, 14s@16s; greenings, 15s@17s; golden russets, 16s@18s, R. russets 14s@16.

GROCERIES.—Despite temporary drawbacks arising from the heavy roads, election excitement, etc., the sum of the winter's trade is expected to be satisfactory. As an instance of interruption to business, it may be stated that one traveller was recently snowed up for five days in the Eastern 'Townships, local ruilway lines and country roads alike being blocked. Fair transactions are reported in teas in a jobbing way, but there is no particular rush. Prices here are lower than in American markets, but we have heard of no further shipments. Sugars quiet with fair jobbing demand. Syrups are now held for 33c. Barbadoes molasses 37c @ 374c. Fruits

WHOLESALE

DRY GOODS,

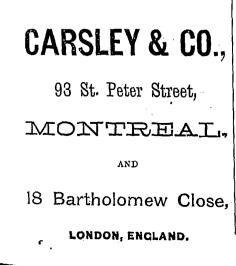
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spices, nuts, etc., quiet and unchanged. There have been moderate shipments of rice to western points. A report of the New York market says :- The past week would no doubt have yielded better results had it not been for labor troubles, as the first three weeks of Jan-uary were showing a volume of business far in excess of corresponding period last year, and our large dealers are of the belief that, had not the present troubles arisen, trade would have continued to make satisfactory progress, and that a good jobbing business would have been donc up to the opening of the spring demand. The strife, however, is believed to have reached its height, and by the close of the week it will probably have passed from the scene as a disturbing element, and given place to a more settled condition of affairs. The spring trade is expected to show itself by the middle of the present month. Southern buyers are looked for about that time, many having signified their intention of being present within the next two or three weeks. The trade prospects are certainly flattering for the coming season, and excellent results are counted upon.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Only a moderate demand is reported for hides. Quebec tanners have attempted to force a reduction in the price, and suggested the advisability of dealers paying lower prices to butchers, but owing to opposition of dealets amongst themselves this has been impossible. The situation has also been complicated by two more buyers entering the market. Tallow has been slow of sale but since our last a lot of 1,000 lbs. was placed at $4\frac{5}{3}c$.

IRON AND HARDWARE .- The easier aspect of the British iron warrant market has not affected makers prices at all and figures for the leading brands continue unchanged. Several enquiries have been made for fair sized lots, but we have not heard of any sales of conse-quence during the week. Car load lots have been moving out at about our quotations. Bar iron remains firm at \$1.65/@\$1.70 here, and the English market continues strong. There is no change to mention in our metals. Warrants in Glasgow are cabled 1d dearer at 45s : No. 3 foundry in Middlesborough is at 36s 6d. Hematite in Workington has declined to 50s. Londor, January 29.—Tin, spot, £101 10s : three months' futures, £102 12s 6d. Market quiet. G. O. B. Chill bars, £38 12s 6d ; soft Spanish lead, £12 15s; best selected copper, £43 10s; soft English lead, £13; Silesian spelter. £14 10s; Hallett's antimony, £30; tinplates, 13s 6d. Philadelphia, January 28.— Pig iron—The market is very firm, and it is difficult to pick up anything but small lots; orders are numerous, but the scarcity makes them hard to place. Manufactured iron-A strong market is reported, with plenty of busi-ness; prices are firm with an upward tendency. A later cable says: Warrants in Glas-gow weak and 4d lower at 448 8d; No. 3 foundry in Middlesborough has advanced to 378 6d.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—There has been a decided improvement this week in the leather business, and the future seems to offer a brighter aspect. After the 4th inst., a great deal of paper will have matured and the shoemen will then be able to judge of the standing of their accounts and be in a bettar position to make shipments. Orders are coming in fairly well at the factories, but a large proportion seem to be for small lots. The later trade is in consequence expected to show good volume and some think that the sorting trade will be little short of the regular trade. Payments recently have been fair.

Raw FURS.—At the London auction sales since our last, beaver for Hudson Bay. account sold at 30 p.c. advance and muskrat 10 p.c. At Lampsons racoon sold at 15 p.c. advance, mink and muskrat same as last year and skunk 20 p.c. lower. Little or nothing doing in local market. The small receipts are picked up at ruling prices as quoted :—Following are quotations for prime skins ; beaver, per lb. \$4@4.50; bear, per skin, \$8@\$12; bear cub, \$3@\$6; fisher, \$3@\$6; fox red, \$1@\$1.25; fox, cross, \$2@\$3; lynx, \$2.50@\$3.25; marten, \$1@\$1.25; mink, 75c@\$1.25; otter. \$c@10c; racoon, 25c, 50c and 75c, skunk, 25c@50c and 75c per skin ; muskrat, winter, 13c; kits, 3c.

Wook.—The offerings at the London sales have not been large and have not included the best lines. The advance to date has not been greater than noted last week, viz., about ten per cent on the lower grades. So soon as the choicer parcels come to the hammer another gain of ten to fifteen per cent is ∞ pected. In the local market, prices are unchanged but there is a good demand, supplies being bought up as soon as offered.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

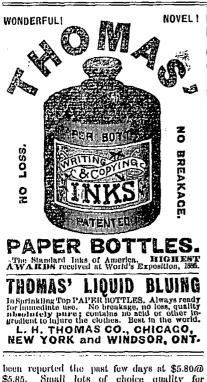
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TORONTO, Feb. 3, 1887. The wholesale markets as a rule are without feature. In most branches there is a quiet sorting-up business, with not much prospect of activity until after the elections. The weather is also unfavorable for travellers and the movement of goods. Generally speaking prices are steady, with some firmness in metals. The money market is quiet. and rates unchanged- Prime commercial. paper is discounted at 6/261 per cent and the general run at 7 per cent. On stocks, call. loans are quoted at 5705}, and on bonds at 4} @5 per cent. Sterling exchange is quiet and strong, 60-day bills between banks at 1091 and demand at 110. The stock market has ruled quiet, with a downward tendency in bank shares, and closing 1/2 per cent lower for. local stocks. Loan company shares in moderate demand for investment. Following are the closing bids as compared with a week ago :---

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BUTTER.—The market continues very firm on limited stocks. There is a fair demand for export and the outlook is promising. Small lots of choice tub sell at 19c@20c, and medium at 16c@17c. The best large rolls job at 17c@18c, and inferior to good at 10c@14c. Eggs firm, with fair demand, and sales of pickled at 17c, and fresh at 20c in case lots. Chezes is firmer, with sales of jobbing lots of fall make at 13c@134c.

Hogs.-The offerings continue moderate and prices unchanged. Sales of car lots have



Small lots of choice quality for butcher's use sell at \$6.25/@\$6.35.

DRUGS .-- A fair trade is reported for the past week, and prices firmer in some instances. Opium is quoted at \$3,25/@\$3.50. Insect powder, 60c@65c. lodine, ord., higher at \$5, and re-sublimated at \$5.50, Iodoform, higher at \$7.50. Quinine unchanged. Turpentine 62cfa67c.

FLOUR AND GRAIN .- Trade continues quiet, with little or no change in the price of flour, Superior extra sold a few days ago at \$3.60, and roller process at \$3.90. Extras are nominal at \$3.45 to \$3.50, and patents at \$3.85 to \$4.25, according to quality. Wheat remains quiet and prices firm, there being but limited offerings. No. 2 spring as well as No. 2 red winter sold at 84c, and No. 2 fall at 82c. No. 2 spring, May delivery, offers at 87Åc, with 85Åc bid. No 2 choice spring is quoted at 85c, and No. 1 spring at 86c. The stock in store is 162,699 bushels, a slight increase for the week. A year ago the stock was 347,470 bushels, and two years ago 259,956 bushels. Barley is dull and lower in price. No. 1 sold at 58c on Tuesday, No. 2 at 53c, and No. 3 at 42c. These are also the closing quotations, Outs firm with offerings limited; car lots of good mixed sell at 32c on track, and white are quoted at 33c. Peas are easier, with a moderate trade ; No. 2 sold outside at equal to 521e and 52c here. Rye is purely nominal in price. Outmeal is quoted at \$3.70 to \$3.75 for car lots of ordinary brands, and \$4 @ 4.25 for small lots Bran continues scarce and prices firm at \$13 on track.

GROCERNES. -- Business is quiet and prices generally unchanged. Teas sell fairly well, and small lots of Rio coffee sell at 153c to 16c. Fruits steady; London layers, \$2.65 to \$2.75; black basket, \$3.75 to \$4; Valencias, 6 to 74c; prunes scarce, and held at 54c to 6c. Sugars firm, with trade quiet. Payments fairly satisfactory.

HARDWARE.-A moderate sorting-up trade Prices are rather firmer in some



cases. Steel plate and boiler tubes firm, with an advance anticipated. Nails are selling at \$2.70, and ordinary bar iron at \$1.70. Nova Scotia and Summerlee pig iron are quoted at \$20,50 to \$21.

HIDES AND SKINS .- The offerings of hides are abundant and prices steady at the decline of last week. Green are quoted at 71c for No. 1, 61c for No. 2, and 51c for No. 3. Cured sell at 8c to 8 c. Sheepskins in good demand and prices firm, the best bringing \$1.20 to \$1.25. Ordinary country lots are quoted at \$1.00. Calfskins dull and nominal. Tallow unchanged at 4% c to 4½ c for rendered, and 2c for rough.

LIVE STOCK .- The local cattle market is moderately active without change in prices Advices from Britain are unfavorable. Car lots of medium to good cattle sell at 3c @ 3lc per lb; picked lots of choice would bring 3%c @34c, and heavy export steers, 4c@44c. Sheep are steady, with sales at \$6 a head for averages of 150 lbs. Lambs rule at \$4 @ \$5.60 a head, according to quality. Hogs firm; choice light bring 4%c@4%c per lb, and heavy 4c@4%c.

PROVISIONS-Trade is a little more active and prices firm. Long clear bacon sells at Se to Sic in case lots, and car lots are quoted at 78e to 73e. Cumberland cut at 71c to 78e-Mess Pork sold in small lots at \$15.00. Lard

sold at 94c to 94c, and hams at 11c for small lots of smoked, and 10c for a round lot of green. Potatoes in fair demand and firm, with sales of car lots at 75c to 80c a bag. Dried Apples in fair offer with sales at 4c @ 4]c, and evaporated at 10c to 101c.

WooL-Very little coming forward, and prices firm. Fleece is quoted at 21c to 24c, without offerings Pulled sell at 25c to 25Jc for supers and at 30c for extras.

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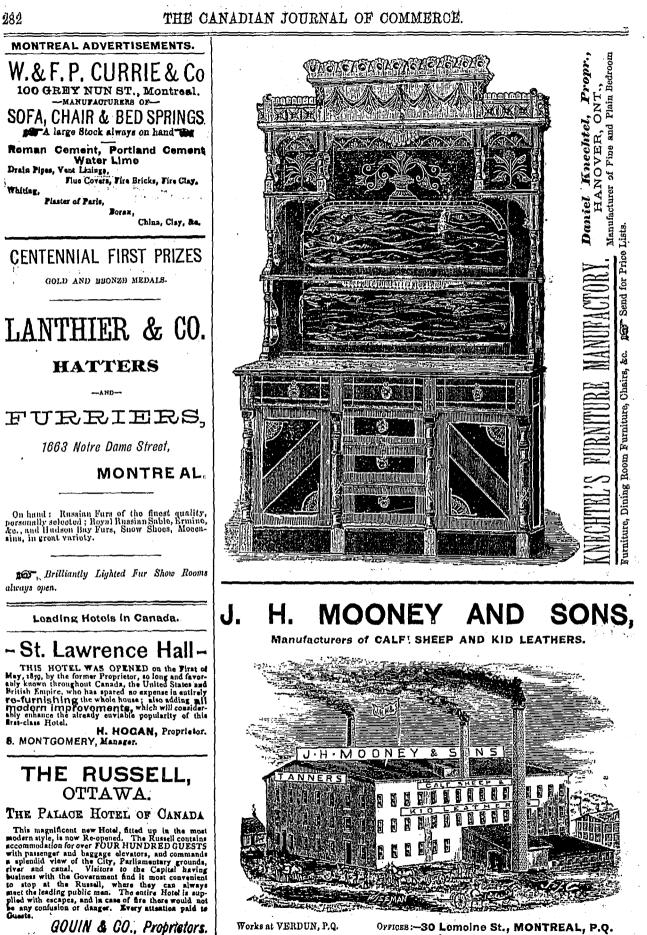
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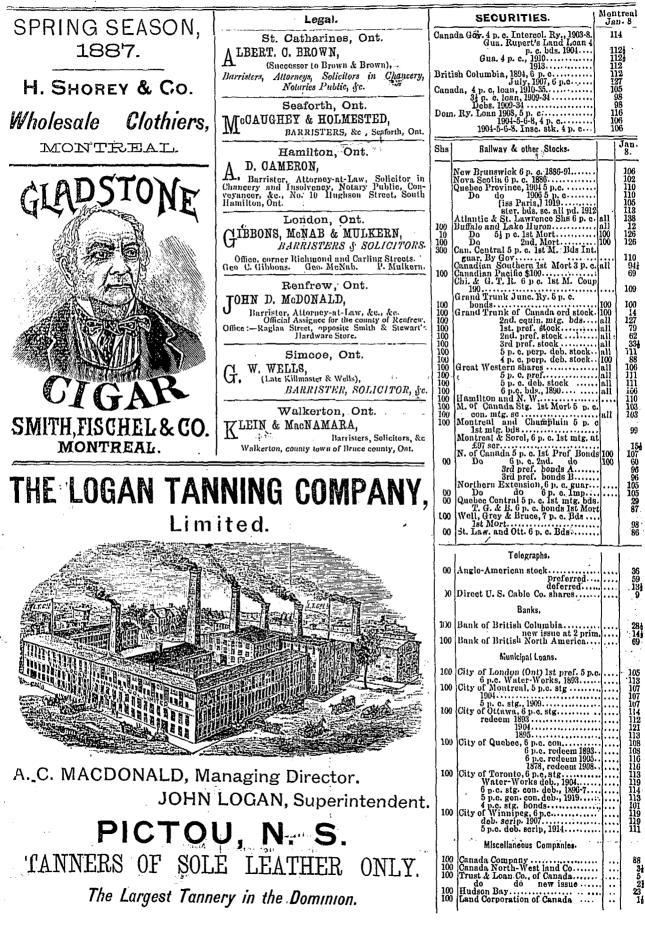
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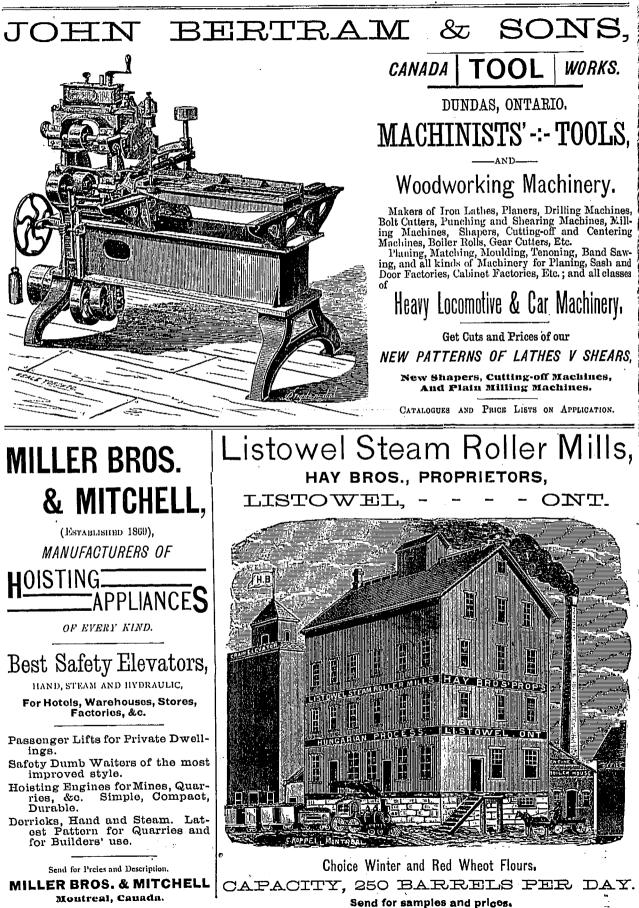
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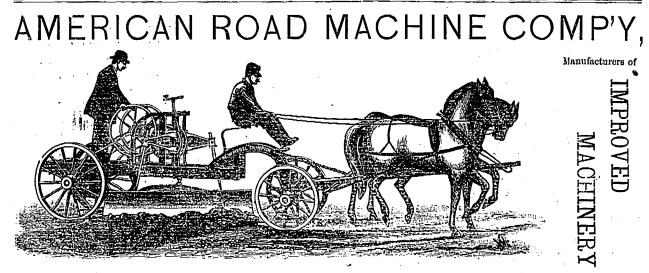


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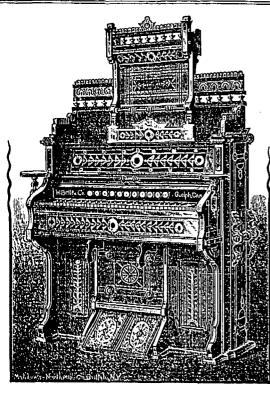
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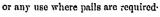
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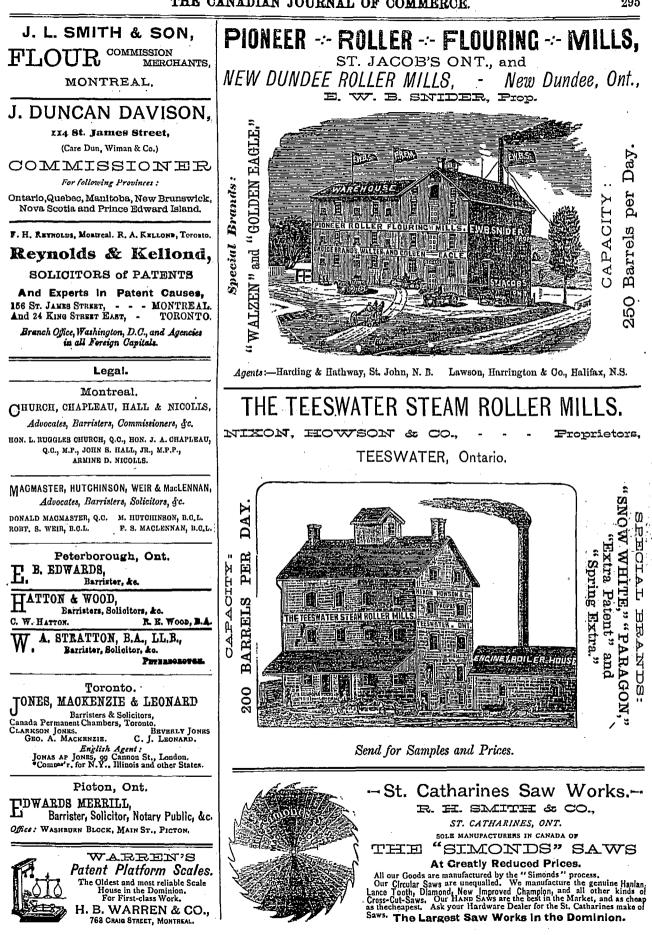
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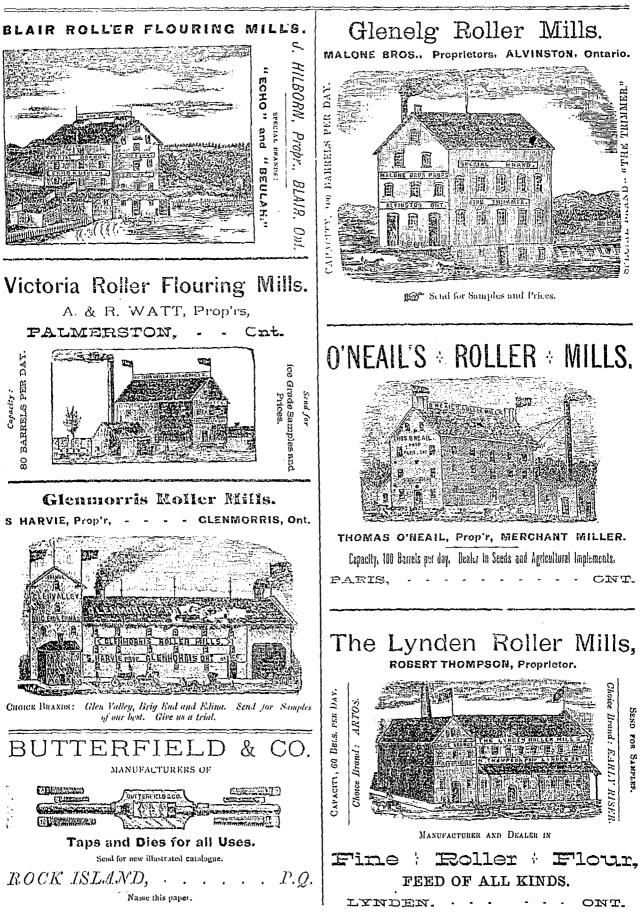




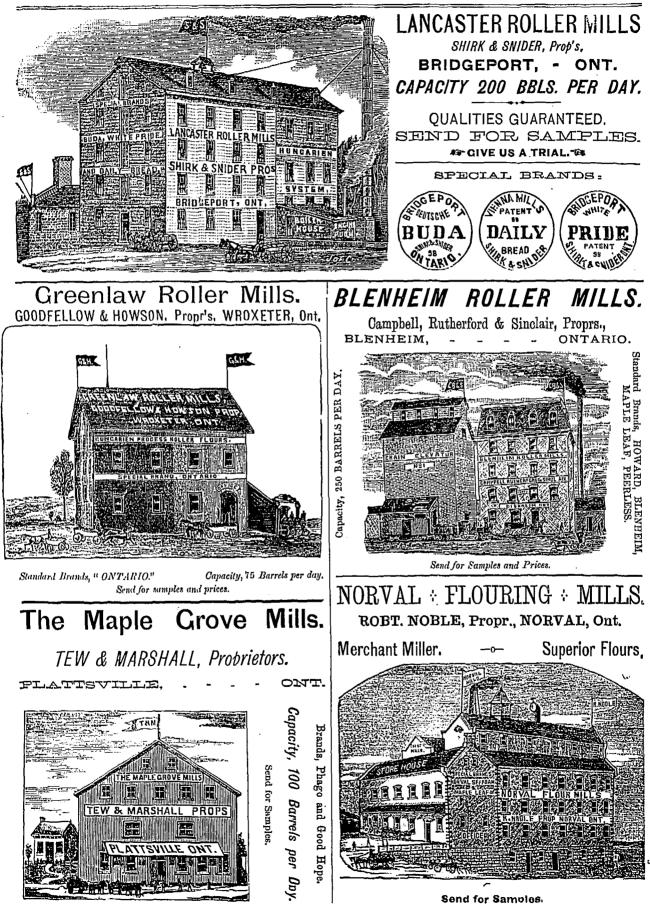


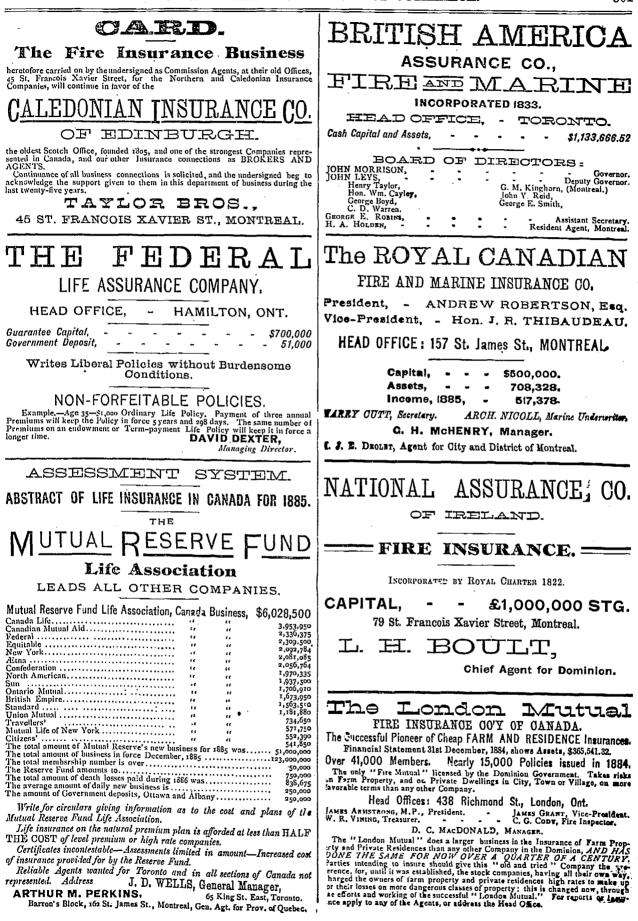


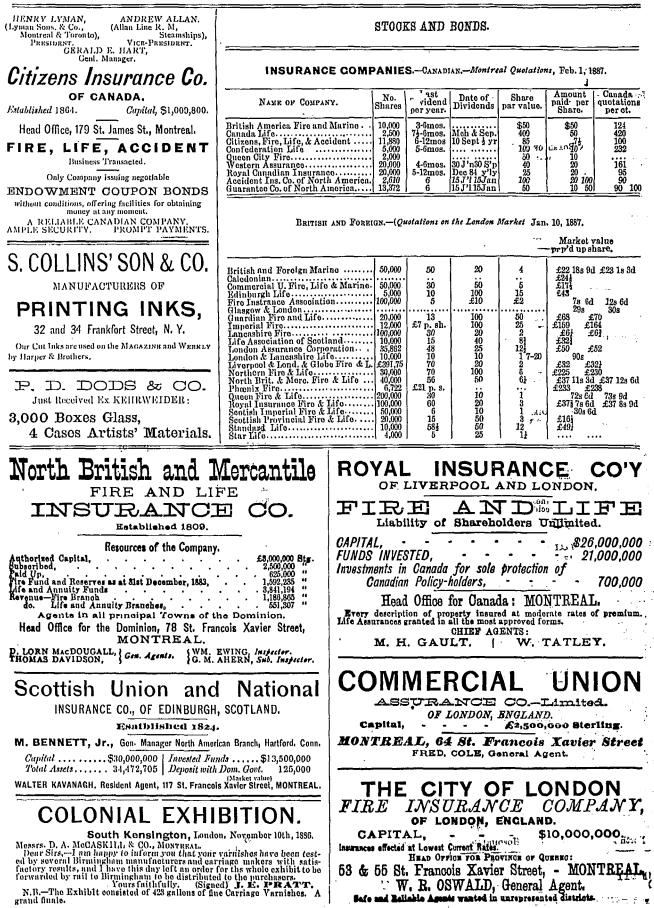














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MR. ABBOTT'S REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,-I feel much honored by the requisition you hand me, which, on a cursory glance, shows the most distinguished names in Montreal on both sides of politics. I regret the scenes which have attended the discussion of the report of the nomination committee: but I cannot doubt that the signers of the present requisition fairly represent to me the deliberate wish of the solid and thoughtful proportion of the English speaking citizens. It is for that reason only that I have determined to accept the candidature, as I have not sought municipal honors, and only allowed myself to be considered a cundidate, because I was assured that my doing so afforded the most favorable chance of having an English speaking mayor, with the generous assistance of our fellow citizens of French Canadian origin. In doing so, I desire simply to say that, if elected, I shall endeavour to do my duty.

The objections to my candidature seem to rest chiefly on suspicions that I may violate my obligations as the municipal head of the city, by undue partiality to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, either by procuring advantages for it or by aiding to remove its station from the East end. With reference to the former, I know of nothing which the com-pany desires or is likely to desire from the city, but permission to increase its facilities for becoming one of the first cities of the con-tinent, without any assistance from it whatever. And with regard to the latter, I know that the company regards its Eastern terminus as the most advantageous and most profitable that it could possess; that no western station could ever become in any degree a substitute for it, and that the only accommodation which it may require at the West end, would be a passenger station on one of the leased lines for the use of Western residents. And if I may appeal to the past, I think the fact that at the most critical periods of the legislation respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway during the past six years, I never spoke or voted in its favor, may be taken as a reasonable indication of what my action would be if any similar occasion should arise in the council.

As to the imputations, and I may say abuse, that have been lavished upon me, I will only say that I have lived in Montreal for nearly half a century, during which my character and conduct have been before my fellowcitizens. And I desire no other or better defence than the requisition I have received.

Your ob't servant, J. J. C. ABBOTT.

